

DR. BLUE SAYS

FLUE WON'T BE

A COMEBACK

NATION WIDE EPIDEMIC, COSTING 350,000 LIVES OVER, AND ONLY SPORADIC OUTBREAKS LIKELY HE SAYS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—In view of serious recurrences of influenza in many parts of the country, Surgeon General Rupert Blue of the United States public health service, has issued, thru the Washington bureau of the Newspaper Association, this reassurance:

"The country need not fear that the influenza epidemic will return. It has come and gone for good."

Dr. Blue explained that sporadic outbreaks of the disease may be expected in various parts of the country, as in all epidemics, and added that, "like the poor, we have influenza always with us."

Dr. Blue doesn't believe there will be this winter, another such general visitation as that which has exacted a toll of 330,000 civilian and 20,000 soldier and sailor lives in this country.

Influenza cases are still reported from coast to coast.

"Some alarmists try to trace a likeness to the pneumonia epidemic which swept China a quarter of a century ago, and to the cases of "black pneumonia" which appeared in Tonopah and Goldfield, Nevada, 15 or 20 years ago.

Causes of the great epidemic are obscure. By some, it has been attributed to war diet, by others to wartime overcrowding in camps, etc., others ascribe it to climatic conditions.

With no agreement as to causes, no specific preventative has yet been authoritatively announced.

"There are little pockets in various places which the epidemic may have skipped," Dr. Blue said, "and in these a recurrence of the disease on a small scale may be expected.

"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 practically exhausted the number of potential victims.

"The only places where the epidemic is now being to fall force are Alaska and Porto Rico. The public health service recently dispatched a naval cutter to Alaska with physicians, nurses and supplies to fight the disease, and I have called to the governor of Porto Rico asking what is needed there.

"The public should remember that influenza is always with us, either as an ordinary cold or as an epidemic. In 1918, 1919 and 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 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