

# EPIDEMIC STILL

## RAGES IN STATE

### Massachusetts Calls on Vermont for Physicians and Nurses; None Can Be Sent

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### DIE IN TRAINING CAMP

#### Deaths of Vermont Boys Coming in as Result of Disease's Ravage in Other States

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Montpelier, Sept. 27.—Reports from different sections of the state show but little improvement in the influenza epidemic which is holding many parts of Vermont in its grip. While the rural sections are in many instances effected, the cities and larger villages are feeling the ravages of the disease most heavily. While Vermont is having her hands full endeavoring to check the malady, Massachusetts is having, by reason of her more densely populated districts, a still more serious time. A telegram received yesterday by Dr. C. F. Dalton, of Burlington, secretary of the Vermont State Board of Health from Massachusetts State Health Department calls for help, urging that any physicians or nurses at liberty to go to Massachusetts and aid in the prevention work there, that state guaranteeing all wages and transportation.

In this city schools have been closed because of the number of teachers and pupils ill with the grip. The hospital is filled to capacity and extra help of lay women as nurses has been engaged. Dr. E. A. Colton of the National Life Insurance Co and Dr. L. A. Newcomb specializing in eye and ear work are fading in general practice. Nothing has been done here as yet toward closing moving picture houses and prohibiting public gatherings.

In White River Junction village the schools have been closed, more than 100 pupils being reported ill with the grip.

Many cases of the disease are reported in Middlebury, the college itself being badly hit. One death of a student occurred yesterday morning. Charles H. Thomson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Thomson, of Maplewood, N. J. succumbed to pneumonia following a serious attack of influenza. He was 20 years old.

Vermont is also feeling the ravages of the disease which is raging in other states. Several Vermonters in training camp having died at Camp Devens and elsewhere.