

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH ISSUES DRASTIC ORDER EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

SALT LAKE CITY will be schoolless, churchless and amusementless after tonight. In a well defined order to check the spread of Spanish influenza, the state board of health this morning

issued an order placing a ban upon all public gatherings, including churches, schools, theatres and motion picture houses in Salt Lake City, where the disease has attained a footing, and in every section of the state in which the disease appears.

The order does not allow of the interpretation that public gatherings should be prohibited after a number of cases have been reported, but upon the appearance of the disease, according to Dr. T. B. Beatty, state health commissioner. The order of the state board of health is effective immediately, but probably it will not be so drastic as to prohibit any gatherings that have been arranged for tonight.

Theatres and motion picture houses, it is assumed, will be allowed to operate tonight and put their affairs into shape for closing, but after tonight the lines will be drawn tightly.

OPEN CAR WINDOWS.

As a further means of checking the spread of the disease, Dr. Samuel G. Paul, city health commissioner, will ask that all streetcars be run with windows open. Travel in crowded cars, with little ventilation, is a means of spreading the disease, according to Dr. Paul, and the opening of the windows and the admission of plenty of fresh air into the cars will be one of the greatest helps in eliminating the epidemic.

All cases of Spanish influenza should be reported to the city board of health immediately upon their discovery, according to Dr. Beatty. Local boards of health are required to report all new cases to the state board of health.

That Salt Lake is in the grip of an epidemic of Spanish influenza, is now believed certain. Several hundred cases have been reported in Salt Lake City, seventy-five of which have been reported to the city board of health since noon Tuesday. In many sections of the state the disease has appeared

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DRASTIC MEASURES TO CHECK 'FLU' EPIDEMIC

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and is spreading rapidly. Ogden has reported 125 cases to its local board of health. Eight or ten deaths also have resulted from pneumonia, superinduced by Spanish influenza.

1 DEATH AT COALVILLE.

One death has resulted from the disease in Coalville, and another person is seriously ill with pneumonia brought on by Spanish influenza. A third case of pneumonia superinduced by "flu" is reported at Echo, Coalville, without a doctor, has been at the mercy of the disease. Emergency calls for help have been sent out by the state board of health for the mobilization of nurses and physicians, and help will be sent to stricken communities, where there are no doctors or nurses. The local Red Cross organization has sent a nurse to Coalville.

NURSES MOBOLIZED.

The war department has mobilized the nurses and physicians throughout the country and a concerted effort will be made to eradicate all traces of the disease. The Judge Mercy hospital in Salt Lake will be cleaned and changes made to accommodate patients. The hospital has been inspected by a committee of local Red Cross officials. A committee of nine persons, composed of physicians and others competent to handle the disease, has been selected

by the Red Cross to check the epidemic.

CASES TO BE ISOLATED.

All cases of Spanish influenza reported to the local and state boards of health will be isolated immediately in order to prevent the spread of the epidemic in that section. Quarantine measures will be gotten under way.

To prevent any appearance of the disease in the Utah state prison, the board of corrections of the prison has passed a resolution prohibiting visitors during the period of the epidemic.

IDAHO IS STRICKEN.

Idaho as well as Utah is in the grip of Spanish influenza, and the Idaho state board of health has ordered the closing of all theatres, schools, churches and motion picture houses in Boise and other towns.

Spanish influenza is not a new disease, according to health authorities. It dates back from the time of Hippocrates, and its appearance has been noted in every century since. Always it has taken the form of an epidemic that sweeps the country. Physicians now have a thorough understanding of the disease and the method of treatment for its eradication.

The disease will be fought in Utah by assigning physicians and nurses to the sections afflicted, according to Dr. Beatty. Upon application of the state board of health, the Red Cross will assign nurses to these communities.

MANY SCHOOLS CLOSED.

Schools have been closed in various sections of the state on account of the prevalence of the disease. Schools in Morgan have suspended on account of the epidemic, says Miss Jean Cox, state supervisor of home economics under the state board of education, who has just returned from a trip to that section.

John E. Christensen, 27 years old, son of Albert and Agnes Christensen of Fairview, Utah, died Tuesday at a local hospital. Spanish influenza, which later developed into pneumonia, is given as the cause of death. The body was removed to Fairview, Utah, for burial.

Ted S. Young, 18 years, son of John W. and Nancy Young, of Henderson, Utah, was the second victim to die Tuesday. He also died of influenza. He was in the military service and was stationed at Ft. Douglas. The body will be removed to Henderson and funeral services will be held tomorrow.

5 CASES AT "U."

Five cases were reported at the University of Utah today. The victims were isolated at once and every precaution is being made to protect the many students who are enrolled there. Two cases have been reported at the S. A. T. C. at Provo and four at the Logan school.

Keith-O'Brien's department store inaugurated a system yesterday in order that their employes might be protect-

ed. Miss Catherine McNeil, a trained nurse, has been employed and every member of the firm will be given a nasal and throat wash daily. Any employe who shows symptoms of the disease will be immediately isolated. It is expected that other business houses of the city will also follow the system started by the local firm.

Huron, S. D., Schools, Churches, Are Closed

HURON, S. D., Oct. 9.—All schools and churches in this city were ordered closed today by the health officials as a precautionary measure against the spread of Spanish influenza. About 125 cases of the epidemic have been reported, and many of these have developed into pneumonia.