

WHOLE COUNTRY IN GRIP'S GRASP

Epidemic Spreads to Middle West and on to the Pacific States

INCREASE IN CASES AT THE ARMY CAMPS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 — Spanish influenza now has spread to practically every part of the country. Reports today to the public health service showed the disease is epidemic in many western and Pacific coast states as well as in almost all regions east of the Mississippi river.

Its spread also continued in the army camps, the number of new cases reported being greater than on the day before.

All Sections Afflicted

Influenza now is epidemic at three places in Arizona, in Maryland, in many parts of Arkansas, in Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia and many other states. In Mississippi amusement places over the state have been ordered closed and public gatherings prohibited at Seattle, Bremerton, Pasco, Prosser, Sultan and Port Angeles, Wash.

The disease is reported from many parts of California, while in Texas the malady has been reported from 77 counties, with the number of cases varying from one to 4000 in each county. A slight increase is noted in the number of cases reported in Massachusetts, but in the District of Columbia the malady is spreading rapidly, more than 300 new cases being reported.

Increase at Army Camps

The epidemic continues in New Jersey and the public health service announced that a physician has been placed in charge at Perth Amboy in cooperation with the state and local health authorities. He had been directed to make the necessary arrangements for giving medical and nursing assistance. Aid was especially needed at this point, it was said, because of the recent explosion, which has increased the danger of the spread of influenza, pneumonia and other communicable diseases.

New cases of influenza reported today at army camps total 13,605, a slight increase over the number yesterday. There also was an increase in pneumonia cases, with 2,842 reported. The 820 deaths made a total of 6,348 in the camps since the epidemic started last month.

Camp Funston, Kan., reported 1,430 new influenza cases today, while Camp Custer, Mich., reported 1,000 and Camp Taylor, Ky., 607. The highest number of pneumonia cases 370, was reported at Camp Meade, Md., while Camp Custer had 275 new cases and Camp Grant, Ill., 201.