

RED CROSS BUSY IN CHECKING EPIDEMIC

Every Possible Aid Fur-
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Officials.

WORK NIGHT AND DAY

At headquarters of Pittsburgh Chapter, American Red Cross, a large force of volunteer workers has been busy day and night aiding the local military and health authorities in their efforts to check the spread of influenza. A brief account of the labors performed by the Red Cross during the last week was given to the executive committee of the chapter yesterday by Edward A. Woods, chairman of the civilian relief department, and also chairman of the special committee on influenza of the Red Cross.

As an instance of the kind of work that is being done by the Red Cross, Mr. Woods said that he and a large number of his assistants worked until after midnight Saturday providing

equipment for 60 beds for a special hospital established by the Red Cross at Ambridge, 100 beds to provide for the special epidemic hospital at the Concordia Club and 100 beds for the Kingsley House, which has been taken over as a hospital in the present emergency.

Furnished 10,000 Masks.

All day Sunday and late Sunday night Mr. Woods and his aids were helping the health and military authorities.

The Red Cross on Saturday and Sunday supplied 10,000 influenza masks to the city health department and day and night has been furnishing automobiles and drivers from the chapter transportation department, of which Frank J. Lanchigan is chairman. On behalf of everyone who is endeavoring to check the spread of the disease in Pittsburgh Mr. Woods yesterday tendered a vote of thanks to the transportation department.

Mr. Woods said if the public knew the extent of the need there would be thousands of women volunteering to work in the hospitals to which the influenza victims are being sent. Mr. Woods said the need is not only for nurses, but for women who can do all kinds of work, including laundry work. All women who have the time and who wish to render some patriotic service at this time are asked to volunteer and to communicate with Miss Katherine Dempster at the chapter headquarters in the Cham-

ber of Commerce Building.

The Home Service Department of the chapter is sending its workers into homes of afflicted men that influenza has invaded. In some of these the Red Cross is taking care of the families. The public is asked by Mr. Woods not to call in doctors unless they are really needed. The demands made upon the doctors of the community during the last week or 10 days have been very heavy.

Ready for Any Emergency.

The Canteen Service of the Red Cross is ready to meet any emergency in the feeding of families in need. The branches and auxiliaries have been instructed to co-operate with all local relief organizations. The branches and auxiliaries have been asked also to present their requisitions for supplies at the chapter headquarters.

To illustrate the supplies that have

been tendered to the military authorities, Mr. Woods gave a long list of materials furnished to the Magee Hospital alone, which included blankets, sheets, pillow cases, towels, wash cloths, surgical gowns, pajamas, shirts, hot-water bottles, masks, bath robes, slings, ice caps, paper napkins, paper tray covers, pneumonia jackets, tooth brushes, sputum cups, tooth picks, thermometers and atomizers.