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climates than our first ancestors did, but most of us don't need as many clothes as we wear. I'm glad to see the younger generation getting away from the fetish of clothes, especially in summer. They and their children will be better off.

ENVIRONMENT . . . . . height

I don't know how many generations it takes for a family to become adapted to life at a different altitude than that of its ancestors, but some day science will classify human beings into mountain types, sea-level types, prairie types, and so on, and doctors will be able to tell everybody where he or she can live most healthfully.

I met an explorer lately who told me of the Aymara Indians of Peru. They live in the high Andes, 10,000 feet or more above sea- livel. If they are brought down to ordinary heights they die in a few weeks. All their bodily organs are adapted to low air pressure. A few years ago in Denver I was told that horses brought up to the mile-high city gain eight or ten inches in girth, as they expand their lungs to breathe the rarefied air.

I ofter wonder whether the change from street level to the upper floors of New York skyscrapers isn't physically injurious to some types of people.

PNEUMONIA PREVENTION IS BEING SOUGHT

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dividuals there will be a slight feeling of malaise, but nothing serious, certainly not comparable to the reactions which take place after the injection of typhoid vaccine, for instance. In at least 90 per cent of the cases, as I have indicated above, and possibly in a still larger precentage, this injection confers immunity against pneumonia. While this vaccine is specific for types I, II, and III, pneumonia in actual use it has been found to be specific for the entire group of 54 different types. Even if it were not specific for the other types, it would be most useful because 65 per cent of all cases of pneumonia which occur are caused by types I, II and III.

In making the material available to the public and to the private physicians, the health department is making only one requirement and that is that these people injected report to the health department two weeks after they have been injected, for a skin test to determine whether or not the material has been effective, that is to say, whether or not immunity has actually been established. When we consider the great value of this material, this requirement is one which I am sure everyone will be glad to comply with. The latter part of October a test group of 20 individual was inoculated and later skin tested in order to give us a picture of how the particular batch of vaccine which we are now using would react.

One group of persons is especially urged to take the vaccine. Those people who have had pneumonia in the past, or where pneumonia seems to be easily acquired in the family, should have this vaccine, because a previous attack of pneumonia, instead of conferring immunity against future attacks, seems to make the individual even more susceptible . It is believed that this vaccine which we now have to offer will offer come this and protect these inididuals in the future.

Children under two years of age should not be injected.

The question is often asked how long immunity lasts. We know that it lasts for a year and indications are so far that it may last for life. As time goes on and more experiments are made, more authoritative information on this will be available. At the end of the year, perhaps in June or July, arrangements will be made by the U. S. Public Health Service to go over all the records in this office, that is to say, the record of each individual immunized, his skin reaction, etc., with a view of summarizing the year's work.

I trust that our records will be as satisfactory as they were in Washington County, where so far 11,000 individuals have been immunized with the occurrence of only two reported cases of pneumonia. One of these cases proved not to be pneumonia on investigation and the other case is considered doubtful. This is a truly wonderful record.

National Guard Tastes War

OGDENSBURG, N. Y. . . . This attack plane surprises a reconnaissance detachment of men, tanks and trucks as it swoops down during recent army maneuvers in northern New York.

New Judge Gets His Commission

On or about December 1st Stephen R. Collins will be given the oath of office by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor, thereby elevating him to the bench of the Second Judicial Circuit in the capacity of Chief Judge, and automatically making him a member of the Court of Appeals. Judge Collins' commission has been received.

Judge Collins said to day that he expects to go to Annapolis around December 17, to spend several days reviewing with the Court of the Appeals work that they have already handled. Then, he said, he will sit with that court for two full months.

He is 43 years old, is one of the youngest men in the state to receive appointment to the bench of the Maryland Court of Appeals. The post carries a salary of $11,500 a year with the jurist being occupied for the greater part of the time with work in the Court of Appeals at Annapolis.

Oppose Closing County Homes

County Commissioners opposed to a plan to replace county almshouses with two State-operated hospitals were told Wednesday that elimination of almshouses was not mandatory under the proposal.

The Commissioners, appearing at a Legislative Council hearing in the Senate Chamber, were under the impression that abolition of almshouses would be compulsory.

Governor O'Conor's almshouse commission in a report to the Governor and the council, recommended that almshouses be eliminated and be replaced by two chronic hospitals. Under the plan the State would construct and maintain the hospitals and the counties would pay 75 cents daily for each patient they sent to the

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