HOSPITALS IN OPEN AIR TO FIGHT EPIDEMIC

State Health Board Officers Urge
Treatment Found Successful
With "Flu" in Eastern Cities

Figures Given to Indicate Quick
Results From Better Ventila-
tion; State Funds Asked For

While it has long been recognized
that fresh air in abundance is an es-
sential part of the successful treat-
ment of respiratory infections, it has
but recently been shown that fresh
air is of vital importance in the treat-
ment of the influenza pneumonia,
according to a statement issued yester-
day by Dr. W. H. Kellogg, secretary
of the State Board of Health.

Immediately, upon receipt of tele-
graphic reports from New England
indicating the importance of open
air treatment, and the urgent calls
for aid from stricken communities,
Dr. Kellogg organized all available
physicians, sanitarians and public health
nurses of the Health Department into
a "flying division," the members of
which were dispatched to all parts of
the State with instructions to aid in
the organization of the local com-
unities, report on the urgent need for
physicians and nurses, furnish
assistance in the management of the
epidemic and educate people in mea-
ures of personal hygiene for the
avoidance of infection.

OPEN AIR HOSPITALS.
Plans for the construction of tem-
porary open air hospitals, prepared
by the State Board of Health at
the request of the Board of Health,
are being carried out by this "flying di-
vision" to all parts of the State.

The State Board of Control, after
consulting with Dr. George E.
Ebright, president of the State Board
of Health, has promised every aid in
financing the construction of these
hospitals wherever local needs are
serious.

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enza-pneumonia cases is of such
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nities should be made to realize that
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QUARANTINE URGED.
Dr. Ebright also believes that con-
servation of the available supply of
doctors and nurses, the benefit to the
patient from better treatment and the
benefit to the community in the re-
move of these very contagious cases
from contact with their friends and
relatives, warrants the most re-
action on the part of the State for
the purpose of popularizing this mode
of treatment. He advocates the rapid
construction of these hospitals, at
State expense, as being a measure
for the general public good, the ex-
pending of money for which is abun-
dantly justified.

The plans for the erection of shack
hospitals prepared by the State
Board of Health are similar in prin-
ciple to the open air shock tests
used by interhospital patients.
They are so arranged that patients
may receive outside air from all sides
and allow the escape of the carbon
dioxide to the situation when avail-
able. It is arranged to build these
quite of a height, here and there
openings in the construction which
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