

# WORST EPIDEMIC IN FORTY YEARS

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That the influenza epidemic which is now sweeping the country is the most disastrous known in this country in 40 years is shown by figures just made public by the United States census bureau, covering the principal cities of the country, which show that the normal death rate has increased from two to seven times as a direct result of the contagion.

Fall River, Mass., shows the highest advance. In this city the mortality has jumped from an average rate of 13.7 per 1000 people to 100.4. In Philadelphia the rate is 92.2 compared with a normal rate 14.3. The rate for Washington climbed from 15.5 to 86.7. Nashville, Tennessee, has advanced from 11 to 78.6 and Baltimore from 15.6 to 69.5. The normal rates of New York and Chicago have nearly trebled during the epidemic.

The total of cases throughout the country since the disease became prevalent in the middle of September, will run into the millions. This is made evident by the actual figures of the army camps. There have been 301,462 cases of influenza and pneumonia among the troops in training. The deaths in the army camps from both diseases for the same period have reached the high total of 12,740.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson of Boston, noted writer on health topics, and who has been employed by the Social Insurance commission of Califor-

nia as an expert to lead in the social insurance fight in that state, states that in his opinion influenza will cause 200,000 deaths thruout the country before it is abated.

While the United States public health service cannot forecast what the final toll will be, they say that, "taking the country as a whole, the epidemic has done little more than get a good start. The end is not in sight. The epidemic will be as severe from the Mississippi to the Pacific slope two weeks hence as it was in New England a couple weeks ago, and as it is in and about Washington today." The bureau further states that the people must take home to themselves a large measure of responsibility for the spread of the disease. The spread of influenza can be checked materially if citizens will exercise the most ordinary care."

## Notice to Voters of the 16th Legislative District.

I was born and raised on a farm. Have been engaged in farming since 1888 in Griggs county. I was nominated on the Democratic ticket for representative from the 16th Legislative District. If elected no person or organization will have any string on my acts in the legislature, but I will be a true representative of the people, of all classes in my District. Your vote and support will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Paulson.

With the purchase of a new Ford truck, I am better prepared than ever to do your hauling. See me at any time for any kind of a job.—F. H. King.

Do not forget your account this fall.—Anderson's Pharmacy.