

# Influenza Spread Fought in Thirty States of Nation

WASHINGTON, October 17.—The public health service now is actively directing the fight against Spanish influenza in thirty states, in addition to the whole of New England and the District of Columbia. Particular attention is being given to providing nurses and supplying physicians for those communities where the doctors are unable to meet all calls made on them. The epidemic continues to spread in many sections. In a few States the number of new cases is showing decreases.

New cases of influenza in all camps during the last twenty-four-hour period totaled 4454, as against 5668 the day before. Pneumonia cases decreased from 1895 to 1800 and deaths were 684, a decrease from yesterday's total.

Reports on the influenza situation were received by the public health service today from thirty-three states. Most of these dealt with conditions as they existed several days ago and added little to new dispatches previously sent out from the states affected. They showed that the disease had reached epidemic proportions in Nebraska and was spreading in California, New York, Missouri, Kentucky, Iowa, Illinois, North Dakota, Ohio, Washington and Wisconsin. Conditions were described as satisfactory in Oregon, Minnesota, West Virginia and Tennessee.

To provide additional funds for fighting the epidemic, Senator Lewis of Illinois today introduced a bill in the Senate to appropriate \$10,000,000 in addition to the \$1,000,000 already provided by Congress. The money would be expended through the health departments of states and municipalities.

NEW YORK, October 17.—Supplementing advices announced by the State Department October 4 that Spanish influenza was raging in Teheran, Persia, the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief received information today that more than half of the population of 40,000 at Kasbin, ninety miles northwest of Teheran, have been incapacitated by the epidemic. The British military authorities have requested the American commission for relief in Persia, headed by Dr. Harry Pratt Judson of Chicago, to establish headquarters in Mesopotamia at Bakuba.