

The Harben gold medal of the Royal Institute of Public Health, given every third year for eminent services rendered to the public health, has been awarded this year to Surgeon-General Sir Alfred Keogh, G.C.B., Director-General A.M.S., and the gold medal for conspicuous services rendered to the cause of preventive medicine to Dr. E. W. Hope, M.O.H. for the city and port of Liverpool, and professor of public health in the university.

The entire ambulance section of the American Field Service sent to France by Leland Stanford University last February is cited by General Mangin in orders to the division. The citation of the section is made for its "having given constantly since its arrival at the front an example of courage and profound devotion, especially at Verdun and at Moronvilliers, in pushing up to the battle lines under bombardment to carry away the wounded."

To protect the American soldier from venereal disease, the Medical Department of the army has organized a section which will devote its attention exclusively to this problem. Co-operating with the newly organized section will be the United States Public Health Service and the sanitary and training camp divisions of the Army Medical Department.

For relief of civilian populations, Christian and Moslem, in Asia Minor and adjoining regions, the Red Cross war council of the United States has appropriated \$300,000 to be expended during August by the American commission for Armenian and Syrian relief, and will make similar allowances monthly for the rest of the year, if the Turkish Government does not hamper the committee's work seriously.

Dr. William J. Mayo, of Rochester, Minn., has been summoned to Washington to confer with the Government officials relative to the formation of a central medical staff in Washington, the purpose of which will be to obtain the best medical service for American soldiers while in the field.

New York City patent medicine manufacturers have won an important decision over the Department of Health before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, which declared invalid the ordinance requiring the manufacturers of all proprietary remedies to register all the active ingredients of such remedies with the Department of Health. Such registration was confidential. Since the ordinance had not been ratified by the State Legislature it was open to attack on the ground of unreasonableness, according to the court.