

# DR. KNOTT SPEAKS OF INFLUENZA OUTLOOK

"Flufobia" is a new disease that has made its appearance in every community that has had flu to deal with. It is supposed to act upon the mind of certain nervous individuals and cause them to express erroneous opinions of those in charge of the work in stamping out this practically uncontrollable disease. They tell you we should have experts as we have for other things, there is not an expert on flu in the United States.

We are following the very best light that we can get by scientists who are devoting their time on this question, who studied it in Europe before it came here. I called the secretary of the state board of health over the phone, and he told me the things that seemed to be working the best in places where a number of things had been tried, was the quarantining of the home. This we will do without fear or favor, and will make it strict, and will ask those who will to report the careless, indifferent, or those who are criminally negligent about reporting this, for lots of people do not have a physician, and we must watch this weak point in our quarantine.

Don't repeat unreliable statements about the situation, it creates a nervousness, which works ill to certain persons. I heard one man making a statement that we had twenty-some odd cases of flu reported one day, when the records at the city hall showed that these cases covered five days. That's different isn't it? So, so many of these things go. We are going our very best to stamp out this dreadful disease. Our interests are the same, our feelings are the same, let us be reasonable, let us try to be normal. Let us look at it with a sane sanity. It's everywhere, Europe and America, there is no part we can look to that has handled it really successfully.

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