

INFLUENZA BAN MAY BE LIFTED IN SALT LAKE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Epidemic Passes Critical Stage, Dr. Beatty Says

Opening of Schools and Permission to Hold
Assemblies Dependent on Proper
Precautions.

MONDAY, November 18.

This was the date tentatively fixed today by Dr. T. B. Beatty, state health commissioner, for the lifting of the influenza quarantine ban and the opening of all schools and public places in Salt Lake.

The lifting of the ban, however, is contingent upon precautions taken by the public to avert a relapse in the epidemic and to the continued decrease in the epidemic in all sections of the state.

The following signed statement was given to The Telegram today by Dr. Beatty:

"From present appearances the epidemic character of the influenza has about subsided in Salt Lake City, and if this conclusion is sustained by the events of the next week, the ban on schools and other assembling might be safely raised November 18."

THREE TOWNS OPEN MONDAY.

Some districts which have already reported the total eradication of the

disease will be permitted to reopen next Monday, according to Dr. Beatty. These are Tremonton, Green River and Levan. It may be possible also that other towns will be permitted to open before November 18 if conditions in them continue to improve.

SITUATION IS CLEARING.

In announcing the date for opening schools and public places in Salt Lake, Dr. Beatty said that the influenza situation was rapidly clearing in the city and that if there is no relaxation of precautionary measures on the part of the public the epidemic will be entirely stamped out by that date. This is the first official statement issued by Dr. Beatty fixing a probable date for the opening.

Reports from all sections of the state indicate that the epidemic is rapidly clearing and that the number of new cases and deaths is being reduced daily in great numbers. The city board of health also reports that the epidemic in Salt Lake has run its course and that reductions may be expected each day in the death rate and the number of new cases.

CONTINUE SAFEGUARDS.

Citizens are urged, however, to continue rigid precautions and not to entertain too much optimism. Dr. Beatty stated that if the epidemic breaks out anew during the next week to any great extent the quarantine will be continued indefinitely.

"It is up to the citizens themselves, and the opening of the schools and public places depends entirely upon how the regulations and precautions are observed," he said.

DR. PAUL PLEASSED.

Dr. Samuel G. Paul, city health commissioner, reports that the situation in Salt Lake is very satisfactory, only three deaths and twenty-eight new cases being reported in the city yesterday. This is the lowest number of deaths and new cases reported in the city since the epidemic became rampant.

Only five deaths occurred in other parts of the state yesterday, two at Mt. Pleasant and three at Eureka. No new cases or deaths were reported from the military hospital at Ft. Douglas.

Dr. Paul states that it is probable the Judge Mercy hospital will be closed within the next few days for lack of patients.

VACCINE AVAILABLE.

A sufficient quantity of Rosenau vaccine has been developed from cultures received by the state board of health from the naval laboratories at Seattle to supply all sections of the state, according to announcement made by Dr. Beatty. The vaccine has been developed from the cultures by Dr. L. L. Daines, state bacteriologist. It is now ready for free distribution to all afflicted districts of the state and to individuals who desire to avail themselves of its preventive merits.