EPIDEMIC IN THE EAST UNCHECKED

Twenty Die in Boston; Army and Navy Medical Staffs Called to Aid.

BOSTON, September 23.—The epidemic of influenza and pneumonia continued without abatement in cities and towns surrounding Boston today, although reports to health officials indicated an improvement in the number of cases reported. Twenty deaths from influenza were reported to the Boston Health Department, with an hourly period ending at 10 a.m. today, bringing the total to sixty-three in twenty-four hours yesterday.

Navy Staff Called.

QUINCY (Massa.), September 23.—Naval doctors and nurses were called into service today to assist in handling cases of influenza and pneumonia. More than a dozen of these diseases have occurred and it is estimated that in the Fore River district alone, there are 5,000 cases of influenza among employees of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation.

WASHINGTON, September 23.—Spanish influenza has spread widely over the country. The number of new cases reported yesterday has increased to 20,211, including 2,506 new cases reported today.

Seven camps reported influenza for the first time today. Camp Lewis, Wash., reported twenty-two new cases. The epidemic continues most severe at Camp Devens, Mass., General Gorgas said yesterday. The total number of cases reported from that camp up to noon today was 10,700. Camp Dix, with 1,854 cases, is second. At Camp Meade, 1,270 cases have been reported to date. 424 new cases have been reported during the past four days.

Influenza cases reported in western camps, excluding camps reporting for the first time today, shows: Camp Grant, III., 531 cases; Fort Fresno, 98; Fort Moultrie, 112; Fort Jefferson, 181, and Travis, Tex., 37.

400 CASES IN CAMP.

CAMP GRANT (Ill.), September 23.—The number of cases at Camp Grant, according to the camp medical authorities, is the first time today. The number of cases at Camp Grant has increased to 10,500. The number of cases at both Camps has increased to 424. Nearly all of these cases are in the base hospital.

Medical authorities said today they were convinced that the peak of the epidemic had been reached and that it would continue. There have been 65 die at Devens.

AYER (Massa.), September 23.—Although 65 deaths resulting from influenza were reported at Camp Devens during the last 24 hours, officials expressed confidence that the height of the epidemic had passed.

200 IN HOSPITAL.

BALTIMORE (Md.), September 23.—The number of cases of influenza at the government depot at Curtis are in the general hospital at the Depot, and the government depot at Curtis, where maladny is believed to be Spanish influenza. The epidemic first made its appearance at the depot, and the government depot at Curtis, where malady is believed to be Spanish influenza. The epidemic first made its appearance at the depot, and the government depot at Curtis, where malady is believed to be Spanish influenza.