

COMPLIANCE WITH CLOSING ORDER ALL OVER STATE REPORTED BY OFFICIALS TO HEADQUARTERS

Places of Amusement and Saloons Shut Tight. Fairs, Meetings and Foot Ball Games Dropped—Libraries to Close

(By Associated Press).

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 4.—"Reports received at this office indicate that the closing of all places of public amusement and saloons throughout the state was obeyed everywhere today and many of the reports show that there was a cheerful compliance and recognition of the necessity of the occasion," said B. F. Royer, state commissioner of health tonight. Local boards of health have energetically met the situation in their communities and are dealing with such matters as church services, school sessions, football games and the like, which were left to their judgment. We have found it best that they should deal with these problems as they are familiar with conditions." Dr. Royer said that the fairs scheduled for next week had been cancelled and that in a number of places football games to have been held tomorrow had been dropped.

Tremont, State College and Stroudsburg reported numerous cases tonight Stroudsburg asking for doctors.

The State Free Library commission at the request of the department of health tonight asked that all public libraries close and announced that the meeting of the state library meeting scheduled for Ligonier October 11 and 12 had been cancelled.

The Harrisburg school board tonight directed that all schools in this city be closed and similar action is being taken at other towns in this section.

Health department reports were to the effect that very few saloons were open and that local authorities were looking up cases where such violations of the order were reported.

Tonight Dr. Royer issued this proclamation addressed to the people of the state:

"Our commonwealth of Pennsylvania is threatened by a serious epidemic of influenza, a highly communicable disease, which in many cases develops into an extremely fatal type of pneumonia.

"In order to as fully as possible protect the lives of our people as well as our essential war industries, the department has issued an order closing all theatres, moving picture places, amusement places, saloons, dance halls and all unnecessary public gatherings; forbidding unnecessary visiting of the sick and requiring all funerals, no matter what may have been the cause of death, to be private.

"For the public good as well as for your individual safety, the department calls upon all good citizens to help make this order effective.

"Avoid crowds and places frequented by large numbers of people; stay at home and do not use the street cars or trains except as your duties or employment may absolutely require. Crowded cars afford unusual facilities for spreading the disease, make them less dangerous for those who must use them in necessary industry.

"Your hearty co-operation is necessary in this emergency. Wholesale liquor dealers, bottlers, fraternal organizations and social clubs are requested to discontinue the sale, delivery or serving of liquors for the period during which the hotel bars and saloons are closed.

"Compliance with this request is expected on the part of loyal dealers and patriotic organization. Those who have been affected and in some instances greatly inconvenienced by the direct order are everywhere willingly and cheerfully obeying its requirements."