

to Judge Henry C. Clayton, a native of Alabama, who sympathized with them and advised them to "order the contract for furnishing steam heat for the building, it was increased. It will not be turned on before Oct. 1. The Judge said he did not want to be responsible for any one contracting Spanish influenza. The case being tried involved three gas side inlets charged with selling Government property turned over to them to be manufactured.

HELP RUSHED TO BOSTON.

Doctors and Nurses from Many Quarters to Combat Epidemic.

BOSTON, Sept. 27.—Word that scores of physicians and nurses were being rushed to Massachusetts from various parts of the country in answer to the State's call for aid in fighting the epidemic of influenza and the Weather Bureau's promise of continued sunshine, admittedly the best preventive of the disease, greatly encouraged local and State health officials today.

The first of the outside contingents was expected here tonight from Rhode Island and others are due tomorrow from Toronto. Meanwhile, the United States Public Health Service in Washington was busy mobilizing physicians and nurses from the Middle West and elsewhere, and sent word that the first units should reach here within forty-eight hours. The Washington officials hoped to respond to the State's appeal with 500 physicians and twice that number of nurses.

The Emergency Public Health Committee, leading the fight against the epidemic, took drastic steps today. Proprietors of soda fountains throughout the State were asked to stop the sale of soft drinks immediately because of the danger of infection from glasses. The management of the Brockton Fair, one of the big outdoor carnivals of the Fall season in this State, was requested to postpone the fair planned for next week, and at once complied by canceling the affair entirely. A suggestion that the Red Cross Horse Show at Braintree be postponed to the public was agreed to, and other measures taken to discontinue the fair gatherings.

Throughout the State city and town authorities, acting in concert with State officials, ordered schools and theatres closed, and each section had not already been taken. Although churches in many cases were not specifically included in requests for suspension of public gatherings, church officials of their own accord quite generally announced the canceling of Sabbath school sessions, and in some instances the discontinuance of all church services for the present.

No accurate estimate of the number of new cases or of deaths due to influenza and pneumonia in the State was available today, but arrangements have been made by the health authorities to obtain regular reports from physicians and hospitals. From Quincy, Lynn, Brockton, and other large industrial centres, where the disease had attacked thousands of persons, reports showed a falling off in the number of deaths and more encouraging conditions as to the number of new cases.

Reports from other New England States indicated the presence of influenza to some extent. At Concord, N. H., 284 cases developed, and the Ministerial Association voted to suspend church services. At Portland, Me., orders were issued for the closing of all places of public resort tomorrow night. In cases of influenza having appeared in that State, Vermont officials reported that the case of the disease in St. Johnsbury, Barre, and Montpelier. At Newport, R. I., the situation was improved, but army and navy officials had not abated their efforts to stamp out the disease completely.

Among the deaths in this city was that of Miss Peggy Cameron of A theatrical company playing "A Little Bit of Confession." She had been ill since Monday.

Members of the epidemic the Governing Committee of the Boston Stock Exchange voted to omit the half session of the Exchange tomorrow.

Reports at the First Naval District headquarters showed 41 new cases of influenza and 8 deaths since yesterday. One of those who died today was Arnold H. Peaslee of Chicago, a Lieutenant Junior grade attached to the Paymaster's Corps. The total number of cases in the district is 2,272, with 198 deaths, of which 15 have occurred at Fortunate.

Cases of influenza reported to the State Department of Health for the twenty-four-hour period ended at noon today were 2,477, with 111 deaths. These reports came from 41 cities and towns.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 27.—Influenza is on the increase throughout Connecticut, and today energetic measures are being taken to combat it and to prevent local epidemics. Until a few days ago the number of deaths in a bur-

light compared with Massachusetts conditions, but since Wednesday health officials have noted an increase. Deaths from pneumonia in a week have quadrupled, 17 being recorded here, 14 in Willsimantic and 1 at New London. Mayor G. A. Quigley of New Britain has received a request from Camp Devens for 150 trained nurses to be sent here. The Mayor has asked Governor Haskins to issue an appeal to the State at large.

NEW INFLUENZA CASES IN THE CITY DOUBLED

Number of Deaths in Twenty-four Hours Equals Previous Total from July 1.

The number of new cases of influenza yesterday was double that of the preceding day and the Health Department is now concentrating on the effort to prevent the further spread of the disease. During the twenty-four hours ended at 9 o'clock yesterday morning 824 new cases were reported, as against 374 on Thursday. The daily report gave Manhattan 95 cases, Bronx 64, Brooklyn 332, Queens 11, and Richmond 25. Of the Brooklyn cases, 28 were immigrants and 8 men in the uniformed service.

The report also showed 41 new cases of bronchial pneumonia in the last twenty-four hours and 7 are known to have originated in Spanish influenza. Forty-four pneumonia cases were reported on Thursday. In the period covered by the daily report there were 28 deaths from influenza and 7 from bronchial pneumonia. The number of deaths reported yesterday was about equal to the total number of influenza deaths from July 1 to Thursday.

Dr. Copeland made this statement yesterday:

"It recalls the possible seriousness of the disease and of the danger of an epidemic. However, considering the population of this city with that of the State of Massachusetts, where there have been 10,000 cases, it would be necessary for us to have 15,000 cases before the situation would be similar to that of that State. Up until the present time there have been fewer than 1,000 cases here. We have no intention at this time of closing the schools and theatres, as I believe that the children are better protected in the schools than they would be in the streets. We have distributed 20,000 pamphlets and circulars of instructions. Each pupil has received one and been asked to take it home.

Dr. Copeland again cautioned people to assess and clean into their hands, and he believes that if every one observes the instructions the disease will not become epidemic.

Dr. Copeland called attention to the fact that since Spanish influenza became prevalent all cases have been isolated and the officials are seeing that the quarantine is maintained even in private homes.

Although Dr. Copeland asked the Board of Estimate for only \$5,000 with which to employ Spanish influenza specialists, he was so impressed, after hearing him speak, that there was urgent need for efficient effort to keep down the disease that it voted him an appropriation of \$25,000. The amount was raised on a motion of President Dowling.

President Dowling inquired just what Spanish influenza was.

"It is the old-fashioned grippe we had here in 1888. Now it has a new name," replied the Commissioner. "We are making every effort to isolate these cases, but on account of the war taking nurses and doctors away from us we must have some fund that we can use in order that the people be properly protected."

After the meeting Dr. Copeland said the money would be used to employ additional doctors and nurses and to buy supplies. While before the board Dr. Copeland asked consideration next week of his application for \$5,700 to repair buildings at the sanitarium at Otisville. The repairs, he said, were urgently needed.

It was chilly in the court room of the Criminal Branch of the Federal District Court yesterday, and two elderly jurors sitting in a rare complain-