

Pneumonia Is Listed as Dangerous Communicable Disease by Stricker

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Pneumonia is a dangerous communicable disease and necessitates the same precautions as the other contagious diseases. Recently there were two deaths and three other persons infected by a single case of pneumonia. Two more deaths in the past week have demonstrated the virulence of this infection. Physicians, nurses, and others who come in contact with this infection do not seem to realize that they should take the same precautions that they would in a case of diphtheria or scarlet fever. Pneumonia takes over 35,000 lives and causes at least 350,000 cases of illness in the United States annually. Pneumonia not only disables during the period of acute duration, but frequently leaves affections of the heart, kidneys and blood vessels. In 1931 there were 1951 cases of pneumonia reported and 658 deaths in this state. Thirty cases of pneumonia were reported last week in the United States and Oregon pneumonia ranks first in the list of acute communicable diseases as a cause of death.

From a public health standpoint it really makes little difference whether or not a case is lobar pneumonia, or broncho pneumonia, primary or secondary, due to pneumococci, streptococci, or any other pathogenic organisms. These germs are being contin-

ually thrown out by sick persons and carriers by coughing, sneezing and spitting. When these germs reach the body of any well person they are capable of causing pneumonia.

Isolation Important

Definite steps in the control of this disease are isolation of the patient and a modified quarantine of the patient. Primary pneumonic infections are not only prevented by this procedure, but the patient himself is protected from complications. Pneumonia must be considered a dangerous communicable disease as direct contact or close indirect contact with the case spreads the infection. A person with good resistance may throw off an infection received by him from a pneumonia patient, and the infection he receives not produce in him a typical pneumonia but symptoms of a common cold with or without a bronchitis, susceptible of transmission to another person with less resistance, who in turn would suffer a more severe illness.

Pneumonia is usually transmitted from a definite case of pneumonia or sometimes from a healthy carrier previously in contact with a pneumonia patient. Isolation and quarantine when rigidly enforced reduces the number of cases of pneumonia and consequently lessens the mortality of this dangerous communicable disease. For this reason all forms of pneu-

monia are reportable. The patient should be isolated and visitors prohibited. All discharges must be disinfected immediately. The physicians, nurses and others in contact with the case should exercise the precautions that are necessary to prevent being infected or spreading infection by any of the dangerous communicable diseases. There should be a complete sanitary cleaning of the premises before the patient is released.

How to Prevent It

Avoid the danger of pneumonia by not coming in contact with persons suffering with colds, bronchitis or pneumonia. Prevent pneumonia by keeping fit and living an outdoor life. Do not allow your body to be chilled or feet to get wet especially when you have a cold. If you have a chill or a fever go to bed promptly and call a doctor. Pneumonia is always a dangerous disease but modern methods of treatment if applied early improve the chances of recovery.

FOOTBALL "IRON MAN"

NORTH MANCHESTER, Ind. (AP)—Everett Chapman is the "Iron Man" of Indiana football. He captained this year's Manchester College eleven and played on the varsity four years without ever leaving a game because of injuries. Moreover, he has played in every game of baseball and basketball.

Minnesota and Ohio, oldest and youngest respectively in the Big Ten, have met but three times on the gridiron.

"IT'S BABE TO YOU"

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—What's in a name?

Just plenty where the National A. A. U. and Mildred Babe Didrikson are concerned.

At its recent meeting in Kansas City the National A. A. U. ordered elimination of all reference to women athletes by nicknames as "undignified."

Some Texas sports followers believed the rule was aimed at Miss Didrikson of Dallas, holder of American track and field records and a candidate for the 1932 United States Olympic team.

The rule drew a grin from the "Babe" as she took the opportunity to write the A. A. U. is follows: "I am sorry to foil your plans, but my birthright name is officially Mildred Babe Didrikson. Babe is not a nickname."

Later, discussing the matter with sports writers, Miss Didrikson issued her ultimatum:

"The first one of you guys referring to me in his stories as Mildred instead of Babe is going to get a punch on the nose."

TO CONTINUE GRID RIVALRY

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Washington university and St. Louis university will continue their series for the city collegiate football championship at least another year, it was announced by athletic authorities of the two schools.

HIS NAME'S A BOTHER

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP)—George Washington, student at Kansas State college, has a hard time making people believe that's really his name. He has a grandfather, still living, whose name is also George Washington.

KEEP GOAL LINE INVIOLE

VERNON, Tex. (AP)—The Vernon High school football team, although tied in one contest, wound up the 1931 season with a record of not having its goal line crossed.

Condemned Man's Handprint Taken From Jail Wall

MAUCH CHUNG, Pa. (AP)—Sixty-seven years ago a miner was led from his cell in the jail here to the gallows.

A jury had decreed that he was a member of the Molly Maguires, a secret band of terrorists who ruled the lower anthracite fields in those days, and a judge had sentenced him to hang.

To the very last the condemned man insisted he was innocent. As they marched him to the gallows he wrenched his right arm free, slapped his hand on the dust-covered floor and planted it high on the wall.

"That mark is the handprint of an innocent man," he cried. "It can never be washed away."

Nor could it. Regularly it was whitewashed over and as regularly the mark reappeared—man's fingers, thumb and palm. As years passed it became a legend. Hundreds of visitors viewed it and no jail official would touch it.

But Sheriff Robert L. Bowman has no time for folk tales. To him it was just a soiled spot on the wall and he decided it had remained long enough. So he took a pen-knife, cut out the plaster, and ordered new put in its place.

"We'll have no more of the Molly's hand," he said.

But there are some who think he may.

INJURY JINX STILL HOLDS STANFORD STAR INACTIVE

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal. (AP)—Injuries which deprived the Stanford football team of a man expected to be the spearhead of the offense also have struck a blow at the school's basketball prospects.

The man is Phil Moffatt, who was called one of the greatest backs on the Pacific Coast until early game injuries kept him on the sidelines for most of the season.

The fleet Moffatt, also expected to be the key man in the Stanford basketball offense, it is revealed, will be kept off of the courts this year from the hurts.

The team is being built around six last year lettermen, including Bill Doub, Phil Baker and Rudy Hirtala of the football squad.

Chats With Parents

BEING RECEPTIVE

By Alice Judson Peale

As a parent you naturally want your child to appear clever and capable.

You want him to be mentally advanced beyond his age and a credit to you generally. The temptation is to teach him at every opportunity.

If he shows curiosity, you try to drain the last drop of response out of that curiosity by deluging him with detailed information.

You check up on him later to see if he has understood and you try to add more facts to his store. Always you push him to think in a logical way.

You forget or you have not realized that often when he asks you a question he does not want you to answer. He wants you to turn it back to him so that he can tell you.

Remember, too, that his mind is not always an intellectual one. He does not always want to be taught things. Sometimes his conversational advances are a preface to self-revelation.

If you always insist upon taking the lead in talking to him you may never learn what he really thinks and feels.

Because he loves you, he will try

to meet you on the level you seem to desire but his inner self will remain solitary and inarticulate. Originally, imaginative flights, the self confidence which enables him to find his own particular bent and follow it have little chance of coming to the surface where the pressure of the parent's ideas is ever present and overwhelming.

To be sure, it is the imaginative and sensitive child whose development suffers most under this well meant type of domination.

But even a realistic youngster finds his own capacities more quickly and develops more richly an individuality of his own if his parents learn to practice the art of being receptive.

ARKANSAS GRID CAPTAIN MISSES ONLY 37 SECONDS

PAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP)—Capt. Earl Street of the Arkansas Razorback eleven didn't get a minute's rest this season.

To be exact, he was out 37 seconds of play in nine games. Street was taken out of the clash with Southern Methodist after the game had been hopelessly lost to the Methodists. Just as he crossed the sideline, the gun fired ending the game.

MARTINS HONORED AT SHOOT ORLAHOMA CITY (AP)—As a special shoot given in their honor, Mr. and Mrs. "Pepper" Martin were made honorary members of the Capitol City Gun club.



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