

INFLUENZA IN THE ARMY IS WANING

Decrease in Number of
New Cases Reported from
Various Camps.

CIVILIANS SUFFERING

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—(A. P.)—While reports today to the office of the surgeon general of the Army showed decreases in the number of new cases of Spanish influenza at Army camps, information coming to the Public Health Service was that the disease rapidly was spreading among civilian population over the country.

The malady has appeared now in 43 states and the District of Columbia, and besides New England it is epidemic in Tidewater, Va.; South Carolina and other places. It was reported particularly prevalent along the Atlantic seaboard and the Gulf coast.

The number of new cases in Army camps during the 24 hours ending at noon today was slightly more than 13,000, a decrease of 1,000 from the total reported the day before. Influenza cases at all camps now num-

ber more than 100,000. Sixteen camps today reported new cases of influenza, with the largest number at Camp Meade, Md., 1,594. Camp Custer, Mich., reported 1,404 new cases and Camp Pike, Ark., and Camp Taylor, Ky., more than 1,000 each. Camps Lee, Va., and Grant, Ill., had more than 500 new cases.

8,000 Cases at Camp Lee.

CAMP LEE, PETERSBURG, VA., Oct. 2.—Approximately 8,000 cases of influenza have developed among officers and enlisted men here since the first case was reported on Friday, September 23. No announcement was made today of the number of deaths due to complications which developed after the disease was contracted.

17 Die at Camp Sherman.

CAMP SHERMAN, CHILlicothe, O., Oct. 2.—Influenza has claimed 17 more soldiers and a nurse since Tuesday noon, making the total deaths 46. The camp surgeon's office this afternoon reported 4,000 cases in camp, about one-fifth of the population.

Interrupts Mining.

INDIANA, PA., Oct. 2.—With nearly 600 cases of Spanish influenza in the mining towns of Coal Run and McIntyre, this county, drastic steps have been taken to check the disease. Nine deaths have resulted.

Coal Run and McIntyre have been placed under strict surveillance and

three nurses have been sent from offices of the State Department of Health to direct local health authorities in combating the disease.

Coal operations have practically ceased in the communities, guards have been placed about towns, schools and moving picture theaters have been closed and orders have been issued prohibiting all public gatherings.

Several Red Cross nurses here, who are awaiting government call, may be drafted into service in the stricken towns.

EPIDEMIC NOT TO CLOSE SCHOOLS

A resolution to close the Swissvale High School because of an epidemic of grip which has already attacked 66 students, was rejected at a meeting of the Swissvale Board of Health held in the Borough Hall last night, but all students will today be warned to remain home if they are slightly ill.