FIGHT CONTINUES

The fight against the epidemic continues with unabated vigor in city and county. Mayor E. V. Robinson, in his weekly radio address, said that the reduction in number of new cases shown by recent figures indicates that the wave is past and that, should the recent reduction continue in future reports, the end of the epidemic will soon be in sight.

Citing the accumulated street celebrations of Halloween in Pittsburgh, he warned against any rule violations. The city health department, led by Mayor Robinson, has made no ruling, as yet, but has pronounced the throwing of confetti and the gathering of crowds to be in violation of the newly passed laws to combat the spread of influenza. The decision is to be left to the Mayor's discretion. City officials have been warned that no relaxation will be allowed.

MAIL SERVICE HIT

More than 60 trained clerks of the central Pittsburgh post office and its branches are on duty because of influenza, according to Superintendent of Walls, G. L. Hart. Distribution, according to Mr. Hart, is being seriously hit. The mail has been reduced to a single daily run.

The United States marine hospital, which has been used as a research laboratory, will be reopened as an emergency influenza hospital, within a short time, with a capacity of 60 to 70 beds. Major James M. Sloan, former of Pittsburgh, has returned to take charge. One third of the patients are in the new hospital is to be filled by the St. Francis Hospital. Army and navy men, hospital workers, and merchant sailors are to be cared for.

W. H. Hart, state registrar of vital statistics, is in the city confering with city and county health authorities, and has found that the situation is serious. The state authorities yesterday sent Dr. C. C. Wilke in McKeesport, who has just been appointed a second assistant, and Dr. C. F. Warren, who has just been appointed a second assistant, to the city. The Red Cross sent five tons of supplies to the emergency hospital in Johnstown, and the news from Pittsburgh shows that the situation is serious, with not a physician in the town.

The Red Cross chapter has reported the distribution of serum for 15,000 doses, with a demand for 25,000 additional injections.

State Health Commissioner Appeals to War Work Heads to Fight Rule Changes.

REPORT SHOWS DECREASE.

Mayor E. V. Robinson left Pittsburgh last night to go into conference today with state and federal authorities on the question of modifying or removing the epidemic restrictions now in force in the city. His telegram of yesterday to the mayor, in which he refused to modify or remove the restrictions, by a call to the heads of all the mines and the presidents of large firms were manufactured in Pennsylvania, to oppose modifications of the influenza rules, in the spirit of public safety and war production.

Meanwhile, word from Harrisburg indicates that Mayor Robinson may say, and Governor H. W. Hahn is quoted as saying, 'We have to protect the health of the public and we intend to do it.'

Influenza cases, in the period, between 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon and 6 o'clock this morning total 359. The number of pneumonia cases announced this morning, showing a further falling off in new cases. Fever is an exception. It is notLetter.

MASS, Letter.

Dr. ROYER'S LETTER

Dr. Royer's letter reads:

"We are trying to enforce rigidly a drastic order prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages and restricting crowds of disinterested groups to prevent the spread of influenza. This is in strict conformity with what has been done in New England states, in New Jersey and many parts of New York state and the measures are approved by various Federal services, army, navy and public health.

The papers report higher interest and the moving picture and theater interests, and I am sorry to say in a few instances for guilt expenses in beginning to oppose further enforcement of this order. The mayor of Pittsburgh is apparently getting very real.

It is now time that you, as a board of directors or corporation, engaged in war industries, anxious to protect your employees and anxious to do your part, would get out what is essential for the boys on the other side, speak how plainly and strong through the pages of the papers, to the theater interests, and to the executive officer of this department."