DR. BLUE SAYS FLUE WON'T BE A COMEBACK

NATION WIDE EPIDEMIC, COSTING 300,000 LIVES, OVER, AND ONLY EPIDEMIC OUTBREAKS LIKELY, HE SAYS.

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 31 - All over the country a new influenza alert was sounded today, and many parts of the country, Surgeon General of the United States, Dr. Blue said today, the Washington bureau of the Associated Press, this announcement:

"The country is not yet over the influenza epidemic. It is not over and done with for good, he said.

Dr. Blue went on to say that the disease may be expected in various parts of the country, as in all epidemics, and added that, in fact, we have influenza now, especially in the western states.

Dr. Blue was not optimistic about the winter, another great influenza season. As the disease spreads, he said, it is expected to affect 100,000,000 people in 20 to 30 years.

Causes of the great epidemic are obscure. By some, it has been attributed to war diet, by others to pre-war conditions, and still others to chemicals.

Dr. Blue said, without agreement to causes, no specific preventive has yet been authorized by the government.

"There are little pockets in various places where the epidemic has not yet reached, he said, and to the cases of 'black pneumonia' which appeared, in Toulous and Goldfield, Nevada, it is 15 or 20 years ago.

Dr. Blue said, the country is not yet over the influenza epidemic; it is not over and done with for good, he said.

"The coming of cold and inclement weather, bringing colds and bronchitis in its wake, will also cause the disease to reappear in some places. But it will not recur in its virulent form for some years, perhaps, because it has generally exhausted the number of potential victims.

The only places where the epidemic and Porto Rico, Dr. Blue said, the public health authorities are now dealing with and need to have their medical supplies to fight the disease.

Dr. Blue said, "I have talked to the governor of Porto Rico, and he is doing what is necessary."