

# INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC HERE WORSE THAN EVER

## Increase in Number of New Cases Reported, Due Likely to Change in Weather.

The influenza epidemic took on a more appreciable proportion since the influenza outbreak at the Allentown Hotel reported yesterday. The number of cases reported at the hotel, which is a large hotel, is reported to be about 100 cases reported at the hotel.

The influenza epidemic at the hotel is due to the change in weather which has caused the influenza virus to become more active. The influenza virus is active in the cold weather.

Three cases were reported from the Hotel Sterling, namely Russell Conrad, a travelling salesman; John Spanger, a railroader, and Mrs. Ida Hill, a housekeeper.

Mrs. Allen Schwarz, of No. 337 N. Fifth street, and eight-year-old daughter, Mildred, were reported ill.

Mrs. Louise Gladstone, of No. 136 North Ninth street; Mrs. Philip Mintz, of 230 North Fourth street, and Mrs. Mamie Leidner, wife of Officer Leidner, are among the sick.

The Allentown Hospital force is being daily weakened by the disease. Miss Caroline Innes, another nurse, was stricken yesterday along with Catherine Hook, Helena Katariski, both maids, and Percy Karl, an orderly.

The family of Louis Long, 536 Greenleaf street, is hard hit by the disease, four being confined to the house.

Russell Conrad, of 1118 Allen street, is ill at his home and four cases are reported at the home of Ellis Hausman, 189 Green street.

Mrs. Frederick Muller, of No. 1106 Linden street, a former trained nurse, who answered the call for volunteer nurses at the Allentown Hospital two weeks ago and who had devoted several hours daily to hospital work, has been taken sick with influenza.

The influenza epidemic has been practically stamped out at Camp Crane. Two additional cases were reported there on Thursday and only three new cases were reported up until noon yesterday.