

STATES DIVIDED INTO NURSING DISTRICTS

New Plan Adopted by Dr. Royer to Check Spread of Influenza.

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HARRISBURG, Oct. 7.—Pennsylvania was divided into 17 nursing districts today by State Health Commissioner B. Franklin Royer. Representatives of the State health department are being placed in charge of these and when the 14 nurses sent to Massachusetts last week arrive here today each will be put at the head of a district. The nursing is to be a part of the co-ordinated work of the State and local health authorities and the State military officials who are setting up hospital units in the badly infected districts.

Reports indicate a rapid increase in the spread of the disease but Dr. Royer today has not yet been able to estimate the number of cases, which he placed at 7,000 last night. The worst conditions reported are about Minersville, where there are 30 dead and hundreds of new cases, the physicians being too busy to make reports. In addition to the opening of the opening of the Pottsville infirmary, two emergency hospitals have been opened at Minersville and military cots were sent today to an amusement park outside of Hazleton.