

# INFLUENZA IS ON INCREASE, REPORTS SHOW

## Epidemic Now Making an Assault Upon Suburban Districts and Boroughs.

### 1,235 CASES IN THE CITY.

For an 18-hour period ending at noon today, 368 new cases of influenza and 87 cases of pneumonia were reported to the bureau of contagious diseases of the city department of health. This is the largest number reported for the same period at any time since the epidemic started. The total number of cases in the city at present is estimated at about 1,235, but it is said that most of these are to be classed as "mild" cases with effects no more serious than a bad cold.

It is reported unofficially that the epidemic has hit many of the boroughs which up until Monday were free from it. During the last 48 hours 100 cases have been reported to the Wilkesburg board of health. Approximately the same number have been reported from Duquesne and the McKeesport district. The percentage of pneumonia cases is much below the city figure. In practically all boroughs of the county meetings of school boards and health authorities have been called for tonight or tomorrow night at which the matter of closing the schools will be discussed.

### COMING FROM EAST.

Dr. Adolph Koenig, acting county medical inspector for the state, was in consultation with Director William H. Davis today. Dr. Koenig says the epidemic is traveling west at the rate of 100 miles a day, and that if the East is to be taken as criterion, 15 per cent of the total population will fall prey to the disease before the peak is reached. About 5 per cent of those afflicted develop cases which prove fatal.

Dr. Koenig is directing his work through the state dispensary here. Today he is being assisted by a staff of eight physicians and 11 nurses. He asks every borough and township in the county to organize for preventive work.

In the matter of obtaining nurses the Council of National Defense and the Red Cross are giving assistance. The latter organization appointed a special committee on influenza. It consists of A. K. Oliver, chairman, G. Cook Kimball, vice chairman, Dr. C. H. Jones, Miss Katherine Dempster, John McLeod and Edward A. Woods. An announcement was issued by Mr. Kimball last night that all demands for help in the influenza be brought directly to the attention of the local health authorities and not to the Red Cross, as the latter organization is doing its influenza work through the health office.

## Epidemic on Increase In National Capital

By International News Service.  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—The epidemic of Spanish influenza in Washington continued on the increase today. More than 10,000 cases of the disease are scattered throughout the city and the deaths are constantly increasing.

Because of the growing seriousness of the situation the health authorities have been compelled to establish emergency relief stations, as many of the sick have been unable to get medical attendance, doctors and nurses being very short. Officials fear that the crest of the disease will not be reached for several days.

Meanwhile war work has been seriously interfered with. During the last 24 hours a total of 2,171 new cases and 34 additional deaths were reported.