

# INFLUENZA HOLD ON PITTSBURGH IS WEAKENING

Fewer Cases Reported Today  
and Number of Deaths  
Causes Doctors No Alarm.

## NEW HOSPITALS OPENED.

From 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon until 10 o'clock this morning 19 cases of influenza were reported to the bureau of infectious diseases, making a total of 208 cases in the city at present. The new cases are a much lower number than reported during the same period yesterday. The number of new pneumonia cases is 2, with a total of 21 under treatment.

During the last 24 hours there have been 11 deaths from pneumonia, 3 from influenza-pneumonia and one from influenza, making a total of 15. This figure is slightly above normal, but the city physicians are no reason for alarm and were gratified that they have been able to check the epidemic. In the East there are many cities of but half the size of Pittsburgh which have twice the number of cases.

The taking over of the Kingsley house, in Fulton street, as an emergency hospital has been arranged by Director William H. Davis and C. C. Cooper, director of the Kingsley Association. The latter secured the unanimous consent of the medical and nursing staff of the organization as well as the sanction of the Kingsley trustees.

## FAVOR KINGSLEY HOUSE

The committee of physicians and hospital superintendents visited a number of buildings Wednesday, but the Kingsley house was decided upon because it will require little to equip it and because of its central location, bedding and supplies can be obtained at the Lillian Convalescent Rest, Valencia, an associated institution. It will be possible to establish 100 beds in the Kingsley house without crowding.

The Kingsley hospital will be for civilian cases, the Concordia club, Natalie and O'Hara avenues, having been tendered for the use of the Army Medical Corps. The trustees of the club met last night and offered the use of their building, which has a capacity of 100 beds to the military authorities.

A meeting of council was held yesterday afternoon at which the health department plans were ratified by council and the mayor. Dr. Philip E. Marks, of the bureau of infectious diseases, was also present. Councilman John S. Heron pointed out that Spanish influenza was practically the same as old-fashioned grip, or a bad cold, and that the less excitement and panic there was the fewer cases there would be. Asked concerning possible good results of the influenza epidemic which has been in force during the last week, Director Davis stated that he had not originated the restrictions and was merely an executive officer carrying out the orders of the state health department.

## QUARANTINE CONTINUES.

All quarantine regulations about the military barracks, the University of Pittsburgh and the Carnegie Technical schools, which were to have expired Monday, are to be continued. This includes the meeting of classes.

Among the army men who have been stricken is Captain C. K. Fowler of the staff of Colonel J. C. W. Brooks. The latter is also suffering from a mild attack, as is also Major E. W. Day of the Medical Corps.

Among the fatalities reported during the last 48 hours from pneumonia and influenza are two Red Cross nurses. Miss Mary Elizabeth Scherdel, 27 years old, of 35 Burgess street, is dead. Miss Margaret Gross, 24 years old, who was for a time engaged in fighting the epidemic at Camp Lee, is also dead from pneumonia. Her home was in McDonald and she was among the nurses who had enrolled to meet the emergency here.