

# ARMY DOCTORS FROM CAMP CRANE ORDERED TO HARD COAL FIELDS TO FIGHT INFLUENZA PLAGUE

(By Associated Press.)

Harrisburg, Oct. 10.—The state of Pennsylvania to-night finished its first week under the order of the commissioner of health forbidding meetings and calling for the closing of all places of amusement and saloons and Dr. B. F. Royer, the state commissioner, said that he had only praise for the manner in which the people had met the requirements.

"Influenza is still sweeping through the state and it is impossible to say when the orders can be changed. Just as soon as conditions are right we will give notice," said the commissioner to-night. "The reports I have received

indicate an increase of cases in the western part of the state and in the anthracite region where coal production is affected considerably. Our engineers have made surveys of all emergency hospitals with special reference to drainage and water supply and the state fire marshal department has inspected them for fire precautions."

The Corry armory was to-day turned over to the department of health for use as a hospital.

Twenty advanced medical students from Pittsburgh are expected here to-night on their way to Schuylkill county.

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ty to help the physicians in the mining communities and numerous nurses and doctors have been volunteering throughout the state. The Red Cross has been securing nurses and supplies and the state council of defense has its county units co-operating in moving medical men.

The United States Army to-night notified Dr. Royer through Adjutant General Beary that medical officers at Camp Crane, at Allentown, would be detailed to work among the influenza patients in the anthracite region. Dr. Royer immediately got in touch with Colonel Sles, the commandant at the camp, and is arranging for a number of the officers to go to the anthracite region at once.

Dr. Royer announced to-night that reports from all over the state showed 2021 deaths from influenza or complications resulting from it in nine days and 987 others reported as due to pneumonia.

A one hundred bed hospital equipment and tents was dispatched from the state arsenal by trucks to Coaldale where an emergency hospital will be opened in the morning. A seventy-five bed hospital will be established with state militia cots and tents at Coal Run, Indiana county.

Hospitals were established to-day at Glen Riddle, Glen Lyon, Lockport, Lancaster, Big Soldier, Bryn Mawr, Elmcra, Reynoldsville and several mining towns.

Pottsville, Pa., Oct. 10.—The influenza epidemic in Schuylkill county is growing worse. There are 1,700 cases in Pottsville, while twenty-five per cent. of the population of Minersville, four miles distant, is stricken. Twenty-four deaths occurred at Minersville in the past twenty-four hours. With the arrival of fresh medical aid from this and adjoining states relief is expected but the situation has got entirely beyond the medical facilities of the county with a large portion of the doctors in the army and with many physicians stricken with the malady.

All the emergency hospitals have been filled and a public appeal has been made for volunteer nurses. The Elks Home in Pottsville is being converted into a hospital.

Philadelphia, Oct. 10.—Influenza is on the wane in Philadelphia, according to reports received to-day by the health authorities. The death rate, however, remains high. In twenty-four hours there were 353 deaths from influenza and 151 from pneumonia. In the same period 3,351 new cases of influenza were reported, a decrease of nearly 700 as compared with the preceding twenty-four hours.

In the state there was a decrease in the number of cases reported but conditions in sections of the anthracite region remains serious. The entire organization of the Pennsylvania council of National Defense with more than 20,000 workers has been placed at the disposal of Dr. B. Franklin Royer, acting commissioner of health, to assist in combatting and preventing the spread of the disease. Through Spencer Gilbert, of Harrisburg, the health

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commissioner's instructions are being carried out by the council.

Boston, Oct. 10.—Pennsylvania health authorities to-day called upon Massachusetts to assist in fighting the epidemic there. It was stated that there were 100,000 cases in the state. Pennsylvania asked for physicians.

During the twenty-four hour period ended at noon to-day 7,030 cases and 270 deaths were reported from 131 Massachusetts cities and towns to the state department of health.

Harrisburg, Oct. 10.—The students from Pittsburgh were sent here by special train and will reach Pottsville early to-morrow morning. They will be at once distributed throughout the lower anthracite coal fields where the epidemic is most serious. During their stay at the capitol they were addressed by Dr. B. Franklin Royer, acting state health commissioner, Adjutant General Beary and Grant Rauch, a member of the state council of national defense.

Physicians at Camp Crane, Allentown, who were turned over to the state, will receive their instructions to-morrow.

The situation in Harrisburg became more serious to-night when twelve deaths were recorded in the past twenty-four hours.