

# MANY INFLUENZA CASES IN THE PERKIOMEN VALLEY

Influenza continues to spread in the Perkiomen Valley sections east of Pennsburg, Mumbauerstown, Spinnerstown, Trumbauersville, Kumry, Zionsville and Powder Valley report a spread of the disease in their respective communities.

Trumbauersville has several new cases and some of those reported last week have recovered. Three deaths have occurred there. The latest being Wallace Laut. The other two deaths were Harvey Kline and Elmer Shelly. Leo Heinhart was seriously ill during the week but yesterday afternoon his condition was reported improving with a probable chance of recovery.

There are still at least fifty cases in that town. New cases reported this week are: Harvey Swartz, Alice George, Jacob Crouthamel, Jennie Crouthamel, Thomas Detwiler, Florence Frantz, Frank Levy, William Haring and Mrs. Henry Schantz.

The Kumry school was closed on Wednesday evening as a precaution in the spread of the disease in that section. All but Mr. Miller in the family of Allen Miller are ill. In the family of William Wolf all are confined to bed but Mrs. Wolf.

Yoder's School near Old Zionsville, is closed the teacher and nearly all the pupils being ill of the disease.

The Shimersville school which was closed on account of the epidemic reopened on Tuesday but many of the children are absent due to suffering from influenza.

Several cases have developed in Pennsburg and the upper end towns and Upper Hanover and surrounding country reports a new outbreak.

## WAR ON INFLUENZA BY HEALTH SERVICE

Instructions received from the State Department of Health, are as follows:

"This department has not authorized placarding or quarantining for Influenza neither do we approve performing disinfection for this disease at its termination. You are, therefore, directed not to placard or perform disinfection for Influenza regardless of requests that may come to you."

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Surgeon-General Blue, of the Public Health Service, in a bulletin recently issued to physicians states that:

"Sources of Infection—The secretions from the nose, throat, and respiratory passages of cases or carriers."

"Mode of Transmission—By direct contact or indirect contact through the use of handkerchiefs, common towels, cups, mess gear, or other objects contaminated with fresh secretions. Droplet infection plays an important part."

"Method of Control—Avoid the infected individual and his environment."

"Isolation—Bed isolation of infected individual during the course of disease. Screens between ward beds are to be recommended."

"Immunization—Vaccines are used with only partial success."

"Quarantine—None; impracticable."

"Concurrent Disinfection—Thorough cleansing, airing, and sunning. The causative organism is short lived outside the host."

"General Measures—The attendant of the case should wear a gauze mask. During epidemics persons should avoid crowded assemblages, street cars and the like. Education as regards the danger of promiscuous coughing and spitting. Patients, because of the tendency to the development of broncho pneumonia should be treated in well ventilated, warm rooms."