

EPIDEMIC IN THE EAST UNCHECKED

Twenty Die in Boston; Army and Navy Medical Staffs Called to Aid.

BOSTON, September 23.—The epidemic of influenza and pneumonia continued without abatement in cities and towns surrounding Boston to-day, although reports to health officials indicated an improvement in the situation here.

Twenty deaths from influenza were reported to the Boston Health Department for the twelve-hour period ending at 10 a. m. to-day as against sixty-three in twenty-four hours yesterday.

NAVY STAFF CALLED.

QUINCY (Mass.), September 23.—Naval doctors and nurses were called into service here to-day to assist in handling cases of influenza and pneumonia. More than forty deaths from these diseases have occurred and it is estimated that in the Fore River district alone there are 3,000 cases of influenza among employees of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation.

25 ARMY CAMPS HIT.

WASHINGTON, September 23.—Spanish influenza has made its appearance in at least twenty-five army camps over the country. The surgeon-general's office announced tonight that the total number of cases has increased to 20,211, including 2,225 new cases reported to-day.

Seven camps reported influenza for the first time to-day.

Camp Lewis, Wash., reported twenty-two new cases to-day.

The epidemic continues most severe at Camp Devens, Mass., General Gorgas said. The total number of cases reported from that camp up to noon to-day was 10,700. Camp Dix, with 1,897 cases, is second. At Camp Devens the number of pneumonia cases is high, 424 new cases having been reported during the past four days.

Influenza cases reported in western camps, excluding camps reporting to-day for the first time, shows:

Logan, Tex., 175; Funston, Kas., 181, and Travis, Tex., 37.

400 CASES IN CAMP.

CAMP GRANT (Ill.), September 23.—There are 400 cases of influenza at Camp Grant, according to the camp medical authorities. The first appeared on Saturday afternoon. Nearly all of these cases are in the base hospital.

Camp authorities said to-day they believed that the peak of the epidemic had been reached and that it will be checked. There have been no deaths.

65 DIE AT DEVENS.

AYER (Mass.), September 23.—Although 65 deaths resulting from influenza and pneumonia occurred at Camp Devens during the last 24 hours, officials expressed confidence to-day that the height of the epidemic had passed.

200 IN HOSPITAL.

BALTIMORE (Md.), September 23.—About 200 men from Camp Holabird and the government depot at Curtis Bay are in the general hospital at Fort Mchenry suffering from a malady believed to be Spanish influenza. The epidemic first made its appearance last Friday.