

Again—the Grip!

Officially, Pittsburgh has so far escaped an epidemic of influenza. The Department of Health yesterday had record of but one case of the so-called Spanish disease that has visited some other cities and cantonments so alarmingly. This information will naturally make for satisfaction among our thousands who every day expose themselves to contagion in their ordinary pursuits; it will be considered a piece of good news. But is it really as good as it seems? Without wishing to take the gloomy view, we must observe that it simply shows the doctors are not being called in to attend incipient grip which everybody knows has appeared in almost every section of the city to a greater or less extent. If they were being consulted generally, the Health Department's records would have a different tale to tell.

It is necessary to counsel precaution and serious treatment for all symptoms, regardless of Pittsburgh's apparent immunity. Let us not be tempted to take chances. Rather let us use the ounce of prevention and be fully as careful as we would be if the city were being ravaged as Boston and some other cities have been. Officially we may be all right but unofficially we have not the least reason to ignore the common warnings of impending sickness.