

CLOSING ORDER TO BE EFFECTIVE ANOTHER WEEK, MAYOR DECIDES

Medical Advisory Board Believes City Should Not Take
Risk of New Influenza Spread Thru Opening
Before Scourge Is Stopped.

Denver, closed by an epidemic of Spanish influenza, will not be opened this week, in all probability, but it is probable that the opening will be next Sunday, Dr. William H. Sharpley, in consultation with Mayor W. F. F. Miller, has definitely reached this decision and in a conference with the medical advisory board yesterday afternoon it was decided to call an emergency meeting of the county medical society and other physicians for Tuesday night at the statehouse. This meeting will be a discussion not only of means to curb the influenza, but its cure, and measures for preventing its further spread in Colorado. It is explained that any doctor is welcomed to the meeting.

Doctors to Exchange Views.
"It may seem to some that with the city prohibiting gatherings of all kinds, including the religious services for Sunday, this meeting should not be held," said Mayor Miller. "The doctor is the one upon whom we depend for combating this plague. He is exposed, and thru him his family is exposed. Upon him devolves the responsibility for not only combating the epidemic, but curing, if possible, his patients."

The doctor is devoted to his profession in this epidemic as already has been the case in many other epidemics. It is proper that these men should meet, and should exchange views and by a general discussion endeavor to frame measures that will not only further prevent the spread of influenza, but definitely check it and cure those afflicted with it. I am confident that out of this meeting will come great good not only to the city but to the state."

The original plan of opening Denver

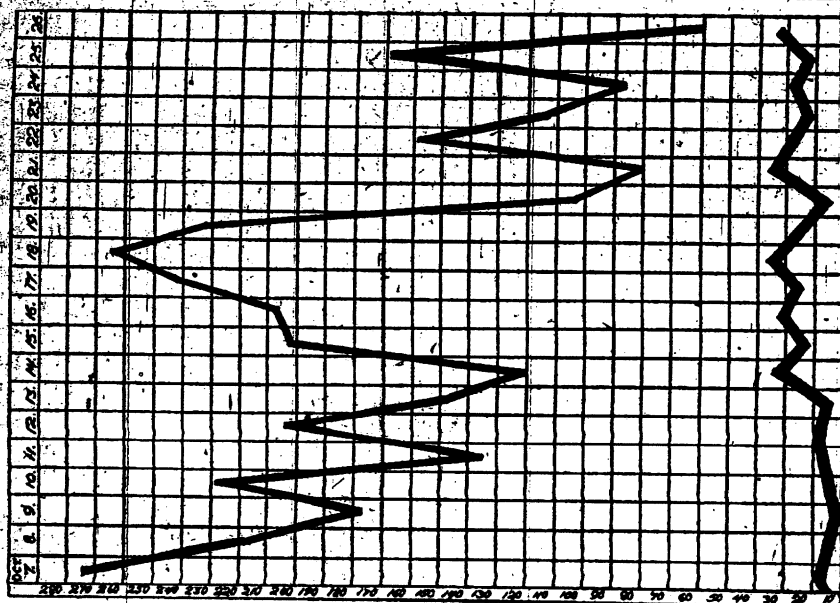
was to open the city on Monday, Oct. 2, but the medical advisory board has decided to postpone the opening until Sunday, Oct. 8. The board has decided that the city should remain closed for another week, as the influenza epidemic is still in the early stages and the risk of a new outbreak is too great to take.

The board has also decided to call an emergency meeting of the county medical society and other physicians for Tuesday night at the statehouse.

Mortality Table Shows Big Jump In Death Rate

The government reports for the week ending Oct. 19 for the forty-four principal cities in the United States where Spanish influenza is prevalent were received by Dr. William H. Sharpley, manager of health, yesterday. In the table, the first column shows the normal deaths in these cities the week ending Sept. 21, the second column shows the deaths during the epidemic period. The figures show the total number of deaths from all causes, but the marked increase is attributed to influenza. The govern-

CHART OF INFLUENZA IN DENVER



This chart shows the progress of the influenza epidemic in Denver, beginning with Oct. 7, the first day on which official reports were required, the closing order going into effect on Sunday, Oct. 6. Each horizontal line of the chart represents ten, as indicated on the scale at the left. The heavy broken line represents the daily death toll from influenza; the lighter line above, the number of new cases reported for each day. The large total of cases reported on the first day represents the accumulated number then recognized as influenza.

'Flu' Boosts Liquor Traffic Express Office Swamped

The influenza epidemic should bring elation and enrich the liquor dealers in Cheyenne, Kansas City and other distributing points in wet states, for officials of the American Railway Express company say that the amount of whisky shipped to Denver since the flu epidemic is more than double the former.

So great is the rush of business that consignments from the express company shipments were not able to get their parcels. By order of the health department, the express office is now closed at 6 o'clock, and at that time many waiting outside to get their

SCOURGE SHOWS SHARP INCREASE

1,165 Cases Reported Yesterday in Colorado; Deaths on Decline.

An increase of more than 50 per cent in the new cases of influenza reported to the state board of health yesterday prompted Dr. Erb B. Kennedy, secretary of the board, to characterize the situation as very serious. Yesterday's report showed 1,165 new cases and sixty-eight deaths against 688 new cases and seventy-eight deaths for the twenty-four-hour period previous. The new cases are most numerous in the mountain and western regions of the state.

More than 100 percent have died of the disease, according to the report of the Rocky mountains in the last week. There are 200 cases in Silverton, and fifty-two deaths have occurred there. Dr. Kennedy has called a conference of all the physicians of Denver and surrounding towns to meet in the house chamber at the Capitol building yesterday night. The object of the meeting is to formulate a system of regulations for the handling of influenza cases.

As the disease is a new one, neither the city nor state health departments have any systematic regulations formulated for the handling of the epidemic. Men regarding the plagues and quarantining of homes, the fumigating of rooms occupied by patients, and other measures are being discussed.

In addition to this conference, there will also be the regular meeting of the state board of health Monday noon in Dr. Kennedy's office. Upon the outcome of this meeting depends the proposed lifting of the ban upon public gatherings in the state. It is not expected that any city will be allowed to reopen so long as the situation continues to show no improvement.

Our calls for help were received at the office of the health board yesterday. Suburban Springs, the County Council of Defense, requested Dr. J. H. Moore to send a doctor and Dr. J. H. Moore was dispatched. A large mining company in Victor sent a call for a physician and two nurses, and in response Dr. T. F. Sears and a trained nurse left for Victor last night.

Nurses Are Scarce.
The Eureka Mining company asked for a doctor and four trained nurses. Dr. W. E. Brown was dispatched for the camp, but the state board was unable to supply the nurse, and the call was referred to the Red Cross. In the last two weeks the state board has received requests for help from doctors in the state, and has recommended that the state board of health should be organized to handle the epidemic. The following figures summarize by counties the progress of the epidemic in the last twenty-four hours: New Cases, Fraser, 1,000.



Influenza Kills
Howard S. Lee
At Silverton

HOWARD S. LEE.
Word was received yesterday of the death of Howard S. Lee of medicine at Silverton. Mr. Lee was widely known thruout Colorado and the West as a mining engineer of marked ability. He was the son of Mrs. D. K. Lee of 1708 Williams street and was born in Golden thirty-eight years ago. He attended East Denver High school, Dr. Holbrook's Military Academy at Olathe, N. M., and finished his education at Lakeland Stanford Jr. university, where he was prominent in sports. He was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, the Phi Kappa Psi and a member of the Phi Kappa Psi chapter at Lakeland. He was a member of the United States army and served in the Philippines. He was a member of the United States army and served in the Philippines. He was a member of the United States army and served in the Philippines.

He had just been promoted to the position of assistant to the chief engineering engineer, A. P. Anderson, and was expected to leave soon for his headquarters in San Francisco. His wife, Mrs. Lee, is a native of Colorado and a sister of a member of the United States army. John M. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gray, 711 West Superior street, died Thursday of pneumonia at Fort Leavenworth. He was a member of the army and was transferred to Fort Leavenworth from Denver. He was a member of the United States army and served in the Philippines. He was a member of the United States army and served in the Philippines.