

EPIDEMIC IS ABATING

Combined Offensive Against the Influenza Germ Is Driving Him Out

WHILE every precaution against the spread of the disease is still necessary, there are good reasons for believing that the worst of the influenza danger has been passed. New cases are still being reported, but the number each day is less than those for the earlier part of the week. The percentage of fatalities is also decreasing. Not all the death notices are of influenza cases, and, moreover, it will be noted that some of the newspaper obituaries are printed more than once, thus giving the appearance of a larger daily average than is actually the death toll.

There is continued improvement in the situation in all the Army camps; New York and other Eastern cities report that the epidemic is on the wane, and Pacific Coast towns show a marked decline in the number of new cases.

The health authorities are doing wonderfully good work, and if there were complete public co-operation a combined offensive of the whole community would soon stamp out the evil.

Wear your masks. You may have a doubt as to their efficiency, but, at least, you cannot see any harm in wearing them, while the mental attitude of precaution which they enforce upon you is a material assistance in driving out the disease.

If every man, woman and child in the community will do all that is expected for a few days, then in a few days we ought to be given a clean bill of health and life resumed under normal conditions. Wear your masks. Take no chances.