

'FLU' SITUATION CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

No Deaths in Two Days Cause Citizens to Breathe Easier

Although more than 100 new cases of Spanish influenza were reported to health authorities in Billings yesterday, no deaths occurred in the city, or, so far as is known, in the county, during the 24-hour period ending at 6 o'clock last night. No deaths were reported Wednesday, so that 48 hours elapsed up to last evening without a death from pneumonia. There had been no deaths up to midnight.

The fact that fatalities from pneumonia appear to have ceased is taken as authority for the opinion that the back of the epidemic has been definitely broken here, but precautionary measures will continue for several days, the health board announces. The closing order probably will remain in effect the balance of this week, and as much longer as is deemed necessary to the public welfare.

One instance of a family of mother, father and child all stricken with la grippe was discovered yesterday. They were unable to attend to their wants, or even common aid, and nearly two days went by during which time the three sufferers had almost nothing to eat or drink. They are being cared for by the Red Cross.

The emergency hospital reported 12 patients last night, and accommodations are being arranged for as many more, should it be found necessary to provide additional facilities for other patients. More nurses are needed, the committee announced last night, but none appear to be available.

It is generally believed that Tuesday night's rain had much to do with clearing the atmosphere of germs and causing a cessation in the epidemic here.

Billings Breathes Better.

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