

BAN MAY STAY UNLESS DEATH RATE LOWERS

Health Commissioner Says
Daily Mortality Must Fall
Below 100 by Saturday.

MORE VIOLATORS NAMED.

Continuation of the late influenza closing ban in Pittsburgh beyond Saturday, unless deaths here fall below 100 a day, was indicated as a possibility last night by Dr. H. Franklin Royer, acting state health commissioner, in a communication dated November 3 to Dr. Karl Schaffie, his special medical representative here.

Official records at the local state influenza epidemic headquarters showed that for several days the deaths have run between 170 and 175 daily.

According to the figures given out this morning by the bureau of infectious diseases, there was an increase in the number of new cases of influenza in the city, but a decrease in the deaths for the 24-hour period ending at 10 o'clock this morning. There were 41 deaths reported, as against 64 for the preceding 24 hours, ending at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Of the 41 fatalities 13 were due to pneumonia, 25 to complications of influenza and pneumonia and one to true influenza. Today's report shows 347 new influenza and 4 pneumonia cases.

Meanwhile the Theatrical Managers' Association of Pittsburgh, according to an announcement issued last night, has decided that the theaters, motion picture houses and other places of amusement in the city will reopen Saturday in accordance with Dr. Royer's instructions of last Friday night in a letter to Mayor Babcock. The motion picture houses are preparing to reopen at noon and the theaters at the regular matinee hour.

HEARINGS POSTPONED.

The hearings of forty-four alleged violators of the closing order issued by Dr. Royer, acting commissioner of health of Pennsylvania, scheduled to have been held this morning before Alderman George S. Wilson, Sheridan avenue, East End, have been postponed until next Tuesday morning.

At the office of the alderman it was stated that additional information may be filed against other violators.

The motion picture and theater men against whom charges were lodged yesterday are: W. E. Artberger, Penn Avenue Theater, Penn avenue; L. M. Hagedorn, Metropolitan Theater, 472 Liberty avenue; H. C. Kliehn, Lawrence Theater, 2607 Butler street; J. D. Horner, Brushton Theater, Brushton avenue; W. J. Dernali, Plaza Theater, 476 Liberty avenue; J. B. Ferney of 416 Penn avenue; J. A. Reilly, Belmar Theater, Homewood avenue; H. J. Soest, Homewood Theater, Homewood avenue; John A. Hooey, Sheridan Square Theater, Penn avenue; W. R. LaBarton, New Avenue Theater, Liberty avenue; William Huling, Crescent Theater, Butler street; J. Foreman, proprietor of the Foreman dancing academy, Ohio street, Northside, was the only owner of a dancing academy included in yesterday's list.

August Pare of Federal street, Northside; M. Horne of 135 Smithfield street; B. Antonopolis, Fifth avenue; C. M. Haun, 506 Federal street, and the Davis Amusement Company, Fifth avenue, proprietors of pool and billiard rooms, were named as defendants.

Dr. Schaffie indicated yesterday that some districts in the county are almost certain to remain under quarantine after Saturday, among them Oakdale, which showed a serious increase in influenza and pneumonia cases. The county report showed a total of 536 new cases, with a grand total of 68,381. Carnegie had 80 new cases, Bradnock 24, McKeesport 53, Rankin 25, Edgeworth 11, Tarentum 22 and East Deer township 7. Calamity Hill has a total of 109 cases, Bellevue 265 and Oakdale 1,400, with 460 cases of pneumonia and eight deaths.

FUNERAL RULE STANDS.

Even if the influenza ban is lifted from Pittsburgh Saturday, public funerals will not be permitted in the city, according to a letter from Major W. H. Davis, city director of health, to all Pittsburgh clergymen. This prohibition is expected to be extended for at least a week beyond Saturday. The clergymen were told that the order against public funerals is not only a protection of public health but an aid to undertakers whose resources and labor have been taxed to the utmost by the epidemic, and who would be unable to meet the demands contingent upon the rescinding of the order. Major Davis wrote to each undertaker, thanking him for his work done while the epidemic was at its height.

Major Davis also called attention to the fact that Dr. Royer's order, permitting bottlers and wholesalers to sell