

# PNEUMONIA IS DEATH LEADER

## Shares High Mortality Record With Tuberculosis

Pneumonia was the chief scythe used by the grim reaper in harvesting his 1924 contagious disease crop in Illinois, according to mortality statistics made public this week by the state health department. Next to pneumonia stood tuberculosis. These two diseases caused 5,818 and 5,581 fatalities, respectively, giving death rates of 84.6 and 81.2 per 100,000 population.

At the other end of the list were mumps and chickenpox, to each of which seven deaths were attributed during the last year. Between the highest and lowest places on the communicable disease mortality list came influenza, with a mortality of 1,015, diphtheria with 470, whooping cough 349, typhoid fever 239, measles 225, scarlet fever 206, malaria 80, meningitis 48, infantile paralysis 25, small pox 16. The total deaths from all of these causes was 14,084, or slightly more than two per 1000 people in the state.

### Sources in Other Ailments

"If pneumonia and tuberculosis were eliminated, the death rate from communicable diseases in the state would be almost negligible compared with the present situation," said Dr. Isaac D. Rawlings, state health director, in commenting on the situation. "These two maladies accounted for 11,399 of the 14,084 fatalities listed and the important point is that a very considerable percentage of deaths from pneumonia and tuberculosis find their beginnings in the other contagions. Measles, for example, quite frequently foreruns tuberculosis and pneumonia. Broncho-pneumonia is a frequent complication of whooping cough and not uncommonly follows diphtheria. Influenza often paves the way to pneumonia. It is plain then that the mortality is actually more correctly classified as the result of communicable diseases than as the result of distinct types of these maladies. The prevention of the most deadly, therefore, depends in no small measure upon the prevention of all the others and especially those regarded too often as of no consequence.

### Make Excellent Health Progress

"Compared with the mortality from communicable diseases in Illinois 25 years ago, the rates for last year represent a remarkable progress in preventive medicine. In 1902 the diseases listed caused more than 20,000 deaths, giving a death rate of about 4 per 1000 population. The same causes were charged with scarcely more than 14,000 deaths last year, yielding a rate of about 2 per 1000 people. The most pronounced declines during the 23 years have been in typhoid fever, which dropped over 90 per cent; diphtheria which fell over 65 per cent and tuberculosis which fell over 40 per cent. Another quarter of a century ought to bring no less progress in the control of communicable diseases."

### WHAT MAKES THEM CRY

That music actually affects the emotions of players was evidenced during the making of Hobart Henley's production of "The Denial."

There were some dramatically emotional scenes, and the players chose the following compositions to make them sad:

Claire Windsor, Tosti's "Goodbye."  
William Haines, Massenet's "Elegy."  
Vivia Ogden, Chopin's "Funeral Song."  
Emily Fitzroy, "The Volga Boat Song."

Bert Roach, "Smilin' Through."  
Edward Connelly, Schubert's "Serenade."

Robert Agnew, "The Vacant Chair."  
Lucille Rickson, "Just a Song at Twilight."

Agnes Christine Johnston adapted "The Denial" to the screen from the famous stage play by Lewis Beach.

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At the suggestion of the president, departments of the government where women occupy important positions will be represented at the fair and six booths have been set aside for their use. The Woman's Bureau of the Department of Labor will show a model factory, the original model of which is a part of the permanent health exhibit of the Smithsonian Institute.

Exhibits in six miniature theatres will illustrate standards of hours, wages, and working conditions for women. The subjects to be illustrated are the living wage and all the items it must cover; and the eight-hour day with all the activities that should go to fill up the 24 hours of a woman's day.



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