

Grip Deaths Increased 10 In 24 Hours

Total to Succumb in One Day
Is 53—No Record of
New Cases.

TWO SOLDIERS ARE VICTIMS

The reports of deaths from influenza and pneumonia made to the Pittsburgh Department of Health reached a total of 53 for the 24-hour period ending at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. This is 10 more than for the previous 24-hour period and was thought to show that the disease is on the increase.

No record of new cases is made at the health office on Sunday. The number of new cases in the Army camps, however, was 25 as against 4 on the previous day, with two deaths. The rising mortality is regarded by health officials as the true test of the state of the epidemic.

Expects Improvement Here.

Dr. Adolph Koenig, who is in charge of Allegheny county for the State Health Department, said yesterday:

"I am hopeful that the disease will not get any worse here than it is now, and am strengthened in this hope by the fact that the epidemic appears to have come on very gradually here. It apparently is a fact that the disease runs its course and then subsides. This is due to the circumstance that there are in every community a number of persons who are particularly susceptible to it. When all these have been attacked and have recovered or died the epidemic stage of the disease is over. There is in my judgment no likelihood of the same persons having the disease twice during the same epidemic.

Serious in Other Places.

"I am not giving you these theories as infallible truth, however. I had a visit today from one of the employes of the Health Department in Harrisburg. He says that Harrisburg hoped to escape a severe attack, but now has 3,000 cases. He was on his way to Brookville, where conditions are very bad. The same thing is true at Clarion and Bedford, and it may be that it is sweeping in stronger than ever from that direction. I am disposed, however, to cherish the hope that we are seeing, about the worst of it."

In the Homewood Library yesterday, 104 women Red Cross members worked all day making influenza masks.