

UNCLE SAM IS ALERT IN PROMOTING GOOD HEALTH OF ALL

Complete refutation of the claim that the government does not concern itself with the loss from preventable disease is contained in the annual report of the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service submitted to Congress to-day. Activities ranging from the prevention and cure of blindness, scientific studies of pellagra, the protection of the health of industrial workers, the prevention of the introduction of typhus fever, investigations of child labor and health insurance, the eradication of communicable diseases and the control of the pollution of navigable streams, are recorded and demonstrate conclusively that the national government is vitally concerned in the health of its citizens.

The most striking achievement of the year relates to pellagra, an affliction which in certain states destroys more lives than tuberculosis. Pellagra is no longer a disease of mystery as the Public Health Service has clearly shown that it is caused by a restricted diet and that it may be prevented and cured by means of a properly balanced ration. The practical application of this knowledge has already resulted in a material reduction in the prevalence of this affliction in all parts of the country and it is confidently believed that in another year even more marked improvement will be observed.

In the eradication of trachoma, a contagious disease of the eyes frequently terminating in blindness, such marked success has been obtained that the methods followed, the converting of private residences into small hospitals and the holding of free open air clinics, have been adopted by the Egyptian government. During the year 1,700 persons were operated upon for the relief of partial or complete blindness, nearly 2,000 received hospital treatment, while more than 19,000 were treated at hospital dispensaries and clinics. When it is realized that large proportion of these people were doomed to years of suffering terminating in at least partial blindness and that they have been restored to lives of usefulness, in some instances even being taken from county poorhouses where they had been public charges for the greater portion of their days, the importance of this most beneficent work can be imagined. The total cost of this undertaking, including the remodeling of patients, was less than \$39,000 for the year.

Increased interest was shown by the government in the health of rural dwellers and Congress has recognized, by making an appropriation for studies in rural sanitation that the welfare of the country resident is not to be neglected. During the past three years 80,270 homes in 15 different counties of 13

states were visited and complete sanitary surveys made of the premises. In every instance definite recommendations were given to remedy such evils as existed, as for example the pollution of wells, the presence of disease bearing insects and the improper disposal of excreta. In addition, 22,234 homes were revisited, mostly at the request of the owners, in order that the government agents could inspect the improvements instituted. Wherever this method of bringing the lessons of sanitation directly to the rural dweller has been followed a marked reduction has been observed in the prevalence of typhoid fever, hookworm, malaria and other preventable diseases.

Attention has also been given to the health of the children of the nation, more especially to rural school children. Over 32,000 children attending the public schools were examined during the year in order to determine their mental status and the causes and percentage of mental retardation and deficiency. In addition 7,000 physical examinations were completed for the determination of physical defects.

The health of industrial workers has been safeguarded to a greater extent than at any time in the past. Studies have been made of the occupational hazards of steel workers in many of the leading industrial establishments of the country and insanitary and harmful conditions corrected. In the zinc mines of Missouri methods have been adopted which should go far toward eradicating tuberculosis from that district. Investigations of child labor and of health insurance have also been made.

What is regarded as the largest and most important single undertaking of this nature yet inaugurated the investigation of the pollution of the Ohio river, is still in progress. Surveys of the Atlantic Coast and New England watersheds have, however, been completed and the extent and effects of their pollution is now known; this knowledge demonstrates that Federal legislation to prevent the contamination of water sources is a necessity.

Better provision for the health of travelers has been obtained by safeguarding the water supplies of common carriers and through the promulgation of regulations governing the transportation of persons suffering from communicable diseases.

Energetic efforts have been made to prevent the introduction of all communicable diseases and to control those already with us. Typhus fever has been combated at all points on the Mexican border and disinfection plants established where the clothing and persons of all incoming aliens have been disinfected. At one station alone, El Paso, Texas, 26,000 persons were inspected and treated in such a manner as to insure their freedom from this highly fatal infection.

Plague eradication measures at New Orleans have been continued. Over 371,000 rodents, the carriers of plague infection, were either trapped or killed and more than 100,000 were carefully examined. No human case of the disease has occurred

during the year. Measures for the control of typhoid fever, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, malaria and other infections have been continued as heretofore and the results obtained have been most gratifying.

In only a single field, the medical inspection of immigrants, has the work of the Public Health Service shown any diminution during the year but this has been compensated for by the more thorough examination accorded. 481,270 aliens were examined for the purpose of determining physical and mental defects. Of these, 16,327 were certified for deportation, proportionately a greater number than has ever been recorded. The percentage of mental defectives certified is also steadily increasing.

At the Marine hospitals and relief stations of the service approximately 69,000 beneficiaries received medical or surgical treatment, a number greater by 18,000 than for any previous year.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.
Ex Parte: JOHN T. MILFORD and C. J. HAMPTON, Administrators. In Re: Personal Estate of THOMAS E. HAMPTON, Deceased.

By virtue of the authority of an Order of the Judge of Probate Court for Abbeville County, South Carolina, we will sell at the late residence of the decedent, Thomas E. Hampton, in Lowndesville Township, Abbeville County, South Carolina, a 10:00 o'clock A. M., on the 19th day of December 1916, the personal property of the said decedent, consisting of household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils, two head of live stock, etc.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash
JOHN T. MILFORD,
C. J. HAMPTON,
Administrators.
2-6-12.

MONTEREY.

Monterey, Dec. 19.—Mr. Warren Lanier of Anderson, is here visiting his mother, Mrs. Mamie Lanier.

Mr. Marshall Clinkscales of the E. M. I. of Greenwood, came home Saturday to spend Christmas with home folks.

Mrs. W. A. McClain and Miss Lula Clinkscales spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Mamie Lanier.

Mr. S. A. Ables of Warrenton, passed through this section enroute to Flatwoods to visit his sister, Mrs. S. W. McClain.

Miss Sarah Nance spent Saturday and Saturday night with Miss Lula Clinkscales.

Mrs. S. W. McClain of near Letimer, spent Sunday with Mr. W. A. McClain and family.

Messrs. Alvin and Albert McClain spent Sunday evening here with relatives and friends.

Messrs. Arthur Sutherland and Bennie Napier spent Sunday afternoon with friends in the Nation.

Mr. and Mrs. Belton Ammon spent Thursday night in Greenwood with relatives.

Mr. Paul Wilson of Warrenton, was calling in Monterey Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. G. W. Price, O. M. Lanier and Bennie Napier were among the visitors to the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilliam spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ammons.

Miss Sadie Ammons spent Sunday night with Miss Tena Gilliam.

Mr. R. C. Price of Prices' Mill, spent a while Monday enroute home from Abbeville.

We apprehend that Mr. Alvin McClain will move his blacksmith shop up about Martin's store. Where a

man's heart is he ought to be also. Mrs. E. C. Horton is at home after As this is our first, will ring off a week or two spent in Atlanta with wishing each and every one a merry her mother, who was there for treatment Christmas.

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