

Saturday, October 19, 1918.

MANY NEW "FLU" CASES NOTED IN CITY

Local physicians estimate that 170 new cases have appeared in Billings in the 24 hours ending Friday noon. These figures are only approximate, as the doctors have been busy making calls they have had no time to make a report to the county board of health. Two deaths which were attributed indirectly to influenza were reported Friday.

But Billings is exceptionally fortunate in that there have been very few serious cases or complications with pneumonia. Doctors say the disease is comparatively mild in form here.

The great difficulty lies in the fact that entire families may be stricken with the misery at one time. There are a number of instances of this kind in the city. St. Thomas' hospital is riding as much as possible and the streets north of the hospital have been placed at the disposal of the medical and hospital cases. The Red Cross has also aided in supplying a few nurses who had been registered under the nursing society, recently begun in the county, and in furnishing some meals.

Schools still open.

When asked if the schools would be closed, Mayor Johnson, said: "We will not close the schools unless ordered to do so by the state board of health. Of course, should the situation be so serious or the condition more serious to the extent of the danger that it is judged advisable to close them, we will so, but that for there are no indications that such a course will be necessary."

The closing of the schools has been much discussed since the closing order went into effect here. A prominent physician of this city, discussing this said: "The children of our people to attack children, at least in this section. It is a very serious thing to do in to keep the schools open as long as the situation justifies it if the form of teachers can be maintained."

Three deaths occurred in the city in the 24 hours ending Friday noon from influenza following influenza. Out of a total of 271 cases reported up to that time that is not considered an alarming showing.

James Walls, Herman Ledy and Clyde Phillips of Newport, Ark., on their way to Vancouver, B.C. for instruction into the spread of influenza, the national camp were taken sick with influenza on the train and stopped here for treatment.

Phillips and Ledy reported at the local board office and were later turned over to the constant services of the Red Cross, who made arrangements to have care of them at the county farm. Walls, who had been left at the depot by the other two men, wandered around town for awhile looking for aid and finally stumbled into the Y. M. C. A. The secretary in charge gave him a bed and summoned a doctor. A little later he was taken to the county farm to be with the constant care of the constant service. Two other men who were in the party proceeded on their journey last night.

The Red Cross classes in hygiene and home care of the sick are being hurried, so that there in attendance may be of service in caring for influenza cases and preventing the spread of the disease.

James Hantel.

Men or women to register at the Red Cross headquarters who will aid in caring for influenza patients for pay.

Billings Braces Yet Cases Are Surprisingly Mild

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