

every day being more generally used throughout the country among those who come in contact with the disease or are travelling in areas known to be infected. Miners, campers, contractors, and all who are removed from the safeguards of sanitation in a modern community find it the surest and most convenient means of protection.

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE RECLAMATION SERVICE.

The United States Reclamation Service decided to use the typhoid prophylactic early in the year among its field force, which is scattered over a large area in the west. It was made compulsory, but circulars were sent to the various camps describing the treatment and the results obtained in the army. One of the circulars contained the following ingenious pronouncement:

Typhoid fever can be prevented.
 You can aid by being vaccinated.
 Prevention beats the physician and the undertaker.
 Healthy persons may have typhoid tomorrow.
 Only those vaccinated or who have had typhoid are immune.
 Immunity lasts three years.
 Don't hesitate. Volunteer today.

Over 500 persons volunteered for the treatment. Shortly after this an epidemic of typhoid fever broke out in the town of Malta, Montana, most of the cases developing in a hotel, where four of the Reclamation Service men were taking their meals. Of these four one had refused to be vaccinated, one had had typhoid fever, and two were immunized by vaccination. The unvaccinated man contracted a severe case of the disease, the other three escaping. The sequence was that the townpeople made arrangements to secure a supply of the vaccine.

The recent illness from typhoid of the third baseman of the Washington baseball team (which resulted, some assert, in the loss of a penant) calls attention to the importance of immunizing all professional baseball players. The vaccination of all school children is especially recommended, as they bear the treatment better than adults.

SOME PROPER PRECAUTIONS.

As the typhoid bacillus can live but a limited time in water, soil, and other substances, it is obvious that if new pollution is not added from time to time epidemics will be prevented. The general use of the prophylactic will, probably, extinguish the disease, since the vaccination of an entire community absolutely prevents the "carriers" and all others from giving off the typhoid bacilli, and the focus from which new infection would ordinarily radiate is eliminated.

HON. MR. MURPHY: I move a vote of thanks to Dr. Starkey, for his interesting lecture. I am sure we have all profited by it and we hope the public will profit by it as well.

HON. MR. DAVID: I second the motion.

PROF. STARKEY: Thank you very much. I am only too happy to think that I am the slightest use in the matter.

The Committee then adjourned.