

SPANISH INFLUENZA MAY SWEEP WESTWARD

ORDERS ISSUED CANCELING EN- TRAINMENT OF 142,000 DRAFT REGISTRANTS.

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Washington, Sept. 27.—Spanish influenza, sweeping through all but thirteen of the army camps and apparently beyond control of local authorities in many eastern communities, has caused a tremendous increase in the death rate of the army at home.

For the week ending September 20, the Surgeon-General's office reported to-day, the death rate was 4.4 per cent., compared with 2.3 per cent. the previous week.

While the epidemic heretofore has been prevalent chiefly near the Atlantic seaboard, the Surgeon-General's office said it may be expected to sweep westward with a still greater increase in mortality in the next few weeks.

Orders were issued last night by Provost Marshal General Crowder cancelling calls for entrainment of 142,000 draft registrants between October 7 and 11.

New York, Sept. 27.—Twenty

deaths here from Spanish influenza and seven from pneumonia, some of the latter due to influenza, were reported to the Health Department to-day.

Boston, Sept. 27.—Word that scores of physicians and nurses were being rushed to Massachusetts from various sections of the country in answer to the State's call for aid in fighting the epidemic of influenza and the Weather Bureau's promise of continued sunshine, admittedly the best preventative of the disease, greatly encouraged local and State health officials to-day.

The first of the outside contingents was expected here to-night from Rhode Island, and others were due to-morrow from Toronto, which city has generously and promptly responded to the call for help.

Earl of Minto A.D.C. to Duke of Devonshire

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An Atlantic Port, Sept. 27.—The Earl of Minto, whose father was formerly Governor-General of Canada, arrived on a British steamship to-day to take a position as Aide-de-camp to the Duke of Devonshire.

Earl Minto is a Captain in the Scottish Guards and has seen several years' service in France.