

FOUR ADVANCED CASES INFANTILE PARALYSIS HERE

STRINGENT MEASURES ARE ADOPTED TO PREVENT SPREAD DREAD DISEASE.

THEATERS ORDERED CLOSED

Affected District on South Side Is Declared Quarantined by Authorities—Secretary State Health Board Coming to Take Charge.

Billings, Mont., Aug. 3.—(Special to the Gazette.)—Four advanced cases of infantile paralysis were reported to the health department today by a physician in Billings. The cases of the dread disease are advanced stage and the cases that are believed to be the preliminary cases of the disease have been reported to the local health officer, who has been notified.

To prevent a fatal epidemic from the city, W. F. Caspell, secretary of the state board of health at Helena, will arrive here today and take charge of the situation. He will see the health officer immediately. Yesterday afternoon, the city health department ordered the municipal schools closed to prevent the spread of the disease among the children. In other local districts a similar order.

District Quarantined.

Frank Taylor's second street, where all the cases of the disease have been found, has been quarantined. From second street to the end of the street the local police department has received orders to enforce the quarantine. The quarantine is against all children under 18 years of age. Children will not be permitted to enter the district, and no one is to enter the district from outside of the city.

The city health board, consisting of Mayor C. A. Brown, Joseph Emberton, president of the council, and Dr. W. L. Arnold, city physician, and yesterday morning and adopted a set of strict measures to prevent the spread of the disease. The city of Billings has been divided into three districts. In the immediate area, Dr. W. L. Caspell, secretary of the state health board, has been ordered to arrive here today to take charge of the Billings area in the district.

Secretary's Order.

The secretary of health of the state board of health has been notified to arrive in Billings today and to take charge of the quarantine in advance of the arrival of the secretary.

Dr. W. L. Caspell, secretary of the state board of health.

Yesterday morning was the first indication that the general public was aware that Billings was threatened with an outbreak of infantile paralysis, known to medical doctors as poliomyelitis, or "polio." The health authorities had received reports since yesterday. The local physicians diagnosed the cases and the same diagnosis was reached at 11. They sent Mrs. J. L. Arnold, Albert Turner, Bernhardt and F. G. Arnold.

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Polio Arrives In Billings

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