

QUARANTINE IS LIFTED, EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY

Churches and Sunday Schools
to Reopen on Sunday—Effect on Schools Here.

The quarantine upon this city with respect to theatres, moving picture establishments, dance halls and all meetings and on the sale of alcoholic beverages will be lifted in this city on Wednesday noon next, November 6, according to action taken by City Council yesterday afternoon after receipt by the Board of Health of a letter from Dr. B. Franklin Royer, state commissioner of health, permitting the board to take such action.

The letter also announced that quarantine restrictions could be removed upon public, private and parochial schools on Thursday, October 31; churches and Sunday schools on November 3.

The letter from Dr. Royer was as follows:

"After careful consideration of the decline in the incident of influenza and the gradual and consistent decline in the death rates from this disease and its various complications, it would seem as though public, private and parochial schools that have been closed in your community during the epidemic might be opened under precautions outlined in letter of Oct. 25th, with reasonable safety in most districts of your county on Thursday, October. Purely local conditions in the judgment of your board may justify keeping them closed longer.

"Where you consider it wise to open public schools on Thursday, it would be well to permit churches and Sunday schools to open on the Sunday following."

You are also authorized, unless some special conditions warrant continuing them longer, to remove restrictions on theatres, moving picture establishments, and dance halls and all meetings, and on the sale of alcoholic beverages required by orders of October 3rd, 4th and 6th, on Wednesday, Nov. 6th, at 12 o'clock noon.

Private funerals shall be required, no matter what may have been the cause of death, for at least one week after Nov. 6th."

(Signed) B. F. ROYER.

Council, immediately upon receipt of the letter held a meeting at 1:15 p. m.

and decided by a vote of three to one to withdraw the quarantine on the dates allowed by the health commissioner.

Mr. Wheeler alone voted against the raising of the ban, declaring that the figures for the epidemic do not show an abatement of the disease and he advised that council wait a few days until it take action. He pointed out that Dr. Royer's letter did not order action but permits action by council if it sees fit. He said that council will be held responsible if worse conditions result and that nothing was to be lost by delay at least until Saturday.

Councilman Kohler urged immediate action because the quarantine he claimed has been discriminating against various businesses and favoring others. He urged restoration of the quarantine if conditions show the necessity.

Dr. Elmer H. Weaber, chief medical examiner for the public school children, was in attendance and declared that the situation is still very serious and also that at a meeting of the school directors on Wednesday it had been decided to keep the schools closed for some time regardless of what action council might take. He pointed out that among the 176 cases reported yesterday was an increased number of children. Up to this time the cases have been those of adults in about nine cases out of ten.

Dr. J. Treichler Butz, the health officer, declared it would be unwise to lift the ban as far as the Sixth Ward is concerned.

It was pointed out that all the cases reported yesterday came from but twenty-six doctors. The inference that was drawn was that there are some doctors who are not reporting cases.

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It was declared that some physicians have boldly stated that they will not report cases of influenza, except they be serious ones. It is therefore inferred by the physicians in charge of health affairs that the situation is far more serious than is to be gathered from the statistics.

The reports to the health board yesterday showed a considerable increase over Wednesday. There were 176 cases as against 103 on Wednesday. The distribution by wards was as follows: First, 23; Second, 18; Third, 6; Fourth, 1; Fifth, 8; Sixth, 40; Seventh, 4; Eighth, 15; Ninth, 10; Tenth, 14; Eleventh, 8; Twelfth, 4; Thirteenth, none; Fourteenth, 14; non-resident, 10; total, 176.

Schools Not to Open.

It can positively be stated on the authority of Dr. Weaber that the schools will not be opened on Monday. They may be opened some time next week, but there is little likelihood. "Six weeks is about the period for this epidemic and we have not yet seen any signs of its abatement within that time", said the doctor last night.

Churches to Open Sunday.

The Allentown Ministerial League's executive committee met yesterday following the action of council and decided to open churches and Sunday schools on Sunday.

Ban Off on Other Counties.

In addition to Lehigh county the ban was lifted yesterday on Bucks, Northampton, Luzerne, Snyder, Sullivan, Juniata and Blair counties. The conditions in all cases are the same as for Lehigh.

Among the cases reported yesterday were: Mrs. Cyrus Hangen and daughter Myrtle, of 27 North Seventh; Margaret, daughter of Mrs. Julia Dutko, of 231 South Water street; Ethel Avery, daughter of Leslie Avery, of 242 Hamilton; three little sons of John Swope, of 308 E. Walnut; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gorash and 5 year old daughter, Rosalie, of 324 Lehigh; John Sellock and three children, of 537 Wire; Harriet and Marcia, daughters of Marcus O'Keefe, of No. 1537 1/2 Tilghman; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Seeger, 281 Union; Mrs. Anna Noll and two daughters, of 821 1/2 North Seventh; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel French, 1326 Chew; Mrs. George Fisher and daughter, Ruth, of 517 Chestnut.

Miss Elmira Westland, nurse in the Allentown Hospital, is ill with influenza.