

STATE REPORTS ON INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

(By Associated Press.)

Harrisburg, Oct. 22.—The state department of health tonight announced that 13,271 deaths had occurred in Pennsylvania from influenza and its complications since October 1. In the same period 5238 deaths have occurred from pneumonia.

To 6 p. m. today 6,132 new cases had been reported, steady increases having been reported from Allegheny, Cambria, Armstrong, Westmoreland and Bedford counties and parts of Fayette. The department received reports that the estimated number of cases in Luzerne is 10,000.

IMPROVEMENT IN INFLUENZA SITUATION THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

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Washington, Oct. 22.—A slight improvement in the influenza situation over the country was indicated by reports received to-day by the public health service but in many places the epidemic apparently has yet to reach its crest. In the far west and on the Pacific coast the situation has not proved nearly as serious as it did in the east and south.

Continued abatement of the epidemic in army camps was reported to-day to the office of the surgeon general of the army. New cases during the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-day totalled 2,773, against 3,007, the day before, while deaths decreased from 404 to 392. There was a slight increase in the number of pneumonia cases.

Army medical officers said influenza may now be said to be epidemic in only five camps, the others reporting less than fifty new cases each daily. The total cases since the disease became epidemic number 292,770 with 15,497 deaths.

In the east and south generally conditions among the civilian population are rapidly improving, according to reports to the public health service.