

DR. DIXON WARNS ABOUT TYPHUS

Commissioner of Health Says That Precautions Should Be Taken Promptly

Urgent recommendations that health officers be on the alert to prevent typhus fever being carried into this country by people from foreign countries, especially Mexican laborers are made by Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health, in a statement issued to-day. Dr. Dixon says that people should be on the lookout for newly-arrived Mexicans and that they should supplement the work of medical men, many of whom have been called into war service, leaving fewer to look after home sanitation.

Dr. Dixon says: Typhus fever exists to-day in Mexico, and thousands of Mexicans are traveling across the boundary lines into the United States in search of work and the good money it brings. The boundary line formed by the Rio Grande is so long and tortuous, that our little army of sanitarians is not able to prevent many of the Mexicans from coming into our midst without any sanitary treatment. The danger is obvious.

There is, at present, a good amount of scientific evidence that the cause of typhus fever is a bacillus that is found in the body of lice feeding on typhus fever patients. While the scientific workers continue to pursue or to prove further the guilt of the bacillus for our typhus fever, we are fortunate to know that whatever it may be carried in the body louse, and there is a fair degree of suspicion that the head louse may also carry the organism.

The body louse delights in woolen clothing and can make itself very much at home in cotton spun material.

To prevent the introduction of typhus fever from Mexico into the States, no Mexican should be transported across the boundary lines without a permit, given by the State Bureau of Public Health Service. All health officers should be on the lookout for the newly-arrived Mexicans, who are now coming in construction camps and around the centers of the great industries, and when these foreigners are found and fall to show a clean bill of health, they should be examined for lice. If these are found, the clothes of the patient should be burned and the body should be shaved, washed and wrapped in a sheet soaked with a mixture of one-half kerosene and one-half vinegar, while the head should be wrapped in clean cloth which has been soaked in this same mixture.

In looking for the lice, it is well to remember that when you are to search the clothing, you should immediately make their retreat into its fabric. This makes it very essential to examine the clothing and, if lice are there, it is certain that there are some on the body and therefore the process of disinfecting is essential.

If conditions will not permit of the destruction of clothing, it should be baked until all signs of life have been destroyed, or boiled in water for at least twenty minutes. If infected lice are carried across our border into our midst, typhus fever may become epidemic, many people being infected. The fact that those carrying the lice are very apt to get into crowded housing conditions, where the lice have every opportunity of infecting a large number of people.

If health officers have proof that these foreigners have come from infected districts, they should be held in quarantine for about twelve days after being cleansed, as the incubation stage of typhus fever is about nine days. Typhus fever is a very fatal disease, yet the deathrate can be greatly reduced by intelligent medical aid which there has been a shortage of in Pennsylvania for several years, dating before the outbreak of the present war.

Just now it is possible that the medical men and the Federal government are not making a calculation of the necessities of our home people. Thousands of our best physicians and even teachers of medicine are leaving our shores for foreign countries. This condition of things makes it still more important, if we intend to keep up the basic supply of food, ammunition and warriors, for our home people to listen to advice from those who are versed in preventive medicine and to heed such advice. All of us should be awake to the necessity of following out sanitary laws for our own individual self-gain, if not because of the moral duty we owe our country in the time of war.

Individual cleanliness and cleanliness of our environment are essential in guarding against typhus fever. The transportation companies should demand health certificates before transporting immigrants coming from Mexico, and our great industries should do all in their power to provide proper housing for their employees, not only to avoid possible epidemics of typhus fever, but other communicable diseases.

LIVERPOOL NEWS ITEMS

Liverpool, Pa., May 7.—Liverpool merchants and dealers are complaining of freight and express congestion which is making it difficult to receive their shipments of goods and difficult to send any article from town.

The First National Bank directors have decided to close the doors of that institution on the Saturday afternoons of May, June, July and August.

The body of Harry Kunkle, of this place, who recently died in Phoenix, Ariz., was buried here.

A meeting of the sons and grandsons of Civil War veterans was held with the G. A. R. in its hall Friday evening to make preparations for the observance of Memorial Day.

Mrs. Martha Hartzell, of Harrisburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Ritter last week.

Mrs. Joseph Fritz, of Altoona, was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fritz.

RED CROSS SUPPLIES SHIPPED

Waynesboro, Pa., May 7.—Preparedness Unit No. 1 has forwarded by express the following hospital supplies to New York for use in the American Hospital in France: Eighty muslin bandages, 40 gauze compresses, 100 tampons, 5 muslin slings and 50 gauze packings. The following supplies were also shipped to the Red Cross Department, Philadelphia: Thirty laparotomy pads, 18 muslin bandages (7 yards in length), 40 gauze compresses, 72 gauze sponges, 12 gauze drains and 12 muslin bandages.

STUDENT ENLISTS IN ARMY

Waynesboro, Pa., May 7.—Ernest Brindle, who has returned from the Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, will go to Harrisburg to be examined by the recruiting officer. He will then go to Columbus, Ohio, to join a hospital corps of the United States Army.



BABY WEEK

At KENNEDY'S

The President's Motto Is Our Motto Quick Sales and Small Profits Baby Foods, Baby Medicines

For the Big Baby

- 50c Gillette Razor Blades 43c
50c Durham Duplex Blades 43c
35c Gem Razor Blades 28c
30c Ever Ready Razor Blades 24c
25c Williams' Shaving Stick 20c
25c Williams' Shaving Powder 20c
25c Williams' Shaving Cream 20c
10c Williams' Shaving Soap 5c
25c Witch Hazel 17c
25c Palmolive Shaving Stick 17c
25c Sanitol Shaving Stick 17c
25c Sanitol Shaving Powder 17c
35c Pear's Shaving Stick 24c
50c Bay Rum 35c
75c Pinaud Lilac 53c
25c Garwood Talcum, lb. Cans 19c
35c Lather Brushes 25c
25c Rubber Combs 19c
50c Hair Brush 39c
25c Imperial Granum 19c
75c Imperial Granum 65c
\$1.25 Imperial Granum 98c
50c Mellins' Food 34c
75c Mellins' Food 53c
50c Borden's Malted Milk 38c

- \$1.00 Borden's Malted Milk 75c
25c Nestle's Food 19c
50c Nestle's Food 38c
\$2.50 Nestle's Food \$2.19
50c Horlick's Malted Milk 38c
\$1.00 Horlick's Malted Milk 75c
\$3.75 Horlick's Malted Milk \$2.95
60c Robinson Barley 45c
35c Robinson Barley 25c
50c Merck's Sugar Milk 38c

Baby Soap

- Colgate's Baby Talcum 15c
25c Johnson & Johnson Talcum, 2 for 25c
15c Mennen's Baby Talcum 13c
25c Syke's Comfort Powder 19c
Conti Brand Pure Castile Soap, lb. 28c
15c Fuller's Earth 9c
10c Baby Pacifiers 5c
25c Infant Ear Syringe 18c
25c Infant Rectal Syringe 19c
\$1.00 Pinkham Vegetable Compound 63c
\$1.00 Hood's Sarsaparilla 67c
50c Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur 34c
\$1.00 Father John's Med. 71c
\$1.50 Fellow's Syrup Hypophosphite 98c
50c Phenol Sodique 25c
25c Senreo Tooth Paste 19c

Baby Talcum

- \$1.00 Kilmer Swamp Root 67c
\$1.00 Eckman's Alterative 67c
50c Colorado Cough Root 39c
25c Carter's Pills 13c
25c Lax. Bromo Quinine 13c
50c Ely's Cream Balm 34c
\$1.00 Bromo Seltzer 67c
75c Bellans 50c
25c Gough Cough Syrup 17c
50c Chase's Kidney Food 34c
50c Chase's B. & N. Food 35c
50c Doan's Kidney Pills 34c
50c Pape's Diapepsin 34c
35c Castoria (Fletcher's) 21c
\$1.00 Mayer's Stomach Remedy 75c
\$1.00 Maltine (all kinds) 79c
\$1.00 Oil Korein Capsules 79c
25c Olive Tablets 18c
\$1.25 Gude's Peptomangan 75c
\$3.75 Horlick's Malted Milk \$2.95
\$1.00 Mercolized Wax 58c
25c Johnson's Foot Soap 19c
\$1.00 Manola 75c
75c Peppermint (double strength) 59c
50c Pinex 34c

- 25c Bellans 17c
35c Castoria 21c
50c Syrup of Figs (California) 31c
25c Cuticura Soap 18c
25c Kopp's Baby Friend 19c
50c Kopp's Baby Friend 39c
25c Burnstead Worm Syrup 19c
25c Judway Elixir 19c
25c Low Worm Syrup 19c
25c Mother Gray's Worm Powder 17c
25c Winslow Soothing Syrup 17c
25c Hand's Colic Cure 17c
25c Hand's Worm Elixir 17c
25c Goff's Worm Syrup 17c
25c Cuticura Soap 18c
35c Glycerine Suppositories 21c
25c Resinol Soap 19c
50c Resinol Ointment 38c
25c Hand's Chafing Powder 19c
25c Philip Milk Magnesia 19c
50c Philip Milk Magnesia 35c
25c Grove's Anodyne 19c
25c Tonsoline 17c
50c Armstrong Croup Ointment 39c
50c Vic Vapo Rub 39c
25c Vic Vapo Rub 19c
50c Delavan Whooping Cough Syrup 39c
25c Raymond Plasters 19c

Extra Specials

- 5c Nipples; all kinds, 2 for 5c

- 50c Monarch Hair Brush 39c

- 15c Munyon W. Hazel Soap 5c
35c Limestone Phosphates 21c
50c Mentholatum 25c
25c Goff Herb Bitters 17c
10c Medco Corn Plaster 5c
25c Hill's Cascara Quinine 13c
50c Phenol Sodique 27c
10c James Headache Powders 5c

- 50c Beef Wine and Iron 25c
50c Milk of Magnesia 35c
15c Epsom Salts full pound 7c
\$1.25 Fountain Syringe 67c
\$1.00 Listerine 59c
75c Mary Garden Talcum 41c
\$1.00 Othine for freckles 67c

- 50c Java Rice Powder all shades 29c
25c Alcock's Porous Plasters 10c
25c Arnica Salve 13c
15c Acorn Salve 8c
35c Castoria genuine 21c
\$1 Pinkham's Veg. Compound 63c

- 50c Rubber Gloves for 29c
\$1.00 Hot Water Bottle 69c

Special

Standard 25c Talcum Powder

- Japanese Honeysuckle Massatta
Williams' Violet
Williams' Lilac
Williams' Rose

- Garwood's Violet
Lynwood Violet
Babcock's Corylopsis
Johnson & Johnson Baby Talcum

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2 for 25c

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