

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC SHOWS NO SIGNS OF ABATING IN SUCH PLACES THAT ARE AFFECTED

Philadelphia Has Had 24,918 Cases—552 Deaths There Yesterday—Schuylkill Severely Stricken

(By Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, Oct. 11.—Influenza shower & still further decrease in the last twenty-four hours to-day, 2612 new cases being reported, compared with 3,357 yesterday and 4,000 the day before. There was an increase, however, in the number of deaths reported, there having been 382 from influenza and 175 from pneumonia.

Since the epidemic became virulent on September 23, the health authorities have received reports of 24,918 cases in Philadelphia.

Pottsville, Pa., Oct. 11.—There is no check in the influenza epidemic in Schuylkill county. Twenty doctors arrived to-day from Pittsburgh and a delegation of nurses is expected from Elmira and Rochester, N. Y.

At Minersville the situation is not improved and deaths are occurring in large numbers. Few of the physicians of this section are able to be on duty as they are down with the disease.

General Manager L. S. Cairns, of the Eastern Railway Company, died during the night of pneumonia, while General Manager Smith, of the Schuylkill Railways Company, is in a critical condition. Business of all kinds is operating with fifty per cent. forces.

Harrisburg, Oct. 11. — Governor Brumbaugh to-day issued a proclamation calling upon nurses to volunteer their services during the influenza epidemic and especially nurses engaged as companions in homes of the wealthy, to lend their aid in the emergency.

The proclamation was issued after consultation of Commissioner of Health Royer and Chairman George Wharton Pepper, of the state committee of national defense.

Harrisburg, Oct. 11.—Anthrax production in the anthracite district has been reduced one half by reason of the epidemic of influenza. Ten deaths were reported here to-day, making a total of sixty for the week. There are 2500 cases in this town, which, with its environs, has a population of 35,000. Doctors are over-

worked to the point of exhaustion and nurses are scarce.

New York, Oct. 11.—Dr. Herman M. Biggs, state commissioner of health, was authorized by the state department of health at a meeting here to-day, to take charge of the Spanish influenza situation in the state. He was ordered to spare no expense in getting the machinery of his department into immediate action to check the alarming spread of the disease. The epidemic was reported to be more serious up-state than in New York City.

The council adopted a rule making it a misdemeanor for any person to cough or sneeze in a public place anywhere in the state, without covering the mouth or nose. Violators will be rigidly prosecuted. Punishment will be \$500 fine or one year in prison or both.

It was decided to make influenza a reportable disease and every new case will be placed immediately under state control.

Additional precautions were taken by the New York City health department to check the epidemic. All children under sixteen years of age were ordered excluded from motion picture theatres and other places of amusement.

Thousands of volunteer nurses were organized into an emergency corps to serve in homes where there are cases of the plague and to provide proper food for poor persons who are unable to purchase it for themselves.

Dr. Royal S. Copeland, commissioner of health, declared there were shocking conditions of overcrowding on the transportation lines of the city which result in the infection of passengers.

It is estimated that between 20 and 30 per cent. of the health department nurses are ill, and hundreds of physicians also are sufferers from the disease.

From September 13 until to-day there have been 23,082 cases of influenza in the city and 3,752 cases of pneumonia. Deaths from influenza

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