

EPIDEMIC IN ARMY SUBSIDES

Peak Not Reached Among Civilian Population, Says Washington.

WASHINGTON, October 19.—Spanish influenza as an epidemic is subsiding rapidly in the military camps of the country, but among the civilian population generally the peak has not yet been reached.

Conditions in Eastern States, where the disease first appeared, showed improvement today, but reports from the South, the Middle West and Pacific coast were not optimistic.

New cases in army camps today showed a decrease of 1,043. Pneumonia decreased 238 from yesterday and the number of deaths was 158 less than yesterday, numbering 472.

Since the beginning of the epidemic cases reported from camps total 233,331, with 14,153 deaths. Camp McClellan, Alabama, with 354 new cases, led in the new cases today.

Public Health Service reports from California said 13,200 new cases had been recorded since Thursday, with only portions of the State reporting.

Colorado reported several deaths in Denver, while in Idaho the malady continues to spread. Conditions were said to be about stationary in Kansas. Louisiana reported the situation as "still unsatisfactory."

Cases were reported from a number of Missouri counties where the disease had not previously been found.

The number of cases in New York City was estimated at half a million, with a high mortality. In New Hampshire the situation is reported better.

District of Columbia health officials were inclined to the belief that the peak of the epidemic in the district has passed. Sixty-six deaths were reported today in comparison with 95 yesterday. New cases also showed a decrease.

SHAKING FOR DRINKS OFF DURING EPIDEMIC

The age-old game of shaking dice for drinks in saloons was stopped yesterday by order of Chief of Police White. Word was sent to all saloon-keepers to eliminate the game until further notice. This order is a result of the influenza epidemic. Chief White takes the view that crowds gathering to shake dice may spread the ailment.

16 DIE AT LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES, October 19.—A marked decrease in the number of deaths from influenza and influenza-pneumonia was shown tonight. Only sixteen deaths were reported today, as against twenty-eight the day before.

Since the epidemic started 5,265 cases have been reported, with 129 fatalities. Among the deaths yesterday was Dr. Maude Morrison, interne in charge of the influenza ward at the County Hospital.

SIX DIE AT KENNETT.

KENNETT, October 19.—Six deaths have occurred here in the last two days; A. Carattini, leading merchant; Paul Corby, telegraph operator; Antone Candoza, smelter man; G. Basaco, Harold Jansen, miner from the Balaklala, and Antonio Zorando, baker, being victims.

People Urged To Wear Masks Everywhere

ALL men and all boys of San Francisco and of all other cities should wear the dry gauze mask wherever they go—on the street—in cars—everywhere.

All women and girls should wear double chiffon veils.

This is the urgent appeal of the health officials who are struggling to check the spread of the Spanish influenza, which thus far has stricken 5,000 persons and caused 100 deaths in this city.

"If the public will do these things," said Health Officer W. C. Hassler last night, we are confident that we can master the epidemic within a week and that places of amusement might safely be re-opened."

A night conference at which this appeal was decided was attended by city and State health officers, and by Drs. Woods Hutchinson, William Ohpis, George B. Somers, Rene Bine, Leo Boesser and Harold Hill.

Dr. Hassler has telegraphed East for 200,000 portions of influenza vaccine, but there is no certainty that the vaccine will be forwarded.

25,000 Cases of Influenza in State Reported

4,000 New Patients in Yesterday's List to Health Board.

SACRAMENTO, October 19.—A total of 25,000 cases of influenza have been reported to the State Board of Health since the outbreak of Spanish influenza in California. It was announced today. This number included 4,000 new cases reported today.

TEACHERS' PAY ASSURED.

SACRAMENTO, October 19.—Teachers made idle by the closing of public schools in the State on account of the epidemic will receive their pay. Edward Hyatt, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, announced today.