

For Our Protection.

The action of the state commission on health in ordering the closing of saloons and places of amusement in an effort to prevent public gatherings and the possibility of spread of the Spanish influenza, is drastic, but in the face of conditions it is justified. Spanish influenza, like the grippe, is a dangerous affection. Its complications are many and the likelihood of it developing into pneumonia or other serious affection of the throat and lungs is ever present. In some of the cantonnments a fear is entertained of an epidemic with heavy mortality.

Financial loss to the interests involved are of secondary consideration when the welfare of the people is considered. An epidemic of influenza would result in the industries being crippled, war work retarded, while the equally important tasks that confront the other activities having direct bearing on the conflict would also suffer. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.