

# HOSPITALS IN FIGHT AGAINST THE INFLUENZA

Home Cases Are Ruled Out in New Arrangement — Many Beds Added in Ward Areas.

## 623 NEW CASES LISTED.

Previous records were broken in the number of influenza cases here when 623 new cases were reported to the bureau of infectious disease this morning, making a total of 623 for 24 hours. More than 20 new cases of pneumonia were reported. In perhaps half of the latter the affliction is the result of an influenza attack. Despite the apparently large number of cases, the physicians of the health department say there is no cause for alarm, and that the bulk of the influenza will be washed away.

Local hospitals are today on an epidemic basis as the result of orders issued last night by the state and local health authorities, and the medical staff of each institution is devising means of effectually fighting the epidemic. The system adopted involves immediate discharge of all patients who may be treated at home and the refusal to accept operation cases where no harm would result from postponement.

### PEAK EXPECTED SOON

Other preparations include the addition of beds in many of the wards and a rearrangement of patients so as to increase floor space and insure against contagion. The emergency status will continue until the bulk of the epidemic is passed. Local authorities on the subject say that this should come the latter part of the week if the experiences of other cities are to be taken as criterion.

This afternoon Director William H. Davis and a number of physicians of the health department will confer with the hospital superintendent on the hospital program. The mobilization of supplies will also be discussed. There is a shortage of hospital clothing because of the army demands.

While there was no pronounced increase in the number of cases in local army barracks, additional precautions have been taken. The Polytechnic Institute of Technology and the University of Pittsburgh have been closed. Not even military classes are being held. The quarantine lines have been extended to include the Margaret Morrison School. Many institutions have been put under strict quarantine, including the Western Penitentiary and the new penal institution near Bellefonte.

Major E. W. Day, head of the local army medical corps, issued a call for war nurses last night. They are needed at the Magee Hospital. Seven wards of the institution are occupied by soldier cases. On the question of hospital clothing aid has been asked of the Volunteers of America as well as the Red Cross.

Yesterday afternoon influenza cases were reported from many of the boroughs as well as from the cities of McKeesport and Duquesne. Walkinsburg and Swissvale are said to have many cases. The rural sections, especially those in the north side of the county, are comparatively free.

Commissioner H. F. Royer of the state department of health issued an order this morning which makes it mandatory upon the local health department to enforce the regulations in regard to the

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sale of liquor. In most cases saloon-keepers have complied with the request, but wholesalers are still doing business. The new order instructs the health department to notify license court judges and district judges.

A request was sent out this morning asking all concert, operating passenger elevators to limit the cars to half capacity. The object is to avoid crowding, and and court house elevators will carry six passengers only.