

PENNA. HAS 200,000 INFLUENZA CASES; 19 DISTRICTS FOR NURSES

(By Associated Press.)

Harrisburg, Oct. 7.—"We have close to 200,000 cases of influenza in Pennsylvania, according to reports I have received tonight and I have asked the surgeon general to have nurses sent to Philadelphia and other points where they are badly needed," said Dr. B. F. Royer, state commissioner of health tonight.

Dr. Royer announced that two more districts for nurses had been established in the state, making nineteen in all, each in charge of an experienced nurse who will assign dispensary and other nurses to organize local work.

"I have called upon the people to lend their cars for doctors and nurses and in Schuylkill county fifteen big cars have been placed at their disposal," said the commissioner.

Philadelphia authorities were told that they would have to call upon the senior classes of the medical departments of the colleges in that city to help their medical schools. Dr. Royer made a call on the National Board

state and the third year men to act as ward masters and orderlies. These men are to be sent where needed.

The southwestern part of the state is reported as comparatively free from outbreaks of influenza but Marcus Hook called for help and two army doctors have been detailed to Chester where a large hall has been opened as a temporary hospital. Thirteen deaths were reported from Camp Colt at Gettysburg. More cases were reported from Lackawanna county and new centers in Tioga, Pike and Susquehanna counties. The Schuylkill, Northampton and Monroe situation were reported as serious.

Among the new centers reported to Dr. Royer tonight were Phoenixville which has 1,000 cases; Wrightsville, Birdsboro, Oxford and Kennett Square. West Chester also reported more cases and the establishment of

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SERIOUS INROADS ON LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE BY SPANISH INFLUENZA

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Oct. 7.—Seven days of solicitation for the Fourth Liberty Loan have yielded \$1,323,718,950 and only eleven working days remain in which to raise the balance of the six billion. Reports compiled tonight by the treasury, covering receipts up to last Saturday night, showed 23 per cent of the loan has been subscribed and backed up by initial payments. This did not take into consideration rather large aggregates gathered yesterday in many cities by house to house canvassers.

Inroads of influenza epidemic on campaign plans were reported more serious today. In scores of cities and small towns, a large part of the canvassing force were forced to keep to their homes.

The St. Louis district, even though not reporting since last Saturday, still leads in percentage achievements, with 473, according to treasury tabulations. Philadelphia and New York are eighth and ninth in the list. The Kansas City district today opened a strenuous drive after spending last week in advertising but representative subscription reports will not begin to roll in until tomorrow.

Subscriptions and percentage of quotas by districts include:

Boston \$181,594,950, percentage, 263; Philadelphia \$59,750,400 percentage 170; New York \$305,789,000 percentage 169.

An official report from St. Louis tonight said that it was believed more than half the district's quota had been subscribed.

Hawaii is leading all divisions of the San Francisco district with subscriptions of \$4,560,300 yesterday betweet of its quota.

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a temporary hospital in the country club.

Philadelphia, Oct. 7.—Influenza continued to spread rapidly throughout Philadelphia and its environs today. During the last forty-eight hours 5561 new cases were reported to the board of health. In the same period there were more than four hundred deaths from influenza and pneumonia. It is estimated by health authorities that there have been 175,000 cases since the epidemic began.

Across the Delaware river in Southern New Jersey the situation is reported to be grave. Dr. Davis, president of the Camden Board of Health, estimated that there are 5,000 cases in that city. In Gloucester 400 new cases developed since yesterday. Medical assistance has arrived there from Washington.

Influenza conditions are growing worse in the anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania, according to the state health office. Field hospitals have been established at several points in the region.