

PARALYSIS EXPERTS OPPOSE QUARANTINE

Conference of Federal and State Doctors Offers Rules to Check Disease.

WOULD CLOSE SCHOOLS

Health Officers Admit They Don't Know How Malady Is Transmitted.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The conference of State health officers and representatives of the United States Public Health Service which began here yesterday to consider methods of preventing the spread of infantile paralysis ended today after adopting a report containing a set of rules intended to check the disease.

The conference declared itself against quarantines by one community against another, as in the case of New York city and neighboring communities. The conference did not deem such action necessary.

The conference adjourned with the admission on the part of those who took part in it that they did not know how the disease was transmitted nor what caused it. The discussion of yesterday and today indicated clearly that it is one of the most mysterious maladies with which the medical profession has had to contend. Reports were made to the conference of cases of infantile paralysis in the mountains of West Virginia and Kentucky, and their places isolated from the outside world.

"The evidence strongly points to humans as the carriers," said Surgeon Wade Frost of the United States Health Service. "The evidence is that it is purely a human disease, and if contagions a large proportion of persons exposed are immune. It does not spread very largely from sources other than persons, and is mostly by adults. Against that is the known seasonal prevalence. Our theories do not exclude transmission by insects, but this is hypothetical. We hardly suspect any dogs or cats. Its rapid spread indicates human carriers."

Rules Recommended.

The report of the commission on measures for the prevention of interstate and intrastate spread of poliomyelitis adopted by the conference provides for a committee that the first step to be taken by a State health authority, believing its territory to be in danger of invasion by poliomyelitis, is to call the attention of the United States Public Health Service to the situation believed to be dangerous and to request the United States Public Health Service to take whatever steps are necessary to prevent the interstate spread of poliomyelitis.

1. Investigation of the infected area. 2. Notification concerning the removal of persons 16 years of age or under from an infected area to a named point of destination in another State, or from one State to another, in every case to the State health authorities of the State destination.

3. The forms of notification, health certification and permits to travel should include the following information: a. Name of patient, sex, age, date of onset, and date of admission to hospital, if any.

4. Identification of each traveler: exact location of present residence and record of previous residence in Newark, N. J., during the preceding three months, or as to latest date of infection before that month; and to date of cleansing of premises after infection.

5. Permits to travel shall be void unless the journey shall begin within ten days of the date of issue.

6. Single permits shall not be issued for several persons except for family or household groups coming from the same point of origin.

7. The collection of fees by health officials from applicants for permits, whether resident or non-resident, should be uniform.

8. Certificates of private physicians will not alone be sufficient basis for the issuance of permits to travel. Permits for interstate travel will be based on official reports of health officers.

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10. It is recommended that all cases of poliomyelitis should be reported immediately to the State health authorities, and to the State health authorities make reports to the United States Public Health Service in all cases of poliomyelitis. The United States Public Health Service is asked to furnish general reports weekly.

11. It is recommended that all persons sixteen years old or under with clean bill of health and moving from an infected area or district to another locality should be kept under medical observation daily for two weeks from the date of the certificate.

12. It is believed that the period of incubation of a case of poliomyelitis should be not less than six weeks from date of onset.

13. The isolation of cases of poliomyelitis should be stringent isolation of the sick person in a hospital or in a properly screened room or rooms with disinfection, at the bedside, of all bodily excretions. Wherever it is possible, the removal of patients to a hospital is greatly to be preferred to isolation in a private house or apartment.

14. In case of death from poliomyelitis the funeral should be strictly private.

15. Whenever poliomyelitis is unusually prevalent assemblies of children in public places should be prohibited.

Would Close Schools.

"During unusual prevalence of poliomyelitis schools should not be closed without thorough medical supervision by a health authority. When schools are opened, playgrounds should be under high school supervision, and never age groups no more rapidly than complete medical examinations can be made.

16. Because of the existence of unknown carriers of the infectious virus of poliomyelitis and because the infectious virus is present in the body of persons of such persons, therefore, all measures to prevent contamination by human excretions or other bodily discharges, the suspension of the drinking cup and a general educational campaign for cleanliness and sanitation, with particular instruction of parents and children concerning personal hygiene, especially of the mouth and nose, are strongly urged by the committee.

"It is said in preventing the spread of poliomyelitis that health officers should instruct their agents and ticket sellers by direct order, as well as by public instruction, that travelers with children of 16 years or under must be provided with a health certificate, as detailed in another section of this report.

"The medical records of poliomyelitis in certain States at this time indicate a likelihood of epidemic prevalence next year in States not heavily affected this year. It is believed that the measures here recommended should be continued in operation at least until such time as the incidence of the disease has subsided to or below its usual level.

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125 NEW CASES; 32 DIE.

Authorities Firm in Belief That Epidemic is Ebbing.

Although there was an increase of four new cases of infantile paralysis yesterday, the health authorities, both local and Federal, are still firm in their belief that the epidemic is ebbing. Despite the slight gain the number of cases, 125, is well below the average of last week.

There was a drop of twelve cases in Queens yesterday, but Manhattan's number increased from thirty-nine to forty-four and Brooklyn's from forty to fifty-eight. Richmond, which had no cases on Thursday, reported five yesterday. The number of deaths remained at thirty-two, but cases occurred in Manhattan, an increase of seven; Brooklyn's total fell from ten on Thursday to seven yesterday.

The medical records committee of the Board of Health met during the day and decided to study closely the relationship, if any, between enlarged tonsils and adenoids and the possibility of their children. The effect of the removal of tonsils and adenoids will also be considered.

Health Commissioner Emerson said yesterday morning that he has no doubt of no danger of spreading the disease by opening the schools for the registration of new pupils on September 6, 7 and 8.

The Department of Health is prepared to cooperate with the citizens committee which has been organized to solicit donations of blood from the 300 persons in the city known to have the disease. Dr. Emerson announced. The blood is needed greatly to treat present sufferers. Letters will be sent to those who have the disease asking them to give blood.

Two donors of blood gave fourteen ounces for child sufferers yesterday at the City Hospital. The committee is asking of others volunteered by letter and telephone, and Dr. Abraham Zinger has appointments to examine their blood.

The twelve nurses from Canada who started a week ago from their homes to help fight the epidemic in New York City, some of them are returning, owing to red tape connected with the alien labor law, which has not yet been unraveled at Washington, although the State Department is expected to pass several Federal departments. Nurses are urgently needed in the hospitals.

The fund to buy braces and supports for crippled children was reported yesterday. Acting Mayor Downing said he thought the city should do its share in helping the crippled children who are outside New Jersey.

The Board of Aldermen in September appropriating \$20,000 for this object. In the city there were 4,812 cases and 1,541 deaths to date, has been held hit by the epidemic of the city of Newark has suffered even more. Up to yesterday there had been 1,612 cases, the health authorities there since July 3, 963 cases and 241 deaths. There has been in New York approximately one case to every 405. In other words the disease is twice as prevalent in Newark as in New York.

Thirty-three new cases and eight deaths were reported yesterday in Newark.

Twenty-two new cases in New Jersey outside Newark were reported to the State Department of Health. Five new towns have been affected by the epidemic, bringing the total number of towns affected to 119. There are 119 towns where there has been one or more cases to 137. The cases yesterday were distributed as follows: Jersey City, 5; Newark, 19; Camden, 1; Plainfield, 3; Bogota, Ridgedale Park, Mount Laurel, Millburg, township (Essex county), Montclair, West Orange, Guttenberg, Belmar, Park, township (Monmouth county), Butler, Dover, Paterson, Peapack-Gladstone, Hillsboro, Frankford township (Sussex county), Cresskill, township (Rocky Hill), Hillsdale township (Union county), Linden township (Union county), Rahway and Ramsey, one each.

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IN the present naval maneuvers a three inch gun, mounted to give it a high degree of elevation, will be tried out aboard the United States battleship Texas for war on hostile aircraft. If the trials prove a success all warships in the navy will be equipped in similar manner. The rifle fires thirty shots a minute and requires a crew of seven men to operate it. The picture shows the gun and platform on the Texas.



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BORDENS SAY LABOR BOOSTED MILK PRICE

Increased Pay and Cost of Delivery Forced Move, Officials Tell Swann.

SOON TO RESTORE RATES

Market Commissioner Dillon and Wicks Board Continue Investigations.

Several important moves were made yesterday in official and semi-official investigations to find out why the milk consumer should be threatened with further increases in the price of milk when he is now paying from 2 to 2-1/2 times as much as the producer receives from the distributor.

District Attorney Swann had an audience with officials of Borden's Condensed Milk Company, which distributes 22 per cent of the milk sold in the metropolitan district. He learned from them that the increase by the company in Grade B bottled pints from 5 to 6 cents and in Grade A milk from 10 to 11 cents per quart was necessitated by increased cost of labor and distribution.

The District Attorney was assured that these increases are temporary only, and that the company will restore former prices as soon as conditions justify the action. The conference was by invitation.

Commissioner Joseph J. Hartigan of the Mayor's Bureau of Weights and Measures sent a letter to Commissioner John J. Dillon of the State Department of Foods and Markets, in which he offered to place at the department's disposal all the data which he has collected in his investigations concerning milk conditions and the varying prices in their survey of the greater city.

Julian Heath, president of the National Housewives League, received a letter from Albert Manning, secretary of the Dairywomen's League, saying that H. Harshbarger, president of the Milk Producers' Association, had offered John Y. Gerow as president last week, will be glad to confer with a committee of the league now investigating the milk situation. Mr. Heath has already heard the milk distributors' side of the controversy. No date has been fixed for the conference with the up-State farmers and dairymen.

In addition to all these activities the Wicks Senate Committee, which is investigating the milk situation in sixteen up-State counties, is coming to this city on Friday next for the purpose of investigating here. It is believed that the committee will get a chance to explain why there should be such a wide margin between the wholesale and the retail prices of milk.

In the meantime the Department of Foods and Markets is devoting much of its energies to carry out Commissioner Dillon's plan for a certain section of the milk business from start to finish in the city. The Commissioner is now on his vacation and when he returns it is expected that he will have a report on the plan has caused a feeling akin to nervousness among the big distributors.

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