

# FAILS TO FIND INFLUENZA CURE

Joint Board Endorses None of  
Vaccine at Present in Use

Explains Need of  
Further Evidence

A joint board of medical scientists and statisticians, appointed by Dr. Eugene R. Kelley of the state board of health to inquire into the prophylactic and therapeutic qualities of several vaccines, which have been made to fight the so-called Spanish influenza germ, has submitted its report for the consideration of the health commissioner. Chief among the vaccines under scrutiny was one made by Dr. Timothy J. Leary bacteriologist at Tufts Medical school. The report does not make a definite finding as to any one vaccine, but generalizes its conclusion.

The board of scientists comprised of Dr. M. J. Rosenau, director of the division of biologic laboratory, Washington; Dr. G.W. McCoy of the national public health service, and Maj. Frederick Gay, U.S.A., has submitted the following report:

## Have No Specific Value

"The special board of scientific investigation, appointed to consider the evidence available on the prophylactic and therapeutic vaccines against influenza have reached the following conclusions:

"1 - The evidence at hand affords no trustworthy basis for regarding prophylactic vaccination against influenza as a value in preventing the spread of the disease, or of reducing its severity. The evidence from the present epidemic though meager, suggests that the incidence of disease among the vaccinated is smaller than among the non-vaccinated. The board, therefore, concludes that further experimental evidence should be collected.

"2 - The evidence at hand convinces the board that the vaccines we have considered have no specific value in the treatment of influenza.

"3 - There is evidence that no unfavorable results have followed the use of the vaccines."