

## VACCINATION FOR SPANISH 'FLU' IS TRIED

### Nearly Nine Thousand New Cases Reported In Army Camps

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Vaccination with a recently discovered serum, which from tests here completed at several army camps, has been found to be an almost positive preventative of contraction of pneumonia, will be used to combat the epidemic of Spanish influenza, which in the week ending today has made its appearance in every state and in all but a few army camps, causing many deaths.

Use of the vaccine will be widely extended, congress today having appropriated a million dollars to be used by the public health service in fighting Spanish influenza and other communicable diseases. The resolution carrying the appropriation was adopted by an unanimous vote in both houses.

**To Treat 50,000 Daily.**

The public health service aided by the medical forces of the army and navy immediately took steps to render effective aid to all districts in which influenza has made its appearance. Physicians in large numbers will be dispatched to the affected states and training camps. The serum has been used to a limited extent in several camps, but no announcement had been made of its discovery pending the result of widespread tests. Physicians connected with the army medical school developed the formula for the serum, which, it was stated tonight is now being manufactured in quantities sufficient to provide for the treatment of 50,000 persons daily. The serum is designed primarily to prevent pneumonia, which often follows attacks of influenza and which is the cause of practically all the deaths attributed to influenza.

**Not Yet Checked.**

Reports received today by Acting Surgeon General Fleisher show that the influenza epidemic has not yet been checked.

During the 24 hours ending at noon today, 8,830 new cases of the disease were reported as compared with 8,824 for the day before. The total number of cases in all camps was reported as 51,215. A large increase also is shown in the number of deaths resulting from pneumonia, 247 having been reported against 170 for the previous day.

A decided decrease, however, was shown in the number of new cases of pneumonia, 548 being reported today compared with 717 the day before.

Camp Pike, Ark., reported 1,624 new cases, the largest number from any camp. Decreases were shown at Camp Devens, Mass., with only 158 new cases reported and at Camp Lee, Va., with 625 new cases. New cases at Camp Mead, Mo., increased from 484 yesterday to 1,093 today and at Camp Grant, Ill., from 682 to 864. Camp Dix, N. J., reported 1,047, against 1,049 yesterday.

## New Cases in Army Camps

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