6 STATES SHOW IMPROVEMENT

In 27 Others Disease Is Reported Spreading; Many More Cities, Rural Districts Affected.

WASHINGTON, October 21—Improvement in the influenza situation in six states was shown by reports received today by the public health service, but twenty-seven others reported the disease still spreading with many additional cities and rural districts affected. Conditions apparently were worse in Pennsylvania, where it is estimated 360,000 cases have occurred with probably 150,000 in Philadelphia. For the first eighteen days of October 14,400 deaths were reported in the State.

In army camps a slight increase in both influenza and pneumonia cases were reported Sunday, but a decrease was shown today, with 2,007 influenza cases and 144 pneumonia cases. The lowest figures reported since the epidemic became general in the camps for the 48 hours ending today at noon influenza cases are 1,988 and pneumonia deaths 919.

These figures brought the total of influenza cases since September 19 to 230,447, pneumonia cases of 46,072. States reporting improved conditions today to the public health service are: Maine, Massachusetts, South Carolina, Tennessee. New cases in all these states are decreasing.

The public health service announced that it was estimated that 130,000 cases had occurred in Connecticut up to yesterday. In New York City there were 1,811 deaths from October 1 to 18, while in New York City there were 410 deaths yesterday. In California 25,000 cases had been reported to October 13, Nebraska registered 1,000 deaths in sixty-two towns, while sixty-six towns reported in Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Virginia, Wisconsin, Utah and Washington.

SACRAMENTO MINISTERS ASK CLOSED SALOONS

SACRAMENTO, October 21—The Sacramento Ministerial Association today adopted a resolution requesting the city board of health to close saloons, schools and social organizations if churches are to be closed during the Spanish influenza epidemic.

The health board is leaving the matter of closing schools strictly to the parents.

Requests have been made to Edward Hyatt, state superintendent of public instruction, that county teachers' institutes be canceled on account of the influenza epidemic. Hyatt said he has no power to call off the institutes, but declared he has received information that many counties already have taken such action. The institutes are held in October and November.