

DEATHS FROM CASES OF GRIP GRIP INCREASE; FEWER CASES

INCREASE IN CAMPS

Weather Hampers Fight on Influenza and 63 Persons Succumb.

Medical Officers Report 40 More Soldier-Students Among Victims.

SPREAD IS CHECKED

ONE VICTIM SUCCUMBS

Weather particularly calculated to aid the spread of influenza yesterday augmented the list of cases and deaths from influenza and pneumonia, superinduced by it, and in the 24 hours ending at 11 o'clock last night 63 deaths had been reported, 36 being from pneumonia, 23 from influenza and pneumonia, and four from influenza proper, an increase of 13 deaths over Friday. There were reported, in the same period, 342 new cases of influenza, making a total of 2,759, and 25 additional cases of pneumonia, bringing the number up to 298. In the preceding 24 hours the new cases reported were greater, showing a decrease in the spread of the disease.

United States Army medical officers in charge of the health of soldier-students at the University of Pittsburgh and the Carnegie Institute of Technology, last night reported the development of 40 new cases of influenza for the 24 hours ended at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The most serious cases were sent to hospitals, but soldiers having mild attacks were confined in the infirmaries established at the two schools. One death occurred Friday night.

There were no new activities in the Department of Public Health yesterday, officials reporting the city had taken all the precautions within its power, and the checking of the epidemic now rested in the hands of the people themselves, physicians maintaining that the only possible method of stopping the spread was to obey the warnings issued, to go to bed as soon as one becomes ill, and remain there until cured.

The Concordia Club, Natalie and O'Hara avenues, which was turned over to the military authorities Friday night by the club trustees, to be used for a convalescing hospital for soldiers, was partially equipped yesterday with cots and other articles required for the care of the soldiers. The first patients will likely be sent there today. Maj. E. W. Day, medical officer in charge here, said he will be able to relieve the hospitals of about 25 soldiers each day by sending that number to the club building to recuperate.

Until the course of the disease is up, the quarantine orders will be strictly enforced, and reports that many saloon keepers and hotels are violating the order prohibiting the sale of alcoholic drinks will be investigated.

The opening of the Students' Army Training Corps at Duquesne University has been postponed until October 21 because of the influenza epidemic. The 150 boys and young men enrolled were to have reported tomorrow morning, but they were ordered to remain at their homes until further notice.

All churches will be closed today and public meetings are prohibited.

The members of the Students' Army Training Corps at Pitt and Tech today will spend their second Sunday in quarantine. With few exceptions none of the soldier-student have been able to leave the military camps since their induction into service on October 1. The University of Pittsburgh has been asked to cooperate with the government in holding examinations for candidates for appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, which will be done by the school faculty and military authorities of the Students' Army Training Corps.

In the neighboring boroughs the disease seems to continue to increase in the same proportion as in Pittsburgh, except in the Tarentum district, where but three cases were reported in the last 24 hours.