# ANTICIPATES RECURRENCE OF "FLU" IN MILD FORM

**Surgeon-General Blue Thinks Officials Should Prepare for Return of Epidemic.**

**WAS NOT FRESH IMPORTATION**

**Last Winter's Outbreaks Had Extensive Forerunners for Several Years, Causing Increased Pneumonia Mortality in Country.**

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—"Will the flu come back this year?"

This question being asked by thousands of scientists and millions of laymen throughout the world is discussed by Surgeon-General Blue, of the Public Health Service, in an official bulletin in which it is said that the plague probably will reappear but in not as severe a form as last winter.

"Probably, but by no means certainly, there will be a recurrence of the influenza epidemic this year," says General Blue. "Indications are that, should it occur, it will not be as severe as the epidemic of the previous winter. Officials and State and city boards of health should be prepared in the event of a recurrence.

"The fact that previous attacks brings immunity in a certain percentage of cases, should allay fear on the part of those afflicted in the previous epidemic. Influenza is spread by direct and indirect contact. It is not certain the germ has been isolated or discovered, and as a consequence there is yet no positive preventive except the enforcement of rigid rules of sanitation and the avoidance of personal contact.

"A close relation between the influenza epidemic and the constantly increasing pneumonia mortality rate prior to the fall of 1918 is recognized. It is now believed that the disease was pretty widely disseminated throughout the country before it was recognized in its epidemic state. This failure to recognize the early cases appears to have largely been due to the fact that every interest was then centered upon the war.

**Not a Freak Importation.**

"Contrary to the opinion expressed frequently during the early weeks of last year's outbreak by a number of observers, the studies of the Public Health Service indicate that the epidemic was not a fresh importation from abroad. Careful study of the mortality statistics of the United States shows that there were a number of extensive, though mild forerunners during the previous three or four years.

"Concerning the important question of immunity conferred by an attack of influenza, the evidence is not conclusive, but there is reason to believe that an attack during the earlier stages of the epidemic confers a considerable but not absolute immunity in the latter outbreaks.

"Despite the fact that there is still some uncertainty as to the nature of the micro-organism causing influenza, one thing is certain—that the disease is communicable from person to person. Moreover, judging from experience in other diseases it is possible that the germ, whatever its nature, is carried about not only by those who are ill with influenza, but by persons who may be entirely well. Everything which increases personal contact, therefore, should be regarded as a factor in spreading influenza.

**Look for Local Outbreaks.**

"It seems probable, however, that we may expect at least local recurrences in the near future with an increase over the normal mortality from pneumonia for perhaps several years, and certainly we should be, as far as possible, prepared to meet them by previous organization of forces and measures for attempted prevention, treatment and scientific investigation.

"There should be no recollection of the extensive suffering and distress which accompanied last year's pandemic. Communities should make plans now for dealing with any recurrence. No mention has been made here of a cure or specific. So far as the most careful scientific investigations have been able to determine, none has been discovered, the suggested remedies which give most encouragement are even now in their experimental stage.

"Evidence collected during last winter's pandemic points strongly to infected eating and drinking utensils, especially in places where food and drink are sold to the public, as being one of the modes of transmission of this disease."

## FORWARD STEPS TAKEN IN OBERLIN ATHLETICS

**College Will Take Over Conduct of Sports, Both Intercollegiate and Intramural.**

OBERLIN, Ohio, Sept. 13.—Oberlin College has taken another progressive step in its athletic sports. The Athletic Association has been done away with and at the opening of the new college year the college takes over the entire conduct of athletics, both intercollegiate and intramural.

The budget adopted by the trustees last June provides a special appropriation to be given to the department of physical education for care of athletic fields, and for athletic supplies and equipment for students. Under the new plan greater attention will be given intramural activities.

More football fields and more baseball diamonds will be maintained in good condition, and more athletic equipment will be provided for the use of candidates for non-varsity teams.

Prof. Savage, director of athletics, is to be absent from Oberlin the coming year for further study and travel. Mr. Savage has recently been in Oberlin and announced assignments for the supervision of athletic work.

Prof. T. N. Metcalf will act as director of athletics and will coach the varsity football team. Assistant Professor Jacob Speelman will direct intramural affairs during the fall and spring and will coach the varsity basketball team. Assistant Prof. I. I. Keller will have charge of intramural athletics during the winter and will coach the varsity baseball team.

## Wait! They Are Not All in the Picture


## TRACK MEET ON MONDAY

**Boys and Girls of Different Ages Will Compete for Honors at Chimborazo Playground.**

Monday night, September 15, there will be held on Chimborazo playgrounds a track meet consisting of several events for boys and girls.

There will be two classifications of all entries, junior class, consisting of all boys under 14 years old and the intermediate class, comprising boys over 14. There will also be the same classification for the girls' events.

Prizes will be awarded to all winners of the various events and in many cases prizes will be awarded to second and third places. The meet will start promptly at 6 o'clock.

List of events:

Seventy-five-yard dash (junior), seventy-five-yard dash (intermediate), seventy-five-yard dash for girls, [illegible] yard dash (intermediate), relay between all of the playgrounds of the city, running broad jump (junior), running broad jump (intermediate), standing broad jump, standing broad jump (intermediate), basketball throw for girls, spoon race for girls, four lap around track for all boys over fifteen. Distance, 440 yards.

The feature event of the meet will be the relay between the playgrounds of the city. Fulton won the city championship volleyball race, and it is expected the Fulton playground will send a speedy delegation over to represent them.

## GEORGE ELECTED CAPTAIN

**Texan Will Lead Eleven of Naval Academy and Play Quarter Back During Coming Season.**

WEST POINT, N. Y., Sept. 13.—Cadet Alexander George, of the senior class, who was appointed to the Military Academy from Texas and who entered West Point in June, 1915, has been elected captain of the Army eleven. George played at Rice Institute before coming here. He is twenty-one years old, and is a candidate for the quarterback position.

The Army football squad got a hot weather workout today and had a scorching run. Men were drilled in the merest fundamentals, the excessive heat precluding the possibility of anything bordering the heavy work. The coaches had all hands falling on the ball, passing and kicking, and after a brief session at the dummy the men were sent to the showers.

Harry Tuthill, who trained the successful Army elevens of 1913, '14 and '15, reported here for duty today, and is looking after the physical condition of the squad for the balance of the season. Tuthill is the trainer of the Detroit American League baseball team.

## M'GOVERN FOLLOWS BERRY

**New York Lawyer Appointed Graduate Member of Cornell Athletic Association by Gotham Alumni.**

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—John T. McGovern has been appointed a graduate member of the Cornell Athletic Association, as the representative of the New York alumni. He succeeds Romeyn Berry, who has recently become director of athletics at Ithaca.

McGovern is an enthusiastic believer in intercollegiate sports, and was one of the originators of the effort at Cornell to have every student a member of some regularly competing team. As an undergraduate, a member of the class of 1900, he ran on the cross-country team and was a half-miler on the track team.

He is a practicing lawyer, and was counsel for the police commissioner of New York during the incumbency of General Bingham.

## FREEMAN PRAISES "BABE" RUTH, KING OF SLUGGERS

**Former Holder of Home-Run Record Says He Couldn't Swing Like Big Red Sox Player.**

TOLEDO, Sept. 13.—"I was convinced several weeks ago that Babe Ruth would at least equal, if he did not surpass, my home-run record," said "Buck" Freeman when he learned the Red Sox slugger had made his twenty-sixth home run and had broken the major league record established by him twenty-one years ago. Freeman is now an umpire in the American Association. In Roger Bresnahan's office, after a recent game, Freeman recalled his record-breaking performance.

"The record was made in 1899, when I was a member of the Washington National League Club," said Buck. "Many fans and baseball writers had the impression that I was then with the Boston team, but that is wrong. I never could hit as hard as Ruth does. I couldn't take a swing like the big fellow because I didn't have the physique."

"No, Buck, you were a choppy hitter," put in Brennahan, who is now the manager of the Toledo club, "but you put a lot of punch behind the war club. Say, if you were as big as Ruth there is no telling what you might have done that year."

"When I was sent to Boston," continued Freeman, "I thought it would be easy for me to make a better home-run record because of the short right field fence on the Boston grounds, but I was mistaken. Maybe trying to pull the ball over that fence hurt my batting, for I certainly fell off.

"I made my record against some great pitchers. Rusie and several other famous pitchers tried to foot me. But it cannot be denied that today there are more great pitchers in the game than when I was playing, and batting has improved, too. The great hitters of twenty years ago would be helpless before the spitter and some of the other deliveries now used by pitchers.

"I must congratulate Ruth upon his great work. It's wonderful for a man to break a record that has stood for twenty years, especially in the face of the fact that American League pitchers have been working their hardest against Ruth all season and passing him almost every time he was up there in a pinch.

"Look at Ruth's record and you will see at once he is a real batter, not a freak. The fact that he is a home-run hitter merely proves he has the faculty of meeting the ball squarely with every ounce of his great strength back of his swing. Look at Ruth's wrists and you will find they are tremendous. A man who hits as hard as he does must have abnormal development of wrist and forearm."

## NEWS OF THE BOXERS

Frank Moran, the Pittsburgh heavyweight, dreams of coming back to the ring. He has been training quietly at a Long Island resort with Bartley Madden as a sparring partner.

By knocking out Bill Larrie in two rounds, at Oakland, Cal., on Tuesday night, Carl Morris wiped out two prospective opponents for Jack Dempsey, as Larrie had given Willie Meehan a good lacing only a few weeks back.

Harry Wills and Joe Jeanette are to box eight rounds at the Armory A. C., Jersey City, on the night of September 18.

Promoters at Fort Worth, Tex., are working on a bout between Benny Leonard and Bobby Waugh, of that city, to take place October 9.

## GRID. OUTLOOK FINE

**Notre Dame Coach Expects to Turn Out Team Equal to Elevens Before the War.**

NOTRE DAME, IND., Sept. 13.—With at least twenty ex-service men who have played on former Notre Dame varsity teams sure to be on hand when practice begins September 15, Athletic Director Knute K. Rockne is looking forward to an eleven worthy of comparison with Notre Dame teams of pre-war days.

Those players who have sent word they will return to school this fall are Mohn and Bahan, quarter backs; Barry, Gipp, Fitzpatrick, Bergman, Pierson, Malone and Brandy, half backs; Miller, Slackford and Ryan, full backs; Hayes, Kirk, Meagher and Anderson, ends; Coughlin and McGuire, tackles; H. Anderson, Smith and Kasper, guards. Melnerny, All-Western tackle in 1916, and Murphy, a tackle on the same team, were killed in action in France.

Notre Dame makes her annual pilgrimage to West Point to meet the Army eleven on November 8. Indiana, Purdue, Nebraska and the Michigan Aggies are her principal opponents in the West. This year Notre Dame will play her sixth game with the Army.

Gus Dorias and Knute Rockne, manipulators extraordinary of the forward pass in 1913, who furnished the principal part in Notre Dame's initial victory over the Army, are now jointly in complete charge of Notre Dame athletics. Jesse Harper, who, during his five-year stay at Notre Dame, coached three elevens which defeated the Army, has given up the game to become a Kansas ranch owner.


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