

FEWER CASES OF INFLUENZA IN U.S. CAMPS

Reports to Surgeon General Show Slight Improvement, but an Increase in Pneumonia Patients

Rapid Spread of Disease in South Offset by Subsidence in East; Total Cases to Date 223,000

(By Associated Press.)

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

Detailed reports as to its spread among the civilian population were not available at the Public Health Service Bureau tonight, but officials said nothing had been received to indicate that the malady had even reached its peak.

New cases of influenza in army camps showed a slight decline, in the twenty-four hours ending at noon today, but pneumonia cases increased over yesterday.

12,024 NEW CASES.

Influenza cases reported to the surgeon-general of the Army numbered 12,024, pneumonia cases 2,824, and deaths 892.

Yesterday's reports showed 12,321 new cases of influenza, 2,797 new cases of pneumonia and 889 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 8,335.

Rapid spread of the epidemic was reported from Camp Travis, Texas, with 1,117 new cases; at Camp Dodge, Iowa, with 1,066, and at Camp McArthur, Texas, with 653.

Camp Funston, Kan., reported more than 500 new cases; Camp Taylor, Ky., 437, and Camp Sheridan, Ala., 342.

Marked subsidence of the disease was shown in reports received from several camps, including Camps Grant, Illinois, and Dix, New Jersey.

PNEUMONIA INCREASING.

Pneumonia showed the greatest increase today at Camp Dodge, with 329 new cases; Camp Taylor, 206; Camp Funston, 192, and Camp Custer, Mich., 160.

Seventy-three deaths from pneumonia, resulting from influenza, the largest number in a twenty-four-hour period since the disease appeared, occurred in Washington, between noon yesterday and today. New cases were somewhat less than yesterday, totalling 1,472.

Commissioners of the District of Columbia today ordered owners of apartment and rooming houses to heat their buildings to a temperature of not less than 70 degrees. This action was taken after many complaints had been received from war workers as to the lack of heat.

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NEW YORK TO ENACT ANTI-SNEEZING LAW

NEW YORK, October 11.—Sneezers and coughers who fail to use handkerchiefs when the explosions occur in public are to be subject to \$500 fine or a year in prison.

Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Health Commissioner, will ask the Board of Health to adopt a law to that effect.

It will conform to similar action taken today by the State Board of Health to apply to the State outside of New York city.

Orders were issued today that children under 16 be barred from moving picture shows, theatres and other places of public entertainment.

A corps of seventy-five health squad policemen started out to enforce regulations designed to lessen the spread of influenza.

Another startling leap upward was made in the number of new cases reported today, the record being 4,293 new cases, as compared with 3,077 yesterday, an advance of 1,216.

Today's deaths from the disease were 185, as against 157 deaths yesterday.

Records of new pneumonia cases and deaths also showed a sharp advance. There were 494 new cases and 210 deaths, as against 305 cases and 185 deaths yesterday.

U. S. APPEALS TO DOCTORS OF 3 STATES

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DR. W. C. BILLINGS of the United States Public Health Service last night issued the following appeal to doctors in this territory:

The United States Public Health Service immediately desires to obtain names of all physicians in California, Nevada and Arizona who will volunteer, as a patriotic duty, for instant service in any of the States mentioned during the present epidemic of influenza, should the necessity for their services arise.

Compensation is allowed at the rate of \$200 per month, with traveling expenses and subsistence up to \$4 per diem for time actually employed.

Volunteers are requested to send their names, age and medical school to Dr. Billings, room 420, 75 New Montgomery street, San Francisco.

PUBLIC WARNED BY DR. HASSLER

Health Officer Advises Lots of Exercise and Especially Avoidance of Crowds.

San Francisco cases of Spanish influenza reached the 400 mark yesterday, according to Dr. William C. Hassler, Health Officer, sixty-five new cases of the disease being reported.

The fatalities to date in this city amount to five only.

Dr. Hassler, in an official bulletin yesterday, gives the following advice to the public:

Keep out in the open air, while this mild weather prevails.

Keep off crowded street cars, and away from crowds.

It is far wiser to walk, even if in a hurry, than be subjected to the disease. The exercise will increase one's resistance and assist materially in curbing the spread of the epidemic, which is traveling very fast here.

It is extremely advisable that the police department enforce the law prohibiting expectoration in public places.

It is the duty of all citizens to report every suspicious case immediately to the Board of Health.

Drink plenty of fresh water, keep clean, remain aloof from crowds, take plenty of exercise, and display extreme care for your general health.