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DIAGNOSIS OF YELLOW FEVER.

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When ordered by the Government to inspect points in the South as a yellow fever expert, I have assumed it to be my duty, not solely to report upon the diagnosis of individual cases, but to form an opinion as to the actual state of the outbreak, whether it be possible to localize it and stamp it out; or, on the other hand, whether the outbreak is beyond the control of our means of sanitation. I have even deemed it possible, when yellow fever was not found in one of the Southern States, to predict whether it was likely to break out or not during the summer. The diagnosis, then, from my point of view, is of two kinds, namely, as to the epidemic status of the locality, and as to the individual cases.

A careful study of the conditions existing in Cuba during the earlier part of the present summer made it very probable that yellow fever would extend from that island to this country. There probably has never been so much yellow fever in Cuba as there has been during the present season.

DETERMINATION OF EPIDEMIC STATUS.

First, as to the epidemic status: There are several features characteristic of the community where yellow fever is prevailing that make the fact known to an experienced observer, even when wilfully or otherwise its presence is denied by the physicians and local authorities. Without seeing a single case of the disease I have often made up my mind as to the existence of yellow fever from the reports of prevailing sickness given by the physicians.

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In the first place, many cases of acute febrile attacks of mild character are reported and an attempt is made to show why they can not be cases of yellow fever. They are usually ascribed to an epidemic of dengue or to a prevailing malarial infection. The report that some of these cases have shown albumin in the urine becomes extremely suspi-Fatal cases are reported, but some intercurrent disease or previously existing condition is supposed to be the cause of the fatal ter-On investigation it is found that most of these cases are of Very often one or two physicians are found in a locality young people. who positively declare that they have seen extremely suspicious cases or positively diagnosed such cases yellow fever. These physicians are generally younger members of the profession who have never seen the disease. It is a matter of experience that usually the older physicians acquainted with the disease in former epidemics fail to recognize these early cases and are the last to become convinced of the existence of the disease.

Convalescents from yellow fever may be discovered also on the streets. An icteroid hue of the eye persists usually for some time after recovery, and I believe not rarely shows itself also as a premonitory symptom of an attack.

Another aid toward forming an opinion is found in the study of the mortuary records. A comparison should be made between the present time and the preceding year. Sometimes this investigation is in itself enough to give strong presumptive evidence one way or the other. The characteristic feature of the mortuary records is the increase in the number of deaths among the white population. The class of the white population especially affected varies according to the manner of introduction of the disease. It may affect especially the sailors, or children, or railroad people. Even when there is no marked increase of the death rate of white people we may find causes of death that are suspicious. For instance, young adults dying of congestion of the stomach, congestion of the brain, purpura hemorrhagica, meningitis, Bright's disease, bilious remittent fevers.

DIAGNOSIS OF INDIVIDUAL CASES.

The diagnosis of individual cases of yellow fever is, in my opinion, very easy. There is no acute febrile disease in which there are as many signs that may be called pathognomonic. The diagnosis of the disease rests upon three such symptoms, namely, the facies, the albuminuria, and the want of correlation between the pulse and temperature. I rely mainly for my diagnosis upon the facies, which I consider extremely characteristic. However, as I consider it my duty to convince the local practitioners of the existence of the disease, I make it a rule not to announce officially the existence of yellow fever until I have been able to show the presence of albumin in the urine. My own mind, however, is generally made up by the simple inspection of the patient, and I almost invariably find my opinion confirmed on the second, third, or fourth day by the appearance of the albuminuria.

FACIAL APPEARANCES.

The appearance of the face is that of typhus fever during the first forty-eight hours of this disease or like that of measles before the eruption breaks out, with a more or less pronounced icteroid hue. It is the latter feature, I believe, which gives the face its characteristic appear-

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In the first twenty-four hours, or forty-eight, it is by no means a distinct jaundice. The physician to whom I am showing the signs of the disease usually expresses surprise when I state that jaundice is present. It is, of course, best noted in the sclerotics. It is hidden, however, by the marked injection of the smaller vessels. The icteroid hue is often better seen at some distance from the patient than when the eye is closely inspected. It seems to show itself in waves with the different movements of the eve. Possibly this is the result of transient contraction of the vessels of the conjunctiva or of the different angles of reflection of the light upon the eyeball. In severe cases and on the second and third day of the disease the jaundice becomes more promi-It will show itself in distinct waves as the capillaries of the skin contract with the movements of the facial muscles or it may be brought out by taking up a fold of the skin between the fingers, when the contrast between the yellowish, anæmic skin and the surrounding congested areas will become well marked. Later on there may be well marked By this time usually the florid color of the face has been replaced by a more dusky hue. In the later stages of the disease there are also characteristic features of the facies in grave cases. The mind is usually clear and there is a peculiar alertness and watchfulness that is not seen in other acute febrile diseases. The physicians who have not seen yellow fever for many years seem to have this peculiar phase of the later stages of yellow fever impressed upon their minds. This. however, is too late a diagnostic sign for my purposes, and besides, it does not appear in mild cases of disease.

ALBUMIN.

The albumin appears in the urine usually on the third or fourth day of the disease. It may be very transient albuminuria. In many mild cases the albumin is present only in the urine passed in the evening of the third or fourth day. In many cases it is only a trace, but even then by a careful centrifugation granular casts may be found in the In severe cases the quantity of albumin may be very great and the different forms of casts characteristic of acute parenchymatous nephritis are found in abundance in the urine. Now there are many acute febrile diseases in which albumin may be found in the urine, but in none of them so constantly nor so early when in connection with such mild manifestation of the toxemia. In all such diseases the albuminuria will be found at the end of the first week or during the second week, and as an evidence of persistent high temperature and intense toxæmia. Cases of yellow fever corresponding in intensity with these present at the same time such characteristic features that it is impossible to mistake them. The difficulty of diagnosis can only be met with in connection with mild cases.

PULSE AND TEMPERATURE.

The third characteristic symptom of this disease is the want of correlation between the pulse and the temperature. This may be a rather late manifestation and may be absent, especially in children. It should be remembered that the characteristic feature of yellow fever in this connection is not a slow pulse during the convalescence or even during the defervescence of the fever. The characteristic feature is that quite often we find that at the same time that the temperature may be rising

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the pulse will be falling. On the third or the fourth day of the disease for instance, with an evening exacerbation of half a degree or one degree of temperature, we may find that the pulse is perhaps 10 beats slower than in the morning. I have seen, however, the same discrepancy in cases of true dengue, and in the tropics also, in connection with other febrile diseases. Still this is exceptional. In dengue the excessive fall of the pulse presents itself with a distinct defervescence of the temperature, and I suspect that many cases that are reported from Cuba of slow pulse in typhoid and malarial fevers may have been cases of yellow fever.

USE OF THE MICROSCOPE.

An erroneous belief has prevailed throughout the South, especially among physicians who were not practical microscopists, that the microscope should be an important aid in the diagnosis of yellow fever. It appears that poorly prepared abstracts from the work of Sanarelli have led many to believe that a characteristic feature—the bacillus of Sanarelli itself—was found on examination of the blood. Now, the truth is, that even with the assistance of post-mortem examinations, Sanarelli was able to discover his bacillus in 56 per cent only of the cases of yellow fever. He would be a poor clinician, indeed, who could only diagnose about one-half of the cases. The truth is, however, that during life the microscope could not establish a positive diagnosis. As far as our present methods go, it would be impossible to distinguish between a drop of yellow-fever blood and blood from a healthy man.

Negative evidence may be presented by the microscope. The presence of the plasmodium malariæ, for instance, would prove that a case was suffering with malarial poisoning, and, presumably, not with yellow fever. But the differential diagnosis between these two diseases is usually easy. The bilious remittent fever that in our old text-books of medicine occupied a conspicuous place in tables of differential diagnosis with yellow fever, has practically disappeared from the Southern sea border, since yellow fever ceased to be an endemic there. It was, in fact, the yellow fever of the natives, and of places in the interior. The former were supposed to possess a certain degree immunity against yellow fever, and the disease was believed to be restricted almost to the littoral.

The plasmodium has been found in the blood in cases of yellow fever. The mistake made by the board of experts of New Orleans, when they failed to recognize the existence of yellow fever at Ocean Springs, was due to the finding of the plasmodium in at least two of the cases.

DENGUE AND YELLOW FEVER.

The prevalence of a widespread, mild, epidemic fever during the present outbreak of yellow fever has been undoubtedly a source of doubts and difficulties in connection with the diagnosis.

Many of these cases were found to exist in houses where cases of yellow fever were present at the time, and I must confess that it was impossible to discover in them any of the characteristic symptoms of yellow fever. Many of these cases had a distinct eruption and must be looked upon as cases of dengue. This fact may bring forward new problems as to the relations between these two diseases. From our present point of view, we can only state that yellow fever appears to spread more easily when there is an epidemic of dengue prevailing. All

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evidence goes to show that a previous attack of dengue does not protect against yellow fever, and we must look upon the former as an entirely distinct disease.

IMPORTANCE OF DIAGNOSIS OF FIRST CASE.

I can not insist too much upon the importance of the diagnosis of the first case of yellow fever in a locality. Undoubtedly the cause of the epidemic of yellow fever is to be found in the introduction into a community of cases that are not suspected to be yellow fever. This probably occurs most frequently in connection with individuals of the colored race. The disease in them is usually very mild, and their movements from place to place are less likely to attract the attention of the health authorities. I have no hesitation in saying that if the first case of yellow fever introduced into a city were always recognized the spreading of the disease would be invariably prevented.

I will conclude this report by inviting your attention to the fact that the movements of the yellow fever expert have been frequently interferred with by the fears of the communities that he might convey the disease from place to place. In moving from one locality to another I took all the necessary precautions and felt absolutely sure that I could not be a source of infection. I was immune and traveled with very little baggage, which I frequently changed. Yellow fever has never

been carried from one locality to another in this manner.

This fear of the communities was in part genuine and due to ignorance, but was also in part a pretended fear of those who knew better. I have finally to state that I have received every attention and assistance from the local health authorities in all the cities that I have visited.

PHILADELPHIA, October 28, 1897.

[Temporary Acting Assistant Surgeon John Guitéras' report of his experience as yellow fever expert during the recent epidemic will appear in the next issue of the Public Health Reports.]

Two cases of typhus fever in San Francisco.

PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., October 30, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to report two well-authenticated cases of

typhus occurring in this city, as follows:

Edward Miller, white, aged 23 years, nativity, Devonshire, England, a resident of this city for some years past, employed as a shop hand at the Union Iron Works, a large shipbuilding concern, since April 30, 1897, was admitted at St. Luke's Hospital October 5, 1897. He gave a vague history of malaise for two weeks preceding his admission, but was incoherent and readily relapsed into stupor. The diagnosis was uncertain until October 10, 1897, when he was transferred in a private ambulance to the city and county hospital pesthouse, where, despite the efforts of one of the house staff and a special nurse, both of whose services were given exclusively to this patient, he died on October 17, 1897. The diagnosis of typhus was confirmed by necropsy and microscopic examination of the liver and spleen. This case was discussed in the newspapers at the time, but the preponderance of opinion expressed was that it was not typhus, but enteric fever. The health officer of this city urged cremation of the body, but this was opposed by the relatives, and it was buried in one of the city cemeteries in a hermetically sealed metallic case. I am informed by the Iron Works that Miller had been employed as a shop hand altogether since May 1 and had no occasion to go into any of the ships repairing at their plant.

On October 19 the nurse who waited upon Miller at the pesthouse, John Hawkins, reported himself sick and gradually grew worse. Typhus being suspected he was placed in a tent on the city and county hospital grounds. This diagnosis was confirmed on the 28th instant by the bacteriologist of the board of health (John C. Spencer, M. D., College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, 1885), who had also confirmed the former case. He is reported as "somewhat better" to-day.

It is perhaps worthy of remark that Miller, the first case, resided in a part of the town formerly a swamp, and part of which is still used as a dumping ground; and, further, that 2 cases of (verified) diphtheria

occurred in his house within three days after his leaving it.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES M. GASSAWAY, Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., in Command.

Yellow fever in the South.

[Continuing the report of yellow fever in the South from November 4.]

During the week ended November 11, frosts have been reported generally in the Gulf States and the Mississippi Valley, and there has been a marked decrease in the number of cases reported daily from the various infected cities.

November 9: The disinfection of mails for points not quarantined against freights from New Orleans and Mobile is discontinued, and the discontinuance of train inspectors out of Mobile authorized.

November 10: Refugees remaining in Camp Hutton at this date discharged, and camp closed. Camp equipage stored and left in charge of custodian. Passed Assistant Surgeon White, who commanded Camp Hutton, directed to supervise disinfection at Franklin, La., under direction of Surgeon Carter. During the continuance of Camp Hutton over 1,000 guests were received and detained ten days, all their baggage and personal effects being disinfected, and several hundred freight and passenger cars disinfected.

November 11: Passed Assistant Surgeon Eugene Wasdin and Passed Assistant Surgeon H. D. Geddings, who have been engaged in a bacteriological study of yellow fever at New Orleans, have been detailed by the President to continue their investigations at Habana into the cause of yellow fever. Dr. Wasdin has made a special study of bacteriology, and was professor of pathology for four years in the Charleston, S. C., medical college. He made the first diagnosis of yellow fever at Ocean Springs in September last.

Dr. Geddings is an expert in bacteriology and biological chemistry, and is attached to the hygienic laboratory of the Service. He was a technical delegate on the part of the United States to the International Sanitary Conference held in Venice during the months of February and March, 1897, and was subsequently engaged in special laboratory work in the Pasteur Institute in Paris, and in Koch's laboratory in Berlin, paying special attention to the discoveries of Sanarelli. Both of these officers have had yellow fever.

Yellow fever in the United States as reported to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service to November 10, 1897. (a)

States.	Cities.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.
Alabama	Alco	Oct. 8	1	
	Bayminette	Oct. 14	1	
	Flomaton	do	4	
	Greensboro	To Nov. 3	65	
		Nov. 2	_1	١ _
	Mobile	Sept. 13-Sept. 30 Oct. 1-Oct. 31	. 74	1
		Oct. 1-Oct. 31	b 187	2
		Nov. 1-Nov. 3	32	i
		Nov. 4	.11	i
•		Nov. 5 Nov. 6	6	
		Nov. 7	4	
		Nov. 8	4	
		Nov. 9	7	
		Nov. 10	4	
	Montgomery	Oct. 18-Oct. 27	104	
		Nov. 1-Nov. 3	10	
		Nov. 6	3	
	ļ	Nov. 7	0	
	1	Nov. 8	1	'
		Nov. 9	1	2
	N.4	Nov. 10	1	
	Notasulga	Oct. 25	1	
	Sandy Ridge	do Oct. 23-Oct. 31	. 1	
	Selma	Non 2	11 0	
	Wann	Nov. 3	45	
	Wagar	To Nov. 3	106	
	Whistler	Nov. 6	6	
		Nov. 8	7	
leorgia	Atlanta	Oct. 8-Oct. 27	c3	
llinois	Cairo	Sept. 19-Sept. 20	4	
Centucky	Louisville	Sent 23	i	
ouisiana	Baton Rouge	Oct. 18-Oct. 31	4	
	Franklin	Oct. 14-Oct. 21	3	
	New Orleans	Sept. 5-Sept. 50	226	2
		Oct. 1-Oct. 31	1,285	14
		Nov. 1-Nov. 3	125	2
		Nov. 4	40	
		Nov. 5	31	1
		Nov. 6	23	
		Nov. 7	13	
		Nov. 8	14	
		Nov. 9 Nov. 10	8 7	
	Detteman	Oct. 21	í	
Lississippi	Patterson Barkley	Sept 13-Sept. 18	10	
11881881ppi	Bay St. Louis	Oct. 17-Oct. 28	40	
,	Biloxi	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	132	1
	BIIOXI	Oct. 1-Oct. 31	418	1
		Nov. 1-Nov. 3	15	_
		Nov. 4	6	
		Nov. 5	2	
		Nov. 6	4	
		Nov. 7	3	
		Nov. 8	1	
	Cayuga	Oct. 16-Oct. 28	24	
		Nov. 5	1	
	Clinton	Oct. 7-Oct. 31	37	
	County Farm	Oct. 25	1	
		Nov. 5	1	
	Durant	Nov. 1	212	
(ississippi	Edwards	Sept. 15-Sept. 30	212	0
•		Oct. 1-Oct. 31 Nov. 2	1	2
	,	Nov 4	2	
	į	Nov. 8	4	
	Hendersons Point	Nov. 8 Oct. 7 Oct. 23-Oct. 27	3	
	Hinds County Convict	Oct. 23-Oct. 27	6	
	Camp, near Raymond.		-	
	McHenry	Sept. 30-Oct. 31	29	
,		Nov. 2	ī	
	Nitta Yuma	Oct. 3-Oct. 31	21	
		Nov. 1-Nov. 3	5	(
	ļ	Nov. 4	1	(
		Sept. 8-Sept. 30	23	

a For daily reports of cases and deaths, see previous Public Health Reports. b Two in vicinity. c Refugees.

Yellow fever in the United States, etc.—Continued.

States.	Cities.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.
Mississippi	Pascagoula	Oct. 14-Oct. 31 Nov. 1-Nov. 3	27 5	1
	Perkinston	Nov. 8 Nov. 10 Sept. 10	2 1 1	
	Scranton	Sept. 10-Sept. 30 Oct. 1-Oct. 31	39 281	0 8 10
		Nov. 1-Nov. 3 Nov. 4	26 2	8
Cennessee		Nov. 8 Nov. 10	3 1	1 0
	Waveland West Pascagoula	Nov. 2-Nov. 3	8	005
Tennessee	Memphis	Oct. 22-Oct. 31 Nov. 1-Nov. 3 Nov. 4	40 7 3	6
		Nov. 5 Nov. 6	1	i
Тетая	Beaumont	Nov. 7	Ō	ĭ
	Galveston	Sept. 22 Oct. 12	12	ŏ
	Houston	Oct. 27	(a) 3	0

Smallpox in the United States as reported to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service, December 29, 1896, to November 12, 1897.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Alabama:				
Bessemer Birmingham and adjacent	Sept. 26-Oct. 2	1		
country	May 8-Aug. 12	. 96		
-	Aug. 21-Oct. 16			5 cases varioloid.
	Nov. 1-Nov. 7	. 4		
Brockton	Aug. 29			
Mobile	Dec. 28-Jan. 26	. 2		.]
	Mar. 28	. 1		. ì
	Apr. 17	. 1		
	May 21	1		1
	May 31	1		1
Montgomery	Aug. 7-Aug. 13	28		
Union Springs	Mar. 21		1	
Connecticut:			ļ	
New Haven	Feb. 17	1		
Florida :			I	
Pensacola	Jan. 19-Feb. 20			
	Feb. 28-Mar. 10			
	Mar. 27-Apr. 3	3		Varioloid.
	Apr. 10-May 1	10		Do.
i	May 2-May 22	7		Do.
	May 29-June 5			Do.
	July 4-July 10		******	1 case varioloid.
Escambia County (not in-				1 5455 7411515141
cluding Pensacola)	Dec. 2-Jan. 19	18		
Georgia:				
Atlanta	Oct. 12-Oct. 23	19		
Illinois:				
Chicago	Mar. 25			Smallpox reported; brought from Mexico.
i	Mer 27-Apr 3		1	brought from Mexico.
į	Mar. 27-Apr. 3 Apr. 10-Apr. 17 May 8-May 15	9	-	
	May 8-May 15	- 1	1	
Indiana:	may o may 10	·····		
Greenwood	Feb. 12	1		
Louisiana :	1 00. 12	- 1		
New Orleans	Sept. 8	1		Varioloid.
Tion Officials	Oct. 23			varioloid.
Massachusetts:	Oct. 20	- 1	••••••	
Boston	May 1-May 8	4		
	May 22-May 29			
Cambridge	June 6-June 26			Wantalaid Lauralli
	June 19-June 26	1		Varioloid. 1 smallpox.
New Bedford	Ann 10 Ann 17		2	
New Deuloru	Apr. 10-Apr. 17	1).		

Smallpox in the United States, etc.—Continued.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Michigan :				
Bay City	Oct. 27	3	l	
Blissfield Township	Mar 27-Apr 10			Smallpox reported.
Disonora 20 whomip	Apr. 17-May 1	•••••		Do.
Missouri :	Apr. I. May I			20.
St. Louis	April 29	2	l	
Dv. 10415	May 1-May 22		3	
New Mexico:	may 1-May 22	_		
Albuquerque	Sept. 19	1		
New York:	Sept. 13			
Brooklyn	Apr. 24-June 26	5	2	
DIOOKIYII	June 27-July 24		í	
New York	Mar. 1-Mar. 31		2	Do.
New Tork	Apr. 17-May 15	•••••		10.
	June 13-June 19	•••••	3	
Ohio:	July 4-July 24	•••••		
	A 1 Man 91	14	2	
Toledo	June 1-June 30		1 4	
Dammamlmania .	June 1-June 30	4	1	
Pennsylvania :	1 6		1	
Drifton			·····	
McKeesport	Oct. 16-Oct. 23	1		
Connessee :	A 1 T 00	0.1		}
Memphis				
	July 4-July 17			
	Aug. 15-Aug. 21			
	Oct. 14-Oct. 23	8		
Washington:	l	_	l	
Tacoma	Feb. 6		•••••	
Olympia	Mar. 1	1		

Report of immigration at Boston for the week ended November 6, 1897.

OFFICE OF U. S. COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION, Port of Boston, November 6, 1897.

Number of alien immigrants who arrived at this port during the week ended November 6, 1897; also names of vessels and ports from which they arrived.

Date.	Vessel.	Where from.	No. of im- migrants.
Nov. 1 Do	Steamship HalifaxSteamship Scythia	Halifax, Nova Scotia Liverpool, England, and Queens- town, Ireland.	83 127
Nov. 2	Steamship Cestrian	Liverpool, England	2
Do	Schooner Vesta Pearl	Clementsport, Nova Scotia	1
Nov. 3	Schooner Narcissus	Dalhousie, New Brunswick	.2
Do	Steamship Prince Edward	Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	47
Nov. 4	Steamship Canada	town, Ireland.	175
Do	Steamship Boston	Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	
Nov. 5	Bork Elmiranda	Turks Islands	.3
Nov. 6	Steamship Prince Edward	Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	41
Do	Barkentine Kremlin	Turks Islands	1
	Total		518

GEO. B. BILLINGS, Commissioner. Report of immigration at New York for the week ended November 7, 1897.

OFFICE OF U. S. COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION, Port of New York, November 9, 1897.

Number of alien immigrants who arrived at this port during the week ended November 7, 1897; also names of vessels and ports from which they arrived.

Date.	Vessel.	Where from.	No. of immigrants.
Nov. 1 Nov. 3 Do Do Nov. 4 Do Nov. 5 Do	Steamship Teutonic Steamship Trave Steamship Weimar Steamship Thingvalla Steamship Edam Steamship Furst Bismark	Antwerp	136 258 356 189 241 58
Nov. 6 Do Do Do Nov. 7	Steamship Andalusia	Hamburg Southampton Rotterdam and Boulogne Queenstown and Liverpool	48 117 230 238
1	Total		2, 549

THOMAS FITCHIE, Commissioner.

Report of immigration at Philadelphia for the week ended November 6, 1897.

OFFICE OF U. S. COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION, Port of Philadelphia, November 6, 1897.

Number of alien immigrants who arrived at this port during the week ended November 6, 1897; also names of vessels and ports from which they arrived.

Date.	Vessel.	Where from.	No. of im- migrants.
Do Nov. 6	Steamship Rhynland	Ivigtutdodo	2 2

JNO. J. S. RODGERS, Commissioner.

QUARANTINE REPORTS.

National quarantine and inspection stations.

[Vessels named only when detained or given treatment at quarantine.]

Name of station.	Week ended.	Name of vessel.	Date of arrival.	Port of departure.	Destination.	Treatment of vessel, passengers, and cargo.	Date of departure.	Remarks.	inspected and passed.
Alexandria, VaBrunswick, Ga	Nov. 6 Nov. 6		Oct. 30	Galvestondo	Aldworth (a) Oct. 30 Galveston Norfolk Atala Oct. 31dodo	No report. 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 1	Nov. 1	No report.	1
Cape Fear, N. C do Br. ss. Ribston do do	do	Br. 88.	op.	op	do		qo	No transactions	H 61 C
oraye natron, wash Gland, Miss.	Not. 30	Br. s. Blairgowrie (a). Oct. Nor. bk. Czar (a) Oct. Br. s. Kilersiie (a) Oct. Am. sc. Amelia (a) Oct. Am. sc. Amelia (a) Oct.	00 0 ct. 16 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Rio do Buenos Ayres Biloxi Madisorville	Ship Islanddo do Mobile Ship Island	Rio	Oct. 26	fever in quarantine.	N
		Ruff. (a) Am. sc. Franklin (a)do Am. sc. Sarah T. Oct. 22 Keel. (a) Am. sc. Anna Mdo Stanmer. (c)	dodododo			Disinfected and helddodo	Oct. 27 do	duarantine.	
		Nor. ss. Utstein (a) Am. sc. H. J. E. Lovy. (a) Am. sc. M. Flechas Am. sc. Lillian A	Oct. 23 Oct. 25 Oct. 28	Habana New Orleans do Scranton		Mobiledodo	Oct. 28	2 cases yellow fever in	
Newbern, N. C	Nov. 6 Oct. 30 Nov. 6	Am. sc. Bessie Oct. 27 Ship Island	Oct. 27	Oct. 27 Ship Island		Scranton Inspected and held		Querantine Crew disinfected	

a Previously reported.

QUARANTINE REPORTS-Continued.

National quarantine and inspection stations—Continued.

Vessels inspected and passed.	21						
Remarks.	110 Chinese and 8 Japanese steerage passengers from Am.	No transactions		Request of master, without practique,	West Quarantine.		No report.
Date of depar- ture.			Oct. 20	Oct. 19	Oct. 26		
Treatment of vessel, passengers, and cargo.	San Francisco Quaran- Oct. 30 Japanese steerage and Japanese steerage tine, Cal.	South Atlantic Quaran- do do No transactions	Disinfected	Colombian ss. So- Oct. 18 Habana Key West dodo Oct. 19 Request of master, ledad.	do	Abel Anna See Vila y Her- Oct. 80 Matanzas Mobile Disinfected and held	Washington, N. C. No report.
Destination.			Apalachicola	Key Wost	do	Mobile	
Port of departure.			Pernambuco	Habana	ор	Matanzas	
Date of arrival.			Oct. 13	Oct. 18	Oct. 25	Oct. 30	
Name of vessel.			Sw. bk. Zenobia (a)	Colombian ss. So- ledad.	Colombian ss. So-	Am. sc. Vila y Her-	
Week ended.	Oct. 30	фо	Oct. 23		Oct. 30		
Name of station.	San Francisco Quaran- tine, Cal.	South Atlantic Quaran- tine, Black beard	Tortugas Quarantine,	Acy west, Fig.			Washington, N. C

* Previously reported.

QUARANTINE REPORTS-Continued.

State and municipal quarantine stations.

[Vessels named only when detained or given treatment at quarantine.]

Name of station.	Week ended.	Name of vessel.	Date of arrival.	Port of departure.	Destination.	Treatment of vessel, passengers, and cargo.	Date of depar- ture.	Remarks.	Vessels inspected and passed.
Anclote, Fla. Apalachicola, Fla. Bangor, Me. Bescon, Mass. Carrabelle, Fla. Nov. 6 Sc. R. D. Spear	Oct. 30 Nov. 6	So. R. D. Spear	Nov. 3	Spain	Apalachicola	Apalachicola. Disinfected and held		No reportdo	12
Cedar Keys, Fla. Charleston, S. C Charlotte Harbor, Fla. Blisabeth River, Va Galveston, Tex. Gaediner, Oreg. Gleorgetown, S. C Glousester, Mass. Oct. 39	Nov. 6 Nov. 6 Oct. 30		C		000 000				8
Fig. Mayport, Fla. Mobile Bay Ala. New Bedford, Mass. New Orleans, La. Newport, R. I. New Port, R. I. New York, N. Y. Nov. 6 New York, N. Y. Nov. 6 Nov. 6	Nov. 6 Nov. 6 Nov. 6							No report do No report. No report.	0 11 00 17
Providence, R. I	do	Ger. bk. Gesine (a)	Sept. 28 Oct. 11 Oct. 21 Nov. 2	Rio Pernambuco. San tos, via Barbados. Habana.	Savannah do do Dela ware Ereakwater.	Disinfected and held Ballast discharged—vessel Ballast discharged—vessel disinfected. Disinfected and held Discharging ballast	Oct. 31 Nov. 1 Nov. 5	No transactions No report. 8 cases suspicious fever on voyage. No report	13

a Previously reported,

Reports of States and yearly and monthly reports of cities.

CONNECTICUT—Westport.—Month of October, 1897. Estimated population, 4,000. Total deaths, 4, including phthisis pulmonalis, 1, and diphtheria, 1.

INDIANA—Evansville.—Month of October, 1897. Estimated population, 65,000. Total deaths, 64, including 4 from phthisis pulmonalis.

LOUISIANA—Shreveport.—Month of October, 1897. Estimated population, white, 7,500; colored, 7,500; total, 15,000. Deaths, white, 7; colored 21; total, 28, including 3 from phthisis pulmonalis.

MARYLAND—Cumberland.—Month of October, 1897. Estimated population, 12,729. Total deaths, 14, including 5 from diphtheria.

MASSACHUSETTS — Newton.—Month of October, 1897. Estimated population, 27,590. Total deaths, 43, including phthisis pulmonalis, 3; enteric fever, 2; scarlet fever, 1, and diphtheria, 2.

MICHIGAN.—Week ended October 30, 1897. Reports to the State board of health, Lansing, from 56 observers, indicate that inflammation of kidney, tonsilitis, diarrhea, influenza, and neuralgia increased in area of prevalence. Phthisis pulmonalis was reported present during the week at 173 places, enteric fever at 66, diphtheria at 35, scarlet fever at 30, measles at 15, whooping cough at 7, and smallpox at 1 place (Bay City).

MINNESOTA—Winona.—Month of October, 1897. Estimated population, 22,000. Total deaths, 18, including 3 from phthisis pulmonalis.

PENNSYLVANIA—Plymouth.—Month of October, 1897. Estimated population, 6,065. Total deaths, 27, including phthisis pulmonalis, 1; enteric fever, 1, and scarlet fever, 1.

TENNESSEE—Chattanooga.—Month of October, 1897. Estimated population, white, 27,000; colored, 13,000; total, 40,000. Deaths, white, 17; colored, 18; total, 35, including 4 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Memphis.—Month of October, 1897. Estimated population, white, 28,573; colored, 27,561; total, 56,134. Deaths, white, 67; colored, 59; total, 126, including phthisis pulmonalis, 17; enteric fever, 3; yellow fever, 7; and whooping cough, 1.

Nashville.—Month of October, 1897. Estimated population, white, 54,595; colored, 33,159; total, 87,754. Deaths, white, 64; colored, 64; total, 128, including phthisis pulmonalis, 17; croup, 6; diphtheria, 2, and enteric fever, 4.

VIRGINIA—Lynchburg.—Month of October, 1897. Estimated population, 30,000. Total deaths, 36, including phthisis pulmonalis, 6, and enteric fever, 1.

WISCONSIN—Superior.—Month of October, 1897. Estimated population, 35,000. Total deaths, 17, including 1 from enteric fever.

MORTALITY TABLE, CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Bristol, R. I	1 1	
Brockton, Mass Oct. 30 27, 294 5 1	5	
Brooklyn, N. Y		
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Chicago III 104 92 1000 850 382 48	10	. 3
Do	16 16	
Cincinnati, Ohio	4	
Columbus Ind New 6 6710 3 1	1	
Dayton, Ohiodo 61, 220 18 2 1 1	1	
Detroit, Mich	4	
Dunkirk, N.Y. Oct. 30 9,416 1 Elizabeth, N.J. Nov. 6 37,764	3	
Erie, Pa		
Everett, Mass Oct. 29 11,068 5 Fall River, Mass Nov. 6 74,398 27 4	1	
Fitchburg, Mass Oct. 30 22,037 5		
Flint, Mich		
Do		
Green Bay, Wisdo		
Haverhill, Mass	•••••	
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Lynchburg, Va		
McKeesport, Pa Oct. 30 20,741 11	2	•
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New Bedford, Mass. do. 40.733 21 3	2	
New Orleans, La Oct. 30 242,039 160 10 54 6 6	2	
Newport, R. I	24 13	1
Norristown, Pado 19.791 3		
Petersburg, Va	26 1	1
Pittsburg, Pa Oct. 30 238, 617 84 2	5 1	2
Pittsfield, Mass	1	
Poughkeepsie, N. Y Oct. 30 22, 206 8 2	1	
Providence, R. I	1	.;
Pueblo, Colo	1	
St. Louis Mo Oct. 30 451,770 166 14 2	15	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
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Santa Barbara, Cal Oct. 30 5.864 2 1		
Scranton, Pa	5	
Springfield, Ill		
Waltham, Mass Nov. 6 18,707 4 Warren, Ohiodo 5,973 0		

 $[\]alpha$ Estimated population, white, 28,870; colored, 36,295. Total, 65,165. b Total deaths, 28; white, 7; colored, 21.

MORTALITY TABLE, CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES—Continued.

		U. S. 1890.	fron.]	Deat	hs fi	rom-	_			
Cities.	Week ended.	Population, U Census of 18	Total deaths	Phthisis pul- monalis.	Yellow fever.	Smallpox.	Varioloid.	Cholers.	Typhus fever.	Enteric fever.	Scarlet fever.	Diphtheria.	Measles.	Whooping cough.
Washington, D. C West Newton, Mass Winona, Minn Woburn, Mass Yonkers, N. Y Youngstown, Ohio	Oct. 30 Nov. 6	230, 392 24, 379 18, 308 13, 499 32, 033 33, 220	87 6 1 1 8 10	11						3		2 1 1 1		1

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Table of temperature and rainfall, week ended November 1, 1897.

[Received from Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.] Temperature in degrees Rainfall in inches and hundredths. Fahrenheit. Locality. Normal. aExcess. aDefic'ncy Normal. Excess. Deficiency. Atlantic Coast: Antic Coast:
Eastport, Me...
Portland, Me...
Northfield, Vt....
Boston, Mass...
Vineyard Haven, Mass... .98 .91 .88 .28 1.04 .77 .76 .96 1.00 .59 .52 .73 39 . 62 47 1.04 50 . 85 Vineyard Haven, Mass.

Nantucket, Mass.

Woods Hole, Mass.

Block Island, R. I.

New Haven, Conn.

Albany, N. Y.

New York, N. Y. 49 90 49 1.03 50 1.04 .94 48 46 3 50 New York, N. I
Harrisburg, Pa
Philadelphia, Pa
New Brunswick, N. J.
Atlantic City, N. J.
Baltimore, Md 48 . 64 . 69 51 51 2 . 83 49 .77 52 3 . 64 . 03 52 .68 .70 3 51 . 18 53 3 1.62 58 56 . 84 83 77 2, 32 55 5 . 11 93 52 5 85 .60 59 $\frac{2}{2}$ 1.32 . 93 . 47 61 Wilmington, N. C..... Columbia, S. C..... 60 1 69 60 63 . 49 . 76 34 59 3 Charleston, S. C..... 3 59 . 57 Augusta, Ga..... 63 63 . 63 89 65 2 .89 Jupiter, Fla..... 72 1.40 40 Key West, Fla..... 0 .79 . 79 77 Gulf States: Atlanta, Ga...... Tampa, Fla..... Pensacola, Fla.... 57 . 61 21 70 ō . 42 . 42 .77 .71 64 3 2.63 1.64 62 3 Mobile, Ala..... .57 .51 60 Montgomery, Ala.....Vicksburg, Miss..... 4 7 5 60 65 . 67 86 .79 . 10 New Orleans, La..... 60 56 82 2, 12 Shreveport, La..... .70 .38 Fort Smith, Ark 70 83 Little Rock, Ark..... 57 1.15 62 Palestine, Tex..... 68 92 3, 34 0 Galveston, Tex..... . 36 San Antonio, Tex...... Corpus Christi, Tex..... 65 3 . 23 . 47 69 80 .72 . 25 54 55 . 61 .11 . 72 53 . 69 52 5 . 26 .71 .71 52 5 . 30 49 7 .07 51 64 . 69 47 8 . 69 47 .70 . 64 49 . 56 Pittsburg, Pa..... Lake Region: . 62 45 .77 44 45 47 .70 .78 . 39 . 69 5 .87 . 99 Erie, Pa....

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Lansing, Mich.....

Port Huron, Mich......Alpena, Mich.....

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.....

a The figures in these columns represent the average daily departure.

Table of temperature and rainfall, week ended November 1, 1897—Continued.

Locality.	Tem	perature i Fahreni	in degrees neit.	Rainfall in inches and hundredths.						
Docarry.	Normal	a Excess	aDefic'ncy	Normal	. Excess.	Deficiency				
Lake Region —Continued.										
Marquette, Mich	39			.70						
Green Bay, Wis	41	7		. 49		49				
Grand Haven, Mich	44	5		.70		.51				
Milwaukee, Wis	43	6		. 49		. 49				
Chicago, Ill Duluth, Minn	46 39	6 5		. 64 . 4 8		.47				
Upper Mississippi Valley:	99	9		.40		. 29				
St. Paul. Minn	40	8		.34	1					
St. Paul, Minn La Crosse, Wis Dubuque, Iowa	43	7		.41		. 41				
Dubuque, Iowa	44	8		. 55		. 55				
Davenport, Iowa	46	7 7		. 55						
Des Moines, Iowa	46			. 62						
Keokuk, Iowa	47	8		. 56						
Springfield, Ill	49 54	7		. 63		.45				
Cairo, Ill		4		.76	. 26					
St. Louis, Mo Missouri Valley :	53	7		. 68		.08				
Columbia Mo	52	1		. 40						
Columbia, MoSpringfield, Mo Kansas City, Mo	51	4		.69	.08					
Kansas City. Mo	50	6		.72		. 72				
Wichita Kana	52	ŏ		.34	.38					
Concordia, KansLincoln, NebrOmaha, Nebr	49	ĺ ĭ		. 27	1.07					
Lincoln, Nebr	47	3		. 26	.37					
Omaha, Nebr	46	6		. 43	. 	.33				
Sioux City, Iowa	43	5		. 28		.24				
Yankton, S. Dak	43	3		. 23		. 10				
Valentine, Nebr	45		4	. 17	1.57					
Huron, S. Dak	41	2		. 24	1.25					
Pierre, S. Dak	43	1		. 14	.04					
Moorhead, Minn Bismarck, N. Dak	37	5 2		. 31	.37					
Williston, N. Dak	37 38	6		.21 :20	. 13	. 13				
Rocky Mountain Region:	•			.20	.10					
Havre, Mont	41	3	l	.14		.14				
Helena Mont	40	4		.14		. 13				
Miles City, Mont	40	4	l	. 16		.11				
Rapid City, S. Dak	44	0		. 14		. 13				
Miles City, Mont	43	·····	2	. 39		. 39				
Wallawalla, Wash	50		2	.35		.35				
Winner No.	45 45	0		.21		.21				
Winnemucca, Nev Salt Lake City, Utah	45 47	0		.13	••••••	OF				
Lander, Wyo	36	ŏ		.35 .21	.37	. 35				
Cheyenne, Wyo	40	U	5	.14	.26					
North Platte, Nebr	44		4	.20	2.24					
Denver, ColoPueblo, Colo	45		10	.19	1.02					
Pueblo, Colo	46			.14						
DodgeCity, Kans	49		3	. 27	. 79					
Oklahoma, Okla	56		1	.39	.05					
Amarillo, Tex	52		7	.14						
Abilene, Tex	60		8	.48	.04					
Santa Fe, N. MexEl Paso, Tex	44		10	.21	.41					
Phœnix, Ariz	58 64		10	.19	·····	.03				
acific Coast:	04	•••••	0	.13		. 13				
Fort Canby, Wash	52	2	i	1.45	. !	1.24				
Portland, Oreg	50	2		1.13		1.13				
Roseburg, Oreg	50	2		.70		1.13				
Roseburg, Oreg Eureka, Cal	51	2 2 2		.64		. 64				
Redbluff, Cal	60	2		.41		.41				
Carson City, Nev	45	0		.17		. 17				
Sacramento, Cai	59	2		. 29		. 29				
San Francisco, Cal	58	1				. 36				
Fresno, CalLos Angeles, Cal	62		2			. 15				
San Diego, Cal			2			. 21				
Yuma, Ariz	1	••••••	1	.13		. 13				
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a The figures in these columns represent the average daily departure.

FOREIGN.

[Reports received from United States consuls through the Department of State and from other sources.]

Cholera, yellow fever, and plague as reported to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States
Marine-Hospital Service, December 29, 1896, to November 12, 1897.

CHOLERA.

Places.	Date.		Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.	
India:						
Bombay	Dec. 8-Dec.					
	Dec. 22-Dec. Mar. 23-Mar.				1 .	
•	Mar 31-June	29		. 68		
	July 1-Aug. Aug. 4-Aug.	3		386		
	Sept. 1-Sept.	31	······	509 109		
	Sept. 28-Oct.	5		. 32		
Calcutta	Nov. 14-Jan.	30		. 267		
	Jan. 31-Feb. Feb. 28-Mar.					
	Mar. 6-May	29		1,310	i	
	May 30-June	26		176		
	June 27-July	31 28		118 22		
	Aug. 1-Aug. Aug. 29-Sept.	25		30	i	
Madras	Nov. 21-Nov.	27		. 2		
•	Nov. 28-Dec. Dec. 12-Dec.	4 25		1 6		
	Dec. 26-Jan.	29	i	22	(
	Jan. 30-Feb.	26		13	i	
	Feb. 27-Mar.	5		2		
	Mar. 6-Mar. Mar. 20-Mar.	26		2		
	May 29-June	25	l	. 4		
•	June 26-July	30		12		
	July 31-Aug. Aug. 28-Oct	1		57		
Singapore	Nov. 1-Nov.	30		12		
	Dec. 1-Dec.	31		5		
	June 1-June Aug. 1-Aug.	31		i		
Ceylon:						
Čolombo	Nov. 28-Jan. Jan. 23-Jan.	23	1	114		
	July 3-July	17		4		
China:						
H ngkong	Sept. 4-Sept.	11		1		
England : Plymouth	Jan. 9	 .		4	On steamship Nubia.	No cases in
1 13 1110 00011					city.	
Japan:	T.,1 90_ A.,	9	4	3		
Chiba Ken Fukuoka Ken	July 20-Aug. June 28-Aug.	3	6	4		
Hiogo Ken	June 2x-July	6	1	1		
Kanagawa Ken	July 7-Aug. Sept. 23-Sept.	3 20	13	9	1	
Kioto Fu	July 16-Aug.	3	2	1		
Okinawa	July 30-Aug.	3	1	1		
Osaka	May 1-July July 16-July	5 25	13 2	2 2		
Osaka unu Hiogo	Aug. 1-Sept.	4	5	8		
Oyama Ken	June 28-July	6	j			
Snitama Shiga Ken	July 16-July July 20-Aug.	3	1	1 1		
DINER DELICITION	July 20-Aug. Dec. 4-Dec.	3	1	1		
Tochigi Ken		20	8	7		
Tochigi Ken Tokyo	Dec. 4-Dec.	10				
Tochigi Ken Tokyo	Dec. 30-Jan.	18	3 28	3 10		
Tochigi Ken Tokyo	Dec. 30-Jan. June 28-Aug. Sept. 3-Sept.	3 30	28 18	10 7		
Tokyo	Dec. 30-Jan. June 28-Aug. Sept. 3-Sept. Oct. 1-Oct.	3 30 10	28 18 3	10		
Yamanashi Ken	Dec. 30-Jan. June 28-Aug. Sept. 3-Sept. Oct. 1-Oct. July 7-July	18 3 30 10 15	28 18 3 1	10 7		
Tokyo	Dec. 30-Jan. June 28-Aug. Sept. 3-Sept. Oct. 1-Oct.	18 30 10 15 3 29	28 18 3	10		

Cholera, yellow fever, plague, etc.—Continued.

YELLOW FEVER.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Brazil:				
Bahia	May 13-May 19		3	77 11
Para	Oct. 4 Dec. 12–Jan. 30		32	Yellow fever reported.
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	Feb. 27-Mar. 6 Mar. 13-Mar. 20 Apr. 3-Apr. 10 May 30-June 5 June 20-July 3 July 4-July 31		9 3	
	Apr. 3-Apr. 10		3	
	May 30-June 5		4	
	June 20-July 3	•	7	
	July 4-July 31 Aug. 1-Aug. 28		11 16	
	Sept. 5-Sept. 25	.	12	
Rio de Janeiro	Oct. 2-Oct. 9 Nov. 21-Dec. 26	•	5 10	
isio de Janeiro	Dec. 26-Jan. 30		28	
	Jan. 31-Feb. 6	. 12	5	
	Feb. 13-Feb. 20 Feb. 20-Mar. 6	. 21	6	
1	Mov 7-Mov 20	174	16 78	
	May 30-July 3 July 4-July 31 Aug. 8-Aug. 28 Aug. 29-Oct. 2	10	7	
	July 4-July 31	3 2	2	
	Aug. 29-Oct. 2	2	1	
Santos	Aug. 1-Aug. 7	ī		
uba: a Cardenas	Dec. 25-Jan. 30	84		
Cal dellas	Jan. 31-Feb. 27	38	8	
	Apr. 17-June 26	46	9	
	June 27-July 31 Aug. 1-Aug. 28	7	3	
,	Sept. 5-Oct. 30		11 10	•
Cienfuegos	Dec. 20-Dec. 27		8	
	Dec. 28-Jan. 17 Apr. 4-Apr. 11		2	
	May 17-May 23		1	
	June 20-July 25		30	
	July 26-Aug. 1 Aug. 2-Aug. 29 Aug. 30-Oct. 31		16	
	Aug. 30-Oct. 31		33 27	
Guantanamo	Sept. 1-Sept. 30		1	
Habana	Dec. 17-Dec. 31 Jan. 1-Jan. 28		79	
	Jan. 28-Feb. 25		144	
a I	Feb. 25-Mar. 25	130	38	
	Mar. 25-Apr. 29 Apr. 30-July 1	342 750	85	
	T. 1 0 T. 1 00	1	279 192	
	July 3-Aug. 5		28	
	Aug. 6-Sept. 2		108	
	Oct. 1-Oct. 28		67 66	
Manzanillo	July 3-Aug. 5 Aug. 6-Sept. 2 Sept. 3-Sept. 30 Oct. 1-Oct. 28 Apr. 1-Apr. 15 May 15-May 31		1	
	May 15-May 31 June 1-June 15	*********	1	
	July 2-July 31		6	
	Aug. 1-Aug. 31		7	
Matanzas	Oct. 1-Oct. 22 Dec. 9-Dec. 23	•••••	6	
	Dec. 23-Jan. 27	. 1	8 19	
	Jan. 27-Feb. 24		4	•
	Feb. 25-Mar. 31 Apr. 1-June 30	9	- 2	
i	July 1-July 28		24 17	
İ	July 29-Aug. 4		4	
	Aug. 5-Sept. 29 Sept. 30-Oct. 27		39	
	Oct. 28-Nov. 3		10	
Kegia	Sept. 1-Sept. 30		104	
Santiago	Oct. 1-Oct. 14 Dec. 5-Dec. 26	••••••	30	
	Dec. 26-Jan. 30		17 16	
	Jan. 16-Jan. 30		5	
1	Jan. 30–Feb. 27 Feb. 27–Mar. 27	- 1	6	
ſ	May 2-July 3	********	3	40 cases in military hospital.

a February 28, 1897, 300 cases of yellow fever were reported among the sick soldiers on the Island

Cholera, yellow fever, plague, etc.—Continued.

YELLOW FEVER-Continued.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths	Remarks.
Cuba—Continued.				
Santiago	July 4-July 31	.	. 82	
-	July 4-July 81 Aug. 1-Aug. 28		56	
	Aug. 29-Oct. 2		. 74	
	Oct. 3-Oct. 30		27	
	Oct. 3-Oct. 30 Dec. 19-Dec. 26 Dec. 26-Jan. 9	. 50	5	
Sagua la Grande	Dec. 26-Jan. 9	. 65	6	
	Jan. 9-Jan. 30	. 110	12	
	Jan. 31-Feb. 27	. 35	.7	
	Mon 99 June 96	304	17	Number of deaths not given
	Jan. 31-Feb. 27 Feb. 27-Mar. 27 Mar. 28-June 26 June 27-July 31	185	9	Number of deaths not given.
	Aug 1-Aug 28	130	ıĭ	
	Aug. 29-Sept. 25	180	13	1
	Sept. 26-Oct. 2	. 30	4	
	Aug. 1-Aug 28 Aug. 29-Sept. 25 Sept. 26-Oct. 2 Oct. 3-Oct. 30	. 151	8	
Ecuador:		1		
Guayaquil	Dec. 18-Jan. 10		9	
Haiti:				
Cape Haytien	Nov. 6	.		Yellow fever reported.
Port au Prince	Dec. 1-Dec. 7		2	T 11 6
	Dec. 14	•		Yellow fever epidemic.
Guadalauna.	Mar. 1-Mar. 8	· ·····	3	1
Guadeloupe:	Ton 5			
Basse Terre	Jan. 5	. 1		1 .
Buff Bay		. 1	1	
Kingston	July 17-July 31 Aug. 1-Oct. 23 Aug. 1-Oct. 16 Aug. 1-Oct. 16 Aug. 1-Oct. 16	2	î	
Ikiligatou	Aug 1-Oct 23	57	26	
Manchester	Aug. 1-Oct. 16	8	2	
Port Antonio	Aug. 1-Oct. 16	4	4	
St. Elizabeth	Aug. 1-Oct. 16	1	1	
Mexico:	l	1		
Mazatlan	Sept. 26-Oct. 2		9	_
Vera Cruz	June 28			Yellow fever reported.
	June 25-July 1		2	
	June 29		2	
NT!	Oct. 1-Oct. 7	a 3	····	
Nicaragua: Corinto	Sout 6		1	Do.
Leon	Sept. 6 Sept. 6			Do. Do.
Leon	Oct 1		2	Do.
Managua	Oct. 1 Sept. 6	1		Do.
Peru:				
Callao	June 10-June 17		2	In harbor on steamship Santiago
			ŀ	frcm Panama.
San Salvador	July 1-July 31	38	11	
	July 1-July 31 Aug. 1-Aug. 31	54	16	
	Sept. 1-Sept. 30	34	12	
United States of Colombia:	4			
Bocas del Toro	Aug. 22 Oct. 12		3	1 case yellow fever.
Cartagena	May 12-May 25	7	5	Yellow fever reported epidemic.
Colon	Aug 4-Aug 14		1	
Panama	Aug. 4-Aug. 14 Apr. 14 June 25	20	17	
1 GUALUA	June 25.	91	62	Estimated.
	June 23-July 3	12	7	
	July 4-Aug. 3	33	15	
	Aug. 4-Aug. 13	4	2	
	June 23-July 3 July 4-Aug. 3 Aug. 4-Aug. 13 Sept. 13-Oct. 3	2	2	
		GUE.		
Arabia:	Tuno 10	16	23	
Jeddah	June 10	10	20	
Egypt: Suez	Mar. 31			One case of plague on Rr as
Sutz	VI		••••••	One case of plague on Br. ss. Dilwara from Bombay.
India :				
Bombay (b)	Dec. 1-Dec. 22		694	This is the number of deaths offi- cially reported. The United States consulestimates the num- ber of deaths for the same period

 $[\]alpha$ On steamship Uto. b Official returns show 9,118 cases and 7,602 deaths to March 12.

Cholera, yellow fever, plague, etc.—Continued.

PLAGUE-Continued.

Places.	Date.	Савев.	Deaths.	Remarks.
India—Continued. Bombay	Dec. 22-Jan. 5		738	Estimated deaths for this same
2020 out	Jan. 5-Jan. 12	1	335	period, 2,953. Estimated deaths for this same
	Jan. 12-Jan. 19			period, 1,388.
	Jan. 19-Jan. 26	1	443	Estimated deaths for this same period, 1,462.
	Jan. 26-Feb. 23		1	Estimated deaths for this same period, 5,845.
	Feb. 23-Mar. 9		1	Estimated deaths for this same period, 2,265.
	Mar. 9-Mar. 30			Estimated deaths for this same period, 2,730. Estimated deaths from March 31
	Mar. 31-June 1	1		to April 20, 2,892.
•	June 2-June 29 July 1-Aug. 3 Aug. 4-Aug. 31		90 52	
	Aug. 4-Aug. 31 Sept. 1-Sept. 21		65 95	
Calcutta	Sept. 28-Oct. 5 Feb. 6-Feb. 13		44	
Karachi	Jan. 11			Plague epidemic; 220 cases, 214 deaths to date.
China:	June 30			Plague epidemic reported.
Hongkong	Dec. 13-Dec. 29 May 21-May 29			A few cases.
	June 6-June 12			
	June 26-July 17 Sept. 26-Oct. 2	1	i	
Macao	Apr. 1-May 31 June 1-June 3 June 1	43	154	
Swato	June 1 May 4			Plague epidemic reported. Epidemic of plague reported.
Japan : Formosa	Nov. 6-Nov. 30	53	37	
	Dec. 4-Dec. 29 Jan. 19-Jan. 27	3	15	
	Feb. 23-Mar. 12 Mar. 13-Mar. 23	3		
	Mar. 24-Mar. 31	3		
Formosa	Apr. 1-Apr. 20 Apr. 20-May 20		54	
	May 31-June 27 June 28-July 25			
Kanagawa Ken Nagasaki Ken	July 7-Aug. 3 June 9-June 27	3 3	2 3	
Taihoku	Apr. 20-Apr. 27			
Russia: St. Petersburg Theodosia	Apr. 10-Apr. 17 Mar. 31		1	One case of plague on Br. ss.
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BERMUDA.

Quarantine season extended on account of yellow fever in Jamaica and the United States.

OCTOBER 26, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose extract from Royal Gazette, Bermuda, containing the proclamation of the governor of the colony as to quarantine. * * *

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

MARSHALL HANGER, United States Consul.

Hon. Assistant Secretary of State.

[Inclosure.]

BERMUDA, Alias Somers' Islands.

[L. S. M.]—G. DIGBY BARKER, Lieut. General, Governor and Commander-in-Chief. By His Excellency George Digby Barker, C. B., Lieutenant-General, Governor, Commander-in-Chief, and Ordinary in and over these Islands, &c, &c, &c.

A PROCLAMATION!

Whereas by the quarantine act 1893 it is among other things enacted that whenever the governor of the said islands by any proclamation issued or purporting to be issued under the said act by and with the advice and consent of Her Majesty's council shall so require the officer or other person in charge of any vessel arriving in these islands shall on arrival in the waters of these islands hoist a yellow flag at the foremast head and keep the same flying without intermission until permitted in writing by a health officer to haul it down, during all which time such vessel shall remain in quarantine.

And whereas yellow fever is known to prevail in Jamaica and in some of the Southern

States of the United States of America:

Now I the said Governor and Commander-in-Chief by and with the advice and consent of Her Majesty's Council do hereby under the powers and provisions of the said act issue this my Proclamation and do hereby extend the provisions of the said act applicable to the months of June July August September and October to the months of November and December in this present year and do hereby require the officer or other person in charge of any and every vessel arriving within the waters of these islands before the first day of January, 1898 on being required so to do by any health officer or pilot immediately on arrival to hoist a yellow flag at the foremast head, or if there be no foremast standing on some other mast or other conspicuous part of the vessel from which the same can most easily be seen, and to keep the same flying without intermission while in the waters of these islands until permitted in writing by a health officer to haul it down, during all which time such vessel shall be and remain in quarantine.

Given under my hand and the great seal of these islands this twenty-first day of October, A. D., 1897, and in the 61st year of Her Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's command,

J. TUCKER,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

God save the Queen.

BRAZIL.

Sanitary report from Rio.

RIO DE JANEIRO, October 4, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit the report for the week ended Octo-

ber 2, 1897:

There were 5 deaths from accesso pernicioso, an increase of 4; 2 from enteric fever, a decrease of 1; 1 from diphtheria, none in the foregoing week; none from beriberi, 1 in the foregoing week; none from measles, 2 in the foregoing week; 54 from tuberculosis, the same as in the foregoing week; and 266 from all causes, an increase of 11.

The health of the town and port continues very good. Bahia.—Smallpox and yellow fever continue in this State.

Maceio.—In this port in the North, smallpox is prevailing to an extent that forced vaccinations from house to house are being practiced.

Yellow fever.—At the railway station (Dr. Frontiro) yellow fever is

reported.

Since last report the following-named ships have been inspected or received bills of health from this office: September 28, bark Baltimore, American, for Baltimore, Md. September 29, ship Ponthesilia, British, for New York. October 1, steamship Asiatic Prince, British, for New York, from Santos; bark Glad Tidings, American, for Baltimore; steamship Vala, British, for St. Lucia, West Indies. October

2, steamship Hevelius, Belgian, for New York; steamship I. W. Taylor. British, for New Orleans; steamship Dunatteo, British, for Galveston, Tex. October 4, bark Ella, American, for Barbados, West Indies. R. CLEARY, M. D.,

Respectfully, yours,

Sanitary Inspector, U.S. M. H.S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CANADA.

Smallpox in the Province of Quebec.

MONTREAL, November 5, 1897 The present status of smallpox in this Province is as follows:

Municipality.	County.	Population.	Date of out- break.	New cases since last report.	Total cases since outbreak.	Died.	Recovered.	Still sick.	Houses infected since outbreak.	Houses still in- fected.
Montreal City Westmount Ste. Cunégonde	Hochelagado	240,000 6,000 8,000	July 2 July 26 Aug. 27	a2 0 0	19 5 1	9 1	7 4	3 0 1	14 2 1	60 0 60

aSmallpox has appeared in a boarding convent and all seem to point to a negligence of one of the subaltern civic health officials as the cause. b Except the isolation hospital.

Yours, respectfully,

ELZÉAR PELLETIER.

Secretary Board of Health of the Province of Quebec.

CUBA.

Smallpox and yellow fever in Cuban seaports.

November 3: The United States consul at Cardenas reports that during the week ended October 30 there were in that city no deaths from yellow fever and no deaths from smallpox.

November 1: The United States consul at Cienfuegos reports that during the week ended October 31 there were in that city no deaths from yellow fever and 3 deaths from smallpox.

October 27: The United States consular agent at Guantanamo reports that during the month ended September 30 there was in that city 1 death from yellow fever.

October 28: The United States sanitary inspector at Habana reports that during the week ended October 28 there were in that city 14 deaths from yellow fever and no deaths from smallpox.

October 29: The United States consul at Matanzas reports that during the two weeks ended November 3 there were in that city 3 deaths from yellow fever.

November 1: The United States consul at Sagua la Grande reports that during the week ended October 30 there were in that city 49 cases and 2 deaths from yellow fever and 46 cases and 1 death from smallpox.

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October 30: The United States sanitary inspector at Santiago reports that during the two weeks ended October 30 there were in that city 4 deaths from yellow fever.

Sanitary report from Santiago.

Santiago de Cuba, October 30, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that there were 71 deaths in Santiago de Cuba during the week ending October 30. Of these, 4 were from yellow fever, 5 from dysentery, 6 from tuberculosis, 2 from pernicious fever, 4 from remittent fever, 15 from enteritis, 2 from typhomalaria, and the rest from noncontagious diseases. Many deaths are attributed to dropsy and anæmia, and I believe they are owing to hunger. It is impossible to calculate the number of people living on public charity to-day, and as there is no work for the concentrados, disease and death carry them off by hundreds.

Respectfully,

H. S. CAMINERO, M. D., Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

HAITI.

Yellow fever at Cape Haytien.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Washington, November 6, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you of the receipt of a telegram from the United States minister at Port au Prince, Haiti, of the 6th instant, reading as follows: "Yellow fever, Cape Haytien."

Respectfully, yours,

THOS. W. CRIDLER,

Third Assistant Secretary.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

JAMAICA.

Yellow fever in Kingston.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, October 12, 1897.

SIR: Upon the day Mr. Scanlon died, and before I had taken to my bed in the afternoon, I received very alarming information relative to the Atlas Line, whose steamer Altai was leaving that day, and requested him not to carry passengers to New York, advising him that the Boston Fruit Company had stopped taking passengers, and I thought it well to entirely stop the passenger traffic between Jamaica and the United States. He declined, however, acceding to my request. During the course of this conversation he very indiscreetly showed to me a bill of health which he had secured for his vessel from the secretary of the local central board of health, for the purpose, I suppose, of in some degree offsetting the bill of health which I gave him. This bill of the local board stated unqualifiedly that there were no infectious or contagious diseases in this port. I inclose a blank form of the same, which was simply filled up as it stands without any notation at all. The vember 12, 1897 1240

quarantine officers may best judge of the character and purpose of such bills by comparing them with the bills I issue. I inclose a copy of the notation which I placed on the bill of health issued by me to the Altai. The contrast is certainly startling. I have been satisfied for some time that the vessels sailing from here are endeavoring to avoid a knowledge being had of the true state of facts. I have, therefore, some time since instructed my agents to require the production of every bill of health which a steamer had, and to attach the bills together in such manner that no one of them might be suppressed. The quarantine officers may absolutely rely upon the statements in my bill of health. They are authenticated facts, and the figures are below, rather than above true ones. As before advised their reliability may best be judged by the fact that the governor sent to his acting superintending medical officer for statistics of the disease, advising him that he could probably get fuller and better ones from me than any one else.

My activity in investigating the conditions here has produced several

results.

First. In wide public and private discussion and criticism of my course, the most of it not complimentary to myself, but that, of course, does not affect my conception of the duties required of me, nor my

judgment as to the course I should pursue.

Second. In a better conception among the people of the dangers of the situation, and a corresponding murmur upon their part as to the absolute inefficiency of the local board of health. That board has seemed to pay no attention to the disease at all. No steps were taken to quarantine cases or localities, and the disease has been left entirely to be coped with by the private practitioners. In the case of Mr. Scanlon himself, no inquiry was made about it, and nothing was done by the local board of health with regard to the preparations for his interment, or the disinfection or fumigation of the house, which was left entirely to the physician, who fortunately is a very capable and careful man. Their action in issuing clean bills of health I have already noticed. I have formally protested to the government here against their action.

Third. In the conclusion on the part of the Government here to provide an experienced commissioner of health and to undertake proper sanitary precautions by isolation, etc., and as already advised, to procure a law requiring practitioners to report cases of infectious and

contagious diseases.

Fourth. In bringing the shipping interest of the island to the understanding that my hand is not to be stayed except by reciprocal action on their part. I am informed to day that already steamship companies are now refusing to take passengers. If this be true, it would seem that the Atlas Line agent has concluded to take my advice with reference to all future steamers.

Fifth. In taking up the public discussion of this question through the press of this island and the press of the United States. Since the very beginning of this disease the press has been under promise to the Government here to refrain from discussing the subject and to make no mention of the facts. The Government organ here, upon the 7th, was the first to break this contract. They have apparently realized the criminality and the disadvantage of suppressing these facts when known to me, and the result was an editorial * * * accompanied by a statistical article, the figures for which were taken from my bill of health. * * *

Since Scanlon's death, while confined to my bed, I have endeavored to keep in touch with the situation. I have learned of some 5 cases and 3 deaths, with the additional statement of 3 other cases not authentic, and the very startling statement that there are 19 cases at Port Royal among the naval officers and artillery men. I am, of course, being confined to the house, unable to verify these facts. I have not yet received any reply from the military authorities as to the cases under their jurisdiction or from the medical officer at Port Royal. I, on yesterday, addressed a personal note to the governor, asking him to direct a reply to be sent to me from these sources, and stating that if the information was not furnished I should be compelled to proceed with the best information within my reach and declare the disease epidemic. My own information is that the city of Kingston and vicinity is on the verge, if not already in the throes, of an epidemic, and I should not be surprised if compelled to use the cable in the usual course within a day or two.

The island of Barbados has quarantined Jamaica, and all Royal Mail

steamships have stopped taking passengers to the Windward Islands. If I should not use the cable before the receipt of this dispatch, I desire to know by cable whether I may threaten steamships here with quarantine at New York should they carry passengers.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

Louis A. Dent. United States Consul.

Hon. Assistant Secretary of State.

[Inclosure No. 1.]

BILL OF HEALTH.

PORT OF KINGSTON, JAMAICA.
I hereby certify that the ————, commanded by ————, is about to
sail from this port of Kingston, Jamaica, bound for —— with a crew of —— men,
captain included, and ——— passengers.
I further certify that at the time of granting this document no plague nor any other
contagious or infectious disease prevails in this port or its vicinity.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand at Kingston, this day of
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Secretary Central Board of Health.

[Inclosure No. 2.]

Copy of note placed upon bill of health given to the steamship Altai, leaving Kingston the 6th of October, 1897, for New York.

"During the past eight weeks there have been 8 cases and 4 deaths of yellow fever officially reported in public institutions in the Island. My investigations show 42 cases and 17 deaths in Kingston; 4 cases and 3 deaths in Port Antonio; 3 cases and 1 death in Manchester. The next week will determine whether the fever is epidemic or not."

JAPAN.

Sanitary report from Yokohama.

YOKOHAMA, October 12, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith my regular report of infectious diseases in Japan for period October 1 to October 10, inclusive.

I am glad to say that, despite the continued considerable prevalence of epidemic dysentery, the ports of Yokohama and Kobe remain comparatively exempt from this disease.

I am, sir, very respectfully your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D., Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Report of infectious diseases in Japan, October 1 to October 10, 1897.

*	Ch	olera.	Dys	entery.	Smallpox		
Locality.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths	
Kioto Fu			121	12		ļ	
Osaka Fu			114	40		l	
Tokyo Fu	3		267	80			
Aichi Ken			119	42			
Akita Ken			6	l ī			
Awomori Ken			86	7			
Chiba Ken			286	103			
			183				
Fukui Ken				81			
Fukuoka Ken			104	13			
Fukushima Ken	1		143	37	4		
Gifu Ken	ļ		62	19			
Gumma Ken	۱	. .	149	88	. 	l	
Hiogo Ken	l		120	43			
Hiroshima Ken			316	130			
Ibaraki Ken			53	21			
Ishikawa Ken			79	24			
			34	15			
Iwate Ken			34	19	•••••		
Kagawa Ken	(*)						
Kagoshima Ken			111	25	1	1	
Kanagawa Ken			297	134			
Kochi Ken			57	12			
Kumamoto Ken	(*)						
Miyagi Ken			78	30	2		
Miyazaki Ken			24	4			
Miye Ken	(*)		~*	* 1	•••••••	•••••	
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Nagasaki Ken		••••••	78	14	••••]	
Nara Ken	(*)	•••••	•••••		·····		
Niigata Ken	(*)		••••		••••••	•••••	
Oita Ken			58	13			
Okayama Ken			98	36			
Okinawa Ken	(*)						
Saga Ken			18	9			
Saitama Ken			78	33			
Shidzuoka Ken			349	120			
Shiga Ken		•••••	43	19			
		•••••	186	68			
Shimane Ken		•••••••			•••••		
Pochigi Ken		•••••	37	13		•••••	
Tokushima Ken			57	1			
Pottori Ken			87	20			
Гоуата Ken			21	10			
Wakayama Ken			21	4			
Yamagata Ken			23	9			
Yamaguchi Ken	(*)						
Yamanashi Ken			290	137			
Yehime Ken			239	62	•••••	•••••	
The Hokkaido		•••••	209	02	7		
		••••••	3	•••••	7		
Taiwan (Formosa)	(*)	•••••	••••••		•••••	•••••	
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Total	3 1		4.869	1,627	14	8	

^{*} No report.

NICARAGUA.

Yellow fever in Leon.

MANAGUA, NICARAGUA, October 1, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that I have interviewed to-day Dr. Antonio Soler, the secretary of the Nicaraguan State board of health, in regard to the cases of yellow fever that have appeared in Leon recently. Dr. Soler stated to me that he has examined the cases in Leon and pronounced them to have been genuine cases of yellow fever, and that two of the cases ended fatally. However, the cases have been sporadic ones and there is no danger that the disease will spread, the proper precautions having been taken in the beginning.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

PAUL WIESIKE, United States Consul.

Hon. Assistant Secretary of State.

TURKEY.

Sanitary report from Constantinople.

[Report No. 176.]

CONSTANTINOPLE, October 13, 1897.

According to the official sanitary reports received from the different provinces of the Turkish Empire there exists at the present an epidemic of dengue fever in Adalia on the Mediterranean coast of Asia Minor. In the other provinces public health is rather good. Only from Aleppo is announced an epizootic among oxen.

In Constantinople there exist always many cases of typhoid fever, and some of smallpox, as well as of other zymotic diseases. According to the statistics issued by the bureau de la mortalité of the sanitary board, there have been registered for the week ended September 28, or. according to the new style, the 10th instant, 200 deaths, of which 1 was from measles, 1 from diphtheria, 6 from smallpox, and 7 from typhoid fever.

I am glad to state that at the last sitting of the International Sanitary Commission the question about the way of building the hospitals in the lazaretto of Camaran, whether they were to be built with or without ceilings and with or without water-closets, has been settled, and the necessary orders have been given in order to have them built with

ceilings and water-closets.

The inhabitants of Feriklay, a suburb near Pera, where the cemetery of the Roman Catholics is situated, have made severe complaints against existence of the cemetery in the center of that suburb. Lately the above mentioned cemetery has been enlarged. The International Sanitary Commission, to which the above-mentioned complaints have been addressed, has received from the French embassy a paper in which it is assured that the Roman Catholic cemetery is managed in such a manner that public health will never be hurt. It is said, for instance, that the cemetery is divided into four squares. In the center are the common graves, in which the corpses must be left, according to the regulations, five years, but the graves are not used for other corpses until nine years elapse. In the surrounding line of the abovementioned square the graves are let for five years, but can be kept for

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an indefinite time provided a small fee is paid. Outside of these graves are those belonging forever to the families who bury there. These four squares are separated from each other by drainpipes going to two basins, which have the waste pipes by which the overflow goes to the main sewers. In time of epidemic the director of the cemetery buys unslaked lime in order to spread on the graves.

SPIRIDION C. ZAVITZIANO, United States Sanitary Commissioner.

UNITED STATES OF COLOMBIA.

Yellow fever in Cartagena.

CARTAGENA, October 12, 1897.

SIR: I have to inform you that, acting in accordance with instructions contained in paragraph 379 of Consular Regulations, I cabled the Department yesterday by way of Buenaventura: "State Department, Washington: yellow; Smyth; Cartagena, October 11."

In explanation of this cable I have to state as follows:

A week ago a case of yellow fever of the most pronounced type appeared in a house inhabited by a number of Turks and Syrians in this city. The case proved fatal and was followed by a second case in the same house, which was likewise fatal. The disease did not appear anywhere else in the city, and I therefore did not consider it "epidemic," awaiting further developments before so reporting it.

On Sunday, October 10, I visited the governor of the department in order to learn if any precautionary measure would be taken against the spread of the disease, etc. He informed me that the disease had already broken out among the troops quartered in the city, and that he was putting in operation extraordinary measures to arrest its further develop-He reported 4 cases among the soldiers. Scarcely an hour after my visit to the governor I was called upon by the British consul here to go with him to take charge of the effects of a British subject of whose death he had just heard. Complying with his request, I found that the deceased had died only two hours before our arrival that he had had no medical attendance whatever, and that the authorities were apparently ignorant of the case. I therefore questioned the widow of the deceased very closely as to the cause of death, symptoms of the disease, etc. answers aroused my suspicions and I insisted that a medical examination should be made before burial. We therefore notified the authorities of the death and our suspicions regarding it and returned to the house of the deceased with Dr. M. V. Montenegro, the physician to whom the governor had referred me as being the president of the board of health, and who has the reputation of having had the largest experience in the treatment of yellow fever, not only in Cartagena, but probably in Dr. Montenegro examined the body of the deceased and declared that it was a case of yellow fever of the most pronounced type. The house was thereupon cleared of people, fumigated, and the body at once interred.

With the occurrence of the last-mentioned case I found that the disease had broken out almost simultaneously in three different localities in the city, as above described, and the necessity for the cable, required by paragraph 379, appeared imperative. Before sending it, however, I consulted with Dr. Goodman, the health officer sent by the Alabama

State board of health, referred to in my dispatch No. 66, and I found that he concurred with me in considering the disease epidemic. I have

inclosed a letter from Dr. Goodman on the subject.

At the present writing the disease appears to be confined to the army, no other cases, to my knowledge, having appeared among civilians. The police, under instructions from the governor, are trying in every way to improve the sanitary condition of the city (a condition that is certainly very bad), clearing the streets, inspecting houses of foreigners, etc. The army also has been removed to two forts outside the walls of the city as a quarantine measure.

In connection with my duties in the matter, I find that it is next to impossible to obtain reliable statistics in regard to the spread of the disease—a fact that should be borne in mind by United States port

officials in examining my bills of health.

Every effort is made, of course, by merchants, agents, and others interested, to deny the existence of the disease, or at all events to deny its epidemic character. The board of health also, if any exists, is in an unorganized condition, and the other authorities more or less affected by the feeling among the merchants. I am, therefore, practically compelled to depend on various physicians for information.

So far the disease has appeared exclusively among the foreign population and the troops, most of whom are from the interior. The governor estimates the number of foreigners in Cartagena at about 500.

I am, sir, your obedient servant.

CLIFFORD SMYTH,
United States Consul.

Hon. Assistant Secretary of State.

[Inclosure.]

CARTAGENA, REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA, October 11, 1897.

DEAR SIR: In reply to your question as to what, in my opinion, was the cause of the present appearance of yellow fever in Cartagena, I must say that primarily and largely it is due to the lack of quarantine regulations and restrictions between this city and ports known to be infected.

You know as well as I do, if not better, from your longer residence here, that passengers, not to mention merchandise, from Colon and Panama have been granted access without let or hindrance all summer, when both places were regarded as infected. Surely the authorities of Colombia should remedy this, both for the safety of their people and for the furtherance of their commercial relations with other countries.

Yours, truly, D. W. Goodman, M. D.

Mr. C. SMYTH,

United States Consul, Cartagena.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CANADA—Hamilton.—Month of October, 1897. Estimated population, 50,000. Total deaths, 46, including 2 from phthisis pulmonalis.

CUBA—Guantanamo.—Month of September, 1897. Estimated population not reported. Total deaths, 128, including 1 from yellow fever.

Manzanillo.—Two weeks ended October 22, 1897. Estimated population, 20,000. Total deaths, 97, including 3 from yellow fever and 1 from whooping cough.

GREAT BRITAIN—England and Wales.—The deaths registered in 33 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended October 23

correspond to an annual rate of 16.9 a thousand of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 10,992,524. The highest rate was recorded in Wolverhampton, viz, 22.7, and the lowest in Derby, viz, 11.6.

London.—One thousand four hundred and forty-two deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 48; scarlet fever, 16; diphtheria, 55; whooping cough, 28; typhus fever, 1; enteric fever, 22; and diarrhea and dysentery, 22. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 16.8 a thousand. In greater London 1,868 deaths were registered, corresponding to an annual rate of 15.5 a thousand of the population. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 16 from diphtheria, 7 from measles, 4 from scarlet fever, and 5 from whooping cough.

Ireland.—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended October 23 in the 23 principal town districts of Ireland was 19.0 a thousand of the population. The lowest rate was recorded in Wexford, viz, 9.0, and the highest in Portadown, viz, 43.3 a thousand. In Dublin and suburbs 142 deaths were registered, including scarlet fever, 2; enteric fever, 6; diphtheria, 1; whooping cough, 1, and 1 from measles.

Scotland.—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended October 23 correspond to an annual rate of 20.3 a thousand of the population, which is estimated at 1,549,907. The lowest mortality was recorded in Paisley, viz, 13.3, and the highest in Dundee, viz, 24.6 a thousand. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 604, including measles, 7; scarlet fever, 4; diphtheria, 6; whooping cough, 27, and smallpox, 1.

Jamaica.—Week ended October 16. Estimated population, 694,-865. Total deaths not reported. The deaths included 3 from yellow fever and 1 from whooping cough.

RUSSIA—Riga.—Month of August, 1897. Estimated population, 282,000. Total deaths, 635, including phthisis pulmonalis, 37; enteric fever, 12; scarlet fever, 18; diphtheria, 8; measles, 4, and whooping cough, 9.

SWITZERLAND—Lucerne.—Month of September, 1897. Estimated population, 23,500. Total deaths, 39. No deaths reported from contagious diseases.

UNITED STATES OF COLOMBIA—Barranquilla.—Month of September, 1897. Estimated population, 40,000. Total deaths, 66, including 1 from typhus fever.

MORTALITY TABLE, FOREIGN CITIES.

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Amsterdam	Oct. 23	500, 091	114				•••••					••••
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Belize Belleville	Oct. 29	13,000 10,399	4									
Rirmingham	Oct. 22	505, 772	187					5	5	5	1	
BirminghamBluefields	Oct. 23	3,000 821,764	3		•••••	•••••	•••••					••••
Romhav	Oct. 5	821,764 143,000	a 776 33									
Bremen Brussels	Oct. 16	531,011	138				·	1		1		
Cardenas	Oct. 23	23, 517	64		2		. 2	10				
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Catania	Oct. 19 July 31	120,000 956	3								l	
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Conenhagen	do	340,500	121	ļ					1			
Demerara	Sept. 4	86, 250 86, 250	61 27		•••••		1		1			
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Dundee	Oct. 23	163,090	77 43									١
Dusseldorf	Oct. 16 Oct. 23	189, 780 292, 364	102									
Edinburgh Flushing	do	17, 193	4									· ···
Kunchal	Oct. 19	35, 665	16				. 1			· · · · · ·		
Giroenti	Oct. 10	24, 428 115, 896	7 28							1		
Gothenburg Halifax	Oct. 30	38, 700	11				.	·		.		.
Hamburg	Oct. 25	641,780	170				•	1				· ···
Honolulu	Oct. 9	30,000	6 10									
Kingston, Canada	Oct. 29	18, 040 171, 700	10							. 1	2	
Konigsberg Leeds	Oct. 23	402, 449	149		.			7	2			
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Madrid	. Oct. 19	482, 876	335			. 2		. 2	5		1	
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MORTALITY TABLE, FOREIGN CITIES—Continued.

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Plymouth	Oct.	23	97,658	21					1	1			
rague	Oct.	16	195, 919	109					2	1	4		
Queensland		9	15,000	9									
Do		16	15,000	. 2									
theims		23	108, 943	29									
lio de Janeiro		2	679,000						2		1		
Rotterdam		23	293, 473							1			
agua la Grande			17, 536	75		1						•••••	
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tettin		16	150,000	64					3	2			
	d		275,000	84						1	2	•••••	•••••
lutgart			158, 378	47							1		
ampico	Oct.	24	12,000	38		;			•••••				!
rapani	Oct.	16	45, 095	14				;	•••••				! .
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uxpan		0	10, 280	12									
ienna	Oct.	2	1, 558, 129	526					1	7	6		
Do		9	1,558,129	518					4	3	11		
Jarsaw	Oct.	16	601,408				9			24	7	2	2
urich			160,000	41			!	1	!		2	1	

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