INFLUENZA WARNING ISSUED BY SURGEON GENERAL BLUE, URGING TAKING OF PRECAUTIONS

Dreaded Plague Is Not Yet Stamped Out, but Persists in Breaking Out Afresh All Over Country—In Our State

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 11.—Warning to the country that the influenza epidemic is by no means ended and that all possible precautions against the disease should be taken was issued tonight by Surgeon General Blue, of the Public Health Service.

Reports received by the service show a recrudescence of the disease virtually from one end of the country to another and in his statement Dr. Blue advised the closing of the public schools on the first sign of the reappearance of the epidemic. He said the disease apparently now tended to occur more frequently among school children.

“Our main reliance,” Dr. Blue said, “must still be the observance of precautions by the individual person. He should cover up his coughs and sneezes and insist that others do the same.”

Information reaching the public health service shows that New Jersey has a substantial increase in the number of cases. The disease also is reported in Vermont and Massachusetts. In Pennsylvania conditions at Erie, New Castle and Johnstown are said to be worse than during the original outbreak.