

Grip Epidemic Victims Now Number 4,445

New Cases Reported Yesterday Almost Double Those of Monday.

TENTS ARE COMING

Influenza cases reported to the Department of Health took a sudden spurt upward yesterday, 813 victims being listed in the 24-hour period ending at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, bringing the total cases in the city to 4,445. New pneumonia cases reported numbered 68, making the total now 513.

The number of deaths in the same period also mounted, 74 being recorded, of which 39 were from pneumonia, 39 from pneumonia and influenza, and five from influenza.

Between 4 p. m. and midnight 22 more deaths were reported, 13 being

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from pneumonia, 15 from pneumonia and influenza, and one from influenza.

Preparing for the Worst.

"The figures tell the whole story," said Maj. W. H. Davis, director of the Department of Health. "We are doing everything we know how to limit the ravages of the epidemic and are preparing for the worst. The rest is now in the hands of the public. They must help by observing the rules of health. Sunlight and fresh air are the great preventives and curatives. If sick, one should go to bed at once and stay there until well."

The state is sending 60 pyramidal tents here, according to a telegram received from the office of the Adjutant General yesterday. These tents, each of which will care for eight patients, will be erected on the Washington Park playgrounds, thus making a single hospital unit with a capacity of 350 patients.

Encouraging Home Treatment.

So far the emergency hospital in Kingsley House is unoccupied, the regular hospitals being able to care for the demands of beds, and the physicians are encouraging home treatment wherever possible.

The demand for nurses also is smaller, according to Edward A. Woods, chairman of the civilian relief committee of the Pittsburgh Chapter, American Red Cross, who held a consultation yesterday with Maj. Davis.

The hospitals are also establishing quarantines and the authorities are urging that visits to sick friends cease. Four public and three parochial schools in McKees Rocks were closed yesterday, as were 15 schools in Mifflin township. Five schools, including the high school, were closed in Duquesne, where 1,000 cases have been reported. The Braddock schools, which have been closed, will reopen this morning.

County Medical Society.

Last night a meeting of the Allegheny County Medical Society was held in the Hotel Chatham, at which the treatment and prevention of influenza and grip were discussed. It was one of the best-attended meetings ever held by the organization and was assembled under special instructions of Dr. B. F. Royer, state health commissioner.

Dr. E. S. Montgomery, president of the society, presided, and the discussion, which was informal, was participated in by many of the attending physicians.