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Abstract

This collection contains the diary of Fritz Bradley Talbot who was a pioneer in pediatric medicine. Covers activities between May 1917 and June 1919, with particular entries around children's health and Talbot's work with the Council of National Defense (CND) to establish a Committee on Child Welfare (CCW).

Creator

Talbot, Fritz B. (Fritz Bradley), 1878-1964

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Biographical Note

Fritz Bradley Talbot, 1878-1964, American pioneer in pediatric medicine, graduated in 1905 from Harvard Medical School, where he served as professor of pediatrics from 1922-1932 and 1942-1946. He also served as chief of the Children's Medical Service, which he founded at the Massachusetts General Hospital, from 1910 to 1931. In 1910, he founded the Wet Nurse Directory, the first such organization in the United States. Talbot published extensively, specializing in research on digestion, nutrition, and treatment of disease in infants. He coauthored, with John Lovett Morse (1865-1940), professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, a seminal text book on pediatrics, *Diseases of Nutrition and Infant Feeding*, N.Y., 1915 and 1920.

Scope and Content

The diary covers the period May 20-Oct. 15, 1917, and Jan. 5-May 6, 1918. It is complete; the gaps in chronology reflect the timing of those events and activities to which Talbot devoted his greatest professional attention.

His most important activities during the War consisted of attending meetings in Boston, New York, Washington, D.C., and Virginia, working under the Council of National Defense (CND) to establish a Committee on Child Welfare (CCW) that would address the potential crisis in public health that could arise from the critical shortage of medical providers as a result of the enlistment of many doctors and nurses in the armed forces. As a pediatrician Talbot was acutely aware of the danger of epidemic disease, especially for infants and children. He describes his professional activities, including but not limited to the organization of the Committee on Child Welfare.

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