

# 52 DEATHS IN 10 DAYS IN SILVERTON; 500 CASES OF THE DREADED INFLUENZA

## Not Enough Grave Diggers or Nurses; Some Doctors Imported

The reports about the epidemic of Spanish influenza in Silverton are not exaggerated. The Daily Press called up the mayor of Silverton Saturday morning and asked him for an unexpanding, fair story of the actual conditions. He stated that there had been in all about 500 cases of influenza and a total of 52 deaths. Thirteen people died Thursday, eight Friday and four had passed away Saturday morning up to 9 a. m. He stated that there seemed to be no checking in the epidemic to date. A vast majority of the cases and practically all of the deaths have been among the miner's families. Families prominent in that little city, have

escaped serious inroads.

He stated that the fatality where pneumonia followed the influenza was about 100 per cent or very close to it. The situation is most critical and graves cannot be dug fast enough to bury the dead. He says that some doctors have been imported but that they are in great need of nurses and volunteers will be permitted to pass the quarantine and be given free access to Silverton.

Silverton is one of the most unlucky places in the state in regard to influenza, and it is to be hoped that the arrival of winter this week will do much towards stamping it out.