

# CLOSING ORDER WILL BE LIFTED ON NOVEMBER 9

State Health Commissioner so  
Notifies Mayor by Tele-  
phone This Afternoon.

## DEATH INCREASE SLIGHT.

Positive announcement that Dr. R. Franklin Royer, state commissioner of health, had definitely decided upon Saturday, November 9, at noon, as the time for lifting the influenza ban was received late this afternoon in news telegrams from Harrisburg.

Earlier in the day Commissioner Royer had been in telephonic communication with Mayor E. V. Babcock. He told him that November 9 had been decided upon, but qualified his statement with the remark that a sudden turn for the worse in the form of a sharp increase in the number of new cases might necessitate further postponement.

It is also stated on good authority that in the case of the liquor business the existing rule will be modified to allow the delivery of goods 24 hours previous to the actual opening hour fixed for the saloons.

Dr. Royer is in conference in Harrisburg with Dr. Wilmer R. Batt, state registrar of vital statistics, who is laying before him the results of an intensive study of the epidemic situation in this city.

## MAY OPEN CHURCHES.

Meanwhile Major William H. Davis, director of the department of health, is awaiting in today's figures on influenza sufficient improvement to justify issuing an order permitting the holding of church services next Sunday morning.

Four hundred and one cases of influenza were reported to the bureau of infectious diseases between 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and 10 o'clock this morning, compared with 300 new cases reported for a corresponding period ending yesterday morning. New pneumonia cases showed a further decrease, 48 being reported compared with 54 yesterday. This brings the total cases of influenza to 14,913 and pneumonia to 1,444.

Deaths showed an increase of 11 over yesterday's figures. There were 22 deaths from pneumonia, 23 from influenza-pneumonia and five from influenza, the latter being a decrease of seven.

Pittsburgh is inaugurating today a motor relief service to the more seriously stricken districts of the county. Five automobiles carrying physicians, nurses and other needs are being sent out, bearing the large green keystone shield of the state department of health. The general routes to be traversed include: Allegheny valley district, Main line, Pennsylvania Railroad district, Monongahela valley, Ohio valley and Southwest district, and McKees Rocks, Coraopolis and Oakdale. The campaign was decided upon yesterday at a conference of Dr. Batt, with Major Davis and Dr. Rudolph Koenig, district medical commissioner.

Eight hundred and twenty-eight cases of influenza were reported in the county yesterday, including Braddock, 32; Homestead, 61; Rankin, 24; Newickley, 5; Curtsville, 10; McKeesport, 19; North Braddock, 20.

Captain G. A. Kempf of the United States public health service, who is systematically the munitions plants here in the epidemic fight, has wired Lieutenant P. M. Stewart of Bellefontaine, O., to come from the Greensburg district and aid in the campaign around the plants. Captain Kempf plans to inspect hospitals and select sites for other infirmaries in the vicinity of munitions plants, and to transfer nurses and physicians to points where conditions are most serious.

## NEW MILITARY HOSPITAL.

The military authorities of the United States, through Colonel John C. Brooks, representing Carnegie Institute of Technology, and Major Ewing W. Day, medical officer in charge of Carnegie Institute of Technology, and the University of Pittsburgh, requested the vestry of Calvary Church, Shady avenue and Walnut streets, for the temporary use of their parish house, gymnasium, kitchen and church school rooms during the epidemic for a hospital to care for convalescents in the military service.

This is because of the request of the city health department that the convalescent soldiers may be removed from city hospitals as soon as possible in order that the citizens of Pittsburgh may be properly cared for. The rector, wardens and vestrymen have cheerfully granted this request, and on Tuesday turned over the entire parish house plant to the Government use. The hospital will be in charge of Lieutenant William C. Allison and Miss H. Turpin, head nurse.

An indication of the rapid decrease in the number of influenza cases in the eastern part of the state is given by the announcement from headquarters of Pittsburgh Chapter, American Red Cross, that the Red Cross nurses sent to Philadelphia several weeks ago, are being returned to this city.

Miss Katherine Dempster, director of nursing service for the local chapter, says several of these nurses, who volunteered at the first appearance of the epidemic in Philadelphia, returned home