

CALLS NURSES TO FIGHT INFLUENZA

The Red Cross Mobilizing Forces —
Patients Crowding Hospitals

15 More Deaths Are Reported in Boston

As precautionary measures to prevent the further progress of the Spanish influenza epidemic, the Boston City Hospital yesterday closed the doors to visitors, except in emergency cases, the officers at Commonwealth Pier sent 1000 jackies to the muster grounds at Framingham, and the New England division of the American Red Cross sent out a mobilization call for enrolled nurses to report forthwith to combat the disease.

The malady is spreading so rapidly in civil, military and naval circles that the doctors are beginning to wonder where they will get hospital accommodations if any more persons become so ill with it that hospital treatment is necessary. Nearly every bed in the various hospitals in the city is occupied with patients suffering from every known ailment. The additional tax is too much for them and this is shown by the fact that at some of the institutions they have been forced to deny admission to many. This is especially true in local army circles.

Hospitals Hampered

Doctors and nurses attending the victims have become afflicted and have been forced to abandon their duties. The work at several local institutions is being hampered as a result. At the City Hospital 38 nurses have been stricken.
