

PNEUMONIC INFLUENZA.

MORE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED.

SYDNEY, Sunday.

Four cases of pneumonic influenza were reported in Sydney to-day. One is that of Mr. J. J. Potter, chief clerk in the Health Department, who lives at Hunter's Hill. He went to Albury last Friday week to organise a medical inspection of the trains arriving from Melbourne, and returned to Sydney on Wednesday. The following day he felt unwell, and on Friday night his condition was such that his removal to the Coast Hospital was ordered. His case was definitely diagnosed to-day, and he is reported to be seriously ill.

Other cases are Isabella Keenan, of Paddington; William Turbitt, of Waverley, and William Charters, of Newtown. The latter was a ship's steward about the steamer Riverina.

At the Coast Hospital four patients are seriously ill. This brings the total up to 37 cases, twenty of which are at the Randwick Military Hospital, and 17 civilians at the Coast Hospital.

Three of the cases previously reported at Randwick are now stated to be suffering merely from influenza, and not pneumonic influenza. Most of the contacts are now through the quarantine period. About forty are still being visited by an officer of the department. Three actresses, who came to Sydney in the same train as Miss Marie Eaton, are now in the Coast Hospital suffering from the disease.

It is estimated that between 200,000 and 300,000 people have been inoculated in New South Wales. Hundreds of telegrams have been received from country centres asking for vaccine, and the services of officers to open inoculation depots. Dr. Paton points out that doctors were being used in the threatened areas, and when they were dealt with the people who were not in such danger of being infected would be dealt with as rapidly as possible.

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Considerable difficulty has been experienced in getting the names of patients, particularly from the military authorities, who appear to think that it is no business of the public to be supplied with information about anyone or anything that comes within their purview. Of those whose cases were reported up to last night, the following are at Randwick Military Hospital:—Captain J. W. Ford, medical officer; Sister A. E. Hall, Staff-Nurse I. V. M'Leay, Lance-corporal Lancashire, Private J. Ryan, Private H. Bridges, Private R. C. Avenell, Private F. J. Manthey, Private W. J. Cahill, Private P. Zenevich, Private P. M'Gee, Private J. T. Ward, Private M'Kenzie, Private J. Clarke, Corporal Caldwell, Private Reardon. There are four others whose names have not been ascertained.

The following are the civilians:—Miss Cullen, Mrs. Cullen, Miss Betty Cullen, Miss Lucy Hill, Edward-street, North Sydney; Miss Margaret Clarke, Grafton-street, Woollahra; Mr. Harold Binns, 75 Kent-street, Sydney; Mr. Zenowich, Hotel Sydney; Mr. Goer, 60 Cambridge-street, Stanmore; Miss S. Atholwood, 201 Albion-street, Moore Park; Miss Marie Eaton, Macquarie Hotel, Wentworth-avenue, Sydney; Mrs. Moore, 280 Palmer-street, Sydney; Miss Mayne, Reina-street, North Bondi; Mr. Thomas, Sydney.

The Cabinet had a lengthy meeting yesterday, when it considered and adopted a number of recommendations of the Medical Consultative Council, which was recently adopted to assist in fighting the disease. Previously it gave permission for open-air church services to be held to-day, but the council recommended that not only should indoor services be prohibited, but that a similar prohibition should apply to outdoor services as well. For the first time, therefore in its history, Sydney had no church services to-day. Other prohibitions adopted were open-air meetings, and auction room sales, whilst it was decided to close libraries and licensed billiard rooms. As for hotels and restaurants, it was decided not to close these for the present, but that the existing regulation in regard to the provision of 250 cubic feet of air per person, applicable to hotel bars, be extended to restaurants and tea houses. It was further resolved to apply the 250 cubic feet provision to retail shops, to prohibit bargain and clearing-out sales.

cubic feet provision to retail shops, to prohibit bargain and clearing-out sales, and to urge the public to, as far as possible, order their household requirements by telephone. It was pointed out that whilst it may be necessary at any moment to make regulations restricting the railway traffic of New South Wales, there is no need to do so at the present time, on the ground that, apart from the cases directly imported from Victoria, the infectivity of the cases arising locally has not yet been great.

Another recommendation adopted was that churches and schools outside the County of Cumberland be not closed, and that the local authorities be not authorised to act on their own initiative in this respect, but be asked to refer to the Department of Public Health in every instance. It was recommended by the Medical Council that as far as possible, the people be encouraged during the course of the epidemic to take all possible advantage of fresh air as a means of increasing natural resistance to infection, and of lessening the risks of infection, and also to avoid crowds. No restriction is to be placed on the free use of beaches, on the ground that the risk of infection is likely to be more than counter-balanced by the benefits that will ensue.

Unless they are paid the rates of wages and insurance money recently acceded to men employed by the Union Steamship Company, Limited, seamen and firemen employed on interstate vessels will not go to sea. Consequent upon this action, interstate vessels are thrown idle. Yesterday the Adelaide Steamship Company's steamer Rupara was due to sail for Queensland ports, but the crew demanded 35s per month additional wages, insurance of £500 against death, wages from time of departure until return to Sydney, and also bed and bedding. The company offered to supply bed and bedding, and pay wages from the time the vessel left Sydney until she returned, but declined to pay the increased wages or provide for the insurance. The sailing of the Rupara is therefore postponed till an indefinite date. The seamen and firemen on board the Newcastle steamer Hunter made an unexpected demand yesterday, just before the vessel was to have sailed on her usual Saturday afternoon Hawkesbury River trip. They demanded compensation for the risk they

manded compensation for the risk they would be liable to through working a crowded ship. As it was impossible to deal with their demand immediately, many passengers, assembled to take the trip, were compelled to abandon the outing.

A telegram from Tenterfield states that over 800 Queenslanders are stranded there. There is very little accommodation available. Queenslanders, generally, are greatly incensed because their representations both to Brisbane and Melbourne have not been answered.

A meeting was held at the Education Department yesterday with the object of taking steps to provide for the relief of children who may be left without adequate care and protection through their parents or guardians falling victims to the disease. A scheme outlined by Mr. Green, Superintendent of the State Children's Relief Department, was accepted. He said that Ormond House, Paddington, could be immediately emptied if necessary and used as a depot for 150 children. Eastward Home and the Cleveland-street Public School would be used next in order if necessary. All necessary beds and bedding had been arranged for, and Government contracts would be arranged for feeding the destitute children.

A large number of telegrams have been received from country centres, asking that they be declared isolated, in order to prevent passengers entering from infected districts.

A number of returned soldiers have been thrown out of employment through the closing down of theatres, picture shows, and other places of amusement. The New South Wales branch of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers' Imperial League yesterday brought the matter under the notice of Colonel Farr, De-

puty-Comptroller of the Repatriation Board, and he arranged that the soldiers thrown out of employment through the closing down of the theatres, etc., should receive sustenance.