

Spanish "Flu," mysterious malady, said by some to have been introduced into this country by germs from a German U-boat, has reached terror-striking proportions in Boston, which, with its surrounding territory, seems to be the center of the epidemic.

Other sections of the country are rapidly reporting visitations of the strange disease that laid Britain's premier, Lloyd George, at the point of death.

To report on what the disease really is like, how it acts, and how it affects the population, The Star and associated members of the Newspaper Enterprise Association sent Staff Correspondent J. H. Duckworth to Boston to make a full investigation and report by telegraph. Duckworth's first article appears today. Watch for others.

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BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 26.—Boston is panic-stricken by the epidemic of Spanish influenza, which is sweeping toward the west and south like a medieval plague and threatens to overwhelm the whole country.

With the city depleted of doctors and nurses by the war, those remaining are staggering under the work of trying to keep the epidemic under control.

People are being stricken down in the street, offices, subway, theatres and shipyards. The hospitals are crowded to the limit, and under strict quarantine to visitors.

Over 6,000 soldiers are down with the disease at Camp Devens, while civilian cases in the Boston district number at least 10,000.

As many as 100 victims have died in one night in Boston alone. Whole families have been wiped out.

The Boston elevated railway is crippled by the sickness of nearly 600

Illinois Making Effort to Stamp Out New Epidemic

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—Illinois today began an effort to stamp out Spanish influenza. Strict quarantine regulations were put in force by state authorities. The regulations included careful and prompt burial of victims of the disease.

At the Great Lakes training station, where 40,000 sailors are in training, the epidemic was reported waning.

Capt. Moffett, commandant, reported 77 deaths in the 24-hour period covered by his statement. In the same period 375 new cases were reported.

Since the epidemic began 8,475 cases have been reported, with 2,580 still on the sick list.

29,000 Cases of "Flu" in Country

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Spanish influenza cases up to today in the army, at home, numbered 29,002, with more than 5,000 of these listed for the 24 hours ending yesterday noon.

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