

### ONE-THIRD OF VICTIMS DEAD

#### TWO MORE CASES INFANTILE PARALYSIS—QUARANTINE MORE STRICT

Two more cases of infantile paralysis were reported yesterday in the city and county health department, making a total of nine cases in the territory of Billings. Three of a local lotus group died. The Billings cases among the first cases reported from the disease were not given the same credit of local and national publicity as the epidemic at St. L. P. P. of the local public health service.

One of the cases reported yesterday is an 11-year-old boy, who lives in North Broadway street, which was a case of infantile paralysis. One of the children has been attacked by paralysis in the arms, legs and neck and is not expected to survive the winter.

As a result of the discovery of any cases under orders from Dr. W. J. Casper, secretary of the state board of health, the quarantine regulations, particularly those regarding children, were made more strict. Children under 15 years old from the city are not to be taken to the city and visitors are not to enter any home from which no case is known, particularly those that will come from the city. It is explained that the reason for this is that in this disease may be spread through the secretions of the nose and throat.

**Quarantine and City Cooperation.**  
City Physician Arnold and County President Albert are working together in rounding the disease and restoring their town to health conditions with the epidemic, which follows:

"There are at present in the city of Billings six cases of infantile paralysis and two of these are now in the isolation hospital from which exit of the city. Two cases are under quarantine in their respective homes, one on South Broadway street, one on North Broadway street, one on Tracy street and one on North Street street.

"While the department declares the fact that paralysis is being kept in a few instances it is not the main thing. The main thing is to prevent the disease from spreading to the public. The department thinks that if these few cases are completely isolated and kept in their homes through means enforcement of laws, instead of visiting homes, cases are less likely to spread, and they will not get worse."

"In the belief of the medical profession that more cases will develop this winter, we have no current fear."

"Largest concentration of any of all public health is notified by the health department."

"The health department is open to physicians desiring to see the results of all cases in the city, but the quarantine is not right enough, we cannot make it stronger, but we can not make it weaker."

"The results we have attained in this have been due to the help of the city and county authorities, the support of the public department and citizens and the cooperation."

"Of the reported cases all have manifested paralysis, some in the legs, some in the arms and some in the neck."

"The disease has been reported by city, county, state and federal health officers and by special district physicians."

"There have been no other cases reported from Billings since they were reported to the health department. Three deaths occurred in each case of the disease of the epidemic."

"The reason these deaths were not announced as being due to infantile paralysis was that the department followed the custom of Dr. E. C. Pritchard of the United States public health service before taking a definite stand on this case."

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"County President."

## Three of Nine Die of Polio in Billings

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