THIRTY STATES NOW UNDER BLIGHT OF SPANISH INFLUENZA

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Oct. 17.—The public health service now is actively directing the fight against Spanish influenza in thirty states in addition to the whole of New England and the District of Columbia. Particular attention is being given to providing nurses for the sick and supplying physicians in those communities where the doctors are unable to meet all calls made on them.

In spite of these and other measures taken by the public health service in cooperation with state and local authorities, the epidemic continues to spread in many sections. In others, however, particularly in parts of New England, it appears to have reached its crest. In a few states the number of cases is showing decreases.

Continued improvements in army camps was shown by reports reaching the office of the Surgeon General of the Army up to noon today. New cases of influenza in all camps during the last twenty-four hour period up to that time totaled 4,464 as against 5,668 the day before. Pneumonia cases decreased from 1,885 to 1,800 and deaths were 113, a decrease of yesterday's total.

In discussing the improved conditions in army camps today, Secretary of War said no time had been decided upon for beginning the induction of soldiers into the camps. The militia authorities now have the matter under consideration, he said, but they will fix no date until the influenza epidemic has further subsided. Work on the influenza situation received by the public health department today from thirty-three states.

If these dealt with conditions as existed several days ago and added to new dispatches previously sent out from the states affected. To the additional funds for fighting the epidemic, Senator Lewis of Illinois introduced a bill in the Senate to appropriate $10,000,000 in addition to the $1,000,000 already provided by Congress. The money will be made available through the health departments of the states and municipalities. Because of the increased seriousness of the influenza epidemic in Washington, the supreme court to-day announced that its recess which was to have terminated next Monday, will be extended until October 28.