

COMBINE TO HUNT INFLUENZA GERM

Noted Bacteriologists Will
Work Together — New
York Prepares to Fight
Epidemic if it Comes.

(New York Paper.)
Four men prominent in the medical profession in this country agreed at a conference in New York city to combine their efforts in the study of the so-called influenza bacillus, the filterable viruses and the pneumococci, as possible factors in colds and influenza leading to pneumonia.

In making this announcement Sunday, the health commissioner, Dr. Royal S. Copeland, said nothing very positive is known regarding the influenza germ and hope is felt that the vaccine employed by the Health department may help prevent fatalities from pneumonia.

Those at the conference were Dr. William H. Park, director of Laboratories of the Department of Health, Dr. George W. McCoy, director of Hygienic Laboratories of the United States Public Health Service, Dr. M. J. Rosenau, professor of hygiene and preventive medicine in Harvard university, and Dr. E. O. Jordan, professor of bacteriology in the university of Chicago. The conference marks the beginning of a Federal, state and municipal effort to prevent the threatened recurrent epidemic of influenza.

The question of a vaccine that will be of maximum efficiency is interesting

medical authorities throughout the country. The Department of Health has prepared a vaccine containing germs of various types of pneumonia and the several forms of streptococci, as well as the influenza bacillus itself. In some cases, Dr. Copeland said, this will give immunity against the fatal complications of influenza, and as there is little reaction from its use the persons vaccinated can go about their ordinary business. The department is prepared to give this vaccine to physicians, and to administer it at Board of Health clinics.

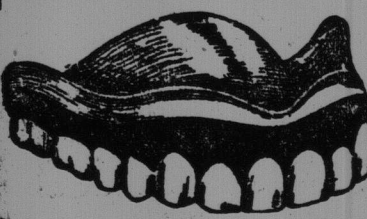
"It must be admitted that the use of vaccines is largely experimental," said Dr. Copeland. "I would not think it right to speak with a degree of certainty regarding their value. I do desire to give the public the frankest possible statement regarding the possible value of the vaccine, so that every person may determine whether it should be employed."

"Before any vaccine or serum can be presented to the public with any degree of enthusiasm, the causative germ responsible for the disease must be discovered. The scientific world is much at sea as regards the particular germ responsible. Several vaccines were recommended last year, and the Department of Health prepared some of these. The results of vaccination apparently have shown some benefits. There have been fewer cases of pneumonia among vaccinated persons than among the unvaccinated. Influenza, in itself, is not fatal in most instances. The serious thing about it is that it prepares the way for a secondary infection with the germ pneumonia. Probably more than 90 per cent. of the deaths reported from influenza last year resulted from pneumonia. A year ago last week, influenza entered the country through New York and Boston and swept westward. The Health Department has received many inquiries as to what steps were being taken to forestall its possible recurrence."

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teachers are being instructed that they may recognize symptoms.

Plan to Instruct the Public

"A circular of instruction will be distributed through the schools, for the information of parents or guardians," said Dr. Copeland. "This circular will emphasize the importance of giving attention to any cold. Where one member of a family has a cold he should exclude himself, so far as possible, from the family circle. There should be an individual bed for every person who has a cold. The patient should be isolated and eating utensils sterilized."

"The Board of Health should have instant knowledge of every case of influenza met with by physicians. It is the law that every case be reported to the Department of Health. This law, when checked up last year, showed that many physicians had been delinquent. The delinquency was excused on the ground that every physician was so overworked he could not be seriously blamed. No such condition prevails now."

"Inspectors of the department and health squad have been instructed to enforce rigidly the section of the sanitary code requiring that soda fountains and other places where food and drink are dispensed be kept in a clean condition and that glasses be sterilized."

A conference will be held this week with the proprietors of soda-water establishments to discuss the wisdom of providing paper cups instead of the drinking glasses.

"We urge every citizen to assist us in enforcing the anti-spitting laws and the laws relating to dry sweeping."

Good Times in Annapolis.

Annapolis Royal, Sept. 26—A wave of prosperity seems to be sweeping over this historic town. With the building of the bridge to connect Granville Ferry with Annapolis, on which many men will be employed, the possibilities will be immense. The residents of the Ferry may be incorporated with Annapolis Royal and the water and electric light system

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of construction, there will be employment for more men.

It is rumored that another frostproof apple warehouse is among the probabilities of the near future as the building formerly used has been sold to Graham socks. The straw feeds the furnace that

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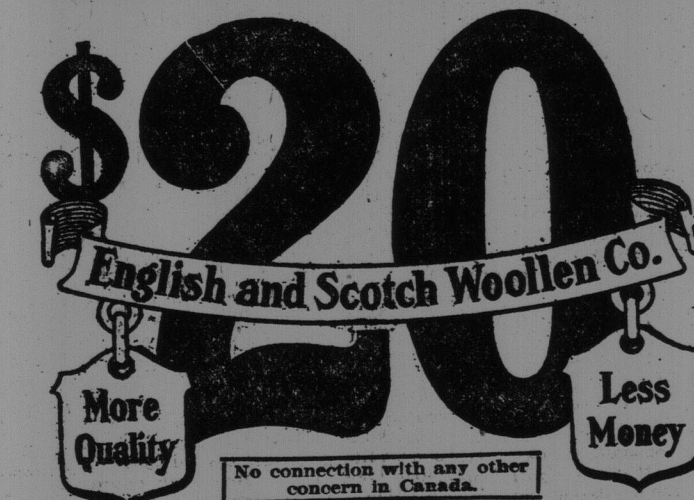
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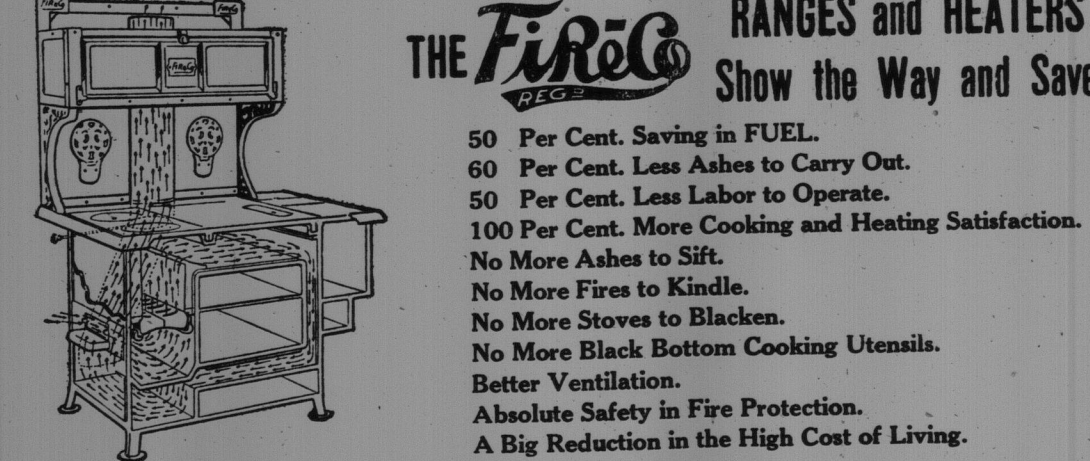
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