INFLUENZA SITUATION IN PENNSYLVANIA AND NEW YORK

(By Associated Press)

Harriettsburgh, Oct. 20.—The state
department of health to-day issued a
statement to the effect that incomplete
reports indicate that influenza is ex-
truding rapidly in Luzerne, Westmore-
land, Fayette and Mifflin counties. The
sick rate is particularly high at Lewis-
town and Burnham, Mifflin county; St.
Marys, Elk county; Sandy Ridge and
Snow Shoes, Centre county, and One-
ceola Mills, Clearfield county.

No death tabulation was issued to-
day; the report issued Saturday night
showed 14,000 deaths from influ-
enza or pneumonia in the first eigh-
teen days of October in Pennsylvania.

The statement issued to-night also
describes that the organization built up
by the late Commissioner Samuel G.
Dixon under the act of 1905 made it
possible for the campaign to be waged
against the epidemic.

New York, Oct. 20.—Another sharp
decrease in the number of new cases of
Spanish influenza and pneumonia,
here was reported to-day by the de-
partment of health, the total for the
past twenty-four hours being 4,975
less than were reported yesterday.
There were 5,975 cases reported, 4,576
were influenza cases and 409 pneu-
nmonia. There were 737 deaths from in-
fluenza and 211 from pneumonia, the
influenza death rate showing an in-
crease over yesterday of 267, while the
pneumonia death rate decreased by
117.

Beginning to-morrow, landlords who
fail during the epidemic to live up to
contracts calling for heat will be at-
tested under the county health law, the
newly passed under a new amended
section by the county health board.

Dr. Royal S. Copeland, city health com-
mmissioner, announced to-night.
The amendment was passed Sat-
urday night following receipt of sever-
al thousand complaints against the
withholding of heat.

Dr. Copeland expressed the fear that
lack of heat, coupled with rainy weath-
er, to-day, a continuation of which is
predicted, would cause a sharp rise in
the sick rate and affect spelatements
in many patients now convalescent.

Shipbuilding plants on Staten Island
have appealed to Dr. Copeland to
provide aid in combating the epidemic
among shipbuilders, about 20 per cent
of whom are suffering from the illness.

Copeland sent a sufficient quantify of
the vaccine prepared by his depart-
ment to vaccinate all workers.

The epidemic is said to be especially
virulent on Staten Island. In one case
four members of a family of five have
died of the disease in two days and the
fifth member is ill.