

## CHURCHES CONTINUE OPEN; SOME WILL BE CLOSED

Although the quarantine against influenza has not been extended to include the churches there is considerable criticism that with the schools and many business places closed the order should not likewise apply to this group of public gatherings.

Without an order it is known that a number of clergymen are considering the advisability of closing the churches and Sunday schools on Sunday.

Rev. Dr. J. Charles Rausch, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran church and a member of the school board, has decided that his church shall be closed. He was one of the most emphatic in his belief that the schools should be closed, which action was taken without any request or order from the city health department.

Rev. Dr. A. T. W. Steinhäuser, of St. Michael's Lutheran church, has likewise announced that there will be no services in his church. However he has decided that in lieu of indoor religious services he will conduct services in the War Work pavilion on Centre Square at hours to be announced tomorrow.

## LOCAL CONDITIONS WITH REFERENCE TO INFLUENZA

Just ninety cases of influenza were reported yesterday in this city, compared with 60 on Wednesday and 115 on Tuesday. Up to date there has been a total of 415 cases reported. The number of deaths yesterday was two.

In the districts outside the city 122 cases were reported to Dr. J. T. Butz, the county health officer.

Dr. Butz yesterday wrote requests to the heads of all business colleges, private schools, kindergartens and parochial schools asking that the schools be closed at once.

The parochial schools have already been closed and it is likely that the other schools included in the request will speedily follow suit. The heads of the schools up to the close of business last night had not received the notices and so were not prepared to say just what will be done.

## CAMP CRANE TO SEND DOCTORS WHERE NEEDED

A call for doctors to go to Pottsville and other points in the anthracite region where the influenza epidemic is raging, was received at Camp Crane last evening Lt. Col. Richard Steb.

Nothing could be done at once as warrant must be secured from the War Department at Washington. However it is expected that such warrant will arrive early today and in that event it was intimated that a large number of physician would be sent. There are many now in camp. Pottsville alone asks for twenty-five.

## STROUDSBURG SUFFERS FROM INFLUENZA

Stroudsburg has been so hard hit by the influenza and pneumonia epidemic that the health board there has recommended that the people wear gauze masks as the last means of preventing further dissemination of the disease. Added to this is the suggestion to dip the masks in some good antiseptic lotion.

Nurses and doctors from Scranton, Slatington and Bangor have been summoned and the Hotel Fulmer there has been pressed into use as an emergency hospital. Word was also received that nurses from Carolina were to come to aid in checking the strides of the disease in Monroe county. Twenty patients are now being cared for at the Prescott House.

One pathetic incident connected with one of the deaths by influenza was the going insane of Charles Rinker, of South Courtland street. He was removed to the General Hospital. Four additional deaths were reported yesterday.

## NO SERVICES IN KENESETH ISRAEL TEMPLE

There will be no service this evening at Keneseth Israel Temple due to the health quarantine and there will be no school next Sunday. Further arrangements will be announced later.