

MANY FLAREUPS OF INFLUENZA IN STATE

Harrisburg Hears of 539
More Deaths in Last 24-
Hour Period.

PLACES CLOSE AGAIN

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE TIMES.]

HARRISBURG, Nov. 20.—Numerous flare-ups of the epidemic of influenza are being reported to the State Department of Health, and several cities have decided, through their local health boards, to re-impose the ban on public gatherings, amusements and saloons. Serious outbreaks and an increased number of deaths are reported from the cities of Erie, Johnstown, New Castle and Uniontown.

The Boards of Health of Johnstown, Uniontown and Wilkes-Barre have already taken steps to re-impose the closing order.

Dr. B. Franklin Royer, acting commissioner of health, says it is the policy of the health department to leave the matter of re-imposing the closing ban entirely to the local boards of health, in the various districts, unless the epidemic should show a more decided tendency towards spreading. Dr. Royer said several local boards had consulted with him during the last few days and he had advised them that they had full authority to enforce the closing order if, in their opinion, the epidemic conditions warranted such a measure.

The total number of deaths from influenza and pneumonia for a 24-hour period up to noon yesterday was 539, bringing the total number of deaths since October 1 throughout the state to 43,635.