

# HEALTH EXPERTS TO MAP DRIVE ON INFLUENZA

## State Convention to Be Given Over Entirely to Discus- sion of Epidemic

SACRAMENTO, October 11.—A convention of all health officers of California, scheduled to open Tuesday at Riverside, Cal., will be devoted exclusively to discussion of measures for dealing with the Spanish influenza epidemic, Dr. W. H. Kellogg, secretary of the State Board of Health, announced today. The convention was to have extended over four days, but it has been shortened to a one-day session. Uniform plans for meeting the emergency probably will be adopted.

PITTSBURG (Pa.), October 11.—Dr. George F. Baer of the Homeopathic Hospital staff here announced this afternoon that he has found a successful cure and preventive for Spanish influenza. In announcing the result of experiments since the epidemic began, Dr. Baer said the preparation used is not a scientific secret, but a combination of iodine and creosote.

### DECLINE IN CAMPS

WASHINGTON, October 11.—The epidemic of Spanish influenza, which has reached practically every section of the country, continued today, with no signs of abatement.

New cases in army camps showed a slight decline in the twenty-four hours ending at noon today, but pneumonia cases increased over yesterday. Influenza cases reported to the Surgeon-General of the Army numbered 12,024, pneumonia cases 2524 and deaths 392. Yesterday's reports showed 12,321 new cases of influenza, 2797 new cases of pneumonia and 389 deaths.

The total number of influenza cases at camps since the beginning of the epidemic has reached 223,000, pneumonia cases 27,907, and deaths 3335.

### ORDERED DISCONTINUED

Intensive training and other strenuous work at all Army camps was ordered discontinued by Acting Secretary Crowell during the epidemic. Crowding and overexertion are to be avoided and all exercises are to be in lighter form.

CAPE TOWN (Thursday), October 10.—An epidemic of Spanish influenza is spreading with alarming rapidity in Cape Town and other sections of South Africa. The situation is becoming increasingly serious in the native quarter of Cape Town, where whole households are lying helpless.

RENO (Nev.), October 10.—As a precaution against Spanish influenza the State Board of Health has ordered the closing of all theaters, churches, dance halls and public places in Reno. Five cases have developed here, including two nurses. More are suspected. Plans for the Liberty loan parade have been canceled. Schools will remain open under medical supervision. The authorities are considering asking Federal aid.

EUREKA, October 11.—Four cases of what was said to be Spanish influenza were ordered isolated tonight by the local board of health. Mayor George W. Cousins announced if any further cases developed by next Monday all schools and churches and other places of public gathering would be closed immediately.