

# URGENT CALLS SENT OUT BY RED CROSS

More Men and Women  
Needed to Aid in Com-  
batting Spanish Influenza.

## VOLUNTEERING SLOW

An urgent call for both men and women to aid in combatting Spanish influenza in the city and county was sent out last night by Edward A. Woods, chairman of the special committee on influenza of the Pittsburgh Chapter, American Red Cross. The local Red Cross chapter, co-operating with other agencies, is waging an aggressive campaign against the disease, but is hampered somewhat because of the slowness of workers in volunteering to fight the disease. Mr. Woods said last night:

The Pittsburgh Chapter of the Red Cross needs all the men and women volunteers it can get to combat Spanish influenza. We need married nurses, nurses' aids and practical nurses who can help certain hours daily. If there is any person who can help a few hours daily, we will be happy to receive their aid. However, the Red Cross needs more than any other person, women who can visit homes where influenza prevails to help the stricken families. Training is not absolutely necessary. Men and women without training who are willing to help anywhere are needed.

### *Urgent Need for Women.*

Mr. Woods requests persons willing to help the overtaxed nurses, doctors and hospital workers to enroll with the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Red Cross in the Chamber of Commerce Building.

Miss Katherine Dempster, supervisor of the nursing service of the Red Cross, also emphasized the urgent need for women who are willing to go into private homes and help stricken families fight the disease. Miss Dempster pointed out, as an example of the dire need for workers in private residences, the case where four members of a family near Castle Shannon were down with influenza and the fifth member sick with pneumonia.

Seven hundred cases have been reported to date in Duquesne, according to information received by the

Red Cross last night. In that borough the Carnegie Steel Company has arranged for a temporary hospital with 75 beds to take care of the sick.

### *In Other Boroughs.*

The Red Cross also received information that there have been 1,000 cases in Homestead and 1,100 cases of Spanish influenza in North Braddock to date. In the latter place, three deaths have occurred among employees of the Edgar Thomson Steel Works. One death and 29 cases have been reported at Clairton.