

BUBONIC PLAGUE AND INFLUENZA BACILLUS IDENTICAL

Easton, Pa., Dec. 30—Announcement was made here today that Dr. Adam L. Kotz, pathologist at the Easton Hospital, has declared that bacillus pestis, which is the cause of bubonic plague, is responsible for the epidemic of influenza, tending to prove, it was said, that influenza and the black death of the middle ages are one and the same thing.

Dr. Kotz's discovery, it was said, came only after the most exhaustive examinations and experiments with guinea pigs and white mice. In every instance the experiments proved themselves in the sense required by scientists, it was declared.

The isolation of the bacillus, local physicians said, would mean that fifty per cent of the battle against influenza would be won, as investigations would then turn toward finding a serum through which the disease could be cured.