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## UNITED STATES.

Precautions against plague—(Continued from last issue).

USE OF THE ANTIPESTE SERUM IN THE TREATMENT OF PLAGUE AND IN IMMUNIZING AGAINST THE DISEASE.—IMMUNIZATION AGAINST PLAGUE BY COMBINED USE OF ANTIPESTE SERUM AND HAFFKINE PROPHYLACTIC.

The report of Chalmette and Salimbini (Annales of the Institut Pasteur, December, 1899) shows as a result of their observations and experiments during the plague epidemic in Oporto, Portugal, that much larger doses of the antipeste serum may be used and are sometimes demanded than had heretofore been deemed sufficient.

Their report also shows that while the use of the Haffkine Prophylactic may be attended with danger among those who had been exposed to the infection of the disease prior to the inoculation, the use of a preliminary immunizing dose of antipeste serum, followed by the injection of a dose of the Haffkine Prophylactic, removed this element of danger and conferred an immunity of probably longer duration than would be produced by the exhibition of the serum alone. The following letter embodying these points was therefore addressed to Surg. D. A. Carmichael at Honolulu, for his information and guidance.

At the same time, a further supply of 1,900 doses of the Haffkine' Prophylactic, prepared in the hygienic laboratory of the United States Marine-Hospital Service, was sent him for use in the prevention of the spread of the disease.

## JANUARY 27, 1900.

SIR: You are informed that, according to the experience of Chalmette in the outbreak of plague at Oporto, it was found that larger doses of antipeste serum are needed to insure a cure than was at first announced. Between 160 and 200 c. c. should be given during the first forty-eight hours of the disease. In severe cases 20 or 40 c. c. of this amount should be injected into a vein.

In immunizing with the serum, use 5 to 10 c. c. every fifteen days.

In case the Haffkine's Prophylactic can not be administered on account of exposure to the disease the mixed plan of immunization may be used. This consists of giving 5 or 10 c. c. of antipeste serum, and, three days later, 1 c. c. of the Haffkine's Prophylactic.

Respectfully, WALTER WYMAN,

Supervising Surgeon-General U. S. M. H. S.

Surg. D. A. CARMICHAEL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service, Honolulu, Hawaii.

THE PREVENTION OF CONSUMPTION.

[Circular No. 54-State Board of Health of Maine-Revised Edition of 1900.]

That insidious disease which we call consumption, phthisis, or tuberculosis of the lungs, is the most terrible destroyer of lives with which civilization has to contend.

At the present time the fact of the infectiousness of consumption is firmly established in a scientific way, and enough is known of the natural history of the infective agent, the *bacillus of tuberculosis*, and of the ways in which it is communicated to man, to enable us to lay down rules for the prevention of the disease with more positiveness than was formerly possible.

The source of infection is two-fold—from one human being to another and from tuberculous animals to man. The tuberculosis of animals and human consumption are of the same nature.

From domestic animals, there is danger of contracting the disease by the use of the flesh, and especially by the use of the milk from those which are tuberculous. Many children die in their earlier years from various tubercular diseases, tubercular inflammation of the brain, "consumption of the bowels," etc. Many of these deaths are due to living amid infectious surroundings and breathing infected air, but a considerable portion die from infection received in the milk of tuberculous cows, or in that from mothers suffering from tuberculosis in some form.

By far the greatest source of infection, however, is consumptive human beings, but, fortunately, the ways in which the contagion is disseminated are but few, and by intelligent care they may be effectually controlled.

From the human source, we may consider the expectoration (the sputum) as practically the one great danger. The consumptive sputum usually contains an abundance of the infection, the bacilli, and these microscopic organisms are found to be capable of retaining their vitality

and their infectious qualities for a long while, even after the sputum has been thoroughly dried.

As a general proposition the statement is true that the breath of the patient is not infectious, and that the same may be said of the sputum so long as it remains moist. Later experimental work, however, indicates a possibility of infection in the immediate vicinity of hard, openmouthed coughing.

Another line of investigation has proved that the careless consumptive patient is a focus of infection, and a danger to all persons who come much in proximity to him, especially to those who dwell in the same rooms with him.

The reason of this is that the expectoration of the patient, spit upon floors, carpets, pocket handkerchiefs, or clothing, becomes dried and pulverized, and, floated in the air, still contains the infectious germs, and can not be inhaled without great danger.

Though infection may be regarded as the principal, the essential, cause of consumption, there are nevertheless various untoward influences which have much to do with increasing the death rate from this disease, and they should never be disregarded. The most important of these are the breathing of impure air—that of unventilated sleeping rooms, living rooms, schoolrooms, and offices—the use of food not sufficiently nutritious, and dwelling upon a damp soil.

Heredity, formerly thought to be a potent cause of pulmonary consumption and other forms of tuberculosis, is now known to have but little part in the causation of the disease. Since the infectiousness of the disease has been shown, family groups of consumption, "house epidemics," are now referred to infection rather than to hereditary influence. Though heredity is possible, the best authorities, the world over, now teach that cases of hereditary transmission of tuberculosis are very rare.

### PREVENTION.

### Rules for the patient.

Two facts should encourage the patient: One is that there is always an intrinsic tendency to recovery in the earlier stages of the disease, and that, under modern treatment, a large percentage of cases do recover; the other is that there is no reason for any person to think that he is doomed by heredity, no matter what his family history may be.

It should be impressed upon consumptive patients and other persons living with them that the sputum (what they cough up) is dangerous and must be properly disposed of. It must not become dry. There are several ways in which the sputum may be safely cared for.

A. Pressed paper spitcups, costing but little, are on the market. One or several can be used daily and, after it has been used, each cup with cover and contents can be burned. B. Paper cups held in a metal frame may be used. After use, the cup and contents are burned.

C. Metal or porcelain spitcups or spittoons, each containing a small quantity of disinfecting solution 1, 2, or 3, may be used.

The final disposal of the sputum may be:

1. By pouring it down the water closet.

2. By cremation when practicable. (a) In a small fire outdoors. (b) In the house heater, using a stout sheet iron box with a handle three feet long. Partly fill the box with sawdust, or fold a paper inside it; pour in the contents of the spitcup or cuspidor; with the direct draft of the heater open, invert the box over the firepot, holding the box in place a moment until the flame or the heat sterilizes it. When the sputum is to be cremated, but a small quantity of the disinfecting solution should be used in the spitcoon.

3. By setting the vessel aside, preferably in a warm place, so that the disinfectant may act eight or twelve hours longer. The quantity of disinfecting solution should be in excess of that of the sputum. Then bury or otherwise dispose of it so that flies and the domestic animals can not reach it.

The patient should have two spit cups or spittoons for alternate use. A cover should exclude flies. Cleansing can be done with washing soda and boiling water, or soap and hot water.

D. Knopf's aluminum pocket spit flask is very convenient, especially when the patient is away from home, is traveling, or is confined to his bed.

E. When away from his room, the patient may spit into Japanese paper napkins, to be put immediately into a rubber tobacco pouch until they can be burned.

F. Spitting into handkerchiefs should be avoided. If occasionally forced to do this, the handkerchief should be boiled before the sputum dries. Handkerchiefs upon which the sputum is allowed to dry surround the user with a halo of infection, infect the pocket and everything else they touch, and lessen the patient's chance of recovery. After coughing, the lips should not be wiped with the handkerchief used for the nose. The lips may be wiped with paper napkins, to be burned later.

Repress cough as much as possible. Cough gently, with the mouth closed as much as possible. Never swallow the sputum, by so doing, you favor the extension of the disease to the intestinal tract.

Do not soil personal or bed clothing with the sputum nor the hands when avoidable. Wash the hands often. Male patients who wear a mustache or beard should keep it closely clipped.

Do not infect the immediate surroundings of the home, nor sit upon the grass or hay or anywhere else where the sputum may be eaten by cattle, chickens, or other animals.

Rules for attendants.-The floors, woodwork, and furniture of rooms

in which consumptive patients stay should be wiped with a damp cloth, not dusted nor swept in the dry way.

Clothing may be disinfected by boiling, as in ordinary laundry processes. Rooms may be disinfected with formaldehyd fumigation—large doses—supplemented with the washing of the floor with solution 7. This should be done every few weeks when practicable, while the rooms are occupied by the patient. If the floor or other surfaces are accidentally soiled with sputum, the spots should be wet and rubbed thoroughly with solution 7, 1, 2, or 3.

Rooms for consumptives should have no fixed carpets. A few rugs may replace them. They should frequently be carried into the open air and exposed to the action of direct sunshine several hours at a time. For the thorough disinfection of them, steam is the best. The tableware of the patient, the knife, fork, cup, and spoons particularly, should be kept separate and washed by themselves in scalding water.

In addition to the danger from infectious dust, if it is allowed to be diffused through the air, there are other possible ways of communicating the infection. It may be carried directly to the mouth by the fingers, or indirectly by handling articles of food. After soiling the hands, cleanse them carefully. Guard against inoculating cuts or abrasions of the hands with the sputum.

## Rules for everybody.

A. Anything tending to lower the tone of the general health may act as a predisposing cause—insufficient nutriment, overwork, loss of sleep, worry, close and dusty air. Avoid these. Give sleeping rooms a prolonged airing and sunning by day, and as much night ventilation as is practicable. The dwelling place should be dry naturally or made so artificially. If it is thought that there is a family predisposition to consumption, an outdoor occupation should be chosen. Live in the open air and sunshine as much as possible.

B. Every new case of tuberculosis comes from some earlier case. The germs of this disease retain their vitality and their infectivity a long time under favoring conditions. Therefore do not bring into your house clothing formerly used by consumptives unless it has been thoroughly disinfected; do not move into an infected house or rooms until the thoroughness of the disinfection is unquestionable; do not put to your mouth pipes, wind instruments, money, or anything else that has been used or handled by consumptives; do not buy bread, milk, or other articles of food, not to be cooked, from consumptives; kissing, particularly lip to lip, is unsafe if one party to the act is tuberculous; thorough cooking for meat, or a temperature somewhat below the boiling point, 176 F., for ten minutes for milk, will render these safe articles of food.

By observing the rules which are expressed and suggested in the foregoing, the principal, if not all, danger of infection may be avoided.

Particularly in Germany, and to some extent in this country, such treatment has been systematized in "sanitaria" for consumptives. Here the patients have the advantage of a life under medical regulation, nutritious food, and such exercise or rest as each case requires; but the chief curative agent is an abundance of fresh air. Even in cold winter weather, patients, after a period of gradual habituation, and always guided by the judgment of the physician, pass almost the whole day in the open air, walking or sitting, or lying on resting places comfortably wrapped in blankets and furs. The results obtained in these institutions have been very successful even in those with climatic conditions less favorable than those of many parts of Maine. An abundance of pure air is the all important thing.

#### DISINFECTING SOLUTIONS.

#### Solution 1.

Carbolic acid (pure liquefied)...... 7 ounces. Water..... 1 gallon. Mix. This is approximately a 5-per cent solution. For the disinfection of clothing this solution, mixed half and half with water, will do.

#### Solution 2.

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Mix. This may be used as a substitute for solution 1, one-half the strength sufficing for uncolored clothing. Many colors are changed by it.

Solution 3.

Mix. This is a very efficient disinfectant for excreta, tuberculous sputum, and gross disinfection generally. If to be used in dwelling houses, or wherever the odor of the crude product would be offensive, pure solutol should be used.

Solution 7.

Solution of formaldehyd (formalin)... 6 ounces. Water ..... 1 gallon.

Mix. This mixture contains a little less than 2 per cent of formaldehyd.

It is a good plan to dissolve 4 or 5 tablespoonfuls of common salt in each quart of solution 1 or solution 2, thereby increasing considerably the disinfecting power of the solution.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Infection of vessels with yellow fever at Panama.

COLUMBIA RIVER QUARANTINE, Astoria, Oreg., January 16, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report certain facts concerning the yellow fever infection of vessels at Panama, as learned from vessels arriving at this station during the past three months. During the past summer, yellow fever broke out on apparently an unusually large number of vessels lying at anchor at Panama, and of those bound for this country, 6 entered this port. Of the 6, 4 had yellow fever aboard while at Panama. The record for the 4 was bad—49 cases and 15 deaths. On 1 vessel, the *Edenballymore*, there were 18 cases and 6 deaths from yellow fever, the captain, his wife, and mate being numbered among the dead.

It has been my endeavor to attempt to learn the source of infection, and it may be of some use and interest to state what could be learned on this point. The history of one ship is approximately that of all six. All went to Panama with coal (either from Newcastle or Cardiff), and discharged coal at one of the four little island coaling stations, situated from 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> to 3 miles offshore and 3 miles from Panama; each took in rock ballast from another island 8 miles away and sailed without cargo for this port. I would respectfully call attention to the rough chart, inclosed herewith, showing the situation of the islands. The four small ones-Flamenco, San José, Perico, and Ilenao-are said to be mere coaling stations. Flamenco is the main one, and has on it only the coal bunkers and other buildings of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, with about 200 employees, many of whom live in Panama. It is said there has been no yellow fever among the employees on any of these islands this last summer. The British steamship Haddon Hall, which is the last arrival from Panama, gives a clear history, to which I would invite your attention, as the history of the other vessels is similar to this. The Haddon Hall arrived at Panama September 14, anchoring a few ship's lengths off the island of Flamenco, and began discharging her cargo of coal into lighters. The captain states that there was no communication with the island or shore on the part of the crew.

Learning that yellow fever had broken out on another ship which had been unloading coal at the same place, he decided to have no help from the island come aboard, as did the other ship, and set the crew to unloading the cargo. On October 5, twenty days thereafter, 2 men were taken sick with yellow fever. The island authorities at once sent the ship to the island of Taboga. 8 miles away, claiming it was for their own protection; and the 2 cases were removed to a hospital there. After a week, during which there were no more cases, the ship was brought back to Flamenco and resumed discharging coal. Three days thereafter, 3 cases of yellow fever occurred in one night, 2 more the next morning, and 3 more the next day. The ship was then sent back to Taboga, the cases removed, and the ship discharged her cargo into lighters without returning to Flamenco. From that date, October 16, there was no more fever. There occurred in all 10 cases and 3 deaths of yellow fever. The ship sailed November 12 and arrived here January 12 without having any further sickness.

The ballast, consisting of clean hard rock, was taken on from Taboga after the cases of fever had occurred. No help from ashore came aboard the vessel until after the crew was reduced by yellow fever. The water supply was from Taboga, and is the same used since the last case of sickness occurred without causing further trouble. The captain states that he neither saw nor heard of a case of fever on the island of Flamenco, and while he went to the city of Panama at times, he always returned before night, did not visit any sick, and was not sick himself while in port.

The history of the other infected ships—the *Edenballymore*, 18 cases and 6 deaths; *Glenholm*, 13 cases and 6 deaths; *Aldebaran*, 8 cases is practically the same as that of the *Haddon Hall*. The fever aboard the *Glenholm*, which also had 1 case of yellow fever en voyage, did not break out, however, until the process of taking in ballast had begun, and I regarded this as the probable source of infection until the other ships arrived with a history showing infection previous to the taking in of ballast. The ballast was obtained from the island of Taboga, which, it is said, is free of yellow fever except at the quarantine, and is used for this reason as a safe and cool place for summer residence for the better class of citizens of Panama.

It seems, therefore, almost certain that the infection was carried by the air to these ships. If it is true that the little island coaling stations were not infected, as stated by the ship's captain (which I doubt), it would appear that the only other source of infection was from offshore winds, in which case we would have evidence of the rather remarkable circumstance of yellow-fever infection being carried a distance of at least  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles by winds.

It might be of some interest from a sanitary point of view, as well as affording the information whereby vessels bound for the United States during the coming summer can be protected against similar infection by yellow fever, to find out whether the four island coaling stations at Panama are infected with yellow fever.

Respectfully,

HILL HASTINGS, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Cairo, Ill., and Paducah, Ky.

CAIRO, ILL., January 21, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report for the week ended January 20, 1900, 5 new cases of smallpox in this city, and no deaths, making 39 cases and 4 deaths reported to date.

The master of one of the steamers making daily trips between here and Paducah ascertained from the mayor of Paducah that there are 18 or 19 cases of smallpox in that city.

Respectfully,

JOHN MILTON HOLT, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

Case of smallpox on the tug Helen at Cape Charles.

## CAPE CHARLES QUARANTINE STATION, January 24, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following detailed report concerning the case of smallpox—already reported—on board the Chesapeake and Ohio tug *Helen*, from Newport News, Va.:

My first information concerning the case was received about the middle of the day, January 21, when the local quarantine officer from Newport News came aboard the *Helen*, within hailing distance of the *Jamestown* and informed me that he had a case of smallpox on board; that the city board of health of Newport News would not admit to the pesthouse and that he knew nothing else to do but to turn everything over to the Marine Hospital Service. Consequently the *Helen* was anchored here in the harbor, and I being unable to communicate with the Bureau—telegraph office being closed until 7 p. m.—went aboard and vaccinated the crew of 8. not including the sick man.

In the meantime Dr. W. F. Creasy, president board of health, Newport News, Va., came to see me, and informed me that the Bureau had been notified, and that instructions would be sent to me by the Bureau. Dr. Creasy, however, was rather undecided as to whether it was his duty to allow the patient to go to the pesthouse, and wanted to make a test case of the matter and have it settled. Late in the evening I was

informed by the Bureau that full instructions would be sent me the following day, which instructions were received about 6 p. m., January 22, directing me to communicate with Dr. Creasy and complete arrangements for sending the patient to the pesthouse in Newport News, which was done, the tug *Helen* being sent direct to Newport News, where the patient was discharged into a pest wagon, returning to this station about 10 p. m. I will say that discharging the patient in Newport News at night was much preferable to daylight.

The case in question is that of Junius Bonds, a negro, who hails from Norfolk, being employed as oiler on the vessel. He usually spent every other night at his home in Norfolk, and his infection, like that of the other case reported by me, is supposed to have been gotten there. He presented a well marked case, as he had never been vaccinated, his eruption just passing from the vesicular to the pustular form when he left this station.

As to the disinfection of the vessel, I have the honor to state that she is a comparatively new tug, well constructed for steam heating, and I was able to use steam in the disinfection of all of her compartments. Steam was turned into all of her compartments for forty five to sixty minutes at a time for three different times from eight to ten hours apart, a discontinuous disinfection so to speak, with a temperature from 120° F. up, breaking my thermometer at a 140° F. and destroying the paint on the walls. As the crew did not sleep on board they had very little dunnage, most of what they did have having been burned in the furnace before arriving at this station.

The remainder, however, after being disinfected in situ was to-day placed in the steam chamber. The forecastle, water-closet, and deck, as well as the bilge, were washed with the mercuric solution. In my opinion the disinfection has been most efficient. The vessel and crew will be kept under observation as usual, and any unsuccessful vaccinations will be revaccinated to-morrow, though most of them show signs of success.

Respectfully,

T. B. MCCLINTIC, Assistant Surgeon, U.S. M. H.S.

Smallpox in Chattanooga, Tenn.

#### PORT OF CHATTANOOGA, TENN., January 22, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report the development and rapid spread of smallpox at this port. There are 9 cases in the city and suburbs. The disease so far is of a very mild type. The health authorities are enforcing vaccination and a rigid quarantine. All cases are sent to the pest house as soon as found and their houses are fumigated.

Respectfully.

J. T. SHEPHERD,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Evansville, Ind.

EVANSVILLE, IND., January 22, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the number of smallpox cases in the isolation hospital for the week ended January 21, 1900: On hand January 14, 1900, 14; admitted during week. 3; discharged during week, 1; died during week, none; remaining, 16. W. A. KORN,

Respectfully,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

## Kansas quarantines against Kay County, Okla., on account of smallpox.

Торека, Kans., January 19, 1900.

SIR: It becomes my duty to inform you that the Kansas State board of health has ordered a quarantine against Kay County, Okla.; also against the cities of South McAlester, Wagoner, and Muscogee, Ind. T. I have positive information from reliable sources that there are from 400 to 600 cases of smallpox in Kay County, Okla. It seems to me a condition exists in said county which would warrant the Service in sending assistance into that Territory. I believe, so far as smallpox is concerned, it is the worst infected county in the United States. A number of towns and cities in Kansas have already been infected with smallpox from this Territory. Since my last report to you smallpox has appeared in the following places which have been infected from Kay County, Okla., viz: Arkansas City, Winfield, Wellington, Wichita, and Newton. Inclosed herewith you will find copy of proclamation issued by our State board of health concerning this epidemic in Kay County, Okla.

Respectfully,

W. B. SWAN, Secretary.

[Inclosure.]

#### SMALLPOX PROCLAMATION.

#### To whom it may concern:

Whereas, it appears that the disease of smallpox, the same being an infectious or contagious disease, is now prevalent all over Kay County, Okla., which is immediately south of the southern line of Kansas, and,

Whereas, there is great danger of the citizens of the State of Kansas, and especially the citizens of Cowley, Sumner, and Harper counties of said State, by reason of their railroad connections and proximity, becoming exposed and liable to become sick with said infectious or contagious disease, by coming in contact with persons from said infected district, by reason of such exposure,

Now, therefore, the State board of health of the State of Kansas, by virtue of the authority in it, vested by law, do hereby declare and proclaim that said counties of Cowley, Summer, and Harper and the State of Kansas shall be and are from this date declared under quarantine against said infected district, for a period of thirty days, and all rules and orders to carry out and rigidly enforce this proclamation must be strictly obeyed as long as the same shall be in force.

And this proclamation shall apply to any and all persons passing to or through said infected district, or traveling to or through said infected district, by carriage, wagon, horseback, or otherwise, and all such persons are hereby prohibited from entering said counties of Cowley, Sumner, and Harper, and also the State of Kansas, and any and all persons in said counties and State are hereby prohibited from going to or through said infected district, and returning into said counties and State, until this quarantine shall have been raised.

And any person or corporation owning, occupying or controlling any house, building, dwelling, premises or places, of whatsoever kind, or any railway train, passenger coach or other public vehicle or conveyance, who shall violate or refuse to obey any of the rules, regulations, or orders of said Board, when duly made and published, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in the sum of not more than \$500 for each offense, or be confined in the county jail for a period of thirty days or both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

And also, all mail and packages, from said infected district, shall be thoroughly purified and disinfected before the same shall be transported into said counties and State for distribution.

The sheriffs of Cowley, Sumper, and Harper counties, Kansas, are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to carry out and enforce this proclamation.

Dated at the City of Topeka, Kansas, January 18, A. D., 1900.

[SEAL.]

W. B. SWAN, M. D.

Secretary and Executive Officer, Kansas State Board of Health.

#### Kay County, Okla., quarantines against Kansas.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

## OFFICE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE,

Washington, D. C., January 27, 1900.

SIR: This office is to day in receipt of the following telegram from the Superintendent Railway Mail Service, Fort Worth, Tex.:

Kay County, Okla., quarantined against State of Kansas requiring mail and merchandise from that State to be thoroughly disinfected. Persons from Kansas prohibited from entering Kay County. Superintendent Taft at St. Louis notified.

Respectfully,

JAMES E. WHITE, General Superintendent.

Vaccination of crews at Mobile, Ala.

MOBILE, ALA., January 22, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to state that at the request of the local board of health, I have to-day begun the vaccination of crews of all vessels from river points entering this port.

Respectfully,

W. P. M. McIntosh, Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

#### **Report on the investigation of smallpox in North Carolina and Georgia.**

WILMINGTON, N. C., January 21, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report, in obedience to your telegraphic instructions of January 13, 1900, to proceed to Greensboro, N. C., and Jesup, Ga., for the purpose of conferring with the authorities of those places relative to the smallpox situation. I arrived at Greensboro, N. C., on the afternoon of January 14, 1900, and had an interview with the mayor, Z. V. Taylor. I was given the following statement of the situation: Last spring there were several cases of smallpox in and around Greensboro, but the disease was stamped out, and no further trouble occurred until about December 1, 1899. About this date an eruptive disease, diagnosed as chicken pox by some of the local physicians, and smallpox by others, made its appearance at a tile factory, some 4 miles from Greensboro.

Some three or four weeks ago the disease appeared in Greensboro, and much difference of opinion existed among the local physicians as to its diagnosis. However, as the disease continued to spread rapidly, the mayor determined to settle the question of diagnosis and adopt measures to prevent its further spread. With this object in view he requested, through the State board of health, the detail of an officer of the Marine Hospital Service to determine the diagnosis and indicate the measures necessary for its suppression, it being understood that the diagnosis of such an officer would be accepted as final.

On the following morning, accompanied by the mayor and Dr. Broadnax, I visited some 6 or 8 cases in the city and found them all to have smallpox. The cases were all negroes and the disease was of the prevailing mild type. I found 1 case in a prisoner in the county jail, and 1 in a pupil in the colored agricultural and mechanical college.

I also visited the Proximity Cotton Mills located a short distance out of Greensboro. Here there is a community of some 2,000 persons, chiefly employees of the mills and their families. I found 1 case of smallpox in the person of one of the white employees, in the fourth day of the eruption. I was informed by Dr. Broadnax that he had treated 27 cases in the city within the past month. It was not possible to say how many cases existed in the city, as no inspection had taken place before I left, but the authorities were making preparations for a thorough inspection. When I informed the mayor that the disease was smallpox, he requested that I have a talk with the citizens, and explain the situation to them, and the measures necessary for its suppression. In accordance with this request, I met a mass meeting of the citizens in the county courthouse, at 4.30 p. m., and discussed the situation with them.

When smallpox made its appearance in the city last spring, compulsory vaccination was ordered and enforced. The "dry point" was used, and many inflamed arms resulted, consequently there is much opposition to vaccination at the present time.

<sup>1</sup>Î explained the difference in the preparation of the "dry point" and the glycerinized lymph. I also assured the audience that they need apprehend no such results from glycerinized lymph as had followed the use of the "dry point."

After my remarks, several prominent citizens, including the mayor, requested that I vaccinate them, which I did. I am gratified to be able to state that after my assurances in regard to the glycerinized lymph much of the opposition to vaccination was dissipated. I outlined the measures necessary to suppress the disease, and Mayor Taylor, who is a young man of energy and determination, at once proceeded to put my suggestions into execution. I furnished him with copies of the Service précis on smallpox, and plan of organization for its suppression. I have since learned that all the suggestions contained in those pamphlets are being thoroughly carried out.

I left Greensboro on the evening of January 15 and arrived at Jesup, Ga., the following morning. I met Mayor T. C. Slover and Drs. Tuten and Drawdy. I was informed that there was only 1 case of smallpox in the place. Two cases had appeared on January 5, 1 a white man and the other a negro, both having contracted the disease at the same time at Everett City, Ga The negro had died a few days before my arrival. I saw the remaining case and found it to be smallpox in the eleventh day of the eruption and of a mild type. I gave the authorities the usual advice, met and discussed the situation with the citizens at a mass meeting, and explained the difference between glycerinized lymph and the "dry point," and vaccinated several persons.

I left Jesup at 5 p. m. for Brunswick, Ga., where I saw Dr. Butts, the health officer of the city. I learned that there were 20 cases of smallpox in the city, all negroes but 1. The cases had all made their appearance in a section of the city know as "Hell's half acre," inhabited almost entirely by negroes. All the cases and suspects had been removed from the city and were quarantined. Vaccination in the infected district had been performed. The suspects had not been disinfected before isolation, so I suggested that this be done. I left Brunswick at 8.30 p. m. for Atlanta.

I learned that smallpox existed at the following points in Georgia in this section, viz, Everett City, 2; Johnsons Station, Liberty County, 8; Waycross, 6; Backsley, Appling County, 1, and Sand Hill, Nahunta, and Pie, all in Wayne County, 1 each. The disease is scattered all along the southeastern and southern central part of Georgia. A few months ago it also existed in the southwestern part of the State. I was informed that smallpox was prevailing in the northern part of Alabama, and in Mississippi, in the neighborhood of Jackson. The health officer of Florida informs me that there are 13 distinct foci in as many counties in Florida, all under the control of his office. He states that the disease could be eradicated from Florida but for the fact that it is being ted into the State from the neighboring States.

The disease, so far as I have seen, is still of the same mild type that has prevailed for the past few years, with a tendency to become more severe. Occasionally, severe confluent cases are found. The death rate continues very low, probably about one-half of one per cent.

I rejoined my station on January 18, 1900.

Respectfully,

C. P. WERTENBAKER, Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, MO., January 22, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to state that there have been 3 new cases of smallpox and no deaths reported in this city for the week ended January 22, 1900.

Respectfully, Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

#### REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

Eagle Pass, Tex., January 20, 1900.—I have the honor to report that during this week 25 persons have been refused admission into this country, said persons having come from districts in Mexico where smallpox was existing in epidemic form.

On Saturday, January 14, 2 gentlemen were placed in the detention camp and kept there for a period of six days, their baggage, etc., being disinfected in the meantime. These 2 Americans came from a district in Mexico where yellow fever was existing, or was supposed to be existing. The gentlemen were unable to take the oath that they had not been exposed to yellow-fever contagion.

Rumors are still rife to the effect that a number of Mexican cities along the Mexican International Railroad are suffering from severe smallpox epidemics. Every precaution is being taken here and in fact all along the river to keep out the disease and we are not apprehensive.

Respectfully,

LEA HUME,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U.S. M. H.S.

El Paso, Tex., January 20, 1900.—I have the honor to report summary of work during the week ended January 20, 1900: Inspection of Mexican Central Railroad passengers, 235; inspection of Mexican Central Railroad freight crew, 22; inspection international bridge, 178; inspection of immigrants, 33; vaccination of immigrant children and others, 22; disinfection of baggage and household goods, 17; disinfection of soiled linen brought to El Paso laundry, 313 pieces.

Respectfully,

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

Laredo, Tex., January 20, 1900.—I heard a rumor two days ago of smallpox at Minera. Tex., about 37 miles northwest of Laredo. I at once wrote Dr. Henry Spohn, a reliable physician, who informed me that 1 Mexican who crossed the frontier at Minera, from Columbia, Mexico, had smallpox—a mild case. Ten days after arrival at Minera, Tex., he was taken with fever, and on the fourth day was breaking out with smallpox. He was at once isolated and put under guard. I wrote On the Texas side, opposite Columbia, Mexico, there are 2 small mining towns about 2 miles distant from each other, and there is a great deal of intercourse between them and Columbia, Mexico; also persons from Columbia coming to Laredo or other interior Texas points cross the frontier at Columbia so as to reach the railroad which connects Laredo, Tex., with the coal mines. I have made inquiries here about Columbia, Mexico, but no person knew of there being smallpox there. Columbia, I believe, has about 600 or 800 inhabitants. If I hear more rumors of smallpox at Columbia, Mexico, will wire for authority to make personal investigation.

Laredo, Tex., January 19, 1900.—I have a tent fitted with the stove, and am prepared to take charge of any person found with a contagious disease. Tent at present serves as a protection to the attendant who is in charge of the detention camp; also as a waiting room for myself while there awaiting passenger trains from Mexico.

Respectfully.

H. J. HAMILTON, Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in the United States as reported to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service, December 29, 1899, to February 2, 1900.

[For reports received from June 30, to December 29, 1899, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS for December 29.]

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
labama :				
Mobile	Jan. 2-Jan. 22	6		
colorado :				
Arapahoe County	Jan. 7-Jan. 25	4		
Huerfano County		6		
Lake County	Jan. 17	1		
Lincoln County		2		1
Sagnache County	Dec. 28	1		,
Total for State		14		•
	•			
istrict of Columbia:			1	1
Washington	Jan. 12-Jan. 27	4		
'lorida:				
Pensacola	Jan. 16	1		
Jacksonville	Jan. 7-Jan. 13	2		5
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Total for State		3		
eorgia :				
Appling County	Jan. 20	1		
Blacksheat	Jan. 11	16		
Brunswick		20		
Darien		2		
Jesup		2		
Liberty		8		
McIntosh County	do			Several cases.
Savannah		1		
Wayne County	do	8		
Waycross	do	7		
Total for State		60		
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elaware :				
Wilmington	Jan. 7-Jan. 13		1	
linois:	•			
	Dec. 24-Jan. 20	39	4	
Chicago		8	-	
Total for State		47		

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## Smallpox in the United States, etc.—Continued.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
ndian Territory :				
Choctow Nation	Dec 18	75		
ndiana : Adams County	Dec. 1-Dec. 31	1		
Clev County	Jan 17	•		Many cases.
Clay County Dearborn County Evansville	Dec. 1-Dec 31	1		Many Cabes.
Evanaville	Dec. 24-Jan. 27	20		
Indianapolis	Jan. 15-Jan. 21	1		
Indianapolis Jennings County	Dec. 1-Dec. 31	4		
Madison County	do	14		
Posey County	do	26		
Total for State				
Centucky:				
Covington	Jan. 14-Jan. 20	4	•••••	
Louisville Paducah	Jan. 12-Jan. 25 Jan. 21	2		
Paducah	Jan. 21	18		
Total for State		24		
puisiana:				
Calcasieu	Jan. 7-Jan. 20	8		
De Sota	Jan. 14-Jan. 20	ĩ		
East Feliciana	Jan. 13	50	•••••	
Iberia.	Dec. 20-Jan. 20	4		
Iberville		2		
Lafayette		130	1	
Livingston	Jan 13		-	Several cases.
New Orleans	Dec. 31-Jan. 20	117	5	
Point Cooper	Dec. 31-Jan. 13	1		
Shreveport	Dec. 24-Jan. 13	51	5	
St. James	do	1		
Tangipahoa	Jan. 14-Jan. 20	ī		
Total for State		366	11	
ssachusetts :				
Boston	Dec. 30-Jan. 6	2		
Chelsea Lowell Malden	Dec. 25-Dec. 31		1	
Lowell	Dec. 24-Dec. 30		1	
Malden	Jan. 14-Jan. 27	3		
Total for State		5	2	
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ississippi :				
Greenwood	Jan. 22	100		
ssouri :		التقريفية ويصد		
	Sept. 3-Dec. 29	37	4	
St. Louis.	Dec. 19-Jan. 29	15	-	
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Total for State		52		
	••••••••••••••••••	52	4	
braska :	Dec. 17-Jan. 13	<u>52</u> 6	4	
braska : Omaha	Dec. 17-Jan. 13		4	
braska : Omaha w York :		6	4	
braska : Omaha w York : Amsterdam	Dec. 25-Dec. 30	6	4	
braska : Omaha w York : Amsterdam		6	4	
braska : Omaha w York : Amsterdam	Dec. 25-Dec. 30	6	4	
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oraska : Omaha Moterdam New York City Total for State th Carolina : Beaufort	Dec. 25-Dec. 30 Jan. 7-Jan. 27 Dec. 27	6 1 5 6 1		
oraska : Omaha Masterdam New York City Total for State	Dec. 25-Dec. 30 Jan. 7-Jan. 27 Dec. 27 Dec. 1-Dec. 31	6 1 5 6 1 2		
raska : Omaha Masterdam New York City Total for State	Dec. 25-Dec. 30 Jan. 7-Jan. 27 Dec. 27 Dec. 1-Dec. 31	6 1 5 6 1		Numerous cases.
vraska : Omaha Materdam	Dec. 25-Dec. 30 Jan. 7-Jan. 27 Dec. 27 Dec. 1-Dec. 31 Nov. 1-Nov. 30 Jan. 15	6 1 5 6 1 2		Numerous cases.
braska : Omaha Myork : Amsterdam	Dec. 25-Dec. 30 Jan. 7-Jan. 27 Dec. 27 Dec. 1-Dec. 31 Nov. 1-Nov. 30 Jan. 15 dodo	6 1 5 6 1 2 10		Numerous cases.
braska : Omaha W York : Amsterdam New York City Total for State rth Carolina : Beaufort Charlotte Charlotte Greensboro Guilford County Halifax County Mecklenburg County	Dec. 25-Dec. 30 Jan. 7-Jan. 27 Dec. 27 Dec. 1-Dec. 31 Nov. 1-Nov. 30 Jan. 15do	6 1 5 6 1 2 10 23 50 1		Numerous cases.
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braska : Omaha W York : Amsterdam	Dec. 25-Dec. 30 Jan. 7-Jan. 27 Dec. 27 Dec. 1-Dec. 31 Nov. 1-Nov. 30 Jan. 15 do do do do do Jan. 25	6 1 5 6 1 2 10 23 50 1 1 1 16 1		Numerous cases.
braska : Omaha W York : Amsterdam	Dec. 25-Dec. 30 Jan. 7-Jan. 27 Dec. 27 Dec. 1-Dec. 31 Nov. 1-Nov. 30 Jan. 15 do do do do do do do do Jan. 25	6 1 5 6 1 2 10 23 50 50 1 1 1 1 6 1 2 23 50 1 1 1 2 23 50 1 1 2 23 50 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 5 1 1 1 1 5 1 1 1 1		Numerous cases.

## Smallpox in the United States, etc.—Continued.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Dhio—Continued.				
Hamilton	Dec. 31-Jan. 6	1		
Youngstown	Dec. 31-Jan. 22	8	0	
Total for State		62		
)klahoma Territory :				
Beaver County	Jan. 10	l		Smallpox reported.
Blaine County	do	1		
El Reno	Dec. 27	7	0	1
<u>E</u> nid	do	4	0	a
Kay County	OD	10	0	Smallpox epidemic.
Logan County Oklahoma City	ob	10	ŏ	No cases at present.
Pawnee County	Jan. 10			Smallpox reported.
Noble County	do			Do.
Shawnee	do	12	0	No cases at present.
Watonga	·	1	0	De
Yukon	do	6	0	Do.
Total for State	••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	55	0	
ennsylvania:	<b>D 1 T M</b>	-		
Allegheny County	Dec. 17-Jan. 20	5 1		
Beaver County Philadelphia	Jan. 1-Dec. 31 Dec. 24-Dec. 30	1 2	•••••	
runadelpula	Dec. # Dec. 00			
Total for State		8		
outh Carolina:	×			
Greenville	Dec. 24-Jan. 13	4		
ennessee : Columbia	Jan. 6	24		
Chattanooga	Jan. 22	9		•
Memphis	Nov. 4-Jan. 27	247		
Mount Pleasant	Jan. 6 Dec. 24-Jan. 13	8		
Nashville	Dec. 24–Jan. 13	8		
Total for State		296		
exas:				
Austin	Jan. 1-Jan. 16	10		
Beaumont		2		
Bowie County	do	2	•••••	General Tenness and a 3
Bellville County Cass County	00	1	•••••	Smallpox reported.
Denison	do	1	•••••	Several cases.
Floydada	do	1		
Fort Stockton	do	4		
Grimes County	do	6		
Honey Grove	do		•••••	Smallpox reported.
Houston Index		5 30	•••••	
Navarro County		3	••••••	
San Antonio	Dec. 1-Dec. 31	2		
Seguin	Jan. 1-Jan. 16			Do.
San Antonio Seguin	do	7		
Tyler Temple	do	1		
Temple	do	2	1	
Total for State		76	1	
tah:	D	10		
Salt Lake City	Dec. 24-Jan. 6	10		
irginia:	T 00			
NOTIOIR	Jan. 20	1		
Portsmouth	Dec. 24-Jan. 20	44	9	
Total for State	•••••••	45	9	
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est Virginia:	Top 96	18	1	
Fayette County Harrison County		18	••••••	
Lewis County	dodo	ĭ		
McDowell County	do	i		
McDowell County	do	ī		
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Total for State		26		

Arrival of alien steerage passengers at Oienfuegos during the week ended January 20, 1900.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, January 22, 1900.

SIR: I herewith submit report of alien steerage passengers at this port during the week ended January 20, 1900: January 20, steamship *India*, from Barranquilla, with 2 immigrants, 1 Venezuelan, and 1 Colombian.

Respectfully,

J. M. LINDSLEY,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Arrival of alien steerage passengers at Havana, Ouba, during the week ended January 20, 1900.

HAVANA, CUBA, January 20, 1900.

SIR: I herewith submit report of alien steerage passengers at this port during the week ended January 20, 1900:

Date.	Vessel.	Where from.	No. of im- migrants.
Jan. 15 Do Do	Steamship Seneca	Barcelona, Malaga, Cadiz, Las Palmas, San Juan. Liverpool, Santander, Corunna, Vigo New York	131 168 4 303

Respectfully,

G. M. GUITÉRAS, Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Arrival of alien steerage passengers at Manzanillo during the week ended January 6, 1900.

MANZANILLO, CUBA, January 6, 1900.

SIR: I herewith submit report of alien steerage passengers at this port during the week ended January 6, 1900: January 3, Spanish steamer Juan Forgas, from Barcelona, with 5 immigrants. Respectfully, R. DE SOCARRA,

nespectiuny,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U.S. M. H.S.

Arrival of alien steerage passengers at Santiago during the week ended January 6, 1900.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, January 6, 1900.

SIR: I herewith submit report of alien steerage passengers at this port during the week ended January 6, 1900:

Date.	Vessel.	Where from.	No. of im- migrants.
Jan. 1 Jan. 5 Jan. 6	Spanish steamship Juan Forgas British schooner Golden Rule German steamship Galicis	Barcelona, Spain Kingston, Jamaica Hamburg, Germany	11 22 4
	Total		87

Respectfully,

HERMAN B. PARKER,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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## Arrival of alien steerage passengers at Santiago during the week ended January 13, 1900.

## SANTIAGO DE CUBA, January 13, 1900.

SIR: I herewith submit report of alien steerage passengers at this port during the week ended January 13, 1900:

Date.	Vessel.	Where from.	No. of im- migrants.
Jan. 8 Do	Spanish steamship J. Jover Serra Haitian schooner Idamante	Barcelona, Spain Port au Prince, Haiti	17 11
	Total		28

Respectfully,

H. S. CAMINERO,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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

Report of immigration at Boston for the week ended January 20, 1900.

OFFICE OF U. S. COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION, Port of Boston, January 21, 1900.

Number of alien immigrants who arrived at this port during the week ended January 20, 1900; also names of vessels and ports from which they came.

Date.	Vessel.	Where from.	No. of im- migrants.
Jan. 14 Do Jan. 15 Jan. 18 Do Jan. 21 Do	Steamship Boston Steamship Anglian. Steamship Admiral Dewey Steamship Halifax Steamship Prince George Steamship Boston Steamship Prince George	Yarmouth, Nova Scotia	45 13 2
	Total	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	307

GEORGE B. BILLINGS, Commissioner.

## Report of immigration at New York for the week ended January 20, 1900.

## OFFICE OF U.S. COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION, Port of New York, January 22, 1900.

Number of alien immigrants who arrived at this port during the week ended January 20, 1900 ; also names of vessels and ports from which they came.

Date.	Vezzel.	Where from.	No. of im- migrants.
Jan. 14 Do Jan. 15 Do Jan. 16 Do Jan. 17 Do Jan. 18 Do	Steamship Etruria   Steamship St. Paul   Steamship La Gascogne   Steamship Astoria   Steamship Ceanic   Steamship Iahn   Steamship Friesland	Havre. Glasgow Genos and Naples. Rotterdam Liverpool and Queenstown	93 222 240 83 463 287 185 301
	Total		2, 368

THOMAS FITCHIE, Commissioner.

Report of immigration at Philadelphia for the week ended January 27, 1900.

OFFICE OF U. S. COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION, Port of Philadelphia, January 27, 1900.

Number of alien immigrants who arrived at this port during the week ended January 27, 1900; also names of vessels and ports from which they came.

•Date.	Vessel.	Where from.	No. of im- migrants.
Jan. 21 Jan. 24 Jan. 27	Steamship Pennland Steamship Hannover	Glasgow Liverpool and Queenstown Bremen	51
	1.0181	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	101

JNO. J. S. RODGERS, Commissioner.

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## REPORTS FROM NATIONAL QUARANTINE

Number.	Name of station.	Week ended.	Name of vessel.	Date of arrival.	Portof departure
1 2 8	UNITED STATES: Alexandris, Va. Beaufort, N. C. Brunswick, Ga.	do	Nor. bk. Oregon It. bk. Pedro		
4	Cape Charles, Va	do			
5 6 7 8			Am.sc.Geo. R. Vreeland(a, Am. tug Helen		
9 10	Isiand, Miss.		Br. bktn. Mersey (a) Am. bktn. Emits.		1
11 12	Newbern, N. C Pascagoula, Miss	Jan. 27	***************************************	••••	••••••
18	Port Townsend, Wash	Jan. 20	Br. bk. Dominion Am. sc. Eric Am. bk. B. P. Cheyney Am. sc. Ethel Zane Am. sc. Esther Buhne	Jan. 14 Jan. 15 Jan. 19 do	Honoluludo do do do
14	Reedy Island Quarantine, Del.		***************************************	•••••	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••
15 16	San Diego, Cal San Francisco, Cal		Br. bktn. Planter Am. ss. China		Honolulu
			Br. <b>ss. Dorie</b>	Jan. 19	do
17	San Pedro, Cal	do			
18 19	San Pedro, Cal Savannah, Ga South Atlantic Quaran- tine, Blackbeard Island, Ga.				
20	Tortugas Quarantine, Key West, Fla.		do		
21 22	Washington, N. C CUBA : Caibarien				
28 24 25	Cardenas Cienfuegos Daiguiri	do do	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••		••••••••••
26 27 28	Daiquiri Gibara Guantanamo Havana	Dec. 23 Jan. 6	Sp. ss. Santanderino		
29 30 81	Isabela de Sagua Manzanillo Matanzas	do Jan. 18 Jan. 20	Sp. floating drydock	Jan. 14	Spanish ports. Havana
82 88	Nuevitas Santiago de Cuba POETO RICO:		U. S. army transport Wright. U.S. army transport Mc- Ciellan.	Jan. 7	Guantanamo San Juan
34 35 36	Ponce San Juan Subports— Aguadilla	Jan. 6		1	
87 88 89 40 41	Arroyo	do do			••••••••••
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## AND INSPECTION STATIONS.

Number.	Destination.	Destination. Treatment of vessel, pas- sengers, and cargo.		Remarks.	Vessela inspected and passed.	
1				No transactions		
2				No report		
8				······································	. 24	
·••••	Brunswick	Ballast discharged Held for discharge of bal- last.				
4	Hampton Roads.	Held Held for disinfection			6	
5					1	
6						
7						
8				No transactions		
10 10	Mobile	Disinfected and held	•••••	100 Wallbactions		
	Ship Island	đo				
11		do		No transactions		
12					2	
		Disinfected	Top 19		17	
13	Tacoma	do	Jan. 18		1	
•••••	Port Townsend	Being disinfecteddo	0an. 10			
	do	do				
	do	do				
14			•••••	•••••••		
15	Con The second	Hold and forecastle disin-	Jan. 16	Crew bathed and effects	1	
		fected to kill vermin. Partial disinfection	Jan. 15	disinfected. 187 Asiatic steerage pas-		
•••••				sengers on ss. China bathed and effects dis- infected.		
		do	Jan. 20	Crew and 93 Asiatic steerage passengers on ss. Doric bathed and effects disinfected.	·	
17		•••••••	•••••	No transactions	8	
18 19	Brunswick	Disinfected and held	•••••	•••••	4	
	ob	ob			8	
20		do		No transactions		
21				do		
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22 23			•••••		13	
04					8	
OF		1			1	
		· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		No report	••••••	
27 28	Havana	Inspected and sent to Ma-	Jan. 17	do 2 cases of smallpox	28	
	do	riel Quarantine. Disinfected	<b>Jan.</b> 14	Several suspicious cases		
29 80		••••••••••••••••	·····	***************************************	10	
81	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				5	
82 83	Santiago	Boarded and passed		No report	·····	
	New York	- do	<b>Jan.</b> 12		'n	
	· ·	••••••••••••••••••••••	••••••	No report		
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## REPORTS FROM STATE AND

Number.	Name of station.	Week ended.	Name of vessel.	Date of arrival.	Port of departure.
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Number	Destination.	Treatment of vessel, pas- sengers, and cargo.	Date of depar- ture.	Remarks.	Vessels inspected and passed.
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## MUNICIPAL QUARANTINE STATIONS.

## Reports of States and yearly and monthly reports of cities of the United States.

ALABAMA—Mobile.—Month of December, 1899. Estimated population, 37,817. Total number of deaths, 89, including enteric fever, 1, and 11 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Montgomery.—Three months ended December 31, 1899. Census population, 21,883. Total number of deaths, 83, including diphtheria, 3; enteric fever, 6, and 10 from phthisis pulmonalis.

CALIFORNIA—San Francisco.—Month of December, 1899. Estimated population, 360,000. Total number of deaths, 571, including diphtheria, 8; enteric fever, 11; measles, 1, and 83 from phthisis pulmonalis.

ILLINOIS—*Chicago.*—Month of October, 1899. Estimated population, 1,650,000. Total number of deaths, 1,961, including diphtheria, 93; enteric fever, 44; measles, 5; scarlet fever, 35; whooping cough, 5, and 204 from phthisis pulmonalis.

IOWA—Des Moines.—Month of December, 1899. Estimated population, 78,000. Total number of deaths 66, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 1, and 13 from phthisis pulmonalis.

MASSACHUSETTS—*Lawrence.*—Month of December, 1899. Estimated population, 58,500. Total number of deaths, 84, including diphtheria, 8, and 8 from tuberculosis.

MICHIGAN.—Reports to the State board of health, Lansing, for the week ended January 20, 1900, from 75 observers, indicate that enteric fever and measles increased in area of prevalence. Phthisis pulmonalis was reported present at 184, measles at 105, scarlet fever at 100, enteric fever at 53, diphtheria at 42, whooping cough at 32 places, cerebro spinal meningitis at 1 place, and smallpox at 1 place.

MINNESOTA—*Minneapolis.*—Month of December, 1899. Estimated population, 225,602. Total number of deaths, 156, including diphtheria, 6; enteric fever, 7; scarlet fever, 1, and 21 from phthisis pulmonalis.

OHIO—Bellaire.—Year ended December 31, 1899. Estimated population, 12,000. Total number of deaths, 146, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 8; whooping cough, 2, and 16 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Columbus.—Month of December, 1899. Estimated population, 140,000. Total number of deaths, 120, including diphtheria, 5; enteric fever, 1, and 16 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Toledo.—Month of December, 1899. Estimated population, 150,000. Total number of deaths, 136, including diphtheria, 12; enteric fever, 5; measles, 1; scarlet fever, 2, and 6 from phthisis pulmonalis.

TENNESSEE—Memphis.—Year ended December 31, 1899. Estimated population, 61,747—white, 31,417; colored, 30,330. Total number of deaths, 1,369—white, 615; colored, 754; including diphtheria, 5; enteric fever, 23; measles, 1; scarlet fever, 2, and 189 from phthisis pulmonalis.

WASHINGTON-Seattle.-Month of December, 1899. Estimated pop-

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ulation, 80,000. Total number of deaths, 54, including enteric fever, 1, and 8 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Tacoma.—Month of December, 1899. Estimated population, 50,000. Total number of deaths, 25, including scarlet fever, 2, and 3 from phthisis pulmonalis.

WISCONSIN—*Milwaukee.*—Month of December, 1899. Estimated population, 285,000. Total number of deaths, 320, including diphtheria, 18; enteric fever, 4; measles, 3; scarlet fever, 7; whooping cough, 3, and 29 from phthisis pulmonalis.

			B					Deat	ths f	rom	-								
Cities.	Week ended.	Population, U. S. Census of 1890.	Total deaths from all causes.	Tuberculosis.	Yellow fever.	Smallpox.	Varioloid.	Cholera.	Typhusfever.	Entericfever.	Scarlet fever.	Diphtheria.	Measles.	Whooping cough.					
Allegheny, Pa Ashtabula, Ohio Baltimore, Md	do	105, 287 8, 338 434, 439	42 4 225	6 18			.					9		1					
Baton Rouge, La	Jan. 20	10, 478	0	10									<b>.</b>						
Do Battle Creek, Mich	Jan. 20	10, 478 13, 197	0		-														
Bay City, Mich Binghamton, N. Y	do Jan. 27	27, 839 35, 005	8 15	13															
Boston, Mass Brockton, Mass	do Jan. 13	448, 477 27, 294	208	83						3	4	12	1	1					
Do Butler, Pa	Jan. 20 Jan. 16	27, 294 8, 734	68	1															
Cambridge, Mass Camden, N. J	Jan. 27 do	70, 028 58, 313	24 27	2															
Carbondale, Pa	Jan. 14 Jan. 21	10,832 10.832	55	••••								-							
Do Charleston, S. C	<b>Jan. 20</b>	a 54, 955	b 26	3					. <b></b>										
Chelsea, Mass Chicopee, Mass	do do	27,909 14,050	12 9	1										1					
Do Chillicothe, Ohio	Jan. 27 Jan. 20	14,050 11,288	5 5										. <b></b> .						
Cincinnati, Ohio Cleveland, Ohio	Jan. 19 Jan. 27	296, 908 261, 353	116	15					·····	4	2	1 6	. <b></b>	1					
Clinton, Mass Dayton, Ohio	do	10, 424 61, 220	4										••••						
Detroit, Mich Dover, N. H	Jan. 20	205, 876 12, 790	87	2						1			1						
Dubois, Pa	do	6, 149 6, 149																	
Do Dunkirk, N. Y.	Jan. 20	9, 416	4																
Evansville, Ind	Jan. 27	29, 708 50, 756	8 14	14						2				<b>.</b>					
Everett, Mass Fall River, Mass	Jan. 20 Jan. 27	11, 068 74, 398	6 29	2							. <b></b>			••••••					
Fitchburg, Mass Galveston, Tex	Jan. 20 Jan. 5	22, 037 29, 084	8 18											•••••					
Do Gloucester, Mass	Jan. 12 Jan. 27	29, 084 24, 651	14 4	2										•••••					
Green Bay, Wis Greenville, S. C	Jan. 21 Jan. 27	9,069 8,607	82	····: 1										•••••					
Hamilton, Ohio Haverhill, Mass	Jan. 20 Jan. 27	19, 565 27, 412	27	î										•••••					
Holyoke, Mass	dc.,	35, 637	13	1		•••••													
Honolulu, Hawaii Houston, Tex	Jan. 6 Jan. 13	85,000 27,557	c 40 22	2	 	 								·····					
Do Huntington, W. Va		27, 557 10, 10×	19 1	3	 					1				•••••					
Indianapolis, Ind Jackson, Mich	Jan. 21 Jan. 6	105, 436 20, 798	31 6	8 1								2		•••••					
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	Jan. 27	20, 798		1															

MORTALITY TABLE, CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES.

a Estimated population, 65,165-white, 28,870; colored, 36,295. b White, 8; colored, 18. c Plague, 6.

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## MORTALITY TABLE, CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES-Continued.

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Cities.	Week ended.	Pupulation U. census of 1890	Total deaths from all causes.	Tuberculosis.	Yellow fever.	Smallpox.	Varioloid.	Cholera.	Typhus fever.	Enteric fever.	Scarlet fever.	Diphtheria.	Measles.	Whooping
Johnstown, Pa		21, 805 32, 011										. 1		
Lancaster, Pa Do		32,011	1 ii											
Lansingburgh, N. Y	Jan. 13	10,550	8			.								
Do Lawrence, Mass	Jan. 20 do	10, 550 44, 654	4 21	2	• • • • • • •	• • • • • •			• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • •	••••••	. 1		
Lebanon, Pa	Jan. 27	14,664	5						1			2		
Louisville, Ky	Jan. 25	161, 129	72 36	4		• • • • •		.	• •••••	. 2			•	•
Lowell, Mass Lynchburg, Va	Jan. 27	77,696		. 2				1	1			. 4		
McKeesport, Pa	Jan. 20	20,741	11							1				4 2
Mahanoy City, Pa Maldan Mass	Jan. 27	11, 286 23, 031	4			•				• ••••	• ••••	•• •••••	• • • • • • •	•
Malden, Mass Manchester, N. H		44, 126	20			1							. 1	
Massillon, Ohio	Jan. 13	10,092	2		1			1						• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Do Medford, Mass		10,092	12		•••••	·	·			•   • • • • •	•¦••••	1	• •••••	•   • • • • •
Michigan City, Ind		11,079 10,776	6							. 1	·	] î		
Milwaukee, Wis	<b>Jan.</b> 20	204,468	93	4						. 1	1	3 5	2	·····
Do Minneapolis, Minn	Jan. 27 Jan. 20	204, 468 164, 738	72 35	2						3	1	1		
Mobile, Ala	Jan. 27	31,076	14	4		1	· · · · · · · ·		1		. <sup>1</sup>			. 1
Nashville, Tenn Newark, N. J	Jan. 21 Jan. 20	76, 168	93	11	•••••					• • • • • •	. 4			
New Bedford, Mass	Jan. 27	181, 830 40, 733	13				•••••							
Newburyport, Mass	Jan. 20	13, 947	3				·							
New London, Conn New Orleans, La	do Jan. 21	13, 757 242, 039	171	14			•••••			····	. 1		7	
Newton, Mass	Jan. 27	24, 370	6	1						·			1	
New York, N. Y		a3, 550, 053	1,281	156						7	16		32	9
Norristown, Pa North Adams, Mass	ob do	19, 791 16, 074	79	•••••	•••••			•••••	•••••					
Omaha, Nebr		140, 452	26											
Dneonta, N. Y	Jan. 27	6,272	32				•••••					.		
Palmer, Mass Peoria, Ill		6, 520 41, 024	10			•••••			•••••	3				
Do	Jan. 14	41,024	29	3						1	1	1		
Do Philadelphia, Pa	Jan. 21 Jan. 27	41,024 1,046,964	17 498	1 58		•••••			•••••	9	5	23	4	
Pittsburg, Pa		238, 617	128							10		1	2	
Pittsburg, Pa Pittsfield, Mass	do	17,281	7	1						1		1		
Pittston, Pa Plainfield, N. J	Jan. 27	10,302 11,267	3 2	•••••	•••••	•••••			•••••	•••••			•••••	
Portland, Me	Jan. 13	36, 425	22	3								1		1
Do		36, 425	9	1	•••••			•••••	•••••	1	•••••		•••••	•••••
Do Portsmouth, Ohio		36, 425 12, 374	20 6											•••••
ortsmouth, Va	do	13, 268	5			4								
oughkeepsie, N. Y	ob	22, 206 132, 146	6 24							•••••	•••••	2		i
uincy, Mass	do	31, 494	7											<b>ء</b>
teading, Pa		58,661	33	4						1	1			•••••
	Jan. 20 Jan. 6	30, 801 16, 159	14 3											•••••
Do	Jan. 13	16, 159	6	1										
Do heboygan, Wis	Jan. 20	16, 159 16, 359	1 3	2		•••••				•••••	•••••		•••••	•••••
omerville, Mass	Jan. 27	40, 152												·····
pringfield, Mass	Jan. 20	40, 179	25										1	
Do teelton, Pa	Jan. 27	40, 179 9, 250	20	1	•••••	·····		····· ·				·····	•••••	•••••
acoma, Wash	Jan. 20	36,006												•••••
aunton, Mass	do	25, 448	11	2				.				•••••	····· ·	
Valtham, Mass		18,707 5,973												•••••
Ashington, D.C	Jan. 20	230, 392	106	10 .	.					1	1			
Vest Tampa, Fla	do	4,000	1 .				.							•••••
Vheeling, W. Va	Jan. 27	35,013 27,132	9 7							1		- 1	i	
711-1-1- D-1	do	61, 431	28	1.										
ilmington, Del														
Vimington, Del	Jan. 20 Jan. 19	61, 431 18, 208 18, 208	3. 38					.			 1			

a Estimated.

## Table of temperature and rainfall, week ended January 24, 1900.

## [Received from Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.]

Locality.	Temp	erature in Fahrenhe		Rainfall in inches and hun- dredths.			
	Normal.	a Excess.	aDefic'ncy.	Normal.	Excess.	Deficienc	
tlantic Coast:							
Eastport, Me	19	8		.91	1.33		
Portland Me	22	9		.84	.47		
Northfield, Vt	13	13		.70	.04		
Boston, Mass	21	10		. 98			
Vineyard Haven, Mass	34	7		.76	.12		
Nantucket, Mass	29	11	•••••	. 84	.07		
Woods Hole, Mass	30	8		.84		• •	
Block Island, R. I	30	10		. 98		· .	
New Haven, Conn	27	12		. 98	.21		
Albent N. Y.	1 22	10		.64	.84		
New York, N. Y	30	12	•••••	.91	.31	•••••	
Harrisburg, Pa	31	9		.84	.12		
Philadelphia, Pa New Brunswick, N. J	32	10	•••••	.77	.03		
New Brunswick, N. J	29	11	·····	1.13	.24		
Atlantic City, N.J.	32	11		.84			
Baltimore, Md	34	11		. 76			
Washington, D. C Lynchburg, Va	33	11	•••••	.77	1.00	·  •	
Cape Honey Vc	37 40	9 12		. 92 . <b>9</b> 8	1.86		
Cape Henry, Va	40						
Norfolk, Va	41	10	•••••	.86 1.19	. 23		
Charlotte, N. C Raleigh, N. C	41 39	7 13	••••	.81	•••••		
Kaleigii, N. C.	42	10		1.25	1.35	·	
Kittyhawk, N. C Hatteras, N. C	45	10		1.36			
Wilmington N C	47	9		.91	3.20		
Wilmington, N. C Columbia, S. C	46	5		.84	0.20		
Charleston, S. C	50	5		.91	.48		
Augusta, Ga	47	4		1.05	. 10		
Savannah, Ga	51	5		1.00	1.72		
Jacksonville, Fla	56	3		.77 .77	1.72		
Jupiter, Fla	67	ĭ		.79	.20	•	
Key West, Fla	70	i		.49	.31		
If States:		-			.01		
Atlanta, Ga	42	8		1.39			
Tampa, Fla	58			. 56	.01		
Pensacola, Fla	53			1.12			
Mobile, Ala	50			1.20			
Montgomery Ala	49	3		1.20			
Montgomery, Ala Vicksburg, Miss	47	5		1.32			
New Orleans, La	54			1.19			
Shreveport, La	46			1.05	. 18		
Fort Smith, Ark	35	13		. 45	.27		
Little Rock, Ark	39	12		1.12			
Palestine, Tex	44	8		1.02			
Galveston, Tex	52	5		.84			
San Antonio, Tex	50	8		. 35			
Corpus Christi, Tex	53	7		.72			
io Valley and Tennessee :							
Memphis, Tenn	40	10		1.26			
Memphis, Tenn Nashville, Tenn	38	11		1.19	. 34		
Chattanooga, Tenn	41	8		1.43	. 21		
Knoxville, Tenn Louisville, Ky	38			1.26	.16		
Louisville, Ky	35			. 92	. 65	•••••	
Indianapolis, Ind	29		•••••	.63	.06	•••••	
Cincinnati, Ohio	33			.77	. 60	•••••	
Columbus, Ohio	28			.76		•••••	
Parkersburg, W. Va	32		•••••	.70	1.22	•••••	
Pittsburg, Pa	31	12		.75	••••	•	
ke Region :							
Uswego, N. Y	24	8		.66	.82	•••••	
Oswego, N. Y Rochester, N. Y Buffalo, N. Y	24		••••••	.74	.82	•••••	
Bunalo, N. I	24		•••••			••••••	
KPIA PR	27		••••••	.77	.21 .12	••••••	
Cleveland, Ohio	26	13 11		. 49	. 14	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	
Sandusky, Ohio	26	ii	••••••	.43			
Toledo, Ohio	26 24	11	•••••	.40			
Detroit, Mich	24 21	12		.42	.05	•	
Lansing, Mich	21	14	•••••	.47	10		
Port Huron, Mich Alpena, Mich	18			.56	10	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich	15		••••••	.42			
Manamatta Mich	16			.45		•	
Marquette, Mich Green Bay, Wis	14		••••••	.52			
Grand Havan Mich	24	10		.59	1.08	•••••••••••••••	
Grand Haven, Mich Milwaukee, Wis	19	16		.49	.77		
Chicago, Ill	23	12		.47	.54		

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

## Table of temperature and rainfall, week ended January \$4, 1900-Continued.

Locality.	Temp	Fahrenho	degrees bit.	Rainfall in inches and hun- dredths.			
Locality.	Normal.	a Excess	a Defic'ncy	Normal.	Excess.	Deficiency	
Jpper Mississippi Valley :							
St. Paul, Minn	11	21		.21		1	
La Crosse, Wis	14	14		.28	.11		
Dubuque, Iowa	17	15		.85	.26		
Davenport, Iowa	20	15		.85	60		
Des Moines, Iowa	16	18		.28		2	
Keokuk, Iowa	23	18		. 85	1.31		
Springfield, Ill	24	16		.44	.33		
Cairo, Ill	35	11		.88	. 87		
St. Louis, Mo		12		.49		1	
lissouri Valley:		1					
Columbia, Mo	29	8		. 42	.90		
Springfield Mo		11		.50	.82		
Kansas City Mo	25	12		. 26		.2	
Topeka, Kans	26	9		.28			
Wichita, Kans	31	9		.25		2	
Concordia, Kans	21	16		.21			
Lincoln Nebr	16	21		.20			
Lincoln, Nebr Omaha, Nebr	19	16		.14			
Sioux City Lowe	18	17		.19			
Sioux City, Iowa Yankton, S. Dak	13	24	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	.14			
Valentine Nehr	13	27	*****************				
Valentine, Nebr	4	29		.14			
Huron, S. Dak Pierre, S. Dak	12	25		.08			
Flerre, S. Dak		20		.12			
Moorhead, Minn Bismarck, N. Dak Williston, N. Dak	3	27 25	••••••	.16			
Bismarck, N. Dak	4		•••••	.14			
Williston, N. Dak	2	31		.14		.1	
ocky Mountain and Plateau Re-							
gion :	_						
Havre, Mont	6	84		.21		.2	
Helena, Mont	12	25		. 84		.3	
Miles City, Mont	17	80		.14		.1	
Rapid City, S. Dak Spokane, Wash.	18	22		.07		.0	
Spokane, Wash.	20	19		. 56		.5	
Walls Walls, Wash	28	17		.54		.8	
Baker City, Oreg	23	īi		.85		.8	
Winnemucca, Nev	24	14		.24		.2	
Boise, Idaho	24	15		.55			
Salt Lake City, Utah	26	ĩĭ		.33		.2	
Lender Wyo	12	18		.21		.2	
Lander, Wyo Cheyenne, Wyo	23	19		.07			
North Platte, Nebr	19	18		.08	••••••	.ă	
Donwar Colo	27	ii		.14			
Denver, Colo	28	11	•••••	. 14	••••••••	.0	
Pueblo, Colo	28 24	- 14	•••••	.07	••••••	• .0	
Dodge City, Kans	24 81	11	••••••	.07	•••••		
Oklahoma, Okla				. 42	••••	.4	
Amarillo, Tex	80	11		.14	•••••	.1	
Abilene, Tex	42	8		.17		.1	
Santa Fe, N. Mex El Paso, Tex	27	8		.14	.06	•••••	
El Paso, Tex	43	8		.14		.1	
Phœnix, Ariz	49	7		.14		.1	
cific Coast:							
Seattle, Wash	88	8		1, 19		.9	
Tacoma, Wash	89			1.44			
Portland, Oreg	87	9		1.61		1.0	
Roseburg, Oreg	39	8		1.89		1.1	
Eureka, Cal	46			1.92			
Red Bluff, Cal	45	6		1.04		1.0	
Carson City, Nev	81	10		.59		.5	
Sacramento, Cal	46	ŏ		.84		.8	
San Francisco, Cal	50	ŏ		1.05		1,0	
Fresno, Cal	45	· · ·	1	.28		.2	
Sen Luis Obimo Cal		e	-	1.05			
San Luis Obispo, Cal Los Angeles, Cal	51	6	•••••		••••••	1.0	
San Diego, Cal	53	6	••••••	.60	•••••	.60	
58D (Dego, Cal	53	6		.49		.49	
Yuma, Ariz	54	6		.07		.07	

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

## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

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

Cholera, yellow fever, plague, and smallpox as reported to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service, December 29, 1899, to February 2, 1900.

[For reports received from June 30 to December 29, 1899, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS for December 29.]

CHOLERA.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
India: Bombay Calcutta	Nov. 22-Dec. 26 Nov. 5-Dec. 16		10 157	

#### YELLOW FEVER.

		1 1	
Argentine:			
Buenos Ayres	Nov. 1-Nov. 30	1	
Brazil :			
Rio de Janeiro	Nov. 4-Dec. 15	37	
Colombia :			
Barranquilla	Dec. 24-Dec. 30		
Panama	Dec. 20-Dec. 26	1	
Cuba:			
Havana	Dec. 1-Dec. 31		
	Jan. 1-Jan. 20		
Matanzas	Dec. 29		-
Santiago	Dec. 10-Dec. 30	3	
Mexico:			
Vera Cruz	Dec. 22-Jan. 5		
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## PLAGUE.

Brazil:		}	
Conceicao dos Guarulhos	Dec. 31	8	
Rio de Janeiro	Jan. 11		1
Santos.	Oct. 13-Dec. 23	89	13
Sao Paulo		4	3
China:			
Hongkong	Nov. 12-Dec. 9	2	2
Formosa:		1	
Tamsui	Nov. 15-Dec. 12	85	21
Hawaiian Islands:			
Honolulu	Dec. 11-Jan. 17		- 35
India:			
Bombay Presidency and			
Sind:		1	
Ahmedabad District	Nov. 19-Dec. 16		14
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Akalkot State	do		7
Aundh State	do		18
Baroda State	do		6
Belgaum District	do		742
Bhor State	do		92
Bijapur District	do		845
Bombay City	Nov. 19-Dec. 26		934
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Janjira State	ob		4
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Kanara District			1 5
Kurrachee City			ğ
Kurrachee District	do		20
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Khandesh District			ŏ
Kolaba District	do		22
Kolhapur State	do		1,042
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## Cholera, yellow fever, plague, and smallpox, etc.-Continued.

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Sind—Continued. Nasik District Palanpur State	9 16		
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North Arcot Districtdodo	•••••	. 2	1
Salem Districtdodo		. 46	
Nellore Districtdodo			
Trichinopoly Districtdodo			,
Coimbatore Districtdodo	••••••	. 23	
Bangalore Citydodo		93	
Bangalore Civil and			
Military Stationdodo		40	
Banga ore Districtdodo		231	
Kolar Districtdodo			
Kolar Gold Fieldsdododo			
Mysore Districtdodo	•••••	97	
Tumkur Districtdodo		61	
_Chitaldrug Districtdodo		30	
Hyderabad State-			
Gulburga Districtdododo	•••••	94 244	
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Arangabad Districtdodo			
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## Cholera, yellow fever, plague, and smallpox, etc.-Continued.

## PLAGUE--Continued.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.		
Japan-Continued.						
Wakayama Ken Shidzuoka Ken	Nov. 5-Dec. 21		1			
Fukuoka Ken			i			
Madagascar : Tamataye	Sept. 10-Dec. 16		42			
New Caledonia : Noumea	Jan. 1	9	5			
Paraguay: Asuncion	Nov. 1-Nov. 21		9			
Philippine Islands: Manila	Jan. 16	5				
Portugal : Lisbon	Jan. 16	1				
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#### SMALLPOX.

Argentina: Buenos Ayres	Oct.	1-Oct	91		3	
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Austria:	Dee	96		50		
Prague	Dec.	30	••••••	. 52	1	
Belgium:	-			1	1	
Antwerp	. Dec.	3-Dec.	30	. 22	11	
Brazil:	1					
Rio de Janeiro	. Nov.	4-Dec.	15	.	285	
Cuba:	1					
Casilda	. Jan.	2-Jan.	22	. 34	0	
Havana	Jan.	15		2	1	On ss. Santanderino.
Egypt:	i			-		
Cairo	Nov.	19-Dec.	31		9	
England:			•	1	-	
London	Dec	10-Jan.	6	21	1	
Southampton			6		-	
France:	Jau.	1-Jan.	0			
	Dee	17-Dec.	80			
Lyons					4	
Marseilles		J-Nov.			17	
Nice	Dec.	19 <b>-Ja</b> n.	8	3	•••••	
Germany:	1_			1 .		
Koenigsberg	Dec.	17-Dec.	23	1		
Gibraltar	Dec.	4-Dec.	31	4	1	
Greece:						
Athens	Dec.	3-Jan.	6	23	5	
Hungary :					_	
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Bombay	Nor	15-Dec.	96	1	122	
Calcutta		26-Dec.				
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Ceylon	Dec.	10-Dec.	10	•••••	1	
Italy:			~			
Milan	Dec.	17-Dec.	23	2	•••••	
Japan:						
Yokohama	Nov.	19-Nov.	25	· 1		
Mexico ·						
Chihuahua		24-Jan.			26	
Nuevo Laredo	Jan.	1-Dec.	81		16	
Vera Cruz	Dec.	22-Jan.	13		- 4	
New Brunswick :					-	
Campbellton	Jan.	22		5	0	
Ontario:	•			•	•	
Essex County	Oat	30-Jan.	14	238	0	
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Lambton County						
Middlesex County	Dec.	6-Jan.	14	1	0	
Quebec:	-					
Bonaventura County		16		3		
Kamouraska County		18-Jan.		260	0	
Matane County	Dec.	16–Jan.	3	2	0	•
Russia:				1		
Moscow	Nov.	26-Dec.	23	17	1	
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St. Petersburg	Dec.			62	19	
Warsaw		26-Dec.			22	
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Singapore Furkey :		5-Dec.		•••••	5			
Constantinople Smyrna Uruguay :	Dec.	19-Dec. 4-Dec.	29 24	•••••	6			
Montevideo	Nov.	26-Dec.	2	1	•••••			

## Cholera, yellow fever, plague, and smallpox, etc.-Continued.

SMALLPOX-Continued.

#### EPIDEMIC NOTES.

[Translated in this Bureau from the "Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes," Berlin, January 4, 1900.]

#### PLAGUE.

Portugal—Lisbon.—A soldier of the garrison, who had been on leave at Oporto, has been attacked with plague according to advices of December 27. Comprehensive measures of disinfection and isolation have been instituted.

British India.—During the week ended December 2, 1899, the plague epidemic showed a marked decline. The total number of plague deaths reported during the official week was 1,946; preceding week, 2,080. The first number includes 300 cases which had occurred previously in the city of Hyderabad, but had not been reported. In the city of Bombay the number of plague deaths during the same period fell from 136 to 129, and in the Presidency of Bombay, including the several cities and districts belonging to it, fell from 1,714 to 1,274. From the central provinces 11 plague deaths were reported during the same week, and from the Punjaub no deaths were reported. In the State of Mysore the status of the epidemic is unchanged. In Calcutta the number of plague deaths reported rose from 48 to 52, and in the province of Madras from 17 to 23.

MOZAMBIQUE.—According to advices of November 18, plague is not extinct in Magude, but appears to be completely localized. At Lorenzo Marques no suspect plague case is reported. Notwithstanding the number of refugees, the insufficient food supply for them, and the weather conditions at present prevailing, the sanitary status is good.

PARAGUAY.—According to the statement of the national board of health, there were 27 plague deaths during the month of October, of which 23 occurred in Asuncion and 4 in neighboring localities. From November 3 to 16, 8 plague deaths occurred in and near Asuncion; also 6 cases and 2 suspect cases.

NEW CALEDONIA—Nouméa.—According to advices of December 27, 6 plague deaths are reported.

#### CHOLERA.

TURKEY.—According to a report in the Times of India, of November 8, 1899, the cholera epidemic which broke out with violence in Bassorah, Fao, and other localities in Turkish Arabia has spread to Arabia and certain districts of Persia. It is believed that cholera was imported into Turkish Arabia, by way of Gwadur. According to advices of November 26, an epidemic disease of a very virulent character has broken out in the Sultanate of Mascat, and has made great progress since the beginning of October. Whether the epidemic, which in certain places in the Sultanate numbers more than 300 cases daily, is cholera or plague, is very difficult to determine, as both diseases are designated in Arabic by the same word, aaun.

The disease prevailing in the interior of Oman and along the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Mosena seems to have reached Jask, on the Persian Gulf, from the south coast of Beloochistan, and from there penetrated to Oman. This route would lead to the conclusion that the disease is plague, while its clinical characteristics more resemble cholera.

<sup>1</sup> BRITISH INDIA—Calcutta.—During the week ended December 2, 1899, 27 cholera deaths were reported.

#### ARGENTINA.

#### Plague at Rosario.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,

#### Washington, D. C., January 29, 1900.

SIR: The Department incloses herewith for the information of your Department a translation of a cipher message received on the 28th instant from the commander-in-chief of the United States naval forces on the South Atlantic Station.

Respectfully,

J. D. LONG, Secretary.

HON. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure-Translation-Cablegram.]

PUERTO ENSENADA, January 28, 1900.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, *Washington*: Bubonic plague is officially reported to be epidemic here at Rosario at a distance of 190 miles. Squadron Montevideo.—SCHLEY.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Washington, D. C., January 29, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to quote for your information the following telegram, dated the 26th instant, from the United States chargé d'affaires at Buenos Ayres:

Bubonic plague last night officially confirmed existing in Rosario; strict sanitary measures adopted with regard to Rosario; 2 cases suspected to be plague announced here. Writing.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY, Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

BRAZIL.

### Reports from Rio de Janeiro.

RIO DE JANEIRO, December 27, 1899.

#### Plague at Santos and Sao Paulo.

SIR: It is evident that the plague at Santos is stationary. Since my last report, no new cases have occurred there. Of the 12 patients at the

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isolation hospital, none have died, 3 have been discharged; of the other 9, there are 8 doing well and 1 is still seriously ill.

In view of the decrease of plague at Santos, the Brazilian Government has made known that ships, coming from that port, may pass the quarantine at the Ilha Grande; thereafter, they are admitted to each national port; of course, they must not carry suspicious merchandise.

Unfortunately, the hope that the plague would be extinguished in Brazil has been disappointed by the appearance of 3 fatal cases at Sao Paulo. The particulars are as follows:

On December 15 there died at No. 53 Episcopal street the merchant, S. M. de Cruz, who was buried with the certificate of syncope cardiaca in consequence of pneumonia. One of Cruz's brothers, who nursed him during his illness, was attacked a few days ago by a very serious spell of pneumonia. His physician, surprised at the violence of the disease, has made known the case as suspicious to the sanitary authorities. This Joaquin Cruz was transported to the isolation hospital and died there on the 26th.

By the examination made in the bacteriological institute by Lutz, it was ascertained that it was in fact a case of plague-pneumonia.

The third patient, Soao Aranha, living in the Amador Bueno street, was treated by his physician at first as a typhoid patient. However, in consideration of the fact that Aranha made visits to Cruz during the latter's illness, he was removed to the isolation hospital, where he died on the 25th. Aranha's necropsy was made by Lutz and Terni, who have ascertained that it was also a case of plague-pneumonia.

Since that time no other certain or suspicious case of plague has occurred at Sao Paulo. Seventeen persons who have made visits to the above-mentioned deceased from plague, have been obliged to remain in the isolation hospital, where they were inoculated with Yersin's serum. It has not been possible to discover any connection between the first place, at which plague occurred at Sao Paulo, and the infected part of Santos, or any circumstances relating thereto.

Dr. Terni is the Italian professor, director of the bacteriological laboratory at Messina, who had been expected here, as I have already reported. Dr. Terni prepares after his own method a serum for treatment, and also a vaccine for prophylactic purpose. It may be mentioned that Dr. Terni has confirmed also, that the disease prevailing at Santos, is really bubonic plague, which he has ascertained by clinical and bacteriological investigations.

#### Quarantine station at Tatuoca.

On December 20 there was published an edict that in the State of Para there has been established a quarantine station at Tatuoca, which has been placed under the direction of the inspector of the third saniitary maritime district.

#### Sanitary report from Rio de Janeiro.

I have the honor to transmit to you the official sanitary report for the week ended December 8: There were 321 deaths from all causes, an increase of 50 as compared with the foregoing week; 7 deaths from accesso pernicioso, the same as before; 8 deaths from yellow fever, an increase of 1; 52 deaths from smallpox, an increase of 11; 2 deaths from typhoid fever, a decrease of 4; 3 deaths from measles, none before; 5 deaths from berberi, an increase of 4, and 53 deaths from tuberculosis, an increase of 14.

#### Sanitary report from the State of Sao Paulo.

From the State of Sao Paulo I can give you some official data concerning the sanitary condition during the month of September. The total number of deaths was 2,672, a decrease of 214 as compared with the month of August. From tuberculosis there died 147 persons, an increase of 20, and from malaria 50, a decrease of 28.

From typhoid fever there died 43 persons (11 at the city of Sao Paulo, and 5 at Sorocaba), an increase of 5; from yellow fever, 1 person (at Santos), the same as before; from smallpox, none, a decrease of 2; from measles, 14 persons, an increase of 8; from scarlet fever, 2 persons, an increase of 1.

In regard to other infectious diseases, there were 3 deaths from diphtheria, 66 deaths from whooping cough, 8 deaths from erysipelas, 15 deaths from dysentery, 25 deaths from influenza, 7 deaths from leprosy, 1 death from cholerine, 2 deaths from diarrhea infectiosa, and 1 death from varicella.

#### Bills of health.

Since last report the following-named ships have been inspected and received bills of health at this office: December 16, steamship *Coleridge*, British, for New York; steamship *Corrientes*, French, for New Orleans. December 18, steamship *Bellender*, British, for New York; steamship *Hogarth*, British, for New York. December 20, steamship *Tiger*, Norwegian, for Baltimore.

Respectfully,

## W. HAVELBURG, M. D., Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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

#### Plague at Santos and Sao Paulo-Continued.

#### RIO DE JANEIRO, December 31, 1899.

SIR: I had just finished my report when I learned that there have occurred some new cases of plague. There was 1 case at Santos, and also 1 case at Sao Paulo, that of the bookkeeper of Cruz, who died of the plague.

Moreover, it has been stated that at Conceicao dos Guarulhos there have occurred 3 suspicious cases. The patients are a merchant and his 2 sons. The 3 patients have been transported to the isolation hospital at Sao Paulo, where the diagnosis of plague was confirmed.

Therefore, at the present time there are at the isolation hospital at Santos 10 patients of plague and at Sao Paulo 4 patients.

#### Sanitary report from Rio de Janeiro.

I have the honor to transmit to you the official sanitary report for the week ended December 15. There were 302 deaths from all causes, a decrease of 19, as compared with the preceding week; 14 deaths from accesso pernicioso, an increase of 7; 13 deaths from yellow fever, an increase of 5; 28 deaths from smallpox, a decrease of 24; 1 death from typhoid fever, a decrease of 1; 5 deaths from measles, an increase of 2; 1 death from beriberi, a decrease of 4, and 60 deaths from tuberculosis, an increase of 7.

#### Bills of health.

Since last report the following-named ships have been inspected and received bills of health of this office: December 29, steamship Kaffir Prince, British, for New York. December 30, steamship Olbers, Belgian, for New York; barkentine Good News, American, for Baltimore. Respectfully, W. HAVELBURG, M. D., Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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

BRAZIL.

[Cablegram.]

RIO DE JANEIRO, January 28, 1900.

Quarantine against Rio raised.

HAVELBURG,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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

Smallpox in Pernambuco.

BARBADOS, January 20, 1900.

SIR: I have to report that Pernambuco was on the 16th instant declared infected with smallpox, a bill of health dated December 29, 1899, having been received here, indorsed by the British consul at Pernambuco. During the fortnight ended December 15, 5 deaths from smallpox were reported.

Antigua has imposed quarantine against Lisbon and taken it off Bahia.

Respectfully,

J. F. MCKINSTRY, Clerk, Quarantine Board.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Smallpox in the Province of Quebec.

MONTREAL, January 18, 1900.

The present status of the smallpox outbreak in this province is as follows:

Municipality.	County.	Population.	Date of out- break.	New cases since last report.(a)	Total cases sinceoutbreak.	Died.	Recovered.	Still sick.	Houses infected since outbreak.	Houses still in- fected.
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a Date of last report January 3. b

b Approximately. cHospital.

The origin of the outbreaks in Mann and in Shoolbred and Nouvelle is being investigated by our inspector.

The Montreal patient is an individual who, on December 30, left

Campbellton, a town in New Brunswick, situated on the Restigouche River opposite Mann. Respectfully,

ELZÉAR PELLETIER,

Secretary Board of Health of the Province of Quebec. The SUBGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine Hospital Service.

CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, January 22, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended January 20, 19 deaths have occurred in this city, 3 from malaria, 5 from intestinal diseases, and 1 from tuberculosis. Nine of these deaths were in the civil Death rate for the week is 24.76. No contagious diseases hospital. reported in the city. Inspected 8 foreign vessels during the week and issued 6 bills of health. Inspected and passed 250 bundles of hides, shipped to Hamburg, Germany, via New York, on the steamship City of Washington.

Casilda.-Dr. Alejandro Cantero reports 10 deaths in the city of Trinidad, 3 from malaria, 2 from intestinal diseases, and 2 from tuber-The total number of cases of varioloid has reached 34; no culosis. deaths have occurred; nearly all are convalescent. Am very careful about allowing any baggage, especially bedclothing, to be moved by any of the patients from their houses. No foreign vessels have been inspected at this port during the week.

Santa Cruz del Sur.-Dr. Juan R. Xiques reports 1 death during the week, from malaria; no contagious diseases reported. Steamship Volund from Barranquilla, inspected at this port during the week.

Respectfully,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

J. M. LINDSLEY,

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

Report from Havana.

HAVANA, CUBA, January 23, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following sanitary report for the week ended January 20, 1900:

Two cases of yellow fever were reported during the week and no Four cases remained under treatment on January 20, 1900. deaths. This is a very satisfactory showing and is a marked decrease from the previous week.

There were 81 deaths from all causes reported during the week, showing a mortality of 19.13 per thousand. These figures compare favorably with the mortality of most large cities in other parts of the world. The weather has continued cool with considerable rain.

The Spanish steamship Santanderino arrived from Liverpool and Spanish ports on the 15th instant, with 2 cases of smallpox on arrival at this As already reported, the vessel was immediately sent to Mariel port. Quarantine Station, where the passengers and nonimmune members of the crew were disembarked, and the vessel returned to this port for disinfection, after which she was released from quarantine and permitted to discharge her cargo.

Bureau telegram stating that all quarantine restrictions at Miami

were removed was received on the 19th instant, and the proper steps were at once taken to remove the restrictions in vogue at this port.

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The Spanish floating dry dock in this port was disinfected by the barge *Protector* on the 14th instant.

On the 18th instant, a general inspection of the entire station was made by the medical officer in command. The station in general was found to be in fair condition, and many minor deficiencies found were corrected. It is proposed to continue these inspections once a week, as they have an excellent moral effect in keeping the different departments running smoothly and in harmony.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the usual mortality table for the week ended January 20, 1900, and also a report of baggage disinfected by the barge *Protector* during the same period.

Respectfully,

G. M. GUITÉRAS, Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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

#### CUBA.

## Vital statistics of Havana for the year 1899.—Estimated population, 220,000.

[By JOHN G. DAVIS, Major and Surgeon, U. S. V., Chief Sanitary Officer.]

	Deaths.
Angina pectoris	. · 19
Alcoholism	
Aorta, diseases of	
Anæmia	. 63
Appendicitis	
Apoplexy, cerebral	
Asthma.	
Asphyxia	
Biliary colic and calculi	5
Bronchitis	153
Brain, compression of	82
Brain arterial embolism	33
Brain, concussion of	76
Brain, softening of	92
Brights disease, acute	
Brights disease, chronic	
Burns	
Beriberi	
Cancer	
Cholera infantum	
Cystitis	
Diabetes.	
Dysentery	
Diphtheria	
Dropsy	63
Decay, senile	33
Eclampsia, puerperal	57
Epilepsy	
Erysipelas	
Enteritis	
Emphysema, pulmonary	1
Fever, yellow	103
Fever, gastric	22
Fever, puerperal	
Fever, pernicious	97
Fever, typhoid	240
Fever, borras	- 4
Gangrene	34
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Vital statistics of Havana, etcContinued.	Deaths.
Glanders	. 2
Trant affastions of	629
Hemorrhage, puerperal	. 2
Heart, anections of the second	5
Hydrophobia	1
Hamoptisis	. 1
Infection, intestinal	. 22
Indigestion	. 1
Icterus. Le grippe.	. 11
La grippe	30
Liver, inflammation of Liver, abscess of	11
Liver, abscess of	14
Liver, cirrhosis	170
Liver, hydatides of	3
Locomotor ataxia	4
Lungs, congestion of Leprosy	53
Leprosy	11
Lymphangitis Laryngitis .	10
Laryngitis	5
Myelitis	20
Measles	
Meningitis, cerebral	397
Malaria	822
Metrorrhagia	3
Maxillary necrosis	1
Marasmus	
Neurasthenia	2
Occlusion, intestinal	28
Orchitis, acute	1
Pneumonia, catarrhal	135
Pneumonia, lobar Peritonitas, acute	187
Peritonitas, acute	30
Peritonitis, traumatic	6
Pyæmia	36
Pleurisy	12
Paralysis, agitans	1
Prostatic fistula.	1
Poisoning	35
Rachitis	150
Rheumatism, chronic	4
Sclerosis, arterial	484
Smallpox	4 7
Stomach, ulceration of	2
Stomatitis	3.
Scrofula	21
Syphilis Strangulated hernia	10
Tuberculosis	
	1, 307
Tetanus	124
Tumor Tabes, mesenteric	1
Tapeworm.	1
Uræmia	35
Wounds, contused	30
Wannde knife	10
Wounds, knife	71

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## Deaths by nationality.

Cubans	5,853
Spaniards	1.704
Americans	
Chinese	
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## Deaths by nationality.—Continued.

Mexicans	25
Porto Ricans	24
English	13
French	11
Italians	
Germans.	
Other countries	21
Unknown	
Total	8, 153

## Deaths by months.

January	1,260
February	<b>´842</b>
March	810
April	648
May	635
June	638
July.	680
August	620
Sentember	496
September October	497
November	493
December	534
Total	8, 153

## Contagious and infectious diseases reported.

Diseases.		Colored.	Total.	
Yellow fever Tuberculosis	282 654 169 2, 992 187 121 11 11 76	2 326 21 1,535 39 14 0 0 2	284 980 190 4,527 226 135 11 11 78	
Total	4, 503	1,939	6, 442	

## Yellow fever.

Months. C							
January February.	0	1					
March April May	52						
July	6 34 54	18					
October. November	63	20					
Total	284	108					

## Yellow fever by nationality.

Nationality.						
Spaniards		58				
Americans English	10	32				
Germans Cubans	. 3					
Swills Norwegian Italians	3					
Russians French	22	0 1				
Belgians Roumanian	1	1				
Swede Dutch	1	0				
Turks Danes		0				
Total	284	103				

## Marriages recorded during the year.

White	1.137
Colored	
Total	1,183

## Births recorded during the year.

Births.	Legiti- mate.	Illegiti- mate.	Total.
White male White female	1,350 1,241	493 522	1, 8 <b>43</b> 1, 7 <b>63</b>
Colored male Colored female	35 39	258 243	293 282
Total	2,665	1,516	4, 181
Apparent excess of deaths over births		•••••	3, 972

## Sanitary report for 1899.

	41 550
Examinations of premises	41, 552
Written notices issued	34, 241
Premises disinfected	9, 039
Carts of rubbish removed	4, 576
Examinations of cesspools	25, 497
Cesspools cleaned	6, 769
Analyses of food products	207
Bacteriological examination	36
Food products destroyed	347
Horses treated during the year	298
Horses returned to owners	203
Horses killed afflicted with glanders	94
Horses under observation	1
Number of times sewer and catch basins have been cleaned and disinfected	40, 579
Number of new water service to private houses	1,234
Number of times public urinals in Havana have been cleaned and disinfected	4, 879
Average number of gallons of electrozone applied daily to street sewers and	1,010
houses	24,000
Number of lineal feet of old sewers cleaned and disinfected	253, 583
Area of street cleaned daily, square meters	1,731,982
Area of pavement renewed, square meters	400, 298
Number of houses in which plumbing modifications have been made	2, 424
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Cart loads of refuse material removed from April to December 140, 511, increasing from 10,808 in April to 14,420 in December, 1899.

## Reports from Matanzas, Cardenas, Isabela de Sagua, and Caibarien.

## MATANZAS, CUBA, January 23, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the following report of the quarantine district under my command for the week ended January 20, 1900:

Matanzas.—Twenty-five deaths occurred in the city of Matanzas during the period covered by this report, showing a mortality of 32.63 per thousand. The principal causes of death were as follows: Tuberculosis, 3; pneumonia, 6; enteritis, 2; cancer, 2; atresia, 2; diphtheria, 1; malaria, 1; other causes, 8. The following cases of an infectious character were reported: Diphtheria, 3; infectious fever, 2; measles, 3. Five vessels were inspected on arrival. Four bills of health were issued to foreign vessels. Seven health certificates were issued to persons leaving the island. Eight pieces of baggage were inspected and passed.

Cardenas.—Acting Asst. Surg. Enrique Saez reports 13 deaths occurred in Cardenas during the week. The principal causes were as follows: Tuberculosis, 4; cerebral hemorrhage, 2; enteritis, 1; heart disease, 1; other causes, 5. No cases of a particularly infectious or contagious character were reported. Thirteen vessels were inspected on arrival; 6 of these were foreign and 7 coasting vessels. Four bills of health were issued to foreign vessels.

Isabela de Sagua.—Acting Asst. Surg. Pedro Garcia Riera reports, 1 vessel was inspected on arrival, and 1 bill of health was issued to a foreign vessel. No sanitary report was received for the week.

Caibarien.—Acting Asst. Surg. Bernardo Escobar reports that 2 deaths occurred in Caibarien during the week. No cases of a particularly infectious or contagious character were reported. Five vessels were inspected on arrival; 4 of these were foreign vessels and 1 a coasting vessel. Three bills of health were issued to foreign vessels and 1 certificate of inspection to a coasting vessel.

Respectfully,

FELIX GARCIA,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., The SURGEON-GENERAL, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Reports from Santiago and Manzanillo.

## SANTIAGO DE CUBA, January 16, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the sanitary condition of the fourth district of the island of Cuba for the week ended January 13, 1900:

Santiago.—A total of 24 deaths was recorded for this period, with the causes given as follows: Malarial fevers, 8; intestinal diseases, 4; tuberculosis, 2; heart disease, 2; pneumonia, 1; other causes, 7; total, 24. Population, 43,000; mortality, 29.16.

No cases of yellow fever have been reported for the past three weeks and the probabilities for a healthy winter are more certain, as the temperature is delightfully cool and the town is kept clean.

Malarial fevers abound and bronchial and lung diseases prevail to a great extent.

*Manzanillo.*—Acting Asst. Surg. R. de Socarras reports 5 deaths during the week as follows: Malaria, 2; tuberculosis, 2; eclampsia, 1. No yellow fever or smallpox reported.

Daiquiri.—No report. Respectfully,

H. S. CAMINERO,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S. The SURGEON-GENERAL, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

### ENGLAND.

## Influenza in London.

## LONDON, ENGLAND, January 17, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the epidemic of influenza which has been prevalent here for the past five or six weeks appears to be on the increase. Three hundred and forty deaths are attributed to it in the registrar-general's report for the past week, against 316 for the week previous.

Respectfully,

G. M. MAGRUDER, Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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

## Report from Liverpool.

## LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, January 13, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report concerning the transactions of the Service at this port during the week ended January 13, 1900: The health of Liverpool remains good, no quarantinable disease being reported. Sixteen vessels have cleared for United States ports during the week. Of these, 11 have been inspected and 5 have been cleared without inspection. All immigrants were inspected, preference being given to passenger steamers. The method of procedure in regard to passenger steamers is as follows : All immigrants are inspected on the dock, their cards are stamped and their baggage labeled. The second-cabin passengers are inspected as they go aboard the tender or The crew is inspected on board ship at the same time that steamer. the board of trade inspection is made. The steerage compartments and forecastle are inspected prior to the embarkation of the immigrants. At present it has been found impossible to inspect the holds and bunkers of any vessels save those sailing in ballast. No inspection has been commenced as yet of first-class passengers.

In regard to freight nothing of especial interest has occurred except the appearance of a little freight from Oporto. Wine, new wood fiber, and cocca berries transhipped at Oporto have been passed as new material incapable of conveying infection.

I take pleasure further in reporting that the consular officers at this port have offered me every facility in the carrying on of the work of inspection.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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

Reports from Southampton.

SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND, January 8, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the following vessels were inspected during the week ended January 6, 1900:

Wednesday, January 3, steamship *Trave* of the North German Lloyd Line, bound for New York with passengers and cargo. There were inspected and passed 36 first and second cabin passengers, and Saturday, January 6, steamship *Saint Paul* of the American Line, bound for New York with passengers and cargo. There were inspected and passed 116 steerage passengers and 73 for the second cabin, and 350 pieces of small and 65 of large baggage.

I have the honor to send herewith the abstract of the bills of health issued to these vessels.

Respectfully,

W. C. HOBDY, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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

## SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND, January 15, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the following vessels were inspected during the week ended January 13, 1900:

Wednesday, January 10, steamship Lahn, of the North German Lloyd Line, bound for New York with passengers and cargo. There were inspected and passed 17 first and 2 second cabin passengers.

Saturday, January 13, steamship *New York*, of the American Line, bound for New York with passengers and cargo. There were inspected and passed 97 steerage and 62 second-cabin passengers, and 27 large and 136 small pieces of baggage.

There were 3 rejected—1 for partial blindness and 2 for trachoma. Respectfully, W. C. HOBDY,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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

### FRANCE.

### Report from Havre.

## HAVRE, FRANCE, January 12, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that on Saturday last the steamship *Gascogne* sailed from this port for New York with 259 steerage and 59 cabin passengers.

On Friday afternoon, together with the medical director of the line, I inspected all the living quarters of the vessel, paying special attention to the quarters of the crew and emigrants. All were found in excellent condition. The forecastles were clean and well aired. The men sleep in hammocks which, at the time of inspection, were neatly rolled and hung on pegs at the side.

The steerage quarters comprise one entire deck—not all used at this time—and has practically no partitions except those made by the construction of the ship, thus insuring free ventilation of air, although at some expense of privacy. This deck is also supplied with registers for forced ventilation, the efficacy of which I could not determine. as they were not in operation at the time. The bunks are side by side in double rows and double tiers, and each is supplied with a clean mattress cover, filled with new seaweed.

The water closets were found in good condition and the hospital facilities were ample and apparently in perfect readiness. I understand that forecastles and emigrant quarters are washed out completely at each port and that the practice will soon be begun of washing them out a second time with a solution of lysol.

All the third-class passengers with their luggage arrived on a special train from Paris at 9 a. m. Saturday. After their breakfast they were inspected as usual for vaccination, for any illness (that might later prove to be a contagious disease), and to see that they physically meet the requirements of the United States immigration laws. Besides the baring of at least the arm for vaccination or inspection of the mark, each one presented himself or herself in line with head and neck bare, and besides passing the scrutiny of 4 physicians, including myself, was handled at least twice, once at vaccination and once on the line where the head of each was examined and face and neck felt to examine the glands and judge of the temperature. On Saturday over 20 were put aside and later examined fully before passing.

After finishing this examination those from places other than Marseilles and having no bedding, went on board; the others, about fifty, marched with their belongings to the disinfecting chamber where all clothing and bedding were disinfected by steam, except the clean clothing of 3 naturalized citizens returning from a visit in Greece. All this stuff was properly labelled.

With the exception of a few possible improvements in the system, the inspection and disinfection as practiced before the sailing of the Gascogne were satisfactory, and, in my judgment, all the present situation demands.

Respectfully.

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S. B. GRUBBS, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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

## Reports from Marseilles.

## MARSEILLES, ERANCE, January 6, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended January 6, 1900:

No vessels have sailed from this port for the United States during the week, and my work has consisted largely in visiting the various officials and getting a general idea of conditions, and in the supervision of a small shipment of cattle hides, which were disinfected by immersion in a 5 per cent solution of carbolic acid.

There are practically no emigrants going from this port to the United States; those who disembark here from eastern ports go to either Havre or Naples for reembarkation, and are inspected there. On entry to the port of Marseilles they are inspected by the French authorities at the quarantine station at Frioul, and, from all that I can learn, it is done in a fairly satisfactory manner. I have arranged to visit this quarantine station and will then report fully as to method of procedure.

There are practically no shipments from here requiring disinfection, except hides, wool, and rags. I have declined to allow any rags shipped from this port which are handled or packed here, on account of smallpox which is epidemic. Most of the hides are received here green and are immediately salted down in the warehouses until ready for ship-They are then loosely rolled and submerged in a solution of 5 ment. per cent carbolic acid until all surfaces are thoroughly wetted.

This work of disinfection has heretofore been done by an employee of the consulate, and I believe in a satisfactory manner. He has so far received absolutely no renumeration for his work other than a very small salary for his office work in the consulate.

\* \* \* A very large portion of the wool and hides are shipped from here to Liverpool, England, and reshipped from that port to the United States,

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and as in these cases they are consigned to a firm at Liverpool, we can not demand their disinfection here.

I have called with the consul on most of the officials here, and will see the others next week. I have also visited some of the hospitals.

I will make a separate report later on my visit to the Government quarantine station at Frioul and any other matters of importance which may arise.

Respectfully,

G. M. CORPUT, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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

## MARSEILLES, FRANCE, January 13, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit the following report of transactions at this port for the week ended January 13, 1900: No immigrants have departed from this port during the week and there have been no transactions worthy of mention.

I have inspected and passed three vessels during the week. The *Patria*, French steamer, and the Italian barks *Maddalena G*. and *Venezian*. The last-named vessels were in ballast and carried no cargo, the *Patria* had a small general cargo and was bound for New York via Bastia and Naples.

The smallpox epidemic is abating and the death rate is lessening considerably and is now but little above the normal death rate of this city.

I find that my greatest difficulty is in getting from one wharf to another, as the wharves are very much scattered and means of rapid transit are limited. Cabs are the most satisfactory means of getting about, and these are not exactly what might be desired.

Should anything worthy of note transpire I will report at once. Respectfully, G. M. CORPUT,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

GERMANY.

Extermination of rats at Bremen to prevent the spread of plague.

## BREMEN, GERMANY, December 22, 1899.

SIR: Referring to my No. 82 of the 4th instant, relative to measures being taken at this port to lessen the danger from plague, I have the honor to inclose a clipping from the Weser Zeitung showing that an attempt will at once be made to exterminate all rats within the territory of the Republic at Bremen.

Respectfully,

GEORGE H. MURPHY, Vice-Consul.

Hon. Assistant Secretary of State.

[Inclosure.—Translation from Weser Zeitung, December 22, 1899.]

BREMEN, GERMANY, December 22, 1899.

The medical department earnestly requests the citizens of Bremen and the surrounding country districts, in view of the danger from plague, to destroy by means of dogs, cats, traps, etc., the rats in their houses, especially in warehouses, barns, and stables. For every dead rat from the city of Bremen or its country districts delivered at the

For every dead rat from the city of Bremen or its country districts delivered at the port bureau of the Freeport, a premium of 5 pfennig (1½ cents) will be paid. Such rats will be received on working days from 9 to 11 a. m., and from 3 to 5 p. m.

## Report from Bremen.

## BREMEN, GERMANY, January 15, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report the following transactions at this station for the week ended January 14: On January 9, I boarded the German ship *Fidelio*, bound for New York, and inspected her cargo, consisting of 139 bales of old rags, and 1,104 bales of bagging. The shipping agent presented a consular certificate of disinfection from a healthy district of Germany, so the ship was granted a bill of health. She carried no passengers. On January 9, the North German Lloyd steamer *Lahn* sailed for New York with 305 steerage passengers. All were vaccinated and 262 pieces of baggage inspected and passed; 62 pieces were disinfected with steam.

On January 11 the North German Lloyd steamer *Hannover* sailed for Baltimore, via Philadelphia, with 417 steerage passengers. All were vaccinated and their baggage, to the number of 353 pieces, was inspected and passed; 34 pieces were disinfected with steam.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH B. GREENE, Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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

Report from Hamburg.

HAMBURG, January 16, 1900.

SIR: I have to report for the week ended January 13, that but one vessel carrying passengers sailed from this port for the United States during that time.

The steamship *Pretoria* of the Hamburg-American Line, left for New York, Sunday, January 7, carrying 71 cabin passengers and 364 steerage passengers. The steerage passengers were examined on the morning of the embarkation, at the Passagier Warte Halle, their baggage having been previously inspected and labeled.

The inspection of the vessel with regard to the accommodations for steerage passengers had been made on the previous day.

At the close of the week, January 13, the steamship *Palatia* was inspected preparatory to her sailing the following day.

I am not prepared yet to make a weekly report of abstract of bills of health, Form 1931, as I have not yet signed any bills of vessels not carrying passengers nor entered fully upon my duties, for reasons given in my letter of the 10th instant.

Respectfully,

A. C. SMITH, Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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

### HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

## Plague in Honolulu—(Continued).

HONOLULU, H. I., January 12, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that there is no marked improvement in the plague situation here. Five new cases and 7 deaths have been recorded since my last report on the 8th instant.

Two of the men employed in working the odorless excavators, 1 soldier guard, all Hawaiians, and 1 Chinaman in the detention barracks at Kankako were among those attacked since the 8th instant.

The work of depopulating Chinatown and burning the houses from

which cases of plague have been removed is still carried on by the board of health. Twenty-three deaths from plague have been recorded from December 12, 1899, to date.

The difficulty of obtaining in Honolulu a suitable place for use as a detention station for cabin passengers complicates the proper enforcement of Article IX, Quarantine Law and Regulations, November 13, 1899. The limited size of the harbor here interferes with the proper handling and location of vessels and the lighterage of their cargoes.

Under existing circumstances it would seem best that no vessel should moor directly to the docks, in order that infection by vermin might be avoided, but in the congested condition of the harbor now existing and the absence of a sufficient number of lighters, it seems impossible to prevent vessels coming in to the dock.

When the vessel can not be held in the stream owing to want of room it is customary to keep a distance of 4 to 6 feet, or over, away from the dock, to tar and place funnels on the lines leading from the ship to the dock, with the broad ends shoreward. The funnels are made of tin, fit the cables closely, and are employed to prevent the passage of rats along the lines from the dock to the vessel. If the plague continues to spread here it would be advisable to restrict passenger travel from this port to United States ports.

The Hawaiian board of health is adopting severe measures to stamp out the plague, and it has the support of the entire community.

Respectfully,

D. A. CARMICHAEL, Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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

### [Inclosure.-Hawaiian Star, January 9, 1900.]

December presents a grim death roll. There were 175 deaths in the thirty-one days of the month, the largest list in any month for years and years. The following is the mortuary report for the month, together with deaths by sex and nationality for the whole year:

Age.	Male.	Female.	Hawailan.	Chinese.	Portuguese.	Japanese.	Great Britain.	United States of America.	Other nation- alities.	Total.
Under 1 year	27 23 13 7 12 9 120 67 55 57 44 55 57 44 58 44 52	16 7 3 4 5 5 2 5 5 4 4 3 7 22 2 4 2 5 5 4 4 3 5 3 9 4 3 5 3 9 4 3 5 3 9 4 3 5 4 4 3 5 5 4 4 3 7 5 4 4 9 5 5 2 4 5 5 4 4 9 5 5 2 2 5 4 4 9 5 5 2 2 5 5 4 4 9 5 5 2 2 5 5 4 4 9 5 5 2 2 5 5 4 4 9 5 5 2 2 5 5 4 4 5 5 5 2 2 5 5 4 4 5 5 5 4 4 5 5 5 2 2 5 5 4 4 5 5 5 4 4 5 5 5 4 4 5 5 5 5	13 4 2 5 8 9 4 2 2 12 6 6 5 3 3 5 3 3 7 4 6 6 5 3 3 5 7 4 6 5 3 3 5 7 4 6 5 3 3 5 7 4 6 5 3 3 5 7 5 8 9 9 4 2 12 12 6 6 5 8 9 9 4 2 12 12 6 6 5 8 9 9 4 2 12 12 6 6 5 8 9 9 4 2 12 12 6 6 5 8 9 9 4 2 12 12 6 6 5 8 9 9 4 2 12 12 6 6 5 8 9 9 4 2 12 12 6 6 5 8 9 9 4 2 12 12 6 6 5 8 9 9 4 2 12 12 6 6 5 3 3 5 7 7 4 6 5 8 9 9 4 2 12 12 6 6 5 3 3 5 7 7 4 6 5 3 3 5 7 7 7 4 6 5 3 3 5 7 7 7 4 6 5 3 3 5 7 7 7 4 6 5 3 3 5 7 7 7 4 6 5 3 3 5 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 6 6 5 3 3 5 7 7 7 7 7 8 7 7 7 7 7 7 8 7 7 7 7 7 7	3 1 1 5 5 9 6 6 1 2 2 1 85 18 18 12 16 12 12 16 12 12 16 12 17 18 172	6 2 2 1 3 1 2 2 2 1 3 1 2 2 2 1 7 9 1 1 6 8 4 9 108 8 8 4 105	9 1 10 10 1 39 26 24 11 18 20 10 19 9 10 217	1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 2 1 1 2 1 3 8 2 2 1		1 1 2 1 2 1 1 2 3 1 5 1 2 8 4 4 40	33   9   8     14   28   16     28   17   17     111   175   111     175   111   92     79   86   86     87   99   99     98   83   86     877   19   11     115   111   11     92   79   86     86   87   99     99   99   90     93   1,154   154

but the exact cause of death has not yet been reported by the bacteriologist and autopsy physicians.

The deaths for December, 1895, were 65; for 1896, 54; for 1897, 81, and for 1898, 86. The death rate for December, 1899, was 60 per 1,000; of Hawaiians, 67.82 per 1,000; of Asiatics, 87.27 per 1,000, and of all others, 36 per 1,000.

The deaths by wards were: First ward, 30; second ward, 44; third ward, 33; fourth ward, 38, and fifth ward, 30.

## Twelve more deaths from plague.

## WASHINGTON, D. C., January 27, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor, by direction of the Secretary of State, to inform you that a telegram dated the 17th instant has just been received from the consul-general at Honolulu which reads as follows, viz, "Since telegram 12th, 12 deaths, 1 white, good family."

Respectfully,

THOS. W. CRIDLER, Third Assistant Secretary.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Appropriations for opposing the plague.

## HONOLULU, H. I., January 12, 1900.

SIR: Referring to my dispatch No. 167 of January 5, I have the honor to report that the council of state yesterday appropriated \$20,000, to be paid out of all the moneys in the treasury received from all the current receipts of the general revenues of the Republic of Hawaii.

Fifteen thousand dollars were appropriated for construction of buildings and acquisition of land suitable for temporary shelter of persons released from quarantine; \$5,000 appropriated for the temporary maintenance of persons released from quarantine while a public charge. Some doubt was expressed as to the power of the council to make the latter appropriation.

The council of state is composed of 15 members, 5 elected by the senate, 5 by the house of representatives, and 5 appointed by the president with the approval of the cabinet.

In making these appropriations the council acts under the provision of section 6, article 81, of the constitution.

Section 6. The council of state may, upon the request of the executive council, appropriate public moneys, when, during the time intervening between the sessions of the legislature, the emergencies of war, invasion, rebellion, pestilence, or other great public necessity shall arise.

In case of such appropriation, the minister of finance shall render a detailed account of the expenditures made under such authority to the next regular session of the legislature.

It is probable that further appropriations will shortly be made. HAROLD M. SEWALL. Respectfully,

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

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## Measures for eradicating plague.

## WASHINGTON, D. C., January 24, 1900.

SIR: By direction of the President, I have the honor to communicate for your information copy of a letter addressed to him by the Hon. Sanford B. Dole, dated Honolulu, January 4, in reference to proposed measures for eradicating the bubonic plague in Hawaii.

After consideration of the subject, the President authorized me to telegraph to Mr. Dole (which I did via the United States dispatch agent at San Francisco, for transmittal by the steamer *China*, sailing to-day) that, in view of the importance of thorough and immediate measures for the sanitary protection of Honolulu and of any other spot in the Hawaiian Islands threatened with contagion, all proper expenditures authorized by the council of state of Hawaii under the Hawaiian Constitution for the purpose of eradicating the plague will meet the President's full approval.

Respectfully, JOHN HAY, Secretary of State.

HON. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure.]

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, Honolulu, H. I., January 4, 1900.

Mr. PRESIDENT: The president of the board of health has kept the special agent of the United States, Mr. Sewall, informed from time to time of the course of the plague now prevailing in Honolulu.

The emergency is such that special funds have been required to meet it, and being within the powers of the council of state, that body, at the request of the executive council, appropriated \$25,000 on December 12.

The board of health has since decided that it is necessary to pursue more radical measures for stamping out the disease. These include the removal of the residents of the infected places, the removal and fumigation of such goods as may be thoroughly disinfected, and the destruction by fire of infected houses, except such as may be thoroughly disinfected; the building of camps for the inhabitants so removed for their detention until such time as they may safely be allowed their liberty, the furnishing of food and bedding for such persons while under detention, the building of warehouses for such disinfected goods, the maintenance of quarantine in several localities, the removal and care of those attacked by the plague, and the cremation of those dying of it, general inspection and disinfection, and other matters incident to the campaign against the disease.

Orders have been issued for establishing camps of wooden buildings for 5,000 persons. Some buildings have already been erected and the removal of persons from the infected places begun.

On December 30, the board of health requested the appropriation of \$80,000 for public improvements in the infected districts and 20,000 for a crematory for the burning of garbage. It also recommended at the same time the erection of works for filtering water entering the water system from the mountains. The cost of these is estimated at \$116,000 or \$120,000. It also recommended the completion of the system of sewerage for Honolulu already begun by the government for the central part of the city. Plans and specifications for such extension are in the possession of the government.

To-day the board have requested an appropriation of \$250,000 for carrying on the work of fighting the plague detailed in an earlier part of this letter. The items of public improvements in the infected district, filtration plant and extension of the sewerage works, although very essential to the general health of the city, are not matters of such urgency as the others mentioned, and I shall delay action upon them for consultation with you. My very positive opinion is that they should be begun in the very immediate future and pushed to completion.

In regard to the other requests of the board of health for appropriations, they are for work which will brook no delay, if the plague is to be attacked as it should be, and I have called a meeting of the council of state to consider the matter.

Both Mr. Hartwell and Mr. Smith, agent of the chamber of commerce, and formerly president of the board of health, will be able to furnish all the information that you may desire in relation to this subject.

Respectfully,

SANFORD B. DOLE.

## HONOLULU, H. I., January 8, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that since my last telegram, dated the 5th, there has been 1 case of plague discovered and 2 suspicious cases.

While we have not had so many new cases since my last dispatch as we did for the same period previous, yet there is no doubt but that it has become epidemic here, and assumed a most malignant type. If we take the experience of Hongkong as a guide, we will be forced to admit that in all probability we will go along for three or four months with an occasional case, until some day we will find that we have from 100 to 200 per week, 95 per cent of which will result fatally.

Dr. Carmichael and I have daily discussed the situation, and have come to the conclusion that now is the time to enforce, as rigidly as possible, our laws to prevent its introduction into the States.

We have, as assistants, 3 young experienced chemists who, under the doctor's supervision, attend to the fumigation of all vessels and crews. Two of these chemists are furnished and paid by the Sugar Planters' Association and are under our supervision and control. The third one we use for vessels which have no connection with the sugar industry. He is paid each time he performs a service, the amount being collected from the vessel.

We have adopted the following rules in regard to vessels clearing from Honolulu. Those vessels which have discharged their cargoes at the wharf are, when empty, taken into the stream and thoroughly cleaned, being careful to empty the hold of all bilge. The hold is then fumigated by burning 5 pounds of sulphur for every 1,000 cubic feet space. The hold is hermetically sealed and kept so for forty-eight hours. The crew's effects are treated in the same manner by burning sulphur in the forecastle for twelve hours.

The vessel while lying in the stream, until she sails, has no communication with shore. Her cargo of sugar is put into her in the stream from island steamers which have had no communication with Honolulu.

At my suggestion several of the plantation agents are going to try the experiment of shipping sugar grown on Kauai directly from there. Other plantations will transfer their sugar to the ports of Hilo, Kahului, and Mahukona. As these places are noninfected, and the sugar comes from islands where no plague exists, vessels will get a clean bill of health and should be allowed to enter our ports.

So far all steamers, except the *Australia*, have refused to take passengers. The *Australia* will arrive here January 17 and leave January 23. She will anchor in the stream, discharge her cargo and passengers into lighters, and take on cargo from noninfected ports from steamers which have had no communication with Honolulu.

It was at first intended to comply literally with the quarantine regulations by demanding a fifteen days' detention of all passengers, but we found that it was impossible to obtain a suitable place to segregate them for that length of them. We have adopted the following as being the best we can do with the limited facilities at our command:

Every intending passenger will present himself at the consulate tomorrow, January 9, and be examined by Dr. Carmichael. He will inquire as to their likelihood of being exposed to the disease and put them in quarantine at their place of residence until the day of departure of the vessel. Each day all the passengers will be examined by the doctor. Before embarking they will be required to bathe and their effects disinfected. This is not as thorough as Dr. Carmichael and I would like, but it is the best we can do.

After this trip of the Australia I do not think we will have very many passengers, as most of the tourists will have left.

I have found it necessary to divide the business between Mr. Boyd, Dr. Carmichael, and myself, as the past few days have demonstrated the impossibility of properly attending to these important subjects in a room packed with people all wanting their business attended to first.

Mr. Boyd will take charge of all matters relating to the shipment and discharge of seamen and the certification of invoices.

Dr. Carmichael attends to the disinfection of vessels and examination of intending passengers, while I attend to bills of health, talk with passengers, and assume a general supervision of the whole business of the consulate.

I have been compelled to put some notices in the papers and have some signs printed, the cost of which I will include in my next contingent account.

Respectfully,

WM. HAYWOOD, Consul-General.

Hon. Assistant Secretary of State.

### IRELAND.

## Report from Queenstown.

QUEENSTOWN, IRELAND, January 13, 1900. SIR: I have the honor to report on the transactions at this port for the week ending to-day, as follows:

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Jan. 11 Do.	Steamship Etruria Steamship Oceanic Steamship Penland Ship Black Adder (a)	do Philadelphia	1 0	3 10 2	20 64 12	None. Do. Do. Ballast.

a One captain, 2 officers, 13 crew.

Respectfully,

J. H. OAKLEY, Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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

## ITALY.

### Report from Genoa.

GENOA, ITALY, January 14, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of transactions at this port for the week ended January 14, 1900:

On the 11th, steamship Kaiser Wilhelm II, to New York via Naples, 61 cabin and 38 steerage passengers, and 145 pieces of baggage were inspected and passed. January 13, steamship *Trojan Prince* to New York via Palermo and Naples, 2 cabin and 34 steerage passengers, and 30 pieces of baggage were passed. The steerage passenger held over last week from the steamship *Tartar Prince* developed a severe attack of rheumatic fever in the hospital here.

The emigrants seeking transportation here to the United States come principally from northern Italy, and are as a rule, clean and intelligent; the Poles, Slavonians and Greeks straying this way through Trieste and Venice can not be so rated.

Respectfully,

RUPERT BLUE,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U.S. M. H.S.

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

## JAPAN.

## Precautions against the spread of plague.

## YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, December 14, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that bubonic plague still exists in the port of Kobe and at Osaka, and more stringent measures and precautions have seemed necessary in order to safeguard ports in the United States.

With this in view, I have had conversations with Dr. Stuart Eldridge, acting assistant surgeon, U.S. Marine Hospital Service, and attached to this consulate general, and have approved a circular requiring detention of steerage passengers, a copy of which I inclose herewith.

## Respectfully,

JOHN F. GOWEY. Consul-General.

HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

#### [Inclosure.]

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, December 14, 1899.

The spreading of the infection of plague at Kobe and Osaka, beyond the localities at first attacked, renders necessary the strict enforcement of the regulations quoted in circular from this office of date November 22, 1899.

All steerage passengers from Hiogo Ken or Osaka Fu, or who, on the way to Yokohama have passed through these districts, either by rail or steamer, must undergo a detention in Yokohama of fifteen days before sailing for the United States or Hawaiian ports, and their baggage, clothing, and persons must be disinfected under the direction of this office.

To secure the enforcement of the foregoing, the passport of every such intending passenger by steerage, upon his or her arrival in Yokohama, must be presented at this office to be stamped with date of such arrival, or, if not yet in possession of passport, a card will be issued certifying to the time of reaching this port. The place of temporary residence in Yokohama, of such passenger, must also be recorded at this office. No plague existing in the neighborhood of Yokohama at the present time, strict

isolation of passengers subject to the above-mentioned measures is not deemed necessary, but detention and disinfection will be invariably enforced until further notice.

> STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.. Acting Assistant Surgeon, U.S. M. H.S.

Concurred in:

K. ROKKAKU, M. D., Santary Inspector for Hawaii. Approved :

JOHN F. GOWEY, Consul-General of the United States. Approved :

R. W. IRWIN, Consul-General for Hawaii.

Report from Yokohama—Method for exterminating rats.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, January 2, 1900.

SIR: In continuance of my record of plague, forwarded December 29, and covering the period, December 21 to December 26, I have the honor to notify you that 2 more cases are reported as having occurred in Osaka December 27.

No official returns being issued on the last days of the old and the first days of the new year, it is possible that other cases have since occurred which will be reported later.

One of the vernacular papers gives an account of a curious experiment which it states is about to be officially tried in Osaka for the destruction of rats. This consists in the distribution by baiting of the cultures of "rat typhoid," which is asserted to be speedily fatal to rodents and to be harmless to man.

Should there prove to be really anything in this item I will endeavor to obtain full information on the subject and to follow the results of the attempt to produce a beneficial epizootic.

Respectfully, STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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

#### NETHERLANDS.

### Report from Rotterdam.

## ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, January 16, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended the 15th instant no vessels were inspected by me. But beginning on that date all vessels will hereafter be inspected. During the week I have made all arrangements possible for future inspections. In order to notify the shipping interests that inspections would hereafter be required, a circular letter was drawn up and a copy sent to all persons interested in shipping, as far as I was able to learn. A copy of this letter is inclosed. In company with the consul I have visited the Netherland-American Steamship Company's directors, and they have agreed to aid me as much as possible in my inspections. I have also, in company with Consul Listal, called upon the United States consul at Amsterdam. I have nowhere met with any marked opposition to the establishing of an inspection service at this port. The present status of shipping at this port will form the subject of a separate letter.

Respectfully,

A. R. THOMAS, Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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

[Inclosure.]

### ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, January 12, 1900.

SIB: I have the henor to inform you that I have been detailed by the President of the United States as the representative of the Marine-Hospital Service at this port, in order to enforce the quarantine regulations, and am attached to the United States consulate.

In accordance with my instructions, on and after January 15, 1900, all vessels leaving this port for any port in the United States will be inspected by me, and I will countersign the bill of health. Such inspection will include an examination of the condition of the vessel, the crew and passengers, including their baggage, and will be made by daylight, as late before sailing as possible.

You are requested to make application for a bill of health to the United States consulate at least twenty-four hours before the intended hour of departure, stating when it is expected the vessel will sail, where she is lying, and at what hour the crew may all be mustered aboard for inspection.

Respectfully,

A. R. THOMAS, Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

## Quarantine order against plague.

## THE HAGUE, January 9, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith, in duplicate, copies of a royal order dated December 23, 1899, whereby the Netherlands Government has decreed certain extraordinary measures against the prevention of the plague and the spread of infection.

Hereto I annex a translation of the same.

It will be observed that these extraordinary measures prohibit, except in the case of special sanction thereto, the investigation of persons or goods and the removal of any material that may be suspected of containing any infection.

In this regard the local authorities throughout the country have been instructed by the minister of the interior to observe every precaution should any case of plague present itself in any part of this country.

Respectfully,

STANDFORD NEWEL.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure 3, in No. 265, dated January 1, 1900—Translation.]

THE HAGUE, December 23, 1899.

Royal Order of December 23, 1899, fixing certain extraordinary measures for the prevention of the plague and the combating of the spread of its infection and the result thereof.

We. Wilhelmina, by the Grace of God; Queen of the Netherlands, Princess of Orange, Nassau, etc.

Whereas, the application of the law of April 26, 1884 (Official Gazette No. 80), as supplemented by the law of July 20, 1884 (Official Gazette No. 164), fixing extraordinary measures for the prevention of the plague and the combating of the spread of its infection and the results thereof, has become necessary on account of the outbreak of the plague in some places abroad, at the advice of the minister of the interior of December 7, 1899, 2591, bureau sanitary supervision, having consulted the council of state (advice of December 19, 1899, No. 1b), in due observance of the subsequent report of the minister of the interior of December 21, 1899, No. 2693, bureau sanitary supervision, have agreed and determined :

#### ARTICLE 1.

That it shall be forbidden, except with the consent of the minister of the interior and with due observance of such instructions as he shall prescribe for the prevention of the spread of infection :

1. The investigation of persons or goods on the appearance of symptoms of infectious plague matter by means of proofs upon animals.

2. Post-mortem examinations of persons whose death is attributable to the pest or of those who are suspected of having suffered from the plague.

3. The removal of any matter that may be infectious plague matter or be suspected of being such.

#### ARTICLE 2.

This order, that shall be in force for a period of one year, shall go into force on the second day after the date of the Official Gazette and the Official Journal in which it is inserted.

The minister of the interior is charged with the carrying out of this order, which shall be simultaneously inserted in the Official Gazette and the Official Journal, and a copy thereof sent to the council of state.

WILHELMINA,

H. GOEMAN BORGESIUS, Minister of the Interior. Issued December 30, 1899. CORT. V. D. LINDEN, Minister of Justice.

Quarantine against Paraguay on account of plague.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 23, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor, by direction of the Secretary of State, to inform you that in an unnumbered dispatch of the 12th instant, the consul of the United States at Amsterdam, Netherlands, reports to the Department that the minister of the interior at the Hague has declared that Paraguay is infected with the plague and that a quarantine of ten days shall be established against that country.

Respectfully,

THOS. W. CRIDLER, Third Assistant Secretary.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

### SCOTLAND.

## Report from Glasgow.

## GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, January 13, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of transactions at this port for the week ended January 13, 1900:

January 10, the steamship *State of Nebraska* was cleared for New York. Sixteen second cabin and 27 steerage passengers were inspected and passed. The cargo consisted of general merchandise from the British Isles.

January 11, the steamship *Ethiopia* was cleared for New York. Twenty-four second-cabin and 54 steerage passengers were inspected and passed. The cargo consisted of general merchandise from the British Isles and olive oil from Marseilles.

January 11, also cleared the steamship *Arcadian* for Philadelphia. The cargo was composed of general merchandise from the British Isles.

January 12, cleared the steamship *Grecian* for Boston. There was a general cargo from the British Isles and scrap steel from Gothenburg.

January 12, also cleared the steamship *Orthia* for Baltimore. The cargo consisted of general merchandise from the British Isles.

Respectfully, H. W. WICKES,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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

### SPAIN.

## Report from Barcelona.

## BARCELONA, SPAIN, January 15, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit abstract of bills of health issued and sanitary report for the week ended January 13, 1900.

On the 11th the steamship San Augustin, from Barcelona via Spanish ports to Havana and Mexico, was inspected. Thirty four cabin and 79 steerage passengers were inspected and passed, 1 steerage passenger rejected for deformity of legs; 101 pieces of baggage were inspected and labeled. I send by same mail the monthly report of the sanitary condition of Barcelona for the month of October, 1899. Barcelona at present is suffering from an epidemic of what the city physicians call dengue. I have seen only 2 cases, and do not think it dengue but believe it to be influenza.

The usual mortality of the city is much increased, the causes generally assigned being pulmonary affections following the so-called "dengue." The steamship *Leon XIII*, from Manila, with about 1,000 repatriated Spanish troops aboard, is expected here to-morrow. No measures have been decided on in regard to their examination or detention. In view of the official announcement of plague in Manila, the local papers are much disturbed. I desire to call the attention of the Bureau to the large amount of shipping between this port and the Philippines, from three to five ships arriving here from there each month. All bring a variable number of passengers. A number of ships from India and Alexandria also arrived here. There are two regular lines to and from the river Platte, Buenos Ayres, Rio de Janeiro, and other South American ports.

I inclose the report from Oporto for the week ended Saturday, January 13; am glad to see no new cases during the week.

The Federal Government has declared Manila "dirty" on account of the plague.

Respectfully,

JOHN F. ANDERSON,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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

[Inclosure.—Translated in this Bureau from press reports officially forwarded.]

Plague in Oporto during the week ended January 13, 1900.

**OPORTO**, January 8, 1900.

No case of bubonic plague reported to-day.

Dr. Vagedest has arrived here from India, and on January 12 will begin experiments in the municipal laboratory.

January 9: No case reported to-day.

The English physicians, Drs. Samul and Billone, are here for the purpose of studying plague.

January 10: No case reported to-day.

January 11: No case reported to-day. The German physician, Dr. Vagedes, has to-day begun his experiments.

January  $1\overline{2}$ : No case of bubonic plague reported to-day.

January 13: During the entire week no case or death of bubonic plague has been reported. From the outbreak of the epidemic to the present date, 287 cases, and 108 deaths have been reported.

#### [From La Gaceta.]

MADRID, January 10, 1900.

The official Journal has declared arrivals from Manila unclean. Vessels carrying repatriated soldiers will not be subjected to quarantine.

A singular epidemic disease at Moncofar.

#### [From press report.]

An epidemic disease presenting many singular characteristics and which has caused a considerably increased mortality during the past month, has appeared in Moncofar, a town in the province of Castelon.

The first symptom appears in the digestive tube, producing at first a low temperature, followed by very high fever which causes loss of consciousness and finally death. Up to the present date there have been 20 cases and 12 deaths. The sanitary inspector of the province, together with other officials, has visited the locality. Late reports from the physicians who went to examine the cases of epidemic disease at Moncofar, pronounce it a grippal affection, attacking the meninges, but presenting no expansive or contagious conditions.

## Reports from Cadiz.

## CADIZ, SPAIN, January 8, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit this my regular weekly report for the period ended the 6th instant.

During the week 2 vessels, the British steamship *Portuguese Prince* and the Spanish steamship *Martin Saenz*, bound for New Orleans, by the way of the Canaries, Porto Rico, Cuba, and Vera Cruz, were furnished with supplemental bills of health, subsequent to inspection. Both were found to be in fairly good sanitary condition, the former being the better. The *Portuguese Prince* carried 5 cabin passengers from Marseilles, and had no steerage passengers. The *Martin Saenz* carried 28 cabin and 23 steerage passengers from the following-named ports: Barcelona, 3; Majorca, 5; Valencia, 8; Malaga, 5, and none from Cadiz. All emigrants on board were inspected regardless of their destination. This plan, it was found, was more desirable than attempting to separate those for our ports from the general crowd, as was first contemplated, and was explained away by the fact that less time is required to perform the inspection in this manner. By so doing, one is enabled to see all on board just prior to sailing.

During the week I was accorded an audience with the civil governor of the province of Cadiz. He expressed himself as pleased to know your representative had been detailed for duty at Cadiz. I also called on the alcalde, with reference to obtaining weekly reports of infectious diseases in the city. He promised to have them sent, but up to the present time they have not been received.

There has been a considerable rainfall during the week and the temperature continues low, with high winds.

The water supply of Cadiz, a report on which was omitted in my former report, comes from two sources: A spring on the mountain side, 4 miles beyond Port St. Marys, a town some 20 miles distant, across It is piped around the bay and supplied to the city in the bay. the usual manner. It is moderately soft and potable and should be pure. There is a small charge for the use of this water. The other is rain water, collected from the roofs of the houses and drained into underground cisterns. They permit of pollution most generally, as they are located under the court or central part of the house, known as the "patio," which when open above, is constructed so as to drain the rain-They are made of brick laid in cement and lined with fall into them. \* \* \* About 60 per cent of the population use this water cement. for drinking purposes, as they prefer it to the other on account of its softness.

Oporto.—Three new cases of plague are reported for the corresponding week. From the outbreak of the epidemic to the end of December 284 cases are reported with 107 deaths, 13 of which occurred during that month. The papers report 9 deaths in Oporto during December from typhus fever, but it is believed to be incorrect, as it is noticed that the Spanish papers invariably use the word typhus instead of typhoid, which is more liable to exist there.

No information worthy of report has come to my knowledge concernthe plague situation in Lisbon and Masan during the week.

Weekly abstract of bills of health is inclosed.

Respectfully,

J. A. NYDEGGER, Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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

CADIZ, SPAIN, January 15, 1900.

SIR: The following report for the week ended the 13th instant is herewith respectfully submitted:

During the above-named period no vessels were inspected and no bills of health furnished.

The mortality statistics of the city from November 1 to the present have been courteously promised as often as asked for, but as yet they have not come to hand. Perhaps they will be received at some time in the future.

From Oporto 1 death from plague is reported as having occurred during the week, with no new cases, it having developed, according to the statements made by the papers, during the preceding week. Respectfully,

J. A. NYDEGGER,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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

## FOREIGN STATISTICAL REPORTS.

ARGENTINA—Buenos Ayres.—Month of November, 1899. Estimated population, 800,000. Total number of deaths, 1,308, including diphtheria, 3; enteric fever, 2; measles, 18; scarlet fever, 14, and 1 from vellow fever.

BRAZIL—Para.—Month of November, 1899. Estimated population. 50,000. Total number of deaths, 94, including 3 from measles.

British Columbia-Vancouver.-Year ended December 31, 1899. Estimated population, 26,000. Total number of deaths, 314, including diphtheria, 2; enteric fever, 18; whooping cough, 2, and 47 from phthisis pulmonalis.

ECUADOR-Guayaquil.-Five weeks ended December 31, 1899. Estimated population, 55,000. Total number of deaths, 235. No contagious disease reported.

FRANCE-Roubaix.-Month of December, 1899. Estimated population, 127,114. Total number of deaths, 274, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 4, and 31 from measles.

GERMANY— Glauchau.—Month of November, 1899. Estimated popu-Total number of deaths, 48, including diphtheria, 3, lation, 27,000. and 7 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Month of December, 1899. Total number of deaths, 42, including diphtheria, 1, and 4 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Mainz.—Year ended December, 31, 1899. Estimated population, 80,000. Total number of deaths, 1,541, including diphtheria, 9; enteric fever, 29; measles, 1; scarlet fever, 2, 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 January 6, 1900, correspond to an annual rate of 30.9 a thousand of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 11, 404, 408. The highest rate was recorded in Brighton, viz, 44.9, and the lowest in Burnley, viz, 12.5.

London.-Three thousand two hundred and sixty-six deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 62; scarlet fever, 6; diphtheria, 58; whooping cough, 26; enteric fever, 19, and diarrhea and dysentery, 10. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 37.1 a thousand. In Greater London 4,329 deaths were registered, corresponding to an annual rate of 33.9 a thousand of the population.

In the "outer ring" the deaths included 22 from diphtheria, 7 from measles, 4 from scarlet fever, and 10 from whooping cough.

Ireland.—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended January 6, 1900, in the 22 principal town districts of Ireland was 37.4 a thousand of the population, which is estimated at 1,062,188. The lowest rate was recorded in Galway, viz, 3.8, and the highest in Portadown, viz, 57.4 a thousand. In Dublin and suburbs 337 deaths were registered, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 5; measles, 10; scarlet fever, 1, and 1 from whooping cough.

*Scotland.*—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended January 6, 1900, correspond to an annual rate of 25.6 a thousand of the population, which is estimated at 1,587,414. The lowest mortality was recorded in Leith, viz, 14.6, and the highest in Paisley, viz, 35.2 a thousand. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 792, including diphtheria, 3; measles, 27; scarlet fever, 6, and 9 from whooping cough.

JAVA-Batavia.-Two weeks ended December 16, 1899. Estimated population, 150,000. Number of deaths not reported. No epidemic or contagious diseases.

## MORTALITY TABLE, FOREIGN CITIES.

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Rio de Janiero	Dec. 8	768,000	321	53			8	52		2	 		3	
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St. John, New Bruns-	Jan. 20	45,000	12	1										
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St. John, Antigua	Dec. 31	10,000	19	1										
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Teneriffe	Dec. 23	33, 425	14											
Do		33, 425	10											
Tuxpam		10,000	10											
Utilla	Jan. 13	800	3											
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Yokahoma	Dec. 23	189, 455								· · · · · · ,				

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