

INFLUENZA BAN TO BE LIFTED NEXT SATURDAY

Closed Houses May Reopen
at Noon, November 9, Dr.
Royer States.

SCHOOLS UNCERTAIN

The influenza ban will be lifted in Pittsburgh at noon next Saturday. At that hour the saloons, amusement houses, dancing halls, billiard and pool rooms and other institutions closed by orders of the State Health Department will be allowed to reopen. But one ban will remain—the prohibition against public funerals.

This was announced in an order received yesterday by Maj. W. H. Davis, director of the Department of Health, from Dr. B. Frankin Royer, acting State Health Commissioner. Maj. Davis immediately sent a letter to all undertakers and ministers in the city notifying them that public funerals, church funerals and the like were barred, and that this ban will continue for some time.

The order fixing the date of opening the closed business places indicates that no modification of the order will be made at the behest of the amusement interests, which are trying to influence Dr. Royer to rescinding his order today or tomorrow.

School Opening Uncertain.

The public schools will hardly be opened Monday, although Superintendent of Schools W. M. Davidson last night said he would be unable to state this definitely until today. The ban on the schools was lifted by Maj. Davis last Monday, but the director at the same time ordered strict medical inspection of each pupil before he was allowed to return to school. Should this order continue in force, the medical inspectors of the Department of Education can hardly finish their work in time to have the sessions begin Monday. The matter will be decided today following conferences between the city and school authorities.

The epidemic gave further indi-

cations of wanting yesterday. For the 24-hour period ending at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, there were reported 391 new cases of influenza, a total of 18,243, and 40 cases of pneumonia, a total of 1,981. Of the 391 cases, 59 were reported by one physician, the latest date being October 28, and Maj. Davis declared many of the other cases were delayed reports. There were 120 deaths, of which 39 were from pneumonia, 68 from influenza and pneumonia, and 13 from influenza.

More Arrests Made.

Continuing the crusade against proprietors of theaters, motion picture houses, pool rooms and other places of amusement, who violated the closing order, Neison McVicar, attorney for the Commonwealth, made additional informations yesterday against proprietors of 10 motion picture houses, one theater, one dancing academy and four pool rooms. They were charged with misdemeanor. Following their arrests they gave bond for \$500 to appear for a hearing before Alderman George Wilson, next Tuesday morning.

Following are the moving picture house and theater proprietors who were arrested yesterday:

- W. E. Artberger, Penn. Avenue Theater, Penn. avenue; L. M. Haselwood, Metropolitan Theater, 473 Liberty avenue; H. J. Klein, Lawrence Theater, 249 Butler street; J. D. Herber, Baughing Theater, Bruston avenue; W. J. Dornan, Plaza Theater, 465 Liberty avenue; J. E. Ferney, 1116 Penn. avenue; J. A. Reilly, Belmar Theater, Homewood avenue; H. J. Sook, Homewood Theater, Homewood avenue; John A. Rooley, Sheridan Square Theater, Penn. avenue; W. E. LaBarton, New Avenue Theater, Liberty avenue; William Hilding, Crescent Theater, Butler street.

Dance Hall Included.

J. Forman, proprietor of the Forman Dancing Academy, Ohio street, was the only owner of a dancing academy to be included in the roundup.

August Faye of Federal street, M. Horse of 536 Brinkfield street, B. Antonopolos, Fifth avenue; C. M. Hans, 306 Federal street and the Davis Amusement Company, Fifth avenue, proprietors of pool and billiard rooms, were named as defendants.

Times of Theaters' Reopening.

From the offices of the Theatrical Managers' Association of Pittsburgh the following statement was given to the newspapers last night:

The theaters, moving picture houses and other amusement enterprises of Pittsburgh are preparing to re-open at noon on next Saturday, November 9, in accordance with instructions issued last Friday by Acting

Commissioner of Health Dr. B. Frankin Royer in a letter directed to Mayor E. V. Rabbock. The motion picture theaters and other amusement concerns plan to open at 12 o'clock noon, the regular theaters at their usual matinee hours.

Influenza Less Throughout State

Erie One of Few Cities Where
Disease Is Still Serious
Problem.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO PITTSBURGH TIMES.)

HARRISBURG, Nov. 6.—According to reports received tonight at the office of the State Department of Health the epidemic of influenza is subsiding rapidly, although there are still a few sections where it is now about at its height.

The number of deaths each day is also notably diminishing there being a total of only 87 deaths from influenza and pneumonia reported for the 24 hours up to 3 p. m. today.

Conditions in the city of Erie continue bad, there being 87 new cases there today. Conditions are improving rapidly throughout Armstrong county, Washington county also shows improvement. A total of 2,225 new cases was reported from 21 counties during the last 24 hours. The total number of deaths from influenza and pneumonia since October 1 is 35,723.

There are now 204 emergency hospitals in operation throughout the state caring for influenza sufferers. The demand for doctors and nurses has apparently been met, as few calls are now being received by the State Health Department. The emergency hospital at Lykens was closed today. This hospital cared for 244 patients and had 27 deaths.