

QUARANTINE USELESS . . . ASSERTS STATE EXPERT

Spanish influenza is nothing more nor less than ordinary influenza and it is useless to quarantine against it, in the opinion of Dr. Frank Kelly, of Berkeley, director of the State Bureau of Communicable Diseases. Dr. Kelly said last night the disease gained the name "Spanish" because of an unusually severe epidemic in Spain not long ago.

The State Board of Health is taking no steps toward quarantining against the malady, Dr. Kelly said, and there is no vaccine which is effective against it, so far as he knows. He said only a few cases that have been reported recently are serious. As to the report from Boston of 100 deaths there he said that was probably a comparatively light death rate for an area of the size of that embraced by the eastern city.

Quarantines established by the federal authorities at Goat Island and other places, Dr. Kelly said, are for the purpose of observation in order that improved methods of fighting the disease may be found.