

DR. ROYER OPPOSES EARLY LIFTING OF QUARANTINE BAN

(By Associated Press.)

Harrisburg, Oct. 28—A total of 5886 new cases of influenza was reported from thirty counties to the state department of health today and deaths from influenza and pneumonia since October 1 were given as 25,607. Since Saturday, 1,647 deaths have been reported.

The epidemic is reported as spreading in Allegheny, Lackawanna and Luzerne counties, the latter having 933 new cases since Saturday; Lehigh, Cambria, Crawford, Centre, Franklin, Carbon, Venango and Erie. Conditions are reported as serious at Muncy where Dr. J. B. Rucker, chief of the health department laboratories, was sent.

Improved conditions are reported in counties adjacent to Philadelphia except Bucks and in Monroe, Adams, Cumberland and Perry counties.

Mayor E. V. Babcock tonight sent word that he is coming to see Acting Commissioner of Health Royer about raising ban in Pittsburg after the commissioner had sent a telegram that he did not see when it could be done. Dr. Royer then sent out an appeal to all heads of manufacturing concerns, those engaged in war work and coal companies, asking them "to take a firm stand in public and through the press in favor of continuing the state-wide closing order, affecting schools, churches, public entertainments and the sale of alcoholic beverages."

The telegram concludes:

"The organized liquor interests and moving picture interests and I am sorry to say in a few instances misguided clergymen, are beginning to oppose further enforcement of this order. The mayor of Pittsburgh is apparently getting very restless. It is now time that you, as head of a great corporation engaged in war industries, anxious to protect your employes and anxious to do your patriotic duty in getting out what is essential for the boys on the other side, speak now plainly and strongly through the press to these liquor interests, to the theatre interests and to the executive officer of this department."