INFLUENZA BAN TO BE LIFTED NEXT SATURDAY

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

SCHOOLS UNCERTAIN

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

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

The order for 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. Rayer in rescinding his order today or tomorrow.

School Opening Uncertain.

The public schools will hardly be opened Monday, although Superintendent S. H. Davidson last night said he would not be surprised if they do so. The ban on the schools was lifted by Maj. Davis last Monday, but the director of the state ordered the 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 hint.

Influenza Less Throughout State

Erie One of Few Cities Where Disease Is Still Serious Problem

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 at its height.

The number of deaths each day is also notably diminishing, there being a total of only 387 deaths from influenza and pneumonia reported for the 24 hours ending today.

Conditions in the city of Erie continue bad, there being 387 new cases reported today. Conditions are improving rapidly throughout Armstrong county and Washington county, also shows improvement. A total of 2,253 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 85,712.

There are 224 emergency hospitals in operation throughout the state during the influenza epidemic, and the demand for doctors and nurses has apparently been met, as facilities are now being offered by the State Health Department. The emergency hospitals at Altoona were closed today. The hospital at Altoona, which is closed today, had 21 patients and had 27 deaths.

Dance Hall Included.

J. Frank Murch, proprietor of the Frewan Dancing Academy, Ohio street, said that the city council of a dancing academy to be included in the running up.

August R. of Federal street, M. Horne of 365 Broadfield street, E. Antenuitis of Fifth avenue, C. M. Haus, 300 Federal street, and the Davis Amusement Company, Fifth Avenue, proprietors of pool and ball halls were named as interested.

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 in this city, 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...