

# Closing Ban Will Not Be Lifted Anywhere In State Until After Nov. 4th.

"The ban on public meetings will not be lifted anywhere in the state, Denver, included, without the sanction of the secretary of the state board of health and that sanction will not be given in any event, at least, until after Nov. 4, when the state board of health will reconvene," declared Dr. Erlo E. Kennedy, secretary of the state board of health, after a conference with the other members of the board.

This announcement follows reports from the state which leaves no doubt as to the seriousness of the epidemic situation, even in the fourth week of its course. While there is a noticeable abatement in some sections of the state, other sections are passing thru the worst period.

The board of health also ordered all steam railroads to provide a sanitary cuspidor for every seat in the smoking car on all trains. The railroads will be given until Nov. 4, to comply with the order.

The mountain towns where the altitude is high have experienced the greatest mortality.

Silverton with a population of slightly more than 4,000 has from 500 to 600 cases of influenza, 75 per cent of which developed pneumonia. There have been 400 cases of pneumonia reported, with a total of seventy deaths. The situation there was so serious that the state board of health dispatched Dr. B. F. Slick, an officer of the public health service, to Silverton to take charge of the fight to control the scourge. Dr. Slick reported that he found the three local doctors, assisted by two Denver physicians, greatly overworked and the town in desperate straits. The city hall has been converted into a hospital, where forty-one cases of pneumonia are being cared for.

In Bureka, a mining camp near Silverton, the situation is further complicated by the illness of the camp doctor. A physician was supplied by the board of health to care for the miners.

The doctor in Central City notified Dr. Kennedy yesterday that for the last four days there had been an average of five deaths daily from influenza. There are now more than twenty-five cases in the doctor's care.

Central City has a population of less than 3,000.

The epidemic in Craig has reached the stage where the local health authorities were compelled to establish temporary hospital facilities.

A request was filed with the county officers for the use as a hospital of the jury rooms of the county courthouse, which are already equipped with beds. The county officers demurred, and the health officers asked Dr. Kennedy to pass on their authority to commandeered the rooms. The secretary of the board advised them that they had full authority to commandeered any public building for hospital purposes.

Fort Collins has 400 cases in the city alone. The epidemic is also raging in the surrounding towns.

The cities where the strictest precautionary measures have been observed have escaped with the lightest number of cases and the lowest mortality.

Gunnison quarantined itself against the world Monday, when an order was issued prohibiting any one from leaving or entering the city.

In Glenwood Springs the epidemic appears to be abating. The city was the first to require persons in public places to wear gauze masks and the results attest the effectiveness of this measure.

Monte Vista adopted the wearing of masks Tuesday in a vain effort to prevent the spread of the disease. From 200 to 300 cases are reported within the city and the authorities telegraphed the state board of health asking what might be done to check the disease. The city appears to have adopted strict precautionary measures without avail. The health board advised the adoption of the gauze masks.

The most novel restriction enforced anywhere in the state has been adopted in Monument. Here no one is allowed to enter a store to make a purchase. The customers go to the door of the store and make their order known to the clerks, who wrap the desired articles and leave the package at the door where the customer collects it. Crowds are not allowed to gather at the doors of the stores.