

VITAL STATISTICS OF PENNSYLVANIA IN INFLUENZA PLAGUE

Harrisburg, Oct. 31. The state department of health tonight reported 3,558 new cases of influenza from twenty counties and 1,116 deaths from influenza and pneumonia in twenty-four hours. There have been 23,996 deaths reported since October 1, of which 21,947 were caused by influenza. Seven more Red Cross nurses arrived to-day from New England and were sent to Emergency Hospitals and acting Commissioner Royer tonight reported that doctors and nurses are still needed.

A statement issued at the department to-night said:

"There will be no early lifting of the closing ban in the city of Pittsburgh unless reports on the influenza situation show marked improvement within the next few days. The state department of health has been making special investigation of conditions in Allegheny county and its finds are encouraging. Dr. B. Franklin Meyer, acting commissioner of health, announced tonight that Allegheny county to date has a total of 42,385 cases of influenza. There were 828 cases of influenza reported to-day and the number of deaths still remains very high. The city of Pittsburgh had a total of 593 new cases of influenza to-day seventy-two new cases of pneumonia. There were 151 deaths in Pittsburgh to-day from influenza and pneumonia, according to reports received."

Scranton, Allentown, Erie and Erie-Barré reported new cases as did York and Luzerne counties.

Royer tonight issued a notice requiring dealers of Lancaster to furnish them against sales of liquor on evidence upon which to base a case was being gathered.