

Terrible Infantile Paralysis Epidemic Continues to Spread; Government Will Help Fight It

NEW YORK, July 6. — After a conference between William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury of the United States; Mayor Mitchel, Health Commissioner Emerson and others, it was announced tonight that the United States public health service would co-operate with the New York authorities in their efforts to stamp out the epidemic of infantile paralysis which already has cost the lives of more than 150 children.

The federal aid, it was said, would at once be directed to tracing the origin of the disease. This will consist largely in field, epidemiological and laboratory studies, the latter being chiefly experiments with animal inoculations.

Additional cases reported since 10 o'clock this morning were 81. Of these 50 are in Brooklyn. Commis-

sioner Emerson in a statement issued tonight, said:

"We are doing and have done absolutely everything we can to prevent the spread of infantile paralysis and if it is not checked I do not know what else can be done and fear it will have to run its course. I am not confident that the epidemic is being controlled. From our experiences with other epidemics, I look forward to it running through the summer months."

CHICAGO, July 6. — The first death in Chicago from infantile paralysis since June 29, when the epidemic in New York broke out, was reported late today. The victim was Charles Wenz, three years old. The health commissioner said the death in no way could be traced to the eastern epidemic. No new cases were reported.

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