

PEAK NOT HIT BY RISING TIDE OF INFLUENZA.

Largest Number of Cases
in Any One Day Indicates
Many Must Suffer.

MORE INOCULATIONS

The continued spread of the influenza epidemic in Pittsburgh was clearly indicated yesterday by a report to the Department of Health of 252 new cases for the 24-hour period ending at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. There were 131 new cases in the previous 24-hour period.

The peak of the disease has not been reached and officials are apparently still relying on the theory that there is a peak. In fact it is beginning to appear as though they expected practically everybody to "get it." There have been six weeks of it in Boston and the number of new cases reported daily is still very large.

More Deaths Reported.

The total number of cases of the disease in Pittsburgh since the physicians were ordered to report it is now 6,729. There were 89 new cases of pneumonia yesterday, making a total of 489 since the epidemic started.

The deaths reported to the Pittsburgh Health Department for the 24 hours ending at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon included 35 from pneumonia, 58 from influenza and pneumonia and one from pneumonia, or a total of 94.

Between 4 p. m. and midnight 43 more deaths were reported, of which 15 were from pneumonia, five from influenza, and 23 from influenza and pneumonia.

All the employees of the Bureau of Inoculation in the city government were yesterday turned over to the Health Department for service in fighting the influenza. Most of them were put at clerical work, there being no data to compile. The women in the bureau, 20 in number, volunteered to nurse influenza patients under proper direction, showing a great deal of courage and self-sacrifice as they are not trained nurses. It had not been decided yesterday afternoon to put them at this kind of work.

Dr. Marks' Valuable Advice.

In connection with the matter Dr. Philip Marks, superintendent of the Bureau of Infectious Diseases, was asked what the nurses and others who must handle the cases do to protect themselves, with the idea that valuable information for the use of the general public might be obtained from his answer. Dr. Marks said:

Persons who must visit cases of influenza are advised to cover the mouth with a piece of buttered cloth, using three thicknesses of the cloth. A handkerchief doubled will answer the same purpose. After the visit the hands should be carefully washed.

The germs of influenza are received from a person having the disease. They are not carried in the air. Therefore, the greatest care should be exercised to avoid persons having it, and this means that all crowding should be avoided. The less contact of persons with another in a time like this the better.

There is no thoroughly effective way to prevent the disease from spreading after it has reached a city, and therefore it may be supposed that all those who are in the least susceptible will have it before the epidemic is completely gone. A severe attack may be contracted from a person having no light in attack that he may not know he has it at all.

Draft Board Inoculated.

The work of inoculating its employees with "anti-flu serum" was continued yesterday by the Carnegie Steel Company and a great many were inoculated.

In addition the members of the country draft appeals board were inoculated, as were all their employees. Steps toward inoculation have been very effective at Army camps. No steps toward inoculation have been taken by the Health Department.

About 60 employees of the Bell Telephone Company were inoculated yesterday by Dr. Mark Baldwin and 600 more will be inoculated today.

Abe Martin



Nothing makes mother as mad as for th' family to use butter when she makes gravy.

We don't know which is th' worse nuisance—the feller that likes 'cha himself talk or th' feller that hands you a clipping 'o' read.

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Employees at the William Penn and Fort Pitt hotels also were inoculated.

Most of the large industrial concerns are preparing to inoculate their employees. Enough serum to inoculate 100,000 persons has been ordered for them. Men working in banks, insurance offices and other business places also are to be vaccinated against the influenza. Some of the serum is to be obtained from New York, while other facilities are being drawn upon for all that can be spared. The National Tube Company has arranged for the inoculation of all its employees.

Among 53 influenza and pneumonia patients in the South Side Hospital yesterday were eight from one house at 157 Wabash avenue, West End—James Horstman, Carl Horstman, Clyde Horstman, Ralph Horstman, Carl Horstman, May Horstman, Elizabeth Hammond and John Hammond.

Red Cross Needs 300 Nurses To Fight Spanish Influenza

Fear of Spanish influenza is keeping many women from engaging in the fight against the epidemic in Allegheny county, according to Miss Katherine Demaster, director of nursing service, Pittsburgh Chapter, American Red Cross.

The Pittsburgh Chapter of the Red Cross needs 100 graduate nurses and 200 practical nurses and nurse aids now. Yesterday eight nurses volunteered and were detailed to duty from chapter headquarters. Of this number two were sent to a coal mining settlement in the Monongahela valley, where the epidemic has been spreading at an alarming rate. During the day the Red Cross sent nurses to Ambler, the Magee Hospital and the Red Cross Emergency Hospital at Edgeworth.