PHYSICIANS TO REPORT INFLUENZA CASES; 7 DEATHS OCCUR AMONG CAMP SOLDIERS

CO-OPERATION OF DOCTORS ASKED BY THE MAYOR

City Officials Seek Data About Epidemic Among Civilians.

APPEARS IN EVERY SECTION

Calls for Reports Decided Upon After State Department Asks for Information.

FOLLOWING a conference yesterday afternoon between Health Officer Dr. D. M. Totman and Mayor Stone, and another between the health officer and Walter W. Nicholson, commissioner of public safety, on the influenza epidemic, decision was reached to issue an "S. O. S." call to all physicians in the city to aid in making a survey of conditions among the civilian population.

The quick jump of the epidemic from the soldiers to civilians has been recorded unofficially by health officers here but in the absence of definite reports from physicians the sweep of the disease is unknown. Individual reports from physicians show the epidemic has spread to all sections of the city and is working well into the rural sections.

State Asks for Data.

In a telephone conversation with the State Department of Health yesterday Mayor Stone was asked for definite information of the situation in Syracuse and of the needs of the city, if any, in the matter of medical and nursing help.

From reports from other cities, inklings of which were transmitted to the Mayor by the State Department, the situation elsewhere is much worse than it is here, but the Mayor stated lack of positive information on the number of cases in this city.

The city officials then discussed the situation and decided to ask, through The Post-Standard, that all physicians report this morning in person or by telephone, to the Bureau of Health all cases of influenza or grip which they are now attending and all cases upon which they may be called thereafter.

Only Way.

"We realize that the physicians are already overworked and have no desire to impose additional hardships upon them, but we have no other means of ascertaining the exact condition here than by their co-operation in reporting," said Mayor Stone.

"From what I have heard from other cities both in and out of New York State we are much better off and we hope the worst is over. But reports by physicians will give us all the facts and enable us to handle the situation better and give the State Department information instantly."

"Influenza is not a reportable disease, and it is too late now to issue a regulation requiring that it be reported," said Dr. Totman. "We have got to depend on the co-operation of the physicians, and I am sure it will be afforded us. We will make every effort in the Bureau of Health to record cases as fast as they are reported, and I hope every practitioner who has a case under treatment will make his report the first thing in the morning."

Expects Co-operation.

"Medical men of Syracuse have shown a wonderful patriotic spirit," said Commissioner Nicholson, "and I am confident the 'S. O. S.' call to them will meet with an instant and unanimous response."

Influenza Cases at Hospitals

The following figures were given out at Syracuse hospitals last night regarding influenza among soldiers:

CROUSE-IRVING.

	Wednesday.	Thursday.
Total cases	364	365
New cases	2	1
Discharged	37	0
Deaths	5	2

ST. JOSEPH'S.

	Wednesday.	Thursday.
Total cases	71	88
New cases	8	0
Discharged	30	12
Deaths	3	1

GOOD SHEPHERD.

	Wednesday.	Thursday.
Total cases	200	200
New cases	25	18
Discharged	26	23
Deaths	4	1

HOMEOPATHIC.

	Wednesday.	Thursday.
Total cases	102	96
New cases	10	5
Discharged	2	7
Deaths	1	0

MEMORIAL.

	Wednesday.	Thursday.
Total cases	49	45
New cases	0	0
Discharged	0	3
Deaths	0	2

ORDER RECEIVED BY COMMANDER TO CLOSE CAMP

Movements of Recruits Will Be Started When Quarantine Is Lifted.

12,500 NOW AT CANTONMENT

Officers Believe Two or Three Weeks Will Be Needed to Transfer All Soldiers.

THE Syracuse Recruit Camp will be closed just as soon as the quarantine against influenza there has been raised and the 12,500 men now there are shipped out to various points.

Definite orders to this effect were received from the War Department yesterday afternoon by Lieut.-Col. B. G. Ruttencutter, commander, and made public by his adjutant, Capt. Sidney F. Mashbir.

Hope to Move Soon.

The report of the medical officers of the camp yesterday on the epidemic was encouraging, Captain Mashbir said, but it is impossible yet to say when the quarantine can be lifted. If the situation continues to improve rapidly the raising of the ban may be but a matter of days, and the officers hope the better conditions noted yesterday and the day before will warrant the early taking of the steps indicated in the orders of the War Department.

No men of the last contingent of 10,000 from the states of New York, Massachusetts and Michigan have been shipped from here, and there are many others of the first contingents who have either been engaged in special duty here or whose transfer to other places has been delayed by the outbreak of influenza.

While it is impossible to forecast the time it will take to depopulate and close the camp after the quarantine has been lifted, officers believe that two or three weeks should be sufficient. The men will be transferred to various places where their classification cards show they can be of help, with the probabilities that the chemical warfare service, clerical positions and fire and guard duty will claim the majority.

15 CASES OF INFLUENZA AMONG COLLEGE GIRLS

Tuttle House in Irving Avenue Will Be Turned Into Infirmary If Necessary.

Syracuse University is prepared to combat the spread of epidemic influenza among the undergraduate women and the members of the S. A. T. C. Only a few cases have been discovered to date and these are of such a mild nature that no alarm is felt among officials on the Hill.

Because of crowded conditions at the hospitals plans have been made to open an infirmary for the women in the home of Mrs. John F. Tuttle, No. 704 Irving avenue. The Tuttle home is situated quite a distance from the street, and with its extensive grounds makes an ideal location.

Miss Katherine Sibley last night announced that she hoped it would not be necessary to open the infirmary, but if the situation warrants, the University is prepared to use the building and have competent nurses and physicians in attendance.

Only about fifteen cases of influenza have been reported among the student women, Miss Sibley said last night, and it is believed possible to keep the cases down to this number.

Many suspected cases were proved yesterday to be only hard colds and were stricken from the list. Several of the women living at the Delta Delta Delta sorority house in University avenue were ill early in the week. A nurse was sent to attend them, and all have recovered.

Under normal conditions the cases would be cared for at the Hospital of the Good Shepherd, owned by the University, but the number of soldier patients from the Syracuse Recruit Camp and the University training detachment prevents the use of the buildings there for several weeks.

ANOTHER DROP IN NUMBER OF MEN STRICKEN WITH MALADY

Only Twenty Ill Recruits Found at Cantonment—Decline Encourages Medical Officers to Believe Epidemic Has Passed Crest.

A STILL further drop in the number of new cases of epidemic influenza at the Syracuse Recruit Camp was reported last night to the War Department by Major Arthur F. Thompson, camp surgeon. Only twenty cases of the disease were discovered during the day and the death list dropped to seven.

Officer on List of Dead.

Soldiers who died during the day at local hospitals included one officer and six recruits, as follows:

LIEUT. HOMER A. DAGENAIS, Holyoke, Mass.
FRANCIS CHARLEBOIS, Clayton.
JOSEPH FORD, Providence, R. I.
HOYT JONES, Sandusky, O.
GEORGE HORTON, Canton, Mass.
RICHARD KAISER, Newark, N. J.
HENRY J. LUSSIER, Orange, Mass.

Conditions at the camp yesterday had practically returned to normal, it was announced last night. Only twenty new cases in the day afforded no problem whatever to the medical staff of forty-two men, and the situation was so clear that Major A. G. Coumbe or the surgeon-general's office began preparations for his return. He expects to leave next week unless the epidemic breaks out anew, which is considered highly improbable.

The number of cases at the convalescent hospital at the fair grounds remains practically stationary. The new cases are balanced by the number of men discharged and returned to duty.

Superintendents of all local hospitals reported that the situation was much improved. The number of cases discharged again outnumbered the new cases.

There still is need of outside help and graduate nurses and civilians still do a great deal of work in the five institutions caring for the soldier patients. Many of the civilian women are working in the kitchen and aiding the dieticians in preparing the food trays for the soldiers.

Only three critical cases were reported in the hospitals among the soldiers last night, altho several nurses are seriously ill.

Yesterday found additional precautions being taken in several sections of the city to combat the disease. No cases of influenza have been reported at the Onondaga Sanatorium, but to prevent the disease gaining a foothold there, the entire institution has been placed under quarantine.

THREE ILL OF INFLUENZA, ANOTHER WITH BAD BURNS

The home of J. H. Stoddard, No. 315 Schuyler street, has much the appearance of a hospital. Three are ill of influenza and another is suffering from severe burns. Edna, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. Stoddard, burned her right hand Wednesday while handling a kettle. Her mother is ill; her grandmother, Mrs. Hopkins, is ill, and her brother is also ill, all of influenza. Dr. Robert J. McGuire is attending them.

ELKS AUXILIARY VOTES $25 TO HELP SICK SOLDIERS

At the first meeting of the season of the Ladies' Auxiliary, B. P. O. E., No. 23, at Elks Temple yesterday afternoon, the condition of the soldiers who are ill at the Crouse-Irving Hospital was discussed, and the sum of $25 was voted, to be used in providing comforts for them. There were also donations of a quantity of jams, jellies, 19 dozen lemons and a supply of linen.

The auxiliary will hold its first card party of the season at the temple Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

COMES TO VISIT COUSIN; BOTH DIE OF INFLUENZA

Mrs. Putnam of Haselton, Pa., and Mrs. Murphy Victims of Epidemic.

Two of the infirmary victims in Syracuse were two young women, cousins, who died within a few days of each other. They were Mrs. Alma Tarnow Putnam of Haselton, Pa., and Mrs. Mathew Murphy of this city.

Mrs. Putnam came from Haselton ten days ago for a visit with Mrs. Murphy. Last Wednesday Mrs. Murphy was stricken with influenza and her cousin went to the home of Mrs. A. C. Fisher, only to be stricken herself with the malady the following day. Both cases resulted fatally, Mrs. Putnam's Wednesday and Mrs. Murphy's Saturday.

Mrs. Putnam is survived by her husband, Nazarun F. Putnam; her mother, Mrs. Gebhardt Warnow; one sister, Mrs. E. A. Mollister of Keyport, N. J., and one brother, Lawrence Tarnow of Rochester. Funeral services will be held at the home of Dr. A. C. Fisher, No. 306 Slocum avenue, at 11.30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Pneumonia Victims

The following deaths of civilians from pneumonia were reported yesterday:

LUDWIK WESOLOWSKI, 25, of No. 122 Lakeview avenue. He is survived by his widow, who is also seriously ill with the same disease. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning, with a requiem mass at 10.30 o'clock at Sacred Heart Church. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

JOHN DEMARCHI, 30, at the Crouse-Irving Hospital. He is sur-

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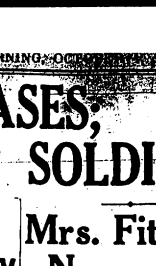

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Mrs. Fitch, Nurse, Dies

Stricken After Caring for Soldiers Two Days.

Mrs. Maude Terry Fitch, 32, wife of Dr. Charles F. Fitch, is another of the nurses who have given their lives in trying to stem the influenza epidemic. She died at 9.30 o'clock last night at her home, No. 403 Marshall street.

Mrs. Fitch was a graduate of the Albany Hospital Training School, and when volunteers were called for she went to the Hospital of the Good Shepherd to help care for soldiers. She worked two days when she was stricken with influenza, developing into pneumonia. She was ill one week.

Mrs. Fitch has been president of the Canadian-British War Relief Fund since its organization here. The was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church. Besides her husband, she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Rebecca MacLaughlin; three brothers, F. H. Terry of Toronto, E. J. Terry of St. Johns, N. B., and Harry MacLaughlin of this city.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed. The body will be sent to Conewango, Chautauqua county, for burial by Cornell, Clement & Wright, undertakers.

Mattresses Contributed.

Among yesterday's contributions to the various hospitals, for use in helping to care for the hundreds of sick soldiers was one of fifty mattresses, sent to the Crouse-Irving by D. M. Edwards.

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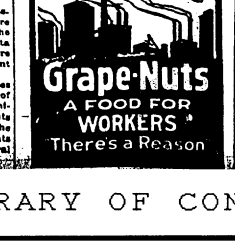

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