

INFLUENZA IN ARMY REDUCED 50 PER CENT

Figures Show Crest of Epidemic Passed, but Precautions Will Be Necessary Several Weeks

California Localities as a Rule Show Improvement; 92,000 Cases of Disease Reported

WASHINGTON, October 31.—Steady improvement in health conditions at army camps and cantonments for the week ending October 25 is noted in the health report made public tonight at the office of the surgeon general of the army. With new influenza cases totaling a little more than 19,000 (decrease of more than 50 per cent from the previous week) and pneumonia cases (5,951) showing proportionate decrease, hospital admissions rate dropped to 1,792 and death rate to 92 per 1,000 from the previous week's 170 per 1,000.

While the figures show that the crest of the epidemic is now well passed, the report said influenza and pneumonia probably would be present in the camps for some weeks, possibly through the winter, due chiefly to the constant arrival of new men not before exposed to the disease.

New cases of influenza in the camps reported for the 24 hour period ending at noon today totaled 2,246 against 3,015 the day before. Pneumonia cases numbered 354 today, against 378 yesterday. Deaths reported at 135 were fewer than since the epidemic began September 13.

STATE CONDITIONS IMPROVE.

[By Associated Press.]

SACRAMENTO, October 31.—Notwithstanding the fact that several localities reported improved conditions, a large number of new cases of Spanish influenza were reported today to the State Board of Health. The total number of cases reported to date was approximately 92,000, it was announced.

There was a decrease of eighteen in the number of new cases reported in Sacramento city today.

Henry Evans, one of the defendants being held for trial here in connection with the Industrial Workers of the World conspiracy case, died today of influenza in the county jail. Three other defendants have died.

DECREASE IN LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES, October 31.—Influenza cases here reported to 11 o'clock today showed a decrease of 163 from the figure for the corresponding hour yesterday. The figure today was 506 new cases.

The city health, fire and street departments were co-operating today in an organized campaign to finish all paved streets and better sanitary conditions generally.

Dr. L. M. Powers, health commissioner, reported to a conference of city officials that the situation showed marked improvement. At his request it was decided to secure the passage of an emergency ordinance forbidding certain common practices such as beating rugs and carpets with safeguards against flying dust.