BAN MAY STAY UNLESS DEATH RATE LOWERS

Health Commissioner Says Daily Mortality Must Fall Below 100 by Saturday.

MORE VIOLATORS NAMED.

Continuation of the state influenza closing ban in Pittsburgh beyond Saturday, unless deaths here fall below an average of 1.50, is predicted by Dr. H. Franklin Royer, acting state health commissioner, in a communication dated November 8 to Dr. Karl Schaff, his special medical representative. Official records showed that for several days the deaths have run between 170 and 175 daily.

The figures given out by the bureau of infectious diseases, there was an increase in the number of influenza in the city, but a decrease in the number of deaths for the 12-hour period ending at 9 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Of the 42 fatalities 13 were due to pneumonia, while 24 were due to complications of influenza and pneumonia and one to true influenza.

Meanwhile the Theatrical Managers' Association of Pittsburgh, according to an announcement issued yesterday, has decided that the theaters, motion picture houses and other places of amusement in the city will reopen on Friday, according to Dr. Royer's instructions of last Friday night, in a letter to Mayor Babcock. The motion picture houses are preparing to reopen at noon and the theaters at the regular matinee hour.

FUNERAL RULE STANDS.

If the influenza ban is lifted from Pittsburgh Saturday, public funerals will not be permitted in the city, according to a letter from Major H. W. Davis, city director of health, to all Pittsburgh clergymen. This prohibition is expected to be extended for at least a week beyond Saturday. The clergymen were told that the order against public funerals is not only a protection of public health but an aid to undertakers whose resources and labor have been strained to the utmost by the epidemic, and who would be unable to meet the demands contingent upon the frustration of the order. Major Davis wrote to each undertaker, thanking him for his work done while the epidemic was at its height.

Major Davis also called attention to the fact that Dr. Royer's order, permitting bottlers and wholesalers to sell