ARMY DOCTORS GAIN CONTROL OF INFLUENZA

Medical Officials Say Peak of Wave Has Passed at Cantonments

WASHINGTON, October 18—While Spanish influenza continues to spread among the civilian population generally, a continued decrease in the number of new cases at Army camps brought the medical officials to believe the peak of the epidemic among the soldiers has been passed. Secretary Baker said reports indicated measures taken by the Surgeon General's office had brought the disease under definite control.

CASES MILD IN HAWAII

New cases of influenza among the troops reported during the twenty-four hours ending at noon today totaled 568, against 646 yesterday, and again only 918 cases, a decrease of 179. Influenza cases reported from all camps since the beginning of the epidemic now total 267,180, pneumonia cases, 39,276, and deaths, 12,340. Although reports from the public health services show influenza spreading in most parts of the country, improvement was noted in some states, particularly Vermont, New Jersey and Tennessee.

NUMBERS COMPARED

It is estimated that there are at least 200,000 cases of the disease in Virginia, while the estimate for Connecticut was placed at 110,000 up to yesterday, and 200,000 on the west coast, to be reported from New York, New York, while new cases were reported from practically all sections of Maryland, Oklahoma and other states.

In California 4500 cases had been reported to October 14. No sharp increase was noted in any of the larger cities, but the number of cases continued to rise steadily. In Hawaii, there were few cases, and those of mild character. The epidemic continues unabated in Washington.

Hassler Urges Churches and Theaters Close

City and Federal Health Officers to Act on Plan Tonight

Dr. William C. Hassler, City Health Officer, announced yesterday that he would recommend to the Board of Health tonight that all theaters, moving picture houses, churches and prize-light arenas be closed and that lodge, lecture and other indoor meetings be prohibited during the campaign against influenza.

Dr. Hassler made this announcement after receiving reports of 843 new cases of influenza in San Francisco yesterday. The total number of cases in 1913. The city and Federal health officers, the Board of Health and the Board of Education will meet tonight to discuss the situation. Dr. Hassler's recommendation. Dr. Hassler, said he would not recommend closing the schools at this time.

The San Francisco Chapter of the American Red Cross yesterday established headquarters at 38 Montgomery street, with members in charge to cooperate with the health authorities. Hotel and apartment house owners were warned to keep a strict lookout for influenza sufferers arriving here from the East. Chief of Police D. H. White issued orders to enforce the expectoration ordinance, and school buildings were ordered fumigated. Sheriff Thomas Finn was advised yesterday by Dr. Hassler not to receive new prisoners at the county jail.

The mortality rate on the 2962 cases of influenza reported to Dr. W. C. Billings, chief of the United States Public Health Service for California and Nevada, is less than 0.1 per cent; it was 0.65 in the United States. The mortality rate in San Francisco so far is less than 1 per cent.

BURINGAME MEETING PLACES TO STAY CLOSED

BURINGAME, October 18—Acting under instruction from the Burlingame Board of Health, Dr. Jane Parkhurst, city health officer, today ordered all schools, theaters, churches, billiard parlors and other meeting places to remain closed until the danger from the influenza epidemic has passed.