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Planning at Harrisburg to Permit Opening of
Places of Amusement Soon—Analysis
of Reports from States and
Military Camps.

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Oct. 28—Continued improvement in the influenza situation in army camps and in number of states was shown by reports today to the Surgeon General of the army and the public health department. Cases in army camps totaled only 2,731 with 327 deaths. The disease is now epidemic in only three camps, Lewis, Washington, McClellan, Ala., and Kearny, Calif.

States where the number of new cases reported shows a decrease include Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, Indiana, Mississippi, Wisconsin, Wisconsin, and Ohio. In general, the improvement has been shown in states at large, and the peak of the epidemic apparently has not been reached.

Conditions are still serious in some states, particularly Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Ohio, Texas, and Mexico. It is estimated there are 150,000 cases in Ohio.

The effect of the epidemic on the railroads was shown by the railroad's weekly report of traffic conditions. Influenza has been increasing, and the inspection of travelers is being increased. The effect of the epidemic on the railroads is being hampered, although the decrease in passenger traffic was noted.

Reports that influenza seasons may have brought into the United States and to the shores of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, are being investigated by government agents. Investigations of severe outbreaks of influenza have been made, and reports of the deaths of seamen, travelers, and others, not by malingerists methods.

Philadelphia, Oct. 23—At the meeting today of the health authorities it was decided that because of the high death rate due to influenza, the order closing saloons, theaters, and schools would be extended. The public health authorities shall be restricted in closing schools. The meeting placed the matter of future opening in the hands of Dr. C. A. Lanier, acting commissioner of health. It was agreed that at a meeting next week there shall be a full discussion of the closing ban which has been in force three weeks. The number of new cases of influenza in Philadelphia was reported today. Deaths continue high, 431 being reported for the twenty-four hour period.

Harrisburg, Oct. 23—Plans whereby decisions can be reached to lift the ban against amusement places and sports were worked out today at the state health department. Commissioner Brumbaugh said today that in regard to the matter I am hoping to see the ban lifted easily through local authorities. A plan whereby deaths will be known when the danger point is passed is being worked out.

The department announced that several investigations are being made into the value of serums for prevention of influenza and that in the Allegheny area conditions are improving. In places in Allegheny, Lackawanna, and Luzerne counties where housing conditions are bad, said Commissioner Boyer, the percentage of deaths has been high.

Reports were received today of spread of the disease in Allegheny. In these places in Allegheny, Lackawanna, and Luzerne counties, the percentage of deaths has been high. The state council of national defense in cooperation with the state authorities, sent out a letter urging the state council in the interest of public health to work to prevent overcrowding by any means or to bring any cases to the attention of the authorities.

New York, Oct. 23—Although 5,300 new cases of Spanish influenza were reported today, the greatest number, since the outbreak of the disease. Although the health commissioner, who is on leave, held to his assertion that the epidemic was the same, he was called to the health department of public health. Of today, he said, 685 alone were reported.

He added, in the other hand, that he was given a number of reports that the disease was worse than at any time in the past year. Thousands of persons, he said, are willing to come to work.