TREMENDOUS INCREASE IN DEATH RATE IN ARMY CAMPS REPORTED TO AUTHORITIES IN WASHINGTON

Commandant Harry George of the Fee Island Naval Yard yesterday declared that the influenza epidemic in army camps was spreading at an alarming rate, and that some 12,000 men were down with the disease and had to be isolated in the camp hospitals. A case of the disease had developed among the officers, and all shipyard workers living in Valparaiso were required to go back to their homes.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23—Spanish influenza, sweeping through the army camps and spreading more rapidly than ever in any Eastern community, has caused a tremendous increase in the death rate of the soldiers. For the week ending Sept. 20 the Surgeon General's office reported the death rate was 2.4 per thousand, compared with 2.3 a day a week ago.

Six thousand eight hundred and fifty-three soldiers were reported at the office of the Surgeon General's office in the army camps during the last week, compared with 5,724 the preceding week. The number of cases reported for the week was 11,717, with 39,000 in the army camps. The number of new cases reported is the highest number reported for any week in the army camps.

The Surgeon General's office said the epidemic is expected to reach a peak in the next few weeks, but that there is no increase in mortality in the next few weeks.

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RUSH AID TO BOSTON.

The Secretary of War has ordered the immediate dispatch of a medical team to Boston, to assist the medical staff in combating the Spanish flu epidemic. The team will consist of 100 doctors and nurses, and will be equipped with the latest medical supplies.

The weather bureau's reports indicate that the best preventive of the disease is rest. The best advice for local and state health officers is to order a complete rest for all citizens.