

NO MODIFICATION OF CLOSING ORDER BY STATE HEALTH DEPT.

(By Associated Press.)

Harrisburg, Oct. 15. — The state health department, in a letter issued to-day, declines to allow a modification of the order forbidding the sale of intoxicants during the influenza epidemic, as requested by the Wholesale Malt and Liquor Dealers Protective Association of Western Pennsylvania.

The letter is addressed to P. H. Keefe, director of the association, at Pittsburgh, and is signed by Dr. B. Franklin Royer, acting state health commissioner. The promise is made that the closing order will be lifted as soon as health conditions warrant.

INFLUENZA SPREADS TO OTHER PARTS OF STATE

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Harrisburg, Oct. 15.—The epidemic wave of influenza is gradually extending in some sections of the state and swiftly spreading in others. In York, Swabury and Bethlehem where the most rigid precautions were observed the disease seems to be spreading less rapidly than in sections of Luzerne, Lancaster, and Schuylkill counties, where early precautions were not as strict:

New hospitals were opened at Paoli, Chester county; Hazleton, Luzerne county; Bridgeport, Montgomery county; Ashland, Schuylkill county; Mandata, Northumberland county and Chambersburg, Franklin county and plans are being completed for Penns Valley, Lackawanna county.

Deaths from influenza for the first fourteen days of October total 6081 and in the same period 2851 deaths occurred from pneumonia.