

ROYER CLOSING BAN IS LIFTED AT NOON TODAY

In conformity to instructions from Dr. R. Franklin B. Royer, acting state commissioner of health, the closing order on places of amusement and liquor establishments was lifted at noon today in Pittsburgh and in every other part of Allegheny county, except three widely separated districts.

The embargo is to remain in effect in these areas: A section in the northeastern corner of the county and on the edge of Westmoreland county, including Harrison township, Brackenridge, East Deer township, and the towns of Tarentum, Natrona, New Kensington, Arnold and Parnassus; the district around Carnegie including that town and Oakdale, and a section of the southwestern part of Allegheny county comprising Calamity Hill and Unity Mines. The ban was kept on a large up-river territory at the request of the authorities of New Kensington, Arnold and Parnassus. Orders were received yesterday in all the districts specified from Dr. Royer. The restrictions are to be continued for them for an indefinite period.

Dr. Royer notified Major Babcock late yesterday afternoon of the lifting of the ban in Pittsburgh, and soon afterward Major W. H. Davis, director of the department of public health, issued these regulations:

REGULATIONS ANNOUNCED.

The motion-picture places and theaters must be ventilated as thoroughly as the nature of the building will permit before performances, during performances and after performances, with an interval between exhibitions that will make it possible to ventilate; that the same rule shall apply to theaters, and that neither motion picture houses nor theaters shall sell for any performance admissions in excess of the number of seats available.

The regulation as regards cleanliness and ventilation as applied to motion-

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picture houses and theaters must be applied to all public halls in which meetings of a general character are held. The attendance at such public meetings must not exceed the seating capacity. There must not be, in dance halls, poolrooms, billiard rooms or other like places, any crowding permitted, the attendance being regulated by the size of the establishment. There must not be any crowding in saloons.

"In all places covered in the above paragraph the management must exclude any person coughing or sneezing. If necessary, persons who have been admitted who cough or sneeze, or who spit on the floors or the passageways, must be asked to leave. All such places must be thoroughly cleaned once each day. Where a vacuum system is not used, they must be scrubbed with soap and water, and the use of an antiseptic preparation is advised."

81,400 CASES IN COUNTY.

There were 602 cases reported to Dr. Schaffle as yesterday's development of influenza in Allegheny county. This makes a total of 81,400 cases for the county since the beginning of the epidemic.

An increase in the number of influenza cases was reported to the department of health during the 12-hour period ended at 10 o'clock this morning, but the death record showed a decrease for the 12-hour period, and in the 24-hour period ended at 10 o'clock the death record was 98, just two under the maximum number fixed by the state health authorities to permit the lifting of the ban.

There were 33 new influenza cases reported, while yesterday's report for a corresponding time was 119. Pneumonia dropped from 23 to 21.

Deaths reported were as follows: Pneumonia, 16; influenza-pneumonia 1; influenza, 3, a total of 20, as against 25 recorded yesterday.