

# INFLUENZA CONDITIONS IN STATE CONTINUES VERY SERIOUS

(By Associated Press.)

Harrisburg, Oct. 9.—Reports from a majority of the districts in Pennsylvania show that in the last seven days there have been 1,482 deaths directly due to influenza or complications resulting therefrom, said Dr. Royer, commissioner of health to-night. In this same period there have been 769 deaths due to pneumonia. These are two separate groups of deaths.

Dr. Royer said that his reports show there are between 30,000 and 40,000 cases in Delaware county alone and that among the centers reporting increases were Luzerne county; Milton, the district of Montgomery county, about Swedeland; the Quakertown district of Bucks county; Lebanon, Shamokin and Adams county, the latter having 173 new cases to-day of which 93 are in Camp Colt.

The west shore borough officer of Cumberland reported outbreaks while Allegheny county reported 567 cases; Beaver county, 300, and Erie, 61.

Scranton, Pa., Oct. 9.—With 130 new cases of influenza reported to-day, making a total of over 1,200 in the city, Council to-day appropriated \$10,000 to fight the epidemic, although health officials are hopeful the situation will not grow more serious. There have been fifty deaths to-day.

The death of Private Clarence Peters, at the Tobyhanna camp brings the total of deaths there to fifteen.

Philadelphia, Oct. 9.—Although the health authorities said the situation was improved to-day 4,013 new cases of influenza were reported to-day. It was stated that many of the cases had not actually developed in the last twenty-four hours and that the large number was due to delayed reports of overworked physicians. During the same period 523 deaths from all causes were reported, 304 of them being due to influenza and 124 to pneumonia.

The state health department at Harrisburg reported to-day that the epidemic seems to be gaining headway in Schuylkill, Northumberland and Luzerne counties and that there were some scattering cases in Beaver. Adjutant General Beary went to Washington to discuss the influenza situation in the Pennsylvania anthracite fields and industrial centers with national authorities.

It was announced in Reading that the epidemic in the Schuylkill coal region had reduced the anthracite output nearly 12,000 tons a day.

Conditions in Camden and Gloucester, N. J., were said to be greatly improved, few new cases being reported in either city. More than six hundred employes in the Delaware river shipyards, who had been suffering with the disease, returned to work to-day.

New York, Oct. 9.—The National Association of Motion Picture Industries decided at a meeting here to-night to discontinue all motion picture releases after October 15, because of the epidemic of Spanish influenza. The embargo will remain in force until further notice, it was stated.

William A. Brady, president of the Association.

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 9.—One hundred thousand cases of Spanish influenza in New Jersey was an estimate made to-day on the extent of the epidemic in the state, by Assistant State Director of Health R. B. Fitzrandolph. He said this was a conservative figure. Because physicians in all parts of the state are too busy saving life to make reports, an accurate tally of the number of deaths could not be given. Dr. Fitzrandolph said. The epidemic has not yet reached its crest, it was stated.

Dr. Fitzrandolph announced that the American Red Cross has agreed to furnish hospital accommodations for the stricken ones, even if it is necessary to build hospitals in various sections of the state.