

# THIRTY STATES NOW UNDER BLIGHT OF SPANISH INFLUENZA

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Washington, Oct. 17.—The public health service now is actively directing the fight against Spanish influenza in thirty states in addition to the whole of New England and the District of Columbia; Particular attention is being given to providing nurses for the sick and supplying physicians in those communities where the doctors are unable to meet all calls made on them.

In spite of these and other measures taken by the public health service in co-operation with state and local authorities, the epidemic continues to spread in many sections. In others, however, particularly in parts of New England, it appears to have reached its crest. In a few states the number of cases is showing decreases.

Continued improvements in army camps was shown by reports reaching the office of the surgeon general of his army up to noon to-day. New cases of influenza in all camps during the twenty-four hour period up to that time totalled 4,454 as against 5,658 the day before. Pneumonia cases decreased from 1,885 to 1,800 and deaths were 84, a decrease from yesterday's total.

In discussing the improved conditions in army camps to-day, Secretary Baker said no time had been decided upon for beginning the induction of convalescents into the camps. The military authorities now have the matter under consideration, he said, but they probably will fix no date until the influenza epidemic has further subsided.

Reports on the influenza situation were received by the public health office to-day from thirty-three states. Most of these dealt with conditions as they existed several days ago and added little to new dispatches previously sent out from the states affected. To provide additional funds for fighting the epidemic, Senator Lewis, of Illinois to-day introduced a bill in the senate to appropriate \$10,000,000 in addition to the \$1,000,000 already provided by congress. The money will be expended through the health departments of the states and municipalities.

Because of the increased seriousness of the influenza epidemic in Washington, the supreme court to-day announced that its recess which was to have terminated next Monday, will be extended until October 28.