

Colleges and Public Places Being Closed Because of Spanish Flu

Influenza is spreading over the country at such a rate that in many places it has been deemed best to close all places of public meeting to guard against the spread of the disease.

All public resorts, including schools, in Denver have been closed; similar places in surrounding towns have also been closed, and now it has been decided that the Boulder University must go out of business for the time being.

The State School of Mines will be under the strictest quarantine and limited academic instruction will be continued under the most rigid rules. The Agricultural college at Fort Collins will have its 650 students under close health surveillance and is co-operating fully with the local and state health authorities to prevent influenza from spreading.

Colorado college has suspended its schedule of instruction, except some outdoor work in the interest of the health and military training of the youths in the student army training corps. The Greeley State Normal is absolutely shut down for today and its resumption of any activity will be determined tonight after a conference with the local health board.

These steps to guard the health of the students of the state were taken at a meeting Monday afternoon at the state capitol, where the heads of all the colleges and universities of Colorado and their medical officers conferred with Governor Gunter, Dr. Erjo E. Kennedy, and with representatives of the United States army and the United States surgeon general's office.

While the measures adopted by the municipal authorities of Denver are checking the spread of the influenza epidemic, there were eleven additional deaths bringing the total fatalities to thirty, with about 100 new cases reported, bringing the total number of cases to 500.

As rapidly as the disease made its appearance in the cities and towns of the state reports were sent in to

the office of the state board of health at the capitol.

Governor Gunter has issued the following proclamation:

"Whereas, an epidemic of influenza has made its appearance in various sections of our state; and

"Whereas, it is a matter of national importance that this epidemic be limited in its duration, the number of victims and the extent of its spread; and,

"Whereas, the national government has impressed upon us the importance of taking action in this grave matter;

"Now, therefore, I, Julius C. Gunter, governor of the state of Colorado, do hereby call upon the various health officers of the state and upon the public press to advise the people of the state of the danger of public assemblages and to impress upon them that Spanish influenza is a crowd disease; and I do further urge upon all mayors and city and town officers to take appropriate action to arrest and prevent this dread disease by closing theaters, churches, schools and other places where people assemble, until the epidemic has run its course, except fairs, military camps and also colleges where quarantine has been established by lawful authority. I further urge that the quarantine be respected and that the people be requested to remain at home while suffering from severe colds, or other indispositions until the nature of their illness be determined.

"It is further hereby declared that all the powers of the state will be exercised thru the state board of health and otherwise in preventing and arresting the spread of this epidemic thru the powers of local municipalities and otherwise.

"Wherefore, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of state, at the capitol, Denver, Colorado, this seventh day of October, A. D. 1918.

JULIUS C. GUNTER,

Governor

Attest: JAMES R. NOLAND,

Secretary of State.