

# STATE DEMANDS REPORT OF ALL NEW 'FLU' CASES

## Epidemic Under Control, Is Belief; 77 Deaths in Day at Great Lakes.

Official statements issued from the general fronts in the fight against the Spanish influenza epidemic yesterday tended to indicate that the enemy was being brought to a standstill.

Due to action of the authorities, a speedy victory asserted, the medical forces continued to increase their activities everywhere. The state of Illinois, through Dr. C. H. Clair Drake, director of public health, joined in the battle by issuing stringent regulations demanded to prevent a spread of the disease.

These provide for the immediate reporting of cases of influenza by physicians, nurses, druggists, and others having knowledge of them to the local health officials, who in turn will report them to the state department. Strict isolation of all cases is urged.

In Drake ordered that only relatives of persons who die from Spanish influenza or pneumonia following it shall be permitted to view the remains and then only through the glass closed opening in the casket. Public funerals are prohibited at the places where this privilege is permitted' relatives.

### Improvement at Great Lakes.

Capt. William A. Moffett, commandant, issued the following statement concerning the situation at Great Lakes.

"Great progress is being made in the fight against influenza. The total number of cases occurring on the entire station during the twenty-four hours ending 8 a. m., Sept. 25, was 257. This total shows a decrease of more than 100 as compared with the previous twenty-four hours. Two hundred and forty-one cases were sent to the hospital. Seven hundred and forty-six cases were discharged to duty. The number of deaths was seventy-seven, which were cases sent to the hospital during the early part of the epidemic.

"The total number of cases of influenza to date is 8,476. Of these only 120 still remain on the sick list."

Camp Grant reported two deaths during the day, the first toll taken since by the epidemic, and the total number of cases reached the 1,000 mark. This created more work for ambulances than could be handled by the usual number in service at the camp, and Ernest Beckwith, field director for the Red Cross, sent an emergency call to central division headquarters in Chicago in the afternoon.

### Strict Quarantine at Camp.

The strict quarantine will be maintained at Camp Grant over the week end. Visitors are barred.

Thirty of the 150 soldiers taking a special government course in concrete construction at Monroeville, six miles north of Aurora, have influenza. The camp is under strict quarantine.

At Fort Sheridan the soldiers were moved from barracks to tents yesterday as a means of preventing the spread of the disease. One death was reported. The fort is under strict quarantine.

### Several Die in Waskegan.

Several deaths were reported in Waskegan, and the War Camp Community center, through Miss McDrew Abbey, has taken charge of the situation in co-operation with City Physician W. S. Johns.

Four persons died of influenza in Evanston yesterday. Sixty cases were reported.

In Chicago only eighteen new cases of influenza were reported to the health department, but Commissioner John H. Robertson pointed to an increase in the daily totals for pneumonia, erysipelas.

### Situation Elsewhere.

Developments in other localities were:

**Boston.**—The spread of influenza in western New England continued today, although medical authorities expressed strong hope that the epidemic had nearly reached its peak. Estimates of the number of cases vary from 1,000 to 15,000. An appropriation of \$20,000 to aid in battling the epidemic in Massachusetts was made available.

**Washington.**—The prevalence of influenza in twenty-six states was announced late today by Surgeon General Blue.

**Report.**—Thirteen more deaths from influenza among the seamen in the second naval district brought the total number of deaths to over the 100 mark.

### U. S. FIGHTS EPIDEMIC.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 25.—Spanish influenza has spread over the country so rapidly that officials of the public health service, the war and navy departments, and the Red Cross conferred today on measures to help local communities in combating the disease. Calls for assistance already have been received from several cities.

Surgeon General Rupert Blue of the public health service said tonight that latest reports showed the malady made its appearance in twenty-six states from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The disease is epidemic in New England, where it first made its appearance, and officials in that section are considering drastic steps to curb its spread, including the prevention of public gatherings.

The disease continued to spread to army camps. 1,321 new cases were reported to the office of the surgeon general of the army up to noon. The camps were added to the list and it was announced that there are 100 camps and stations free from influenza.

The total reported from the camps today was the largest in any one day and brought the total for all camps to 1,321 cases.

### Aurora Offers Uncle Sam Site for New Cantonment

Acting on information that Illinois might have another great cantonment site at Rockford, business men of Aurora met yesterday and organized to get it. They agreed to guarantee the government a suitable site.