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recognize the ability of the medical inspection service to handle the school situation. It was admitted, however, that in outlying districts where there is no regular medical inspection the force of the order might be applied. It is said that the decision of the state authorities was reached at a late hour last night and that the first messages announcing the decision were sent to those who would be most affected by it and that the remaining orders to local health authorities followed immediately. The Theatrical Managers' Association of Pittsburgh held a meeting following last night's performances and, practically without discussion, voted to comply with Commissioner Royer's request. The announcement of the theatrical men is that their places of amusement will be closed until further notice and that the box offices will be kept open to refund money on advance ticket sales.

Head of Department Issues Drastic Order to Prevent Crowds Assembling.

SCHOOLS TO REMAIN OPEN

Medical Inspectors to Watch Children—Red Cross Issues Appeal for Nurses.

Telegrams confirming the orders issued last night to managers of amusement places and proprietors of saloons were received this morning, by Director William H. Davis, of the city's department of health, from the state health department, and the places designated are closed and will so remain until the Spanish influenza epidemic is checked. The local health authorities will cooperate in every way in carrying out the orders of State Health Commissioner B. E. Royer, who is responsible for the mandate.

ORDER IS DRASTIC.

More drastic than was expected, the rule affects virtually every place where crowds congregate, both indoors and outdoors, Director Davis declared. He said elevators and street cars are affected by the order and declared overcrowding will not be permitted.

Major Davis communicated with the Liquor Dealers' Association immediately.

Physicians Ordered To Report Cases

Only a few cases of influenza have been reported here, by physicians since it became a reportable disease, September 21, according to records in the department of health. Few physicians, it is believed, know that they are compelled to report influenza cases. By tomorrow morning every physician in the city will receive a circular letter from Dr. Philip Marks, superintendent of the bureau of infectious diseases, notifying them to report all cases.

upon receipt of the order and instructed the association to notify all its members that the closing order is effective at once.

Approximately 1400 saloons in Allegheny county are affected by the order and must all close their doors. Saloons having restaurants will be permitted to remain open but diners will be forbidden to congregate after eating. One hundred and sixty-five motion picture theaters in the city must close, besides the number of vaudeville houses and other large playhouses. As many more in the county will be affected.

SCHOOLS INDEPENDENT.

It is not expected that the order will be extended to the schools. A representative of the board of education stated this morning that the state would

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