

# OPEN AIR AND VACCINE WILL FIGHT DISEASE

## 300,000 Cases in State Are Feared Unless Patients Kept in Uncovered Hospitals

"Unless more drastic precautionary measures are taken and open-air hospitals generally established, the number of influenza cases in California will increase to 300,000," Dr. George E. Ebright, president of the State Board of Health, said yesterday.

Dr. Ebright urged all communities to secure open-air hospital blue prints from the State Board offices in Sacramento.

### PREPARING VACCINE

Within a week, said Dr. Ebright, the doctors of the State will be able to treat 2000 cases a day with the Leary vaccine, and after that the entire population will be taken care of with this vaccine.

"There are 38,000 cases in the State, with pneumonia running as high as 20 per cent in some districts," Dr. Ebright said. "In some portions of the East it ran as high as 40 per cent.

### OPEN AIR CUTS TOLL

"Open-air hospitals have cut down the disease among attendants 100 per cent. Thirty per cent of the attendants in inclosed hospitals are attacked. The open-air hospitals will cut the mortality in half or better. It is essential, that convalescents be kept closely isolated, as they are the most dangerous carriers.

Private hospitals should establish open-air wards for private patients under the direction of the Red Cross.

"The Leary vaccine is more potent as a preventive than a treatment, so the use of every precaution in preventing the disease is emphasized."