

NEW FLU CASES DROP DEATHS ARE FEWER

Dr. Copeland Finds Situation Encouraging if Heat Strike Is Averted.

With an epidemic of pneumonia and influenza sweeping the city and the thermometer hovering around zero the 4,000 engineers and firemen who operate the heating plants in hotels and apartment houses have threatened to go on strike at 5 o'clock to-morrow morning unless their demands are met.

to the daily increasing list of sick. "In this time of epidemic no greater disaster could befall the community than to have the heat shut off," Dr. Copeland said. "It would expose millions of our population to intense suffering from the cold and to the ravages of influenza that would certainly follow. This disaster must not be permitted. Some way must be found to avert it."

every labor union man to protect this community against the disastrous and fatal results that would certainly follow the closing of the heating plants. No greater peril could be imagined at this time than the contemplated action of the unions. There must be found, if not a formal and written settlement of the differences, at least a gentleman's agreement that the scale of wages and hours will be granted for such a period of time as will take us past the period of the present epidemic.

are expected to reply to-day to the demands made by Local 54 of the Stationary Firemen's Union at a conference in the hotel association's headquarters on Friday. One of the officials of Local 54 said the men already have reached an agreement with the owners of the smaller hotels and apartments. The demand includes a \$23 week for engineers and a \$22 week for firemen; the week to consist of forty-eight hours.

has notified undertakers that the price of coffins is going up, vigorously denied that the present high death rate has anything to do with it. A formal statement will be published by the company to-morrow.

WILLIAMS TO KEEP AFTER PROFITEERS

Administrator to Continue Inquiry Into Wool Profits.

Further investigation into reported profiteering among woolen jobbers is expected this week. Arthur Williams, Federal Food Administrator, evidently is not fully convinced; following his investigation last week, that the practice does not exist. Other conferences are expected in his offices either to-morrow or Tuesday, when jobbers whose names have been given to him will be questioned.

action was taken because of violations of the Food Control act and the rules, regulations and requirements of the Food Administration. Both the Wheat Director's license and the Food Administration license are included.

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PLAY TO AID MILK FUND.
Amateurs to Present "Importance of Being in Earnest."

A benefit performance of "The Importance of Being Earnest," by amateurs prominent in social and relief circles, will be given to-night at the Theatre.

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Union Officials Are Reticent. None of the officials of the International Union of Steam and Operating Engineers and the International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers, the two labor organizations controlling the 4,000 men concerned in the threatened strike, would comment on Dr. Copeland's appeal, nor predict what action will be taken at the meeting. The officers of the Hotel Association were equally reticent.

sharp decline in new cases. A sharp decline in reported influenza and pneumonia cases yesterday and a further decline predicted for to-day indicated the epidemic may have reached its highest point. The Commissioner would not say he thought the peak had been passed, however.

INFLUENZA.

First week.....	1918	1919	1919	1920
Second week.....	2,771	461	43	71
Third week.....	1,197	534	254	38
Fourth week.....	2,600	25,352	541	235

PNEUMONIA.

First week.....	1918	1919	1919	1920
Second week.....	231	519	119	288
Third week.....	545	1,204	433	412
Fourth week.....	1,946	6,041	1,141	869

The report covering the twenty-four hours ended at 10 A. M. Saturday, is as follows:

Cases Reported.	Deaths.
Influenza.	Influenza.
Pneumonia.	Pneumonia.
Scarlet fever.	Scarlet fever.
Diphtheria.	Diphtheria.
Whooping cough.	Whooping cough.
Measles.	Measles.
Smallpox.	Smallpox.
Typhoid fever.	Typhoid fever.
Cholera.	Cholera.
Other diseases.	Other diseases.
Total.	Total.

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