

# INFLUENZA CONTINUES TO CUT WIDE SWATH IN COUNTRY

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Oct. 18.—Reports to the public health service to-day from thirty-five states showed that Spanish influenza is on the increase in most parts of the country. Conditions of army camps also were less favorable, the 5791 new cases reported to noon today showing that the disease apparently was stationary after the marked decline noted for several days.

The epidemic still is more pronounced in the eastern section of the country than it is west of the Mississippi river, due undoubtedly to the more crowded conditions in the large cities. Up to October 16, New Jersey had reported 107,379 cases with 2,232 deaths; while in New York City 4,733 cases of influenza with 336 deaths and 646 cases of pneumonia with 287 deaths were reported yesterday.

Deaths in Pennsylvania up to October 15 were reported at 10,046. In Delaware the epidemic apparently was subsiding but many cases of pneumonia were reported. A decrease of cases also was reported from Massachusetts, but in Maine, Rhode Island and New Hampshire the disease still is epidemic.

The epidemic also continues in the middle west. Louisville and five other cities in Kentucky have many cases,

while Indiana yesterday reported 2,688 new cases outside of Indianapolis, where the disease is epidemic. The malady also continues in Illinois and Michigan. The disease is prevalent in thirteen cities of that state.

Missouri reported epidemic in seven cities; Minnesota in thirty-six districts; Colorado in seven cities and Kansas in seven cities and many counties. There is a serious epidemic at Oklahoma City with many cases in other parts of Oklahoma. The disease was increasing in North Dakota, New Mexico, Arizona, Idaho, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming and Montana.

In the District of Columbia both the number of new cases of influenza and of deaths increased to-day and portable hospitals were opened to take care of the overflow from public and private institutions.

Although influenza cases in army camps increased slightly the number of pneumonia cases, 1,599 being reported during the twenty-four hour period ending at noon to-day, was a considerable increase over yesterday's figures. Deaths were 657 against 654 yesterday. Influenza cases reported from all camps since the epidemic began now total 278,945; pneumonia cases, 42,675 and deaths 133,681.