

INFLUENZA FEAR FROM CHECKED IN ARMY POSTS

More Than 14,000 New Cases Reported to Surg.-Gen. in 24 Hours

CONTROLLED AT DEVENS

Civilian Cases in Boston Show an Alarming Increase

WASHINGTON, October 1.—Spanish influenza continues to spread in Army camps. More than 14,000 new cases were reported to the office of the Surgeon-General during the twenty-four hours ending at noon today. This was an increase over yesterday of 3600 cases. Pneumonia also increased, with 2003, and 300 deaths.

The total number of influenza cases in all camps now is 38,000, while pneumonia cases number 6769. Deaths since the epidemic began numbered 1877.

APPEAR AT CUSTER

Camp Custer, Mich., where influenza had not previously appeared, reported 2764 cases. The most serious increase was at Camp Meade, Md., which reported 1327 cases, against 396 yesterday. Camp Pike, Ark., again reported more than 1000 cases, while Camp Hancock, Ga., reported 716 cases against two the day before. At Camp Funston, Kas., the number of cases increased from 141 to 756. Camp Devens, Mass., was the only one which did not report an increase.

PNEUMONIA DEATHS FEW

Despite the alarming increase in influenza cases, the pneumonia death rate continues low, reports showing that pneumonia has developed in only one of every thirteen cases.

The malady also has appeared among the 4000 apprentices at the Shipping Board's training base at Boston. Chairman Hurley announced tonight that success in checking the spread of the disease and in reducing the mortality had been attained by an easily applied system.

Henry Howard, director of the recruiting service, reports that fresh air and sunshine are the principal elements in the treatment of the malady at the training base.

Chairman Hurley said plans of the huts can be secured by writing Henry Howard at Boston.

WORK HOURS CHANGED

Because of the prevalence of influenza in Washington, an order was issued today with the approval of the President, changing the hours at which employes of Government bureaus will go to work, beginning Thursday. The order is designed to prevent crowding of street cars and will affect approximately 75,000 workers.

Acting on recommendation of the health authorities, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia issued an order today prohibiting all parades until the disease is stamped out.

NEW YORK, October 1.—Discovery of a serum which, he said, preliminary experimentation indicates will act as a preventive for Spanish influenza was announced tonight by Health Commissioner Copeland. The vaccine is being prepared for use by physicians, and will be ready for distribution in a few days.

The serum, discovered by Dr. William H. Farke, the Health Department bacteriologist, is made from influenza germs obtained from persons in the early stages of the malady, combined with bacilli procured at autopsies upon the bodies of victims of the disease. It is not claimed the treatment will cure the disease.

Speaking of the growth of the epidemic here, Dr. Copeland predicted increases for some days in the number of cases.

Ninety-five per cent of the deaths here were of persons between 15 and 45 years of age, and men were easier victims than women, he said.

BOULDER (Col.), October 1.—Alfred Lambert of Roundup, Mont., and Silver Ream of Silesia, Mont., students at the University of Colorado, died from Spanish influenza.

SHIPYARDS HAMPERED

PHILADELPHIA, October 1.—The number of cases of Spanish influenza at the great Hog Island shipyard has increased to such an extent that Charles M. Schwab, Director-General of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, today showed concern as to the effect it will have on ship production. It was estimated that at least 2000 men engaged in yard construction and shipbuilding are suffering from the disease in varying degrees.

At the New York shipbuilding yard in Camden, N. J., it was estimated that more than 500 men were off duty because of influenza. The Pusey & Jones shipyard at Gloucester is also affected.

ALARM IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, October 1.—Fourteen deaths and 370 new cases of influenza were reported in Chicago today. Alarm was expressed over the shortage of doctors, nurses and hospital accommodations.

Influenza and pneumonia continues unchecked at Camp Meade. There were ten deaths and 1590 new cases in the last twenty-four hours, a total of forty-two deaths and 5000 cases.

BOSTON DEATHS INCREASE

BOSTON, October 1.—Official reports sent to Washington tonight stated that the influenza epidemic was practically over at Camp Devens and in the First Naval District, but that it is "still on the increase" among the civilian population in many places in Massachusetts.

Reports showed 8140 new cases and 69 deaths, exclusive of Boston and Army and Navy stations.

In Boston there were 152 deaths from influenza and fifty from pneumonia for the twenty-four-hour period ending at 10 o'clock tonight. This exceeds by thirty-one the highest day's total since the epidemic started. Since September 14 there have been 1671 deaths in Boston.

ROCKFORD (Ill.), October 1.—

Twenty-four deaths from influenza were recorded today at Camp Grant, bringing the total death list since the beginning of the epidemic to fifty-six.

EL PASO (Tex.), October 1.—Fifty cases of Spanish influenza were reported at the Fort Bliss Army base hospital today, increasing the total to 100.

MINNEAPOLIS, October 1.—From the Government military hospital at Fort Snelling forty new cases of influenza were reported, bringing the total there to 300 cases.

HELENA (Mont.), October 1.—

The State Board of Health is informed there are 350 cases of influenza in Scooby, Sheridan county, and four deaths have resulted. Only one physician is on the scene and aid is needed. Fifteen cases of influenza