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EPIDEMIC ON INCREASE AGAIN

Salt Lake Reports More Cases Than on Any Previous Day of Week; Improvement in State

A LARGE shipment of Rose-nau vaccine, prepared in the United States naval laboratories at Seattle, was received today by the state board of health. The consignment was immediately turned over to Dr. L. L. Daines, state bacteriologist, for examination. If it is found to be in good condition Dr. Beatty says it will be issued for public inoculation in about four days. It is planned to send the vaccine into all parts of the state where the epidemic of influenza has become prevalent.

NO DIRECT INSTRUCTIONS.

Despite the order of the state board of health that all influenza patients must be quarantined and flags erected on infected houses, Dr. Samuel G. Paul, city health commissioner, stated today that the quarantine order on influenza is not being enforced in Salt Lake City.

"I have received no instructions from the state board of health to quarantine influenza cases and do not officially know of any order to do so," said Dr. Paul. "I read in the papers that such an order had been issued but so far I have received no official notification to quarantine influenza cases. Neither have I been instructed to place quarantine flags on houses where the disease is prevalent."

NOT IN SYMPATHY.

Dr. Paul stated that he could not operate his department on what he reads in the newspapers, nor receive his instructions from that source. He said he believed the quarantining of influenza cases would have little or no effect on the situation and would work a great hardship on many citizens.

Salt Lake county health district No. 1 today reported thirty-nine new cases to the state board of health. Provo reported twelve additional cases, Brigham City four, Lake Fork, Duchesne county, twenty-eight, and West Weaver seven families with from two to six cases in each. Logan now has a total of sixty-six cases of influenza.

LACK OF CARE FATAL.

Dr. F. C. Myers of Spokane, who was sent here by the United States public health service, returned today from Portage, where he was sent by Dr. Beatty in answer to an urgent call for help. Dr. Myers stated that Portage presented a typical example of a town where proper precautions against the malady had not been taken. He reported that three persons had died in the town in one week.

BEDDING SHIPPED.

The first shipment of beds and bedding from Douglas, under the authority of the state board of health, was shipped to Goldhill, Utah, by the war department.

Patients call for

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help, declaring that nurses and doctors are imperative if the town is to be saved from a greater death toll. Dr. J. M. Bigelow, the only physician there, is reported seriously ill with influenza. Dr. M. J. Mackfarland of Cedar City is also reported ill. Dr. A. N. Leonard of Salt Lake has been assigned to the latter place.

Soldier Summit and Thistle are reported in a serious condition, with no available doctors or nurses. An effort is being made today to send aid to them.

CASES INCREASE.

Hopes for permanent abatement in the epidemic of Spanish influenza were put to rout yesterday when reports of new cases and deaths showed a marked increase over the number reported on any previous day this week.

A total of 119 new cases and fourteen deaths occurred in Salt Lake City alone yesterday as compared with seventy-two cases and ten deaths the previous day. Health authorities, however, attribute this sudden increase to the negligence of doctors in reporting cases promptly.

PNEUMONIA TAKES MANY.

Dr. Samuel G. Paul, city health commissioner, said that the large number of deaths were mostly due to pneumonia developing from cases previously reported. He expressed the opinion that the epidemic is on the decline in the city and that the crisis has passed. He says there are not nearly so many cases being admitted to the hospitals and that the calls for assistance have materially fallen off the last two days. He says many of the new cases are much lighter than those developed in the early stages of the scourge.

PROMPT REPORT URGED.

Doctors, nurses and patients have been asked to report new cases promptly to the board of health so that an accurate check may be kept on the progress of the malady.

Ogden has reported thirty-six additional cases and four more deaths. Other towns of the state continue to send in reports of more cases, but most of them indicate a falling off in the death rate.

Health authorities and Red Cross officials request that efforts on the part of the public to combat the disease be not retarded on account of encouraging reports. They explain that these reports may be good today and tomorrow show a decided change for the worse.