

LARGER DEATH TOLL IS TAKEN BY PNEUMONIA

Fewer Cases of Influenza but Fatalities Increase. To Open Car Windows.

NEW HOSPITAL SURE

Deaths from influenza and pneumonia in Pittsburgh yesterday reached a total of 35 for a period of 26 hours. This is four more than for the previous 26-hour period, and is thought to show that the epidemic tide of the disease is rising, although the number of new cases of influenza was smaller than on the previous day. Another death from influenza reported to the Health Department yesterday did not occur in Pittsburgh, but the body of the victim was sent here for burial.

The number of cases of influenza reported for 26 hours ending at 11 o'clock last night was 247, a daily decrease of 122 cases and a total of 1,371 cases reported to the health authorities of the city since the disease reached Pittsburgh in epidemic form. There were 27 new cases of pneumonia, making a total of 140 since October 1.

These figures do not include the cases at the military camps, which keep their own records. The most significant thing about them is the increasing number of fatalities due to pneumonia. Of the 35 deaths, three were due to influenza, 13 to influenza and pneumonia, and 19 to pneumonia.

Emergency Hospital Plans.

The committee of hospital superintendents at their meeting yesterday

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considered the question of opening an emergency hospital. There is said to have been a difference of opinion about it, some holding that the existing hospital capacity ought to be used to the utmost before a new hospital is opened.

Others expressed the opinion that the emergency hospital ought to be secured as soon as possible. This view prevailed and the committee decided that the emergency hospital will at least be made ready. A committee went on a hunt for a building, and is said to have practically decided

upon one, although its location was not made public.

Director of Health W. H. Davis will hold a conference over the matter this afternoon at 2 o'clock with the members of the city Council. His plans will be laid informally before them and, as an appropriation for the hospital may be asked from the city later, he will inform them of all the work that is being done or contemplated that is likely to cost the city money.

Director Davis yesterday announced that the windows of school cars shall be kept closed for a long period of time. This is the rule at Philadelphia. In Washington, windows were open. Mr. Davis thought that the milder climate of Washington ought to be considered in this matter and decided to adopt the Philadelphia rule.

Director Davis also gave orders that the glasses, dishes and spoons used at soda fountains shall be sterilized after use. The enforcement of this rule was placed in charge of J. C. McNair, superintendent of the food inspection department of the department.

At the meeting of the health department yesterday afternoon, the following resolutions were adopted: That the windows of school cars shall be kept closed for a long period of time. That the windows of school cars shall be kept closed for a long period of time. That the windows of school cars shall be kept closed for a long period of time.

Two boys, 12 and 13 years of age, who had been scolding in a bar were ordered by the police yesterday to leave the establishment and keep themselves out of the streets for 24 hours. They promised to comply with the order and no arrests were made.

Supt. W. M. Davidson of the Pittsburgh schools has issued rules for the guidance of children which were prepared by Dr. H. B. Burns, director of the Department of Hygiene. They are as follows:

- 1. Air—Inside air is never so good as that of outdoors. Be in the open air every minute that you can.
- 2. Sunshine—Sunshine stops the growth of the germs of sickness. Let the sun shine freely into your home and upon your clothing.
- 3. Sleep—Children need at least 10 hours sleep each night. Sleep with the bedroom windows open top and bottom.
- 4. Bathing—Bathe at least twice a

week, better once a day. Wash-draw every day, winter as well as summer, and always outdoors if you can.

Milk—Milk is the very best food for growing children. Drink three or four glasses of it every day. Use condensed milk, if you cannot get fresh milk, comfortably and cheaply. Keep warm by exercise, play and deep breathing.

Water—Drink three or four glasses of water every day.

Food—Wash your hands always before eating. Eat slowly and chew all your food well.

Medical—Do not keep these germs in your nostrils, windows and doors for weeks. Keep your nose clean and wash it often.

A shell, containing germs and ready to start a new epidemic, is as dangerous as a bomb.

Inspector Charles H. Davis, chief of the Department of Public Safety yesterday issued orders to policemen throughout the city to stop all persons from expelling air on the sidewalks and to notify mechanics and residents not to stop off their pavements during the rush hours. The issuing of the order followed a conference with Director Davis and was to help prevent the spreading of influenza.

Just Grip, Says Dr. Koenig.

Dr. Albert Koenig, who is a member of the board of directors of the Pittsburgh Department of Health, and is also a member of the board of directors of the Pittsburgh Board of Health, said yesterday that the epidemic of influenza is not a new disease, but is a return of the grip.

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Dr. Koenig said that it mixes with other bacteria in the human system and is hard to find or isolate. The germs are so small that it would require many millions of them to make an inch.