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### V. THE EFFECTS OF $\text{NaHCO}_3$ AND $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ UPON THE PENETRATION INTO *VALONIA* OF TRIVALENT AND PENTAVALENT ARSENIC AT VARIOUS H ION CONCENTRATIONS

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These studies are a continuation of previously reported experiments on the effects of arsenic on the marine alga, *Valonia*. In a former paper (1), plants were exposed for one hour to  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution before treatment with arsenic. This changed the pH of the sap from 6.4 to 5.2 or 5.4, producing an intracellular acidity by an accumulation of free  $\text{CO}_2$  in the sap. It was found (2) that on aeration with  $\text{CO}_2$  free  $-\text{NH}_3$  free air, the sap became more alkaline than normal aerated sap, having changed from pH 6.8 to 8.4. This showed that in addition to free  $\text{CO}_2$  basic ions also entered. Exposing the plants to  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  before placing them in the arsenic solution affected the amount of arsenic entering the plant in the following manner: More arsenic was found in both the sap and the protoplasm when  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_5$  was used; more arsenic in the sap but less in the protoplasm when  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$  was used. Since the experiment was performed at an external pH of 5.0 only, and the plants were allowed to remain only one hour in the arsenic solution, it was thought of interest to make a more extensive investigation of this subject by studying the effects of exposure at various times up to 22 hours at different H ion concentrations.

In addition, it was thought of interest to produce an intracellular alkalinity and note its effects upon the amount of arsenic found in the cell. Intracellular alkalinity was induced by placing the plants in  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution, which was the method used by Jacobs (3) for *Rhododendron* petals. The writer (4) found that an exposure of one-half hour to  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  solution produced an intracellular pH of 9.0 in *Valonia* without injury to the cells (as shown by their subsequent viability).

The advantage of using a large single-celled organism like *Valonia* (which can be easily handled in permeability studies) is obvious. Errors such as those which are present in using mass cultures of microorganisms or whole or ground tissues are eliminated. In mass cultures it is not known into what portion of the organism the substance penetrates, as there is no way of separating a microscopic cell

into its constituent parts and analyzing each one; the same is true of whole tissues—only the aggregate of the penetrating substance can be computed, and some of this may have occupied intercellular spaces; whereas the method of analyzing tissue juices has not only these drawbacks, but is also subject to an error of unknown magnitude due to the portion of the substance left behind during extraction. In working with mammalian organs *in vitro*, abnormal conditions must necessarily prevail; while *in vivo* many unknown and uncontrollable factors are present. It is evident that an ideal material would be a simple constructed living cell large enough to be separated easily into its constituent parts which would then be susceptible of separate analysis. This is precisely what we have in the case of the marine alga, *Valonia*. The species employed in this paper was *V. macrophysa* which is smaller than the species *V. ventricosa* used in the former work. (1), (2), (4). However the conclusions obtained by work on these species are broadly identical even if the data are not in all cases in exact quantitative agreement. The Florida species (*V. ventricosa*) is much more delicate than that used in Bermuda (*V. macrophysa*): the wall is thinner and the layer of protoplasm more delicate.<sup>1</sup> *V. macrophysa* grows in clumps rather than singly as does *V. ventricosa*. These clumps can be broken apart into the single plants and used as such.

*V. macrophysa* is less sensitive than *V. ventricosa* to changes in osmotic pressure, probably owing to the greater thickness of the layer of protoplasm and the wall; this is illustrated by the following experiment: To sea water in which the plants are, distilled water is added, thereby changing the osmotic pressure; *V. ventricosa* will burst in a few seconds, whereas *V. macrophysa* will remain intact for a considerable time before bursting.

An improved method was used in weighing the protoplasm of *V. macrophysa*. After the sap had been pressed out, the wall containing the protoplasm was weighed; then the protoplasm was washed out with distilled water and the wall carefully dried with filter paper and weighed. The difference between these two weights was the weight of the protoplasm. The probable error in the ratio between the mean weights of sap and protoplasm was 6.4 per cent of the mean. This is relatively high, owing to the difficulty in making an absolute separation of sap from the protoplasm. The probable

<sup>1</sup>The ratios by weight of sap to protoplasm and of sap to wall were found to be as follows:

	Sap : pro- toplasm	Sap : wall
<i>V. ventricosa</i> .....	164 : 1	257 : 1
<i>V. macrophysa</i> .....	25.3=1.6 : 1	103=1.6 : 1

error of the ratio between sap and wall is lower (1.6 per cent) because this difficulty is not met in separating the wall from the other constituents.

It is readily seen how much heavier the protoplasm and wall are in *V. macrophysa* than in *V. ventricosa*.

#### METHOD

The plants were separated into three groups when ready for use. The first group was placed in sea water only, the second group for one hour in sea water containing  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (0.03 M), and the third group for one-half hour in sea water containing  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  (0.04 M). The cells in the last two solutions were carefully rinsed with fresh sea water and dried on filter paper, and three sets were then simultaneously placed in the arsenic solution. The H ion concentrations of the sap of the three sets at the beginning of the experiments were as follows: the first set was normal ( $\text{pH} = 6.4$ ), the second set abnormally acid (5.4 to 5.2), and the third set alkaline (9.0). As is explained later, the pH of the sap returned to normal in most cases during the course of the experiment when plants were in arsenic solution. The initial pH values were not retained.

All pH determinations were done with indicators. The indicated pH of the sea water used was 8.2 at 22° C., cresol red, thymol blue, and borax buffers being used as standards. No correction was made in these tables for salt error because there are no data for the salt errors of the indicators in *Valonia* sap, and it was thought desirable to keep all figures comparable. Other workers (7) have obtained pH 8.2–8.0 at this temperature for water of Bermuda taken from the same locality as that used in these experiments. The figure obtained by the writer agrees with this when the proper correction for salt error is made.

The pH of the sap of *Valonia* as obtained by Crozier (7) was 5.0 to 6.7, the mode being at 6.0 and the average 5.9. These figures were corrected for the salt error in sea water of the indicator used. *Valonia* sap, tested with brom thymol blue and methyl red, by comparison with NaOH and phosphate–NaOH buffers prepared in the Division of Chemistry of the Hygienic Laboratory ordinarily gave an indicator color corresponding to pH 6.4. Whenever the sap of a given cell had a higher pH than this the cell was discarded. Some cells, however, had a slightly lower pH.

The salt error for *Valonia* sap is not known. Corrections, however, could be made by considering the molecular concentration of *Valonia* sap about 0.5 (it is approximately that of sea water). Since, however, there are no data for some of the indicators used, it was thought better to make no corrections. This does not invalidate the conclusions, which are comparative.

The further procedure was as follows: At stated intervals the plants were taken out of the arsenic solution, carefully rinsed to free them of contaminating arsenic, quickly dried on filter paper and pierced with a fine pointed piece of clean glass. The sap, being under pressure, comes out readily and leaves the protoplasm lining the wall. The wall is cut open farther and the protoplasm washed out with sea water or distilled water from a small dropper. The wall thus remains as a clear transparent membrane. These three constituents—the sap, protoplasm and wall—placed in separate crucibles, are dried, incinerated, and analyzed for arsenic according to the Gutzeit method.

The Gutzeit test is described in a previous publication(1). This method is sensitive to 1 mmg. In these experiments from 3 to 5 plants containing from one to two c. c. of sap each were used for each determination. This produced a greater stain on the test paper, enabling one to read the test more accurately. Since all the numbers were reduced to a common unit—mmg. of arsenic per 1 c. c. of sap—the readings recorded here are sometimes less than 1 mmg. and appear as though they were taken below the limit of sensitivity of test.

In comparing the amounts of arsenic found in the three components of the cell, the actual amounts found in the protoplasm and wall were multiplied by the figures indicating the ratios between the weight of the sap and those of these two components (25.3 for protoplasm and 103 for wall). This gives figures representing the relative concentration of As in each part of the cell.

Both pentavalent and trivalent forms of arsenic were used. In the case of the former, orthoarsenic acid ( $\text{As}(\text{OH})_3 + \frac{1}{2} \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) was the reagent actually used, but for convenience and clearness this will be designated throughout this paper as  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_5$ , in contrast to  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$ , which was used as such.

Arsenic in the form of  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_5$  or  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$  was dissolved in distilled water and brought to the desired pH by the addition of NaOH. Sea water could not be used as a solvent on account of the precipitation of Mg by NaOH. After NaOH combines with arsenic the resulting sodium salt can be added to sea water without precipitating Mg. The concentration of the solutions used was 0.002 M in respect to arsenic. The volume of the solution in which the plants were placed was 200 c. c. The temperature varied only slightly from 22° C.

All the reagents used were special arsenic-free preparations which were tested and found to contain no arsenic. No arsenic was found in *Valonia* in the control experiments.

The external pH was varied from 5 to 9 and kept constant at any given pH below 8.4 by adding traces of HCl. At pH 8.4 and above, the sodium arsenate and Na arsenite act as buffers, and the pH

remains constant; but at lower pH values there is a tendency to shift to more alkaline reactions. Buffers were not used because of their complicating effects described in a previous paper (1). The internal pH of the cells was also varied, as explained above, by the use of  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  and  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ , giving internal acidity and alkalinity respectively. Various combinations of sodium and potassium bicarbonates and arsenates were tried at various external pH values, but no significant differences were found. Since the changes of internal pH are, at most, of a few hours duration, the data must be considered with this point in mind.

All experiments were paralleled by survival tests, the results of which are given in Table 1. The importance of determining whether the plants were injured by treatment with arsenic was discussed in a previous paper (1).

The plants were kept as long as possible in bowls containing sea water, which was renewed every day. Some were kept longer than 30 days; but cells surviving in good condition, i. e., remaining turgid and olive green in color, for this length of time were considered to have been uninjured and were ordinarily discarded. The normal plants survived under laboratory conditions a month or more. Where a shorter time of survival is indicated, injury had probably occurred. Each figure is representative of from six to forty plants.

Normal untreated cells of *V. macrophysa* could be depended upon to live one month or more under laboratory conditions, i. e., in 500 c. c. finger bowls (flat glass dishes) containing sea water, which was renewed daily, while *V. ventricosa* (the species considered in previous papers (1), (2), (4), under the same conditions survived for from ten days to one month.

## RESULTS

Pentavalent arsenic is less toxic to *Valonia* than trivalent arsenic in the same concentration and at the same H ion concentrations; in fact 22 hours' exposure to trivalent arsenic produced definite evidence of injury, as shown in Table 1, plants treated in this way surviving less than 30 days and in a few cases only a few days after they had been replaced in sea water. Therefore the increased amount of arsenic in cells treated for 22 hours with  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$  may be considered as due at least in part to injury of the cell.

### PENETRATION INTO THE SAP

Figures 1 to 16 represent the number of micromilligrams of As found (ordinates) in the sap when the external solution was kept at various pH values (abscissae). There are 4 figures to each set, representing determinations after 1, 5, 10, and 22 hours in the ar-

senic solution. There are three curves for each figure, representing the three H ion concentrations of the internal sap—normal (A); more acid (by treatment with  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ ), (B); and alkaline (by treatment with  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ ) (C). Each point on the curve represents the mean of from three to nine experiments on from two to five

$\text{As}_2\text{O}_5$  - SAP  
 CURVE A - NO PREVIOUS TREATMENT  
 CURVE B - WITH  $\text{NaHCO}_3$   
 CURVE C - WITH  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$

MMG.  $\text{As}_5$ .

1 HOUR

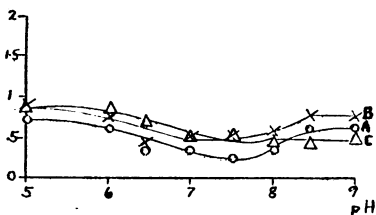


FIG. 1.

MMG.  $\text{As}_5$  5 HOURS

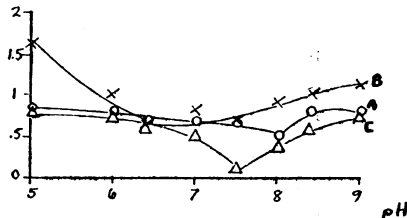


FIG. 2.

MMG.  $\text{As}_5$ .

10 HOURS

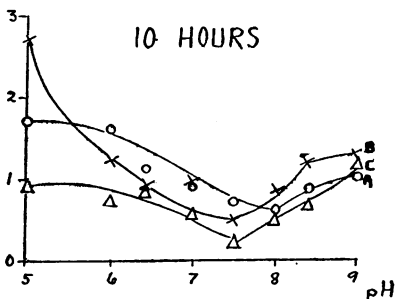


FIG. 3.

MMG.  $\text{As}_5$ .

22 HOURS

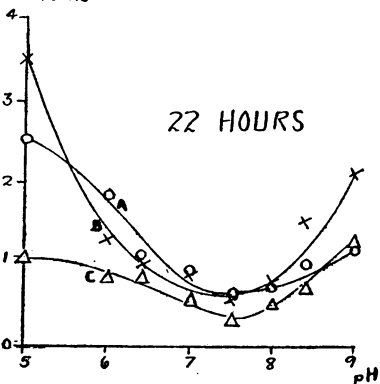


FIG. 4.

FIGS. 1-4.—Number of mmg. of arsenic in the sap of *Valonia* (ordinates) at various H ion concentrations of the external solution (abscissae) after plants had been 1, 5, 10, and 22 hours, respectively, in a solution of pentavalent arsenic ( $\text{As}_2\text{O}_5$ ) of 0.002 M in sea water. Curve A, without treatment previous to placing the cells in arsenic; curve B, in  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution (0.03 M) for one hour previous to arsenic treatment; curve C, in  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  (0.04 M) for one-half hour previous to arsenic treatment.

plants each. The probable error of the mean is less than 6 per cent of the mean. In all the experiments the minimum amount of arsenic was found at an external pH of approximately 7.0 to 7.5. This agrees roughly with the writer's previous work in which the minimum amount of arsenic was found at approximately pH 7.0.

There was one marked difference in the results with trivalent and pentavalent arsenic. In the former case the amount of arsenic penetrating was slightly increased by previous treatment with  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ , and considerably increased by previous treatment with

$\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ . When pentavalent As was used, considerably more arsenic was found in the sap when  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  was previously used, but considerably less when  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  was used. These effects represent the mean effect at all pH values, and at all four readings during each experiment, but slight quantitative deviations occur when individual pH values of the external solution or different periods of exposure to these solutions are considered separately—for example at the extreme acid and alkaline ends of the pH range.

$\text{NaHCO}_3$  produces a decided increase in the amount of arsenic found when  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_5$  is used, whereas in the case of  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$  it causes an increase only in the more acid solutions. Table 9 gives the ratios between the amounts of arsenic found when  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  or  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  are used and the normal amounts at corresponding pH values of the outside solution.

Table 10 gives a comparison of the ratios of concentrations of arsenic found in cells treated with either  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  or  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  as compared with control cells after exposure to arsenic solution. These figures are the averages of all determinations.

The figures show the following average change in the amounts of As found in the sap:  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$  with  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ , +9 per cent; with  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ , +66 per cent;  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_5$  with  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ , +32 per cent; with  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ , -8 per cent.

It is interesting to note the reversal of the effect of  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  when  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$  is substituted for  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_5$ . This is most marked when the external solutions are acid, and then mainly after the first five hours.

It is important from the point of view of explaining the observed phenomena to note the change in rate of As penetration during the course of the different experiments. If the rate of penetration changes during the progress of an experiment it can hardly depend on the external pH, which remains constant; and, *vice versa*, if the rate of penetration is constant it could hardly depend on the internal pH, which varies as the experiment goes on.

The progressive changes of internal pH are shown in Table 2, in which the pH of the sap is shown at the time of taking each reading under various conditions of previous treatment and external pH in the experiments represented in the figures.

Previous treatment for one hour with  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  causes free  $\text{CO}_2$  to accumulate in the cell sap so that its pH becomes 5.2 to 5.4, whereas previous treatment for one-half hour with  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  produces, by the accumulation of  $\text{NH}_3$ , a pH of 9.0 in the cell sap. When the cells are subsequently placed in alkaline solutions the pH of the sap has in most cases returned to normal within 10 hours. In acid solutions, (pH 5.0) the sap becomes more acid than normal; its pH becomes the same as that of the external solution when this has a pH of 6.0

$As_2O_3$  - SAP

CURVE A - WITHOUT PREVIOUS TREATMENT  
CURVE B - WITH  $NaHCO_3$   
CURVE C - WITH  $NH_4Cl$

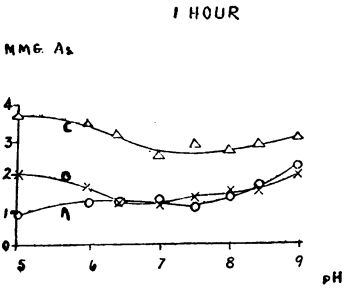


FIG. 5

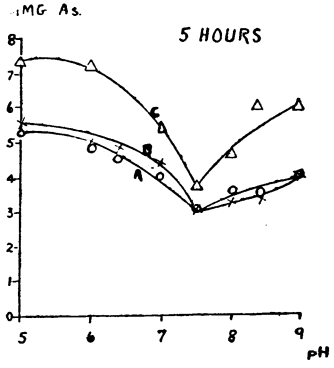


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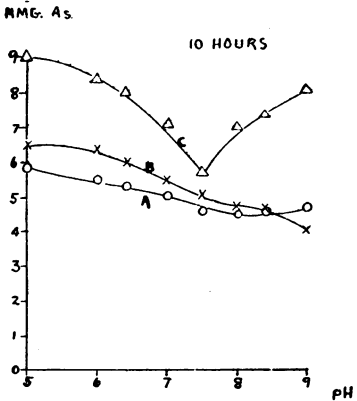


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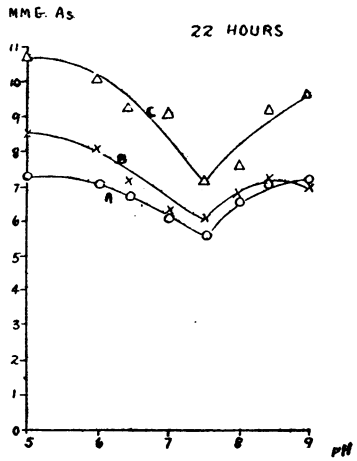


FIG. 8.

FIGS. 5-8.—Number of mMg. of arsenic in the sap of *Valonia* (ordinates) at various H ion concentrations of the external solution (abscissae) after plants had been 1, 5, 10, and 22 hours, respectively, in a solution of trivalent arsenic ( $As_2O_3$ ) of 0.002 M in sea water. Curve A, without treatment previous to placing the cells in arsenic; curve B, in  $NaHCO_3$  solution (0.03 M) for 1 hour previous to arsenic treatment; curve C, in  $NH_4Cl$  (0.04) for one-half hour previous to arsenic treatment.



or 6.4. These changes are practically independent of the previous treatment, whether with  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  or  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ .

The rate of penetration of arsenic also varied during the progress of most of the experiments. Thus, when  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  is used, arsenic of the pentavalent type penetrates more slowly at all pH values of the external solutions; during the first hour the difference is insignificant. In acid solutions the difference is very marked; but when alkaline solutions are used the difference gradually diminishes or even vanishes during the progress of the experiment. When trivalent arsenic is used, the rate of penetration is affected in the opposite manner—an increase in the amount of arsenic is evidenced from the first hour. Except in the more alkaline external solutions the difference in As content between the saps of treated and normal cells seems to remain about the same throughout the 22 hours. In other words, it would appear as if the effects of free  $\text{NH}_3$  in the sap, which caused the increased penetration of arsenic during the first hour, no longer persisted after the first hour; after that time the rate of penetration was the same as the rate into the control cells, the arsenic content at the same time keeping the initial amount in advance of the normal. In the alkaline external solutions, however, there is some evidence that the increased rate of penetration is maintained throughout a considerable part of the experiment.

$\text{NaHCO}_3$ , used with  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$ , increases the amount of arsenic found in the sap. When acid solutions are used, this increase is apparent at the first reading (1 hour); but alkaline solutions delay the increase, which is apparent only in the last reading (after 22 hours). Between pH's 6.0 and 8.0  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  has very little effect. In the case of  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$  there is an increase in the amount of arsenic at pH 5.0 (external solution) which is perceptible at the end of the first hour; after that time there is no further gain; the rate of penetration becomes essentially the same as that into untreated cells. Except at pH 5 the differences in As content, while consistently in favor of cells previously treated with  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ , are almost negligible.

Briefly stated, more arsenic penetrates through the protoplasm into the sap when trivalent arsenic is in the external solution than when pentavalent arsenic is used. This is true in all three conditions which governed the experiments—A, normal; B, with  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ ; and C, with  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ . It is most marked in the alkaline range, and still more so when  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  is used.

#### ACCUMULATION IN THE PROTOPLASM

In the protoplasm more arsenic is found when the pentavalent form is used;  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  increases and  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  decreases this amount. It would seem, therefore, that pentavalent arsenic unites with or is otherwise led to accumulate in the protoplasm to a greater extent

$As_2O_5$  - PROTOPLASM

CURVE A - NO PREVIOUS TREATMENT

CURVE B - WITH  $NaHCO_3$

CURVE C - WITH  $NH_4Cl$

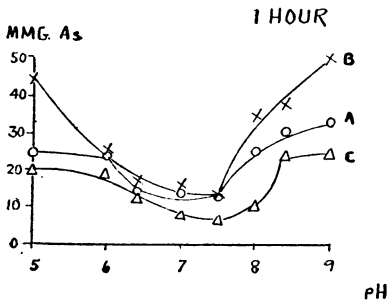


FIG. 9

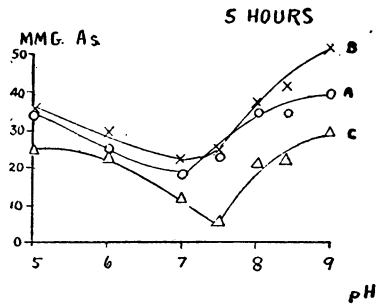


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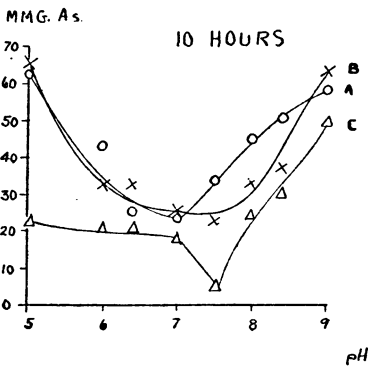


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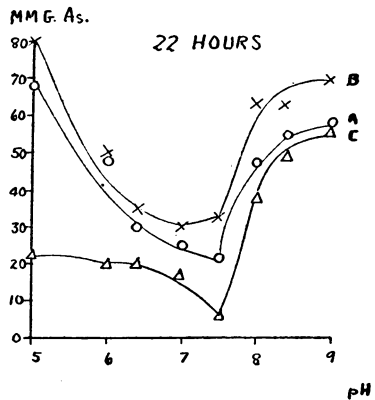


FIG. 12

Figs. 9-12.—Number of mmg. of arsenic in the protoplasm of *Valonia* (ordinates) at various H ion concentrations of the external solution (abscissae) after plants had been 1, 5, 10, and 22 hours, respectively, in a solution of pentavalent arsenic ( $As_2O_5$ ) of 0.002 M in sea water. Curve A, without treatment previous to placing the cells in arsenic; curve B, in  $NaHCO_3$  solution (0.03 M) for 1 hour previous to arsenic treatment; curve C, in  $NH_4Cl$  (0.04 M) for one-half hour previous to arsenic treatment.

than trivalent arsenic, except when  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  is used. Trivalent arsenic appears to filter through rapidly into the sap.

The results are summarized in Table 9, in which are given the ratios of the mean arsenic contents of the protoplasm of cells exposed to solutions of trivalent as compared with pentavalent arsenic. These ratios are given for each of the three types of previous treatment (normal,  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  and  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ ) under two conditions: External solution acid (pH 5.0-6.0) and external solution alkaline (pH 8.0-9.0). The probable error of the mean is less than 3 per cent of the mean.

It will be seen that the ratios are further from unity when the arsenic is penetrating from acid solutions, whereas the greater differences in As content of the sap were observed when the external solutions were alkaline.

Just what the relation between the pH of the sap and that of the protoplasm is, is not known; but it seems probable that when there is an excess of  $\text{CO}_2$  or  $\text{NH}_3$  over the normal in the sap, there would also be an excess of free  $\text{CO}_3$  or  $\text{NH}_3$  in the protoplasm, especially since these substances had to come through the protoplasm to get into the sap.

Table 10 gives the ratios of concentrations of arsenic in the protoplasm of previously treated cells as compared with control cells after exposure to arsenic solutions of different pH values.

The figures for protoplasm show the following average change in the amount of As found in the protoplasm:  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$  with  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ , -2 per cent; with  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ , +51 per cent;  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_5$  with  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ , +16 per cent; with  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ , -35 per cent.

The same reversal of the effect of  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  on the amount of arsenic in the sap is found in the protoplasm to a more marked degree when trivalent and pentavalent arsenic are substituted for each other. Differences in the effect of  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  are also apparent.

#### ARSENIC CONTENT OF THE CELL WALL

Tables 7 and 8 give the data for penetration of both kinds of arsenic into the wall. They suggest the lack of influence of the wall upon the penetration of substances into the interior. No consistent differences are shown and, therefore, no curves are plotted. The numbers given in the tables were obtained by multiplying the experimental figures by 103, the ratio between the weight of the sap and that of the wall, and, hence, indicate the concentrations of As in the same units as those given above for the sap and protoplasm.

#### GENERAL COMPARISONS

Tables 3 to 6 give the data from which Figures 1 to 20 are computed. Figures 17 to 20 show more clearly how changes in the H ion concentration of the interior of the cell affect the amount of

$As_2O_3$  - PROTOPLASM

CURVE A - NO PREVIOUS TREATMENT

CURVE B = WITH  $NaHCO_3$

CURVE C = WITH  $NH_4Cl$

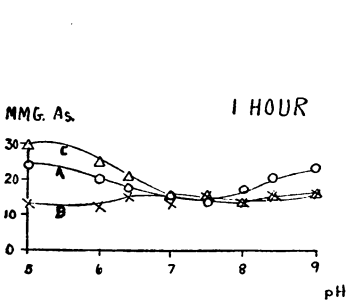


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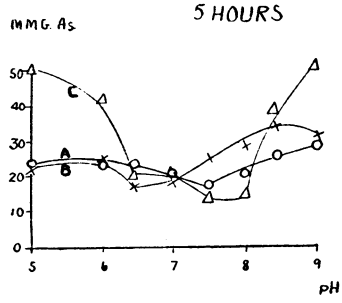


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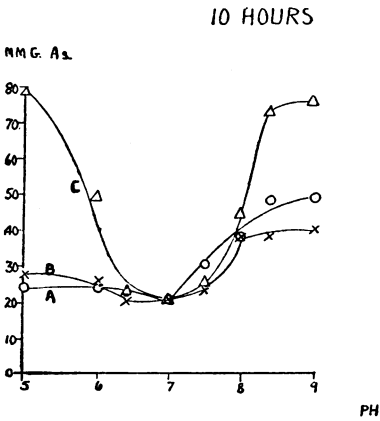


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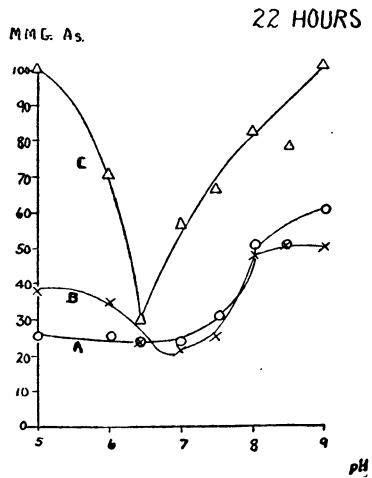


FIG. 16.

Figs. 13-16.—Number of mmg. of arsenic in the protoplasm of *Valonia* (ordinates) at various H ion concentrations of the external solution (abscissae) after plants had been 1, 5, 10, and 22 hours, respectively, in a solution of trivalent arsenic ( $As_2O_3$ ) of 0.002 M in sea water. Curve A, without treatment previous to placing the cells in arsenic; curve B, in  $NaHCO_3$  solution (0.03 M) for 1 hour previous to arsenic treatment; curve C, in  $NH_4Cl$  (0.04 M) for one-half hour previous to arsenic treatment.

arsenic found in the sap and protoplasm at different external H ion concentrations from pH 5.0 to 9.0. In these diagrams the pH of the sap is given at the time when *Valonia* is placed in the arsenic solution. It must be understood that this gradually changes in the course of an hour (see Table 2). The H ion concentration of the sap was measured by the indicator method, as was stated before, but that of the protoplasm could not be so measured. The pH of the protoplasm is undoubtedly affected by free  $\text{CO}_2$  and free  $\text{NH}_3$ , because these substances have to pass through the protoplasm in order to reach the sap; but, since the constituents of the protoplasm may resist changes of reaction the H ion concentration of the protoplasm would perhaps not always be exactly the same as that of the sap. The difference could hardly be of any great magnitude; the internal pH values for protoplasm are given with this reservation. These values were determined only at the end of the first hour before the internal pH had undergone any great change from its initial value.

There is a decided tendency for more arsenic to penetrate into the sap from a solution of  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$  when the sap is alkaline, and less when it is more acid than normal (Fig. 17). The same general relations between internal pH and arsenic content are valid for protoplasm as long as the external solution has a pH of 7.0 or less. At 7.5 there is no effect of internal pH, and in more alkaline solutions the arsenic content decreases with increasing internal pH (Fig. 18).

When pentavalent arsenic is used the amount of arsenic found in the sap is greater when the internal pH is either above or below normal, except when the external solution is alkaline (pH 8.4 and 9.0). This is shown in Figure 19. In these last two curves there is less arsenic found when the internal pH and the external pH are both alkaline.

The amount of arsenic found in the protoplasm of cells exposed to solutions of  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_5$  decreases decidedly when the sap is alkaline, and increases decidedly when the sap is more acid than normal.

In general, then, pentavalent arsenic penetrates better when the sap is acid, and trivalent arsenic penetrates better when the sap is alkaline; but when the external solution is alkaline, the effects of internal alkalinity are greatly affected. This is noticeable in the case of  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$ -sap (Fig. 17) in which case the difference in As content of the sap at the internal pH values 7.0 and 9.0, for example, is greatly decreased; it is particularly striking in the cases of  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$ -protoplasm and  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_5$ -sap where an increase is turned into a decrease (Figs. 18, 19), and is seen as a reinforcement of the effects of internal pH in the case of  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_5$ -protoplasm (Fig. 20), where alkalinity of the sap already acts to hinder the accumulation of arsenic.

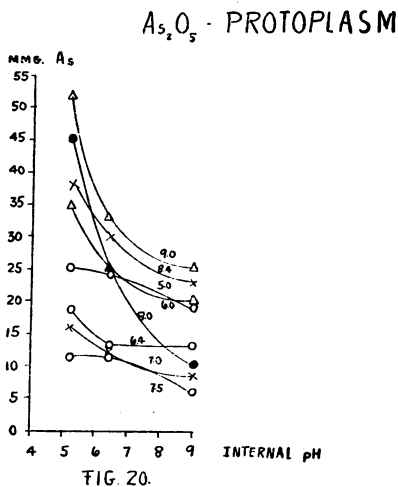
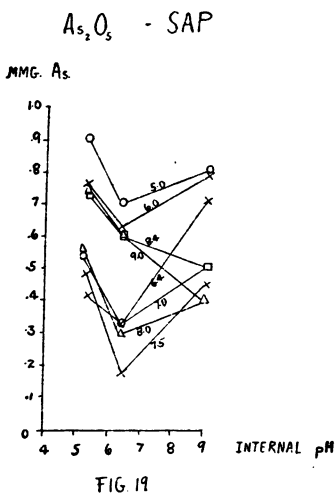
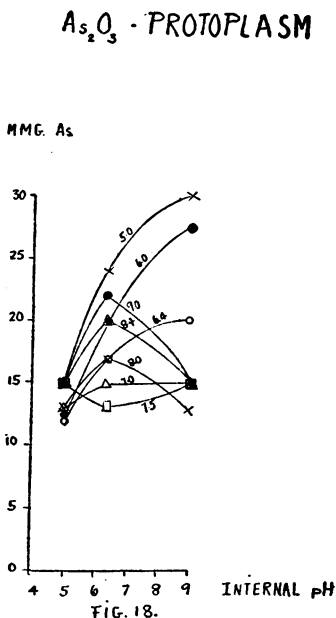
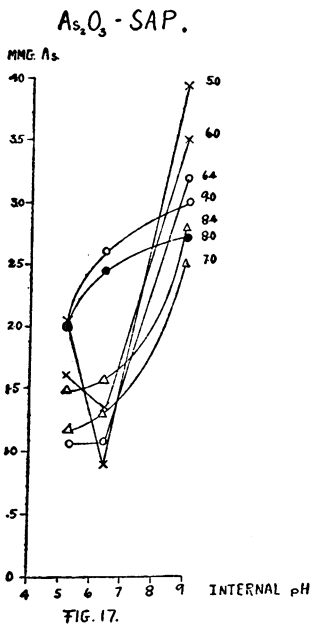


FIG. 17.—Number of mmg. of arsenic (ordinates) in the sap of *Valonia* when the internal pH is varied (abscissae), at the same time keeping the pH of the external solution constant (numbers on the curves). Plants remained 1 hour in the trivalent arsenic solution of 0.002 M in sea water before being tested for arsenic.

FIG. 18.—Number of mmg. of arsenic (ordinates) in the protoplasm of *Valonia* when the internal pH is varied (abscissae), at the same time maintaining a constant external pH (numbers on the curves). Plants remained 1 hour in the trivalent arsenic solution of 0.002 M in sea water before being tested.

FIG. 19.—Number of mmg. of arsenic (ordinates) in the sap of *Valonia* when the internal pH is varied (abscissae), at the same time maintaining a constant external pH (numbers on the curves). Plants remained 1 hour in the pentavalent arsenic solution of 0.002 M in sea water before being tested.

FIG. 20.—Number of mmg. of arsenic (ordinates) in the protoplasm of *Valonia* when the internal pH is varied (abscissae), at the same time maintaining a constant external pH (numbers on the curves). Plants remained for 1 hour in the pentavalent arsenic solution of 0.002 M in sea water before being tested for arsenic.

## DISCUSSION

Since the changes in internal pH are only temporary, it is of interest to analyze the data with a view to determining whether the increased arsenic contents recorded for the later readings are the result of a continuous gain compared with the normal, or whether they are only the result of a "head start" obtained before the effects of the  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  or  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  had disappeared. In most cases it certainly seems as if the initial increase or decrease were not permanent, i. e., that the effects due to  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  or  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  were only temporary; but the rate of penetration of arsenic from an  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$  solution into the protoplasm of cells previously treated with  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  seems to remain for some time in excess of the normal rate. Since data are not consistent in this respect, no generalization can be made as to whether the observed effects are immediate results of the presence of  $\text{NH}_3$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  or whether they are of a secondary nature.

The data are also to be examined from the point of view of possible correlation between arsenic penetration and pH. Three determinants at least are to be considered: first the effect of the pH of the external solution on the concentration of undissociated acid, and of arsenate and arsenite anions in the solution bathing the cell; second the effects of the internal pH on the amount of free, undiffusible, weak base available in the protoplasm to combine with and hold the arsenic anion; third, possible effects of the pH on the viscosity or some other property of protoplasmic constituents of an ampholytic type. This should produce an inflection in the curve representing arsenic content as a function of pH, the inflection corresponding to an isoelectric point or region.

## (a) EXTERNAL pH

Crane (5) has studied the toxicity of various alkaloids to *Paramecium* and found that those having comparatively large dissociation constants varied in toxicity with changes in H ion concentration in such a way as to indicate that the effect of hydrogen ions upon toxicity is due to an action upon the drug rather than upon the cell itself. Crane attributes the effects of the drugs to the undissociated free base, which in the case of alkaloids with high dissociation constants, becomes greater in amount as the H ion concentration is decreased. It has been suggested that the differences in penetration of the two acids of arsenic at various H ion concentrations is likewise due to differences in dissociation of these acids at different H ion concentrations of the solution bathing the cells.

The influence of the H ion concentration upon the dissociation of arsenic and arsenious acids may be deduced from the following equations:

If we have an acid,  $HA$ , with a dissociation constant  $K_a$ , then

$$\frac{(A^-) \times (H^+)}{(HA)} = K_a$$

where  $A^-$  and  $H^+$  are the anion and hydrogen ion, respectively, and brackets denote concentration of the substance indicated, or

$$\frac{(H^+)}{K_a} = \frac{(HA)}{(A^-)}$$

Since the salts of the acids with strong bases may be regarded as being completely dissociated, we may consider that all the arsenic in the solution is in the form of either  $HA$  or  $A^-$ , the undissociated salt  $BA$  being negligible in amount, and

$$(A^-) + (HA) = 1$$

The first dissociation constants of these two acids are  $5 \times 10^{-3}$  for arsenic (8) and  $6 \times 10^{-6}$  for arsenious (9.) The second and third dissociation constants are so small that they may be neglected. Substituting into the above equations these values and assuming different values of  $(H)$  we may calculate the proportions of dissociated and undissociated acid at the extreme H ion concentrations used, pH 5.0 and pH 9.0:

	pH 5.0	pH 9.0
Arsenate anion.....	0.998	0.999+
Undissociated arsenic acid.....	.002	.0000002
Arsenite anion.....	.37	.999+
Undissociated arsenious acid.....	.63	.00017

Practically all of the arsenic of arsenic acid is in the form of the dissociated anion at both H ion concentrations indicated, and therefore at all intermediate H ion concentrations. It follows that if the penetration of arsenic acid into *Valonia* depended upon the dissociation of the acid alone, the curves showing arsenic penetration as a function of pH should form a straight line. The figures show that this is not the case—the curves all have minimum penetration at pH values near neutrality. The curves suggest rather the result of an isoelectric point or region. Therefore the dissociation of the acid can not be the principal factor responsible for the rate of penetration of arsenic acid.

In the case of arsenious acid less of the acid is dissociated at pH 5.0 (37 per cent) than at pH 9.0 (99 per cent). If the penetra-



tion of arsenious acid depended upon the amount of arsenite ion present, then one ought to find three times as much arsenic penetrating at pH 9.0 as at pH 5.0. The sap never shows any such effect, and the protoplasm shows it only after the first five hours. It is obvious that the evidence is against the hypothesis that only undissociated acid penetrates. The presence in the curves of a minimum near the neutral point suggests again the influence of an isoelectric point or region. We may conclude, therefore, that the pH of the external solution does not produce its characteristic effects by influencing the dissociation of these two acids, but rather through some intermediary effect upon the protoplasm. If there is any effect at all in the case of  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$ , it is effectively concealed by other more important factors.

(b) INTERNAL PH

The second possible determining factor to be considered is the effect of internal pH on cell constituents.

McCutcheon and Lucke (6) investigated the effects upon the penetration of dyes of changes of both internal and external hydrogen ion concentrations. When the interior of the cells was alkaline, alkaline dyes penetrated less rapidly than when the cells retained their normal acidity, even if the external solutions were of the same alkalinity in both cases. When the internal H ion concentration was increased, however, by free  $\text{CO}_2$ , even more dye was present than in normal sap. They conclude from this that a basic dye combines with some acid substance of the protoplasm which is an ordinary acid rather than an ampholyte.

In the experiments of the writer the anion rather than a cation is to be considered. If the above theory is applied, more arsenic should be found when the interior of the cell is alkaline rather than acid. This is the case when arsenious acid is used and when the external pH of the surrounding solution is 6.0 to 9.0, but not when it is 5.0.

Arsenic acid does not conform at all to this hypothesis, because less arsenic is found in both protoplasm and sap when they are made more alkaline.

The explanation invoked by McCutcheon and Lucke to explain their results is inadequate in the case of arsenic. This leaves us with only the third possibility, namely, that the internal pH affects some physical property of a cell constituent or constituents of an ampholytic nature, thus leading to the presence of a minimum in the experimental curves, which minimum corresponds to an isoelectric point or region.

However, since the isoelectric points of most of the recognized ampholytes of the type present in plants lie at a lower pH than the

minima found in these experiments on arsenic (pH 4.5—5.5 rather than 7.0), the position of this minimum may be affected by something besides the ampholytes. This may possibly be a result of the presence of a weak base acting in a way analogous to the action of the weak acid in McCutcheon and Lucke's theory.

#### SUMMARY

The differences in the penetration of trivalent and pentavalent arsenic into *Valonia* under various conditions led to the following conclusions:

1. When *Valonia* is placed in solutions of arsenic at various H ion concentrations, the concentration of arsenic found in the sap is less than that in the protoplasm. With trivalent arsenic the difference is less than with pentavalent arsenic.

2. The minimum amount of arsenic penetrates into the sap and the protoplasm when the external arsenic solution is approximately neutral.

3. When free CO<sub>2</sub> is allowed to accumulate in the plant, and the plants are then placed in pentavalent arsenic solutions of various H ion concentrations, more arsenic is found in both the sap and the protoplasm than in normal plants placed in similar arsenic solutions. When trivalent arsenic is used instead, the concentration of arsenic in the sap is increased, whereas that in the protoplasm is decreased.

4. When free NH<sub>3</sub> is allowed to accumulate in the plants and the plants are then placed in pentavalent arsenic solutions of various H ion concentrations, less arsenic is found in the sap and the protoplasm than in normal plants placed in similar arsenic solutions. When trivalent arsenic is used instead, more arsenic is found in the sap and in the protoplasm than in normal plants placed in similar arsenic solutions.

5. The pH of the external solution, as well as that of the inside of the plant, affects the rate of penetration of pentavalent and trivalent arsenic. When either or both the external or internal pH values are low, more pentavalent and less trivalent arsenic is found in the protoplasm and in the sap; the opposite is true when the external solution and the interior of the cell are alkaline.

6. There is no difference in the amount of As found in the wall under varying conditions; apparently the wall does not affect the rate of penetration of As into the protoplasm and the sap.

7. It has been shown that—

(a) Differences in the rate of penetration of arsenic as influenced by changes in external pH, can not be explained by attributing them to dissociation of the acids and subsequent effect on the arsenic in the external solution.

(b) These differences in the rate of penetration seem to be due to effects on the protoplasm initiated by changes in both the internal pH of the cell and the pH of the bathing solution.

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TABLE 1.—Number of days of survival of *Valonia* after exposure to arsenic in sea water

Previous treatment with.....	Seawater		Seawater + NaHCO <sub>3</sub> (0.03 M)		Seawater + NH <sub>4</sub> Cl (0.04 M)		Normal
	10	22	10	22	10	22	
Hours in solution.....							
PENTAVALENT							
pH of As solution:							
5.0.....		35		45	40		30
6.0.....							30
6.4.....		39		40			30
7.0.....		37		38	30		6
7.5.....		30		39			30
8.0.....		70		60			40
8.4.....		40		40			40
9.0.....		39		40	30		20
TRIVALENT							
5.0.....	10	1	10	4	3		2
6.0.....		30		30			30
6.4.....	35	10	30	3	35		6
7.0.....	50	15	30	4	30		9
7.5.....	30	10	33	2	3		2
8.0.....	34	2	32	10	28		3
8.4.....	30	2	30	4	30		4
9.0.....	30	4	30	5			30

TABLE 2.—pH of the sap of *Valonia* after exposure to arsenic in sea water

With As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

Previous treatment.....	Seawater					Seawater+NaHCO <sub>3</sub> (0.03 M)					Seawater+NH <sub>4</sub> Cl (0.04 M)				
	0	1	5	10	22	0	1	5	10	22	0	1	5	10	22
pH of arsenic solution:															
5.0-----	6.4	5.2	5.4	5.2	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.3	5.2	-----	9.0	5.8	5.8	5.2	5.0
6.0-----	6.4	6.0	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	9.0	6.8	6.2	6.0	6.0
6.4-----	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	5.2	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	9.0	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4
7.0-----	6.4	-----	-----	-----	6.4	5.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	9.0	6.8	5.8	6.0	6.2
7.5-----	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	9.0	-----	-----	-----	7.8
8.0-----	6.4	6.2	6.4	6.4	6.4	5.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	9.0	6.8	6.2	6.4	6.4
8.4-----	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.2	6.4	5.2	-----	-----	-----	-----	9.0	6.8	6.4	6.4	6.4
9.0-----	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	5.2	6.4	6.2	6.4	6.4	9.0	7.0	6.8	6.4	6.4

With As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

5.0-----	6.4	6.0	5.5	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.0	9.0	6.6	5.4	5.0	5.0
6.0-----	6.4	6.2	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.2	5.8	6.0	6.0	9.0	6.8	6.0	6.0	6.0
6.4-----	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	5.2	6.0	5.8	6.0	9.0	6.8	6.2	5.8	6.4
7.0-----	6.4	6.4	6.2	6.2	6.4	5.2	6.2	5.6	6.0	9.0	6.8	6.8	6.0	6.6
7.5-----	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	5.2	6.0	6.4	6.4	9.0	6.8	6.0	6.4	6.6
8.0-----	6.4	6.4	6.2	6.4	6.4	5.2	6.0	6.0	6.4	9.0	6.8	6.6	6.4	6.4
8.4-----	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	5.2	5.8	6.0	6.6	9.0	7.0	6.0	6.4	6.4
9.0-----	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	5.2	6.4	5.7	6.4	9.0	7.0	6.0	6.0	6.6

TABLE 3.—Arsenic content of sap of cells treated with As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> solution

A=Normal.  
B=Previous exposure to seawater+NaHCO<sub>3</sub>  
C=Previous exposure to seawater+NH<sub>4</sub>Cl.

Hours in solution.....	1		5		10		22		
	Mmg. As/gm. sap	Relative concentration, A=1.00	Mmg. As/gm. sap	Relative concentration, A=1.00	Mmg. As/gm. sap	Relative concentration, A=1.00	Mmg. As/gm. sap	Relative concentration, A=1.00	
5.0	A-----	0.7	1	0.8	1	1.7	1	2.5	1
	B-----	.9	1.28	1.6	2	2.7	1.59	3.5	1.4
	C-----	.8	1.14	.87	1	.9	.53	1.1	.44
6.0	A-----	.63	1	.8	1	1.6	1	1.8	1
	B-----	.77	1.22	1.0	1.25	1.2	.75	1.3	.72
	C-----	.8	1.27	.77	.96	.7	.44	.8	.44
6.4	A-----	.32	1	.73	1	1.1	1	1.1	1
	B-----	.41	1.28	.59	.81	.9	.82	1.0	.91
	C-----	.71	2.2	.62	.35	.8	.73	.8	.73
7.0	A-----	.33	1	.57	1	.97	1	.93	1
	B-----	.54	1.63	.84	1.47	.97	1	.93	1
	C-----	.5	1.52	.5	1	.62	.64	.55	.58
7.5	A-----	.16	1	.73	1	.7	1	.66	1
	B-----	.48	3.00	.66	.9	.5	.72	.55	.83
	C-----	.45	2.8	.1	1.37	.2	.28	.23	.35
8.0	A-----	.30	1	.49	1	.64	1	.69	1
	B-----	.56	1.86	.9	1.83	.85	1.33	.75	1.1
	C-----	.4	1.33	.4	.82	.5	.78	.5	.72
8.4	A-----	.6	1	.8	1	.9	1	1.0	1
	B-----	.75	1.25	1.0	1.25	1.2	1.34	1.5	1.5
	C-----	.4	.66	.6	.75	.68	.75	.71	.71
9.0	A-----	.6	1	.8	1	1.0	1	1.2	1
	B-----	.75	1.25	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.3	2.1	1.75
	C-----	.5	.83	.75	.94	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.09

TABLE 4.—Arsenic content of sap of cells treated with  $As_2O_3$  solution

A = Normal.  
 B = Previous exposure to seawater +  $NaHCO_3$   
 C = Previous exposure to seawater +  $NH_4Cl$ .

Hours in solution.....		1		5		10		22	
		Mmg. As/gm. sap	Relative concentration, A=1.00	Mmg. As/gm. sap	Relative concentration, A=1.00	Mmg. As/gm. sap	Relative concentration, A=1.00	Mmg. As/gm. sap	Relative concentration, A=1.00
pH	A.....	0.91	1	5.2	1	5.9	1	7.2	1
	B.....	2.1	2.3	5.5	1.05	6.5	1.1	8.5	1.18
	C.....	3.8	4.2	7.4	1.41	9.0	1.52	10.6	1.48
5.0	A.....	1.2	1	4.8	1	5.5	1	7.0	1
	B.....	1.7	1.4	5.0	1.04	6.4	1.16	8.0	1.14
	C.....	3.5	2.9	7.2	1.5	8.4	1.53	10.0	1.42
6.0	A.....	1.1	1	4.5	1	5.3	1	6.6	1
	B.....	1.1	1	4.8	1.07	6.0	1.13	7.0	1.06
	C.....	3.3	3.0	6.2	1.38	8	1.5	9.2	1.39
6.4	A.....	1.3	1	4	1	4.8	1	6.0	1
	B.....	1.2	.92	4.5	1.1	5.5	1.14	6.2	1.03
	C.....	2.5	1.92	5	1.25	7	1.45	9	1.5
7.0	A.....	1	1	3	1	4.5	1.0	5.5	1
	B.....	1.4	1.4	3	1	5.0	1.1	6.0	1.09
	C.....	2.9	2.9	3.6	1.2	5.6	1.24	7.0	1.28
7.5	A.....	2.4	1	3.5	1	4.4	1	6.5	1
	B.....	2.0	.83	3.2	.91	4.7	1.07	6.6	1
	C.....	2.7	1.1	4.6	1.3	7.0	1.6	7.5	1.15
8.0	A.....	1.6	1	3.5	1	4.6	1	7.0	1
	B.....	1.5	.94	3.4	.98	6.0	1.3	7.1	1
	C.....	2.8	1.75	6.0	1.7	7.3	1.59	9.1	1.3
8.4	A.....	2.7	1	4.0	1	4.5	1	7.0	1
	B.....	2.0	.74	4.0	1	4.0	.89	6.9	.99
	C.....	3.0	1.1	6.0	1.5	8.0	1.77	9.5	1.35

TABLE 5.—Arsenic content of protoplasm of cells treated with  $As_2O_5$  solution <sup>1</sup>

A = Normal  
 B = With  $NaHCO_3$   
 C = With  $NH_4Cl$

Hours in solution.....		1		5		10		22	
		Mmg. As/gm. of protoplasm	Relative concentration, A=1.00	Mmg. As/gm. of protoplasm	Relative concentration, A=1.00	Mmg. As/gm. of protoplasm	Relative concentration, A=1.00	Mmg. As/gm. of protoplasm	Relative concentration, A=1.00
pH	A.....	25	1	35	1	63	1	68	1
	B.....	45	1.8	35	1	66	1.04	80	1.18
	C.....	20	.8	25	.71	23	.36	23	.34
5.0	A.....	24	1	25	1	43	1	48	1
	B.....	25	1.04	30	1.2	33	.77	50	1.04
	C.....	19	.79	24	.96	21	.49	20	.42
6.0	A.....	13	1	19	1	25	1	30	1
	B.....	17	1.3	20	1.05	33	1.32	35	1.16
	C.....	13	1	16	.84	21	.84	20	.66
6.4	A.....	13	1	18	1	23	1	25	1
	B.....	16	1.23	23	1.28	25	1.09	30	1.2
	C.....	8	.6	12	.67	18	.78	18	.72
7.0	A.....	12	1	23	1	33	1	21	1
	B.....	12	1	25	1.09	23	.7	33	1.57
	C.....	6	.5	5	.22	5	.15	6	.29
7.5	A.....	25	1	35	1	45	1	48	1
	B.....	35	1.4	38	1.08	33	.73	63	1.3
	C.....	10	.4	21	.6	25	.56	38	.79
8.0	A.....	30	1	35	1	50	1	55	1
	B.....	38	1.26	43	1.22	38	.76	63	1.14
	C.....	24	.8	23	.67	30	.6	50	.91
8.4	A.....	33	1	40	1	58	1	58	1
	B.....	53	1.6	53	1.32	63	1.08	70	1.2
	C.....	25	.76	30	.75	50	.86	66	1.14

<sup>1</sup> Mmg. As/gm. of protoplasm were calculated on the basis of the observed average ratio of sap to protoplasm, which was 25.3.

TABLE 6.—Arsenic content of protoplasm of cells treated with  $As_2O_3$  solution <sup>1</sup>

A = Normal  
 B = With  $NaHCO_3$   
 C = With  $NH_4Cl$

Hours in solution . . . . .		1		5		10		22	
		Mmg. As/gm. of protoplasm	Relative concentration, A=1.00	Mmg. As/gm. of protoplasm	Relative concentration, A=1.00	Mmg. As/gm. of protoplasm	Relative concentration, A=1.00	Mmg. As/gm. of protoplasm	Relative concentration, A=1.00
5.0	A	24	1	24	1	24	1	25.3	1
	B	12.5	1.9	22	.92	28	1.16	38	1.5
	C	30	1.25	58	2.4	79	3.3	101	4.0
6.0	A	20	1	23	1	24	1	25	1
	B	12	.6	25.3	1.05	25	1.03	35	.72
	C	25	1.25	41	1.78	48	2	70	2.8
6.4	A	17	1	23	1	23	1	23	1
	B	15	.88	17.7	.77	20	.87	23	1
	C	20	1.18	19.7	.96	23	1	28	1.2
7.0	A	15	1	20	1	20	1	23	1
	B	13	.87	17.7	.88	20	1	21	.92
	C	15	1	19	.95	20	1	56	2.4
7.5	A	13	1	17.7	1	30	1	30	1
	B	15	1.15	25.3	1.42	23	.77	25	.83
	C	15	1.15	13	.73	25.3	.84	66	2.2
8.0	A	17	1	20	1	38	1	50	1
	B	13	.76	28	1.4	38	1	48	.96
	C	13	.76	14	.7	45	1.18	83	1.67
8.4	A	20	1	25	1	48	1	50	1
	B	15	.75	33	1.32	38	.79	50	1
	C	15	.75	38	1.52	73	1.52	78	1.55
9.0	A	23	1	28	1	48	1	60	1
	B	15	.65	30	1.07	40	.83	50	.83
	C	15	.65	50	1.78	76	1.58	101	1.68

<sup>1</sup> Mmg. As/gm. of protoplasm were calculated on the basis of the observed average ratio of sap to protoplasm, which was 25.3.

TABLE 7.—Number of micromilligrams of arsenic in wall of cells treated with  $As_2O_3$  solution <sup>1</sup>

A = Normal.  
 B = Previous exposure to sea water +  $NaHCO_3$ .  
 C = Previous exposure to sea water +  $NH_4Cl$ .

Hours in solution . . . . .		1	5	10	22
5.0	A	73	75	57	48
	B	32	58	38	55
	C	61	33	48	20
6.0	A	40	43	56	53
	B	40	18	0	55
	C	35	41	37	41
6.4	A	59	57	73	53
	B	28	30	0	36
	C	33	32	32	33
7.0	A	33	28	31	33
	B	38	64	35	35
	C	51	31	51	57
7.5	A	33	30	28	34
	B	25	27	26	28
	C	19	17	39	21
8.0	A	33	36	78	36
	B	21	51	52	67
	C	64	44	44	75
8.4	A	38	51	44	42
	B	26	31	60	51
	C	48	60	70	72
9.0	A	42	36	57	68
	B	39	50	70	50
	C	67	60	60	65

<sup>1</sup> Mmg. As/gm. of wall were calculated on the basis of the observed average ratio of sap to wall, which was 103.

TABLE 8.—Number of micromilligrams of arsenic in wall of cells treated with  $As_2O_3$  solution <sup>1</sup>

A=Normal  
 B=Previous exposure to sea water+ $NaHCO_3$   
 C=Previous exposure to sea water+ $NH_4Cl$

Hours in solution.....		1	5	10	22
5.0	A.....	41	41	36	78
	B.....	36	31	31	61
	C.....	30	45	39	37
6.0	A.....	21	31	51	51
	B.....	28	31	31	33
	C.....	31	35	40	30
6.4	A.....	32	33	33	48
	B.....	38	20	35	51
	C.....	68	32	67	54
7.0	A.....	36	32	32	33
	B.....	34	33	42	44
	C.....	29	48	65	27
7.5	A.....	34	44	30	45
	B.....	36	25	30	22
	C.....	40	27	38	35
8.0	A.....	36	35	59	50
	B.....	35	45	36	45
	C.....	32	58	38	15
8.4	A.....	39	35	26	28
	B.....	38	31	30	23
	C.....	16	32	32	80
9.0	A.....	28	30	30	33
	B.....	31	35	28	30
	C.....	34	30	31	51

<sup>1</sup>Mmg. As/gm. of wall were calculated on the basis of the observed average ratio of sap to wall, which is 103.

TABLE 9.—Ratios of concentration of trivalent arsenic in cells variously treated, to that of pentavalent arsenic in similarly treated cells—Average of all determinations

pH of As solution	Sap of cells previously treated with—			Protoplasm of cells treated with—		
	Control	$NaHCO_3$	$NH_4Cl$	Control	$NaHCO_3$	$NH_4Cl$
7.0-6.0.....	3.65	3.35	9.04	0.57	0.54	2.52
8.0-9.0.....	5.78	4.08	13.40	0.83	0.69	1.00

TABLE 10.—Ratios of concentrations of arsenic in previously treated as compared with control cells after exposure to arsenic solutions of different pH—Averages of all determinations

Type of As.....	$As_2O_3$		$As_2O_5$	
	$NaHCO_3$	$NH_4Cl$	$NaHCO_3$	$NH_4Cl$
Previous treatment.....				
Sap.....	1.09	1.66	1.32	0.92
Protoplasm.....	0.98	1.51	1.16	0.65

## Examination for Entrance into the Regular Corps of the United States Public Health Service

Examinations of candidates for entrance into the regular corps of the United States Public Health Service will be held at the following-named places on the dates specified:

Washington, D. C., March 2, 1925.

Chicago, Ill., March 2, 1925.

New Orleans, La., March 2, 1925.

San Francisco, Calif., March 2, 1925.

Candidates must be not less than 23 nor more than 32 years of age, and they must have been graduated in medicine at some reputable medical college, and have had one year's hospital experience or two years' professional practice. They must pass satisfactorily oral, written, and clinical tests before a board of medical officers and must undergo a physical examination.

Successful candidates will be recommended for appointment by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Requests for information or permission to take this examination should be addressed to the Surgeon General, United States Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

### MORTALITY SUMMARY FOR 76 LARGE CITIES

*Deaths from all causes, death rates, and infant mortality in 76 large cities of the United States for 1924 and comparison with 1923*

[From the Weekly Health Index, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce]

City <sup>1</sup>	Total deaths	Death rate <sup>2</sup>	Deaths under 1 year	Provisional infant mortality rate 1924 <sup>3</sup>	Infant mortality rate 1923	Mortality data for calendar year, 1923		
						Total deaths	Death rate	Deaths under 1 year
Total (65 cities) -----	336, 229	12. 5	42, 548	471	477	344, 048	13. 0	44, 894
Akron <sup>5</sup> -----	1, 512	-----	273	58	66	1, 702	-----	323
Albany -----	1, 816	15. 4	173	74	90	1, 899	16. 2	296
Atlanta <sup>6</sup> -----	4, 109	18. 1	546	-----	-----	4, 025	18. 1	613
Baltimore -----	11, 176	14. 3	1, 469	83	86	11, 589	15. 0	1, 500
Birmingham <sup>6</sup> -----	3, 331	16. 7	468	-----	-----	3, 053	15. 6	469
Boston -----	10, 858	14. 1	1, 446	74	82	11, 509	14. 9	1, 571
Bridgeport <sup>5</sup> -----	1, 514	-----	181	55	80	1, 642	-----	261
Buffalo -----	6, 913	12. 7	1, 074	84	90	7, 269	13. 5	1, 110
Cambridge -----	1, 425	12. 8	164	54	72	1, 527	13. 7	219
Camden -----	1, 726	13. 7	291	92	89	1, 806	14. 5	282
Canon -----	1, 017	10. 0	191	78	62	1, 030	10. 4	148
Chicago -----	32, 617	11. 2	4, 484	76	87	33, 764	11. 7	4, 885
Cincinnati -----	6, 158	15. 2	671	76	80	6, 527	16. 1	666
Cleveland -----	9, 218	10. 2	1, 360	65	67	9, 593	10. 8	1, 383
Columbus -----	3, 513	13. 2	358	65	76	3, 983	15. 3	416
Dallas <sup>6</sup> -----	2, 494	12. 9	396	-----	-----	2, 173	11. 9	375
Dayton -----	1, 820	10. 8	235	73	79	1, 950	11. 8	249
Denver <sup>5</sup> <sup>6</sup> -----	4, 104	-----	513	-----	-----	3, 997	-----	473
Des Moines -----	1, 586	11. 0	135	45	55	1, 601	11. 4	194
Detroit <sup>3</sup> -----	12, 747	-----	2, 357	77	87	13, 051	-----	2, 442
Duluth <sup>3</sup> -----	1, 010	9. 4	135	55	73	1, 075	10. 1	174
Erie <sup>5</sup> -----	1, 270	-----	168	63	68	1, 347	-----	171
Fall River -----	1, 579	13. 1	334	93	92	1, 655	13. 7	337
Flint <sup>5</sup> -----	945	-----	223	71	98	1, 285	-----	299
Fort Worth -----	1, 283	8. 7	156	-----	-----	1, 197	8. 3	159
Grand Rapids -----	1, 516	10. 3	167	50	63	1, 714	11. 7	210

<sup>1</sup> Cities appearing in the summary are those shown for the 52 weeks in the Weekly Health Index.

<sup>2</sup> Allowance has been made for the two extra days, which must be added to the 52 weeks to give a period of 396 days.

<sup>3</sup> Infant mortality rate is based upon deaths under 1 year as returned each week and estimated births, 1924.

<sup>4</sup> Infant mortality rate for the cities in the birth registration area, appearing in the summary.

<sup>5</sup> Mortality rates are omitted, pending the establishment of more satisfactory estimates of population.

<sup>6</sup> Cities for which no infant mortality rate is given are not in the registration area for births.



*Deaths from all causes, death rates, and infant mortality in 76 large cities of the United States for 1924 and comparison with 1923—Continued*

City	Total deaths	Death rate	Deaths under 1 year	Provisional infant mortality rate 1924	Infant mortality rate 1923	Mortality data for calendar year, 1923		
						Total deaths	Death rate	Deaths under 1 year
Houston <sup>5</sup> <sup>6</sup>	2,181		291			2,058		257
Indianapolis	4,581	13.1	546	73	86	4,926	14.4	612
Jacksonville, Fla.	1,785	17.5	221	95		1,726	17.3	209
Jersey City	3,985	12.8	558	75	76	3,708	12.0	558
Kansas City, Kans.	1,530	12.6	185	75	97	1,727	14.9	263
Kansas City, Mo. <sup>6</sup>	4,785	13.4	603			5,057	14.4	632
Los Angeles <sup>5</sup>	11,300		1,226	66	72	10,750		1,210
Louisville	3,877	15.1	425	72	90	4,186	16.2	506
Lowell	1,543	13.4	276	93	107	1,680	14.6	311
Lynn	1,128	10.9	123	63	79	1,201	11.7	156
Memphis <sup>6</sup>	3,430	20.0	429			3,388	19.9	422
Milwaukee	4,716	9.6	753	66	79	5,227	10.8	866
Minneapolis <sup>7</sup>	4,641	11.2	495	51	54	4,553	11.1	526
Nashville	2,340	19.1	292			2,281	18.6	255
New Bedford	1,326	10.1	246	79	106	1,584	12.2	349
New Haven	2,111	12.1	288	72	74	2,181	12.6	204
New Orleans <sup>6</sup>	7,531	18.5	836			7,157	17.7	763
New York	70,623	11.8	8,733	67	67	69,552	11.7	8,578
Bronx Borough	8,001	9.2	771	51	56	7,586	9.0	836
Brooklyn Borough	23,513	10.8	3,158	64	60	23,947	11.1	2,932
Manhattan Borough	31,367	13.9	3,977	77	76	30,376	13.4	3,936
Queens Borough	5,592	10.1	629	60	67	5,960	11.1	696
Richmond Borough	2,150	16.5	198	69	62	1,683	13.2	178
Newark, N. J.	4,906	11.1	726	64	68	5,110	11.6	752
Norfolk	1,702	10.4	215	74	97	1,825	11.5	284
Oakland	2,738	11.2	292	66	63	2,604	10.8	261
Oklahoma City <sup>6</sup>	1,139	11.0	155			1,275	12.6	155
Omaha	2,609	12.6	315	58	71	2,696	13.2	348
Paterson	1,680	12.0	195	63	68	1,825	13.1	207
Philadelphia	25,151	13.0	3,049	74	80	26,628	13.8	3,251
Pittsburgh	9,456	15.2	1,357	92	98	9,821	15.8	1,509
Portland, Oreg.	3,167	11.5	268	53	53	3,052	11.2	266
Providence	3,452	14.2	516	79	85	3,578	14.8	541
Richmond	2,782	15.2	370	87	110	2,833	15.6	473
St. Louis <sup>6</sup>	10,896	13.5	955			10,924	13.6	1,063
St. Paul	2,844	11.7	291	48	66	3,116	12.9	405
Salt Lake City	1,661	13.0	210	63	62	1,562	12.4	206
San Antonio <sup>6</sup>	3,002	15.8	587			2,728	14.8	529
San Francisco	7,431	13.6	489	54	58	7,318	13.6	504
Schenectady	995	10.0	120	65	69	1,024	10.4	122
Seattle <sup>5</sup>	3,279		242	48	50	3,017		266
Somerville	972	9.7	104	54	70	1,105	11.2	137
Spokane <sup>5</sup>	1,301		113	47	48	1,225		114
Springfield, Mass.	1,687	11.4	235	68	71	1,719	11.9	239
Syracuse	2,235	11.9	278	67	83	2,392	13.0	347
Tacoma	1,095	10.7	119	55	48	1,113	10.9	105
Toledo	3,258	11.7	392	68	74	3,391	12.6	412
Trenton	1,962	15.2	284	89	78	1,781	14.0	245
Utica	1,299	12.4	151	60	81	1,591	15.4	194
Washington, D. C.	6,496	13.4	707	77	92	7,105	14.9	827
Waterbury <sup>5</sup>	1,002		180	77	89	1,122		200
Wilmington, Del.	1,382	11.6	199	87	99	1,550	13.2	230
Worcester	2,419	12.4	242	54	76	2,521	13.1	344
Yonkers	1,092	10.0	175	74	59	1,091	10.1	140
Youngstown	1,684	10.9	290	71	87	1,697	11.3	332

<sup>5</sup> Mortality rates are omitted, pending the establishment of more satisfactory estimates of population.

<sup>6</sup> Cities for which no infant mortality rate is given are not in the registration area for births.

<sup>7</sup> Minneapolis reported 122 deaths from smallpox for the four weeks ending Dec. 27, 1924.

## DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED JANUARY 3, 1925

*Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for week ended January 3, 1925, and corresponding week of 1924. (From the Weekly Health Index, January 8, 1925, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce)*

	Week ended Jan. 3, 1925	Corresponding week 1924
Policies in force	58, 136, 497	54, 449, 109
Number of death claims	10, 615	9, 184
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force, annual rate	9.5	8.8

Deaths from all causes in certain large cities of the United States during the week ended January 3, 1925, infant mortality, annual death rate, and comparison with corresponding week of 1924. (From the Weekly Health Index, January 8, 1925, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce)

City	Week ended Jan. 3, 1925		Annual death rate per 1,000 corresponding week, 1924	Deaths under 1 year		Infant mortality rate, week ended Jan. 3, 1925 <sup>2</sup>
	Total deaths	Death rate <sup>1</sup>		Week ended Jan. 3, 1925	Corresponding week, 1924	
Total (64 cities).....	7,629	14.5	13.0	939	807	
Akron.....	27			6	3	66
Albany <sup>4</sup> .....	35	15.2	11.9	2	4	44
Atlanta.....	80	17.9	14.7	12	9	
Baltimore <sup>4</sup> .....	254	16.6	14.1	21	30	61
Birmingham.....	82	20.8	14.0	15	5	
Boston.....	247	16.4	17.5	45	32	119
Bridgeport.....	39			8	7	127
Buffalo.....	136	12.8	13.5	12	16	49
Cambridge.....	24	11.1	17.7	5	8	86
Camden.....	44	17.8	15.7	8	8	131
Chicago <sup>4</sup> .....	781	13.6	11.9	106	89	94
Cincinnati.....	129	16.4	17.8	15	5	89
Cleveland.....	214	11.9	11.3	26	26	65
Columbus.....	90	17.1	14.4	10	10	94
Dallas.....	59	15.9	13.0	4	7	
Dayton.....	37	11.2	12.3	1	4	16
Denver.....	83			11	15	
Des Moines.....	31	10.8	14.4	0	0	0
Detroit.....	267			61	50	103
Duluth.....	11	5.2	7.2	0	1	0
Erie.....	35			4	3	78
Fall River <sup>4</sup> .....	35	15.1	10.3	4	5	58
Flint.....	17			5	0	82
Fort Worth.....	28	9.6	9.5	4	4	
Grand Rapids.....	36	12.5	10.9	3	3	47
Houston.....	60			7	3	
Indianapolis.....	100	14.5	10.5	10	10	69
Jacksonville, Fla.....	47	23.4	16.8	6	5	133
Jersey City.....	89	14.7	14.4	14	15	98
Kansas City, Kans.....	46	19.4	11.6	4	2	84
Kansas City, Mo.....	103	14.6	14.8	12	14	
Los Angeles.....	266			22	15	61
Louisville.....	92	18.5	13.5	10	13	87
Lowell.....	24	10.7	13.5	5	6	87
Lynn.....	28	13.9	14.6	0	3	0
Memphis.....	82	24.5	20.0	5	9	
Milwaukee.....	105	10.9	5.8	29	8	133
Minneapolis.....	111	13.6	10.1	10	10	53
Nashville.....	47	19.7	14.8	8	3	
New Bedford.....	33	12.7	10.6	4	8	66
New Haven.....	45	13.1	11.6	3	3	39
New Orleans.....	181	22.8	17.8	25	15	
New York.....	1,582	13.5	12.1	188	167	75
Bronx Borough.....	174	10.1	8.9	22	16	76
Brooklyn Borough.....	507	11.8	10.7	61	52	64
Manhattan Borough.....	686	15.8	15.0	77	82	77
Queens Borough.....	161	14.6	10.0	23	16	114
Richmond Borough.....	54	21.0	14.4	5	1	90
Newark, N. J.....	113	13.0	11.9	24	26	109
Norfolk.....	38	11.7	11.4	4	2	71
Oakland.....	61	12.5	11.2	5	8	59
Omaha.....	54	13.3	11.8	15	2	144
Paterson.....	42	15.5	10.4	3	3	50
Philadelphia.....	597	15.7	14.7	89	69	112
Pittsburgh.....	224	18.5	10.3	30	10	105
Portland, Oreg.....	89	16.4	14.3	8	7	83
Providence.....	73	15.5	13.5	3	5	24
Richmond.....	45	12.6	17.6	6	7	73
Rochester.....	82	12.9		5		40
St. Louis.....	245	15.6	13.5	18	13	
St. Paul.....	61	12.9	10.5	7	9	60
Salt Lake City <sup>4</sup> .....	37	14.7	17.4	6	8	94
San Antonio.....	66	17.4	11.4	13	6	

<sup>1</sup> Annual rate per 1,000 population.

<sup>2</sup> Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 births—an annual rate based on deaths under 1 year for the week and estimated births for 1924. Cities left blank are not in the registration area for births.

<sup>3</sup> Data for 63 cities.

<sup>4</sup> Deaths for week ended Friday, Jan. 2, 1925.

*Deaths from all causes in certain large cities of the United States during the week ended January 3, 1925, infant mortality, annual death rate, and comparison with corresponding week of 1924. (From the Weekly Health Index, January 8, 1925, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce)—Continued*

City	Week ended Jan. 3, 1925		Annual death rate per 1,000 corresponding week, 1924	Deaths under 1 year		Infant mortality rate, week ended Jan. 3, 1925
	Total deaths	Death rate		Week ended Jan. 3, 1925	Corresponding week, 1924	
San Francisco.....	178	16.6	17.4	9	6	52
Schenectady.....	18	9.2	10.9	1	6	28
Seattle.....	74	-----	-----	5	9	51
Somerville.....	24	12.3	12.5	6	2	161
Spokane.....	29	-----	-----	1	1	22
Springfield, Mass.....	27	9.2	13.0	3	4	45
Syracuse.....	47	12.8	13.6	11	8	138
Tacoma.....	23	11.5	16.7	2	6	48
Toledo.....	78	14.2	11.2	9	4	81
Trenton.....	47	18.6	12.9	11	1	179
Utica.....	21	10.2	15.8	2	0	41
Washington, D. C.....	141	14.8	11.6	8	16	45
Waterbury.....	20	-----	-----	3	4	66
Wilmington, Del.....	33	14.1	9.6	6	4	137
Worcester.....	57	14.9	13.9	8	5	92
Yonkers.....	20	9.3	12.8	0	5	0
Youngstown.....	20	6.5	18.5	1	8	13

### DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED JANUARY 10, 1925

*Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for week ended January 10, 1925, and corresponding week of 1924. (From the Weekly Health Index, January 14, 1925, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce)*

	Week ended Jan. 10, 1925	Corresponding week, 1924
Policies in force.....	58, 318, 201	54, 575, 083
Number of death claims.....	11, 695	10, 542
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force, annual rate.....	10.5	10.1

*Deaths from all causes in certain large cities of the United States during the week ended January 10, 1925, infant mortality, annual death rate, and comparison with corresponding week of 1924. (From the Weekly Health Index, January 14, 1925, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce)*

City	Week ended Jan. 10, 1925		Annual death rate per 1,000 corresponding week, 1924	Deaths under 1 year		Infant mortality rate, week ended Jan. 10, 1925 <sup>2</sup>
	Total deaths	Death rate <sup>1</sup>		Week ended Jan. 10, 1925	Corresponding week, 1924	
Total (63 cities).....	7, 686	14.7	<sup>3</sup> 14.1	853	<sup>3</sup> 837	-----
Akron.....	37	-----	-----	8	6	88
Albany <sup>4</sup> .....	39	17.0	13.2	1	0	22
Atlanta.....	76	17.0	23.1	14	17	-----
Baltimore <sup>4</sup> .....	305	20.0	16.9	21	35	61
Birmingham.....	82	20.8	14.0	14	6	-----
Boston.....	255	17.0	15.1	45	35	119
Bridgeport.....	36	-----	-----	0	5	0
Buffalo.....	159	15.0	16.1	17	23	69
Cambridge.....	36	16.7	15.8	0	6	0

<sup>1</sup> Annual rate per 1,000 population.

<sup>2</sup> Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 births—an annual rate based on deaths under 1 year for the week and estimated births for 1924. Cities left blank are not in the registration area for births.

<sup>3</sup> Data for 62 cities.

<sup>4</sup> Deaths for week ended Friday, Jan. 9, 1925.

Deaths from all causes in certain large cities of the United States during the week ended January 10, 1925, infant mortality, annual death rate, and comparison with corresponding week of 1924. (From the Weekly Health Index, January 14, 1925, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce)—Continued

City	Week ended Jan. 10, 1925		Annual death rate per 1,000 corresponding week, 1924	Deaths under 1 year		Infant mortality rate, week ended Jan. 10, 1925
	Total deaths	Death rate		Week ended Jan. 10, 1925	Corresponding week, 1924	
Camden.....	38	15.4	11.6	4	4	66
Chicago <sup>4</sup> .....	822	14.3	14.4	115	98	102
Cincinnati.....	134	17.1	15.1	14	7	83
Cleveland.....	187	10.4	11.2	24	26	60
Columbus.....	83	15.8	13.0	7	6	66
Dallas.....	41	11.1	13.0	7	5	32
Dayton.....	38	11.5	12.9	2	1	8
Denver.....	81			8	11	34
Des Moines.....	32	11.2	13.3	2	4	83
Detroit.....	260			19	57	42
Duluth.....	25	11.8	10.6	2	3	117
Erie.....	29			6	3	43
Fall River <sup>4</sup> .....	31	13.3	12.1	3	5	16
Flint.....	17			1	5	31
Fort Worth.....	32	10.9	9.9	5	5	34
Grand Rapids.....	37	12.8	13.0	2	4	83
Houston.....	51			5	6	42
Indianapolis.....	98	14.2	13.2	5	9	3
Jacksonville, Fla.....	47	23.4	17.3	2	1	34
Jersey City.....	90	14.9	16.9	12	12	44
Kansas City, Kans.....	37	15.6	15.0	4	5	84
Kansas City, Mo.....	93	13.2	17.5	2	11	84
Los Angeles.....	263			36	30	100
Louisville.....	75	15.1	21.0	12	13	105
Lowell.....	33	14.8	15.8	8	10	139
Lynn.....	26	12.9	13.1	3	4	80
Memphis.....	68	20.3	15.4	1	4	69
Milwaukee.....	110	11.4	9.8	15	11	64
Minneapolis.....	103	12.6	12.7	12	9	17
Nashville <sup>4</sup> .....	45	18.9	24.9	7	6	52
New Bedford.....	18	6.9	8.7	1	5	73
New Haven.....	43	12.5	13.6	4	6	68
New Orleans.....	144	18.1	19.7	16	11	72
New York.....	1,660	14.2	13.0	186	191	109
Bronx Borough.....	189	10.9	8.4	21	15	108
Brooklyn Borough.....	522	12.2	12.5	65	74	123
Manhattan Borough.....	754	17.4	15.4	72	81	36
Queens Borough.....	139	12.6	10.2	22	11	77
Richmond Borough.....	56	21.8	20.7	6	10	64
Newark, N. J.....	151	17.4	9.0	27	8	85
Norfolk.....	44	13.6	8.6	2	1	47
Oakland.....	64	13.2	12.2	3	5	60
Omaha.....	34	8.4	12.8	1	8	63
Paterson.....	56	20.6	14.8	4	7	56
Philadelphia.....	620	16.3	15.1	67	70	20
Pittsburgh.....	165	13.6	15.5	22	23	69
Portland, Oreg.....	68	12.6	13.9	1	9	77
Providence.....	59	12.6	10.9	8	3	10
Richmond.....	52	14.5	20.7	7	4	64
Rochester.....	74	11.6		6	6	85
St. Louis.....	287	18.2	15.7	28	17	47
St. Paul.....	47	10.0	13.9	7	6	60
Salt Lake City <sup>4</sup> .....	34	13.5	13.4	4	1	63
San Antonio.....	69	18.2	18.0	8	6	69
San Francisco.....	188	17.6	16.5	12	4	56
Schenectady.....	19	9.7	8.3	2	3	20
Seattle.....	65			2	3	54
Somerville.....	19	9.7	7.8	2	1	44
Spokane.....	30			2	0	74
Springfield, Mass.....	37	12.6	16.9	5	7	75
Syracuse.....	44	12.0	10.0	6	4	63
Tacoma.....	34	17.0	10.1	2	3	48
Toledo.....	72	13.1	15.4	7	10	63
Trenton.....	59	23.3	20.9	7	8	114
Utica.....	29	14.1	12.9	0	6	0
Washington, D. C.....	127	13.3	14.5	10	11	56
Waterbury.....	21			4	6	88
Wilmington, Del.....	36	15.4	15.2	7	9	160
Yonkers.....	23	10.7	6.7	5	2	110
Youngstown.....	33	10.8	10.4	4	3	51

<sup>4</sup> Deaths for week ended Friday, Jan. 9, 1925.

# PREVALENCE OF DISEASE

*No health department, State or local, can effectively prevent or control disease without knowledge of when, where, and under what conditions cases are occurring*

## UNITED STATES

### CURRENT WEEKLY STATE REPORTS

These reports are preliminary, and the figures are subject to change when later returns are received by the State health officers

#### Reports for Week Ended January 17, 1925

ALABAMA	Cases	ARKANSAS—continued	Cases
Chicken pox.....	58	Measles.....	49
Dengue.....	1	Mumps.....	30
Diphtheria.....	34	Pellagra.....	9
Dysentery.....	3	Scarlet fever.....	13
Hiccough (epidemic).....	(1)	Smallpox.....	11
Influenza.....	277	Trachoma.....	2
Lethargic encephalitis.....	2	Tuberculosis.....	11
Malaria.....	14	Typhoid fever.....	10
Measles.....	20	Whooping cough.....	27
Mumps.....	87		
Ophthalmia neonatorum.....	1	CALIFORNIA	
Pellagra.....	3	Cerebrospinal meningitis:	
Pneumonia.....	134	Berkeley.....	1
Scarlet fever.....	25	San Diego.....	1
Smallpox.....	205	Diphtheria.....	130
Trachoma.....	6	Influenza.....	22
Tuberculosis.....	33	Measles.....	52
Typhoid fever.....	13	Plague—Los Angeles.....	1
Whooping cough.....	23	Poliomyelitis:	
		Alameda.....	1
ARIZONA		Ventura County.....	1
Chicken pox.....	10	Scarlet fever.....	159
Diphtheria.....	2	Smallpox:	
Measles.....	55	Los Angeles.....	46
Mumps.....	42	Oakland.....	16
Scarlet fever.....	7	Sacramento.....	9
Smallpox.....	27	San Diego.....	10
Tuberculosis.....	52	Butte County.....	10
Typhoid fever.....	1	Los Angeles County.....	39
Whooping cough.....	1	Orange County.....	8
		Scattering.....	42
ARKANSAS		Typhoid fever.....	6
Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	1		
Chicken pox.....	33	CONNECTICUT	
Diphtheria.....	9	Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	1
Influenza.....	218	Chicken pox.....	132
Malaria.....	25	Conjunctivitis (infectious).....	1

<sup>1</sup> Reported in six counties.

Reports for Week Ended January 17, 1925—Continued

CONNECTICUT—continued		GEORGIA—continued	
	Cases		Cases
Diphtheria.....	70	Scarlet fever.....	12
Dysentery (amebic).....	1	Smallpox.....	9
German measles.....	32	Tetanus.....	1
Influenza.....	5	Tuberculosis.....	13
Jaundice.....	1	Typhoid fever.....	4
Lethargic encephalitis.....	2	Whooping cough.....	7
Measles.....	44		
Mumps.....	63	ILLINOIS	
Pneumonia (all forms).....	107	Diphtheria:	
Poliomyelitis.....	1	Cook County.....	88
Scarlet fever.....	179	Sangamon County.....	8
Septic sore throat.....	6	Scattering.....	38
Trachoma.....	1	Influenza.....	23
Trichinosis.....	3	Lethargic encephalitis—Cook County.....	2
Tuberculosis (all forms).....	34	Measles.....	288
Typhoid fever.....	3	Pneumonia.....	362
Whooping cough.....	61	Scarlet fever:	
DELAWARE		Cook County.....	292
Chicken pox.....	4	Madison County.....	14
Diphtheria.....	1	Morgan County.....	13
Influenza.....	1	Peoria County.....	10
Measles.....	1	St. Clair County.....	23
Mumps.....	5	Sangamon County.....	9
Pneumonia.....	1	Will County.....	9
Scarlet fever.....	2	Scattering.....	101
Tuberculosis.....	6	Smallpox:	
Whooping cough.....	1	St. Clair County.....	14
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		Scattering.....	29
Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	1	Tuberculosis.....	208
Chicken pox.....	37	Typhoid fever.....	33
Diphtheria.....	12	Whooping cough.....	257
Influenza.....	4	INDIANA	
Lethargic encephalitis.....	1	Chicken pox.....	237
Measles.....	4	Diphtheria.....	46
Pneumonia.....	46	Influenza.....	75
Scarlet fever.....	35	Measles.....	86
Smallpox.....	7	Mumps.....	9
Tuberculosis.....	21	Ophthalmia neonatorum.....	1
Typhoid fever.....	6	Pneumonia.....	26
Whooping cough.....	11	Scarlet fever:	
FLORIDA		Allen County.....	17
Diphtheria.....	9	Bartholomew County.....	11
Influenza.....	49	DeKalb County.....	8
Malaria.....	5	Elkhart County.....	10
Pneumonia.....	13	Kosciusko County.....	14
Scarlet fever.....	3	La Porte County.....	8
Smallpox.....	1	St. Joseph County.....	16
Typhoid fever.....	12	Scattering.....	74
GEORGIA		Smallpox:	
Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	1	Clay County.....	49
Chicken pox.....	23	Marion County.....	22
Diphtheria.....	48	Tipton County.....	14
Hookworm disease.....	5	Tippecanoe County.....	10
Influenza.....	44	Vigo County.....	21
Malaria.....	1	Wabash County.....	12
Measles.....	1	Scattering.....	30
Mumps.....	88	Tuberculosis.....	26
Pellagra.....	1	Typhoid fever.....	15
Pneumonia.....	48	Whooping cough.....	26
Poliomyelitis.....	1	IOWA	
		Diphtheria.....	19
		Scarlet fever.....	72
		Smallpox.....	73



Reports for Week Ended January 17, 1925—Continued

MONTANA		OREGON	
	Cases		Cases
Diphtheria.....	13	Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	1
Scarlet fever.....	46	Chicken pox.....	53
Smallpox.....	20	Diphtheria:	
NEW JERSEY		Portland.....	20
Chicken pox.....	284	Scattering.....	18
Diphtheria.....	137	Influenza.....	8
Influenza.....	22	Lethargic encephalitis.....	2
Measles.....	135	Measles.....	6
Paratyphoid fever.....	1	Mumps.....	30
Pneumonia.....	231	Pneumonia.....	4 10
Poliomyelitis.....	1	Scarlet fever:	
Scarlet fever.....	259	Portland.....	11
Smallpox.....	5	Scattering.....	20
Trachoma.....	2	Smallpox:	
Typhoid fever.....	17	Portland.....	32
Whooping cough.....	284	Scattering.....	14
NEW MEXICO		Tuberculosis.....	11
Chicken pox.....	19	Whooping cough.....	3
Diphtheria.....	5	SOUTH DAKOTA	
Influenza.....	15	Chicken pox.....	14
Measles.....	43	Diphtheria.....	14
Mumps.....	3	Measles.....	3
Pneumonia.....	18	Mumps.....	2
Scarlet fever.....	11	Pneumonia.....	2
Septic sore throat.....	5	Rocky Mountain spotted fever.....	1
Tuberculosis.....	17	Scarlet fever.....	46
Whooping cough.....	1	Smallpox.....	3
NEW YORK <sup>3</sup>		Typhoid fever.....	9
(Exclusive of New York City)		Whooping cough.....	1
Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	2	TEXAS	
Diphtheria.....	96	Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	1
Influenza.....	94	Chicken pox.....	58
Lethargic encephalitis.....	8	Dengue.....	1
Measles.....	201	Diphtheria.....	45
Pneumonia.....	304	Dysentery (epidemic).....	1
Poliomyelitis.....	2	Influenza.....	419
Scarlet fever.....	358	Measles.....	37
Smallpox.....	17	Mumps.....	82
Typhoid fever.....	35	Pneumonia.....	27
Whooping cough.....	231	Scarlet fever.....	19
NORTH CAROLINA		Smallpox.....	9
Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	3	Typhoid fever.....	4
Chicken pox.....	166	Tuberculosis.....	33
Diphtheria.....	41	Whooping cough.....	3
German measles.....	1	VERMONT	
Measles.....	19	Chicken pox.....	59
Scarlet fever.....	32	Mumps.....	34
Septic sore throat.....	7	Scarlet fever.....	12
Smallpox.....	63	Whooping cough.....	14
Typhoid fever.....	2	VIRGINIA	
Whooping cough.....	99	Cerebrospinal meningitis—Augusta County... ..	1
OKLAHOMA		WASHINGTON	
(Exclusive of Oklahoma City and Tulsa)		Chicken pox.....	108
Diphtheria.....	10	Diphtheria.....	32
Smallpox.....	5	Lethargic encephalitis.....	1
Typhoid fever.....	12	Measles.....	42

<sup>3</sup> Figures include Rochester reports for two weeks.

<sup>4</sup> Deaths.





**SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS FROM STATES**

The following summary of monthly State reports is published weekly and covers only those States from which reports are received during the current week:

State	Cerebro-spinal meningitis	Diphtheria	Influenza	Malaria	Measles	Pellagra	Polio-myelitis	Scarlet fever	Small-pox	Typhoid fever
<i>November, 1924</i>										
District of Columbia.....	0	56	5	-----	2	0	2	74	1	7
<i>December, 1924</i>										
District of Columbia.....	0	62	11	-----	16	0	0	173	0	35
Massachusetts.....	2	677	73	2	674	-----	13	1,411	-----	73
Missouri.....	3	131	65	0	22	0	0	937	43	24
New Jersey.....	9	519	94	-----	336	-----	2	811	11	122
Vermont.....	-----	25	-----	-----	44	-----	-----	93	-----	5
West Virginia.....	4	120	128	-----	79	-----	-----	213	47	39

**PLAGUE-ERADICATIVE MEASURES IN THE UNITED STATES**

*Los Angeles, Calif.*—During the week ended January 3, 1925, plague infection was found in three rodents at Los Angeles, Calif.

*Oakland, Calif.*—No plague infection was found in Oakland, Calif., during the week ended January 3, 1925.

*New Orleans, La.*—The following items are taken from the report of plague-eradicative measures in New Orleans, La., for the week ended January 3, 1925:

Number of inspections of vessels for rat guards.....	1,025
Number of vessels fumigated with cyanide gas.....	31
Number of rodents examined for plague.....	3,306
Number of rodents found plague infected.....	0

**GENERAL CURRENT SUMMARY AND WEEKLY REPORTS FROM CITIES**

*Diphtheria.*—For the week ended January 3, 1925, 35 States reported 1,632 cases of diphtheria. For the week ended January 5, 1924, the same States reported 2,669 cases of this disease. One hundred and five cities, situated in all parts of the country and having an aggregate population of nearly 28,900,000, reported 876 cases of diphtheria for the week ended January 3, 1925. Last year, for the corresponding week, they reported 1,339 cases. The estimated expectancy for these cities was 1,321 cases of diphtheria. The estimated expectancy is based on the experience of the last nine years, excluding epidemics.

*Measles.*—Thirty States reported 1,560 cases of measles for the week ended January 3, 1924, and 10,793 cases of this disease for the week ended January 5, 1924. One hundred and five cities reported 868 cases for the week this year and 4,008 cases last year.

*Scarlet fever.*—Scarlet fever was reported for the week as follows: Thirty-five States—this year, 3,433; last year, 3,442 cases. One hundred and five cities—this year, 1,638 cases; last year, 1,550 cases; estimated expectancy, 1,004 cases.

*Smallpox.*—For the week ended January 3, 1925, 35 States reported 759 cases of smallpox. Last year, for the corresponding week, they reported 807 cases of smallpox. One hundred and five cities reported smallpox for the week as follows: 1925, 241 cases; 1924, 178 cases; estimated expectancy, 71 cases. Twenty-one deaths from smallpox for the week this year were reported at Minneapolis.

*Typhoid fever.*—Four hundred and forty-eight cases of typhoid fever were reported for the week ended January 3, 1925, by 34 States. For the corresponding week of 1924 the same States reported 243 cases. One hundred and five cities reported 203 cases of typhoid fever for the week this year and 63 cases for the week last year. The estimated expectancy for these cities was 36 cases.

*Influenza and pneumonia.*—Deaths from influenza and pneumonia (combined) were reported for the week by 105 cities as follows: 1925, 1,198 deaths; 1924, 898 deaths.

*(City reports for week ended January 3, 1925)*

The "estimated expectancy" given for diphtheria, poliomyelitis, scarlet fever, smallpox, and typhoid fever is the result of an attempt to ascertain from previous occurrence how many cases of the disease under consideration may be expected to occur during a certain week in the absence of epidemics. It is based on reports to the Public Health Service during the past nine years. It is in most instances the median number of cases reported in the corresponding week of the preceding years. When the reports include several epidemics, or when for other reasons the median is unsatisfactory, the epidemic periods are excluded and the estimated expectancy is the mean number of cases reported for the week during nonepidemic years.

If reports have not been received for the full nine years, data are used for as many years as possible, but no year earlier than 1915 is included. In obtaining the estimated expectancy, the figures are smoothed when necessary to avoid abrupt deviations from the usual trend. For some of the diseases given in the table the available data were not sufficient to make it practicable to compute the estimated expectancy.

Division, State, and city	Chicken pox, cases reported	Diphtheria		Influenza		Measles, cases reported	Mumps, cases reported	Pneumonia, deaths reported	Scarlet fever	
		Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases reported	Cases reported	Deaths reported				Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases reported
NEW ENGLAND										
Maine:										
Lewiston.....		1	0	0	0	0		0	1	2
Portland.....	21	2	0	4	0	1	48	0	2	6
New Hampshire:										
Concord.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Nashua.....	1	0	1	0	0	10	0	1	1	1
Vermont:										
Barre.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	4
Burlington.....	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	6
Massachusetts:										
Boston.....	56	7	52	1	1	69	9	40	47	134
Fall River.....	0	5	5	3	0	0	0	5	3	2
Springfield.....	1	5	2	0	0	73	9	2	7	15
Worcester.....	8	5	3	0	0	1	0	3	10	5
Rhode Island:										
Pawtucket.....	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Providence.....	0	13	13	3	0	2	0	10	9	4
Connecticut:										
Bridgeport.....	0	8	11	1	0	0	0	4	5	15
Hartford.....	8	9	14	0	0	0	5	1	7	7
New Haven.....	21	6	2	0	0	7	0	5	6	24



## City reports for week ended January 3, 1925—Continued

Division, State, and city	Chick- en pox, cases re- ported	Diphtheria		Influenza		Meas- les, cases re- ported	Mumps, cases re- ported	Pneu- monia, deaths, re- ported	Scarlet fever	
		Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported				Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC— continued</b>										
District of Colum- bia:										
Washington.....	12	20	7	2	1	2		17		33
Virginia:										
Lynchburg.....	8	1	2	0	0	0	9	1	0	0
Norfolk.....	13	3	2	0		1	35		1	2
Richmond.....	0	8	11	0	0	1	0	6	5	1
Roanoke.....	5	2	4	0	1	0	0	3		0
West Virginia:										
Charleston.....	12	1	2	2	0	3	1	4	1	3
Huntington.....	0	2	1	0		0	0		1	0
Wheeling.....	6	2	0	0	1	14	1	3	1	3
North Carolina:										
Raleigh.....	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0
Wilmington.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	7	0	1	0
Winston-Salem	5	1	3	0	0	0	2	4	1	3
South Carolina:										
Charleston.....	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	1
Columbia.....	0	1	0	0	0	0		1	0	0
Greenville.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Georgia:										
Atlanta.....	2	4	3	4	2	0	2	14	4	2
Brunswick.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Savannah.....	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	5	1	0
Florida:										
St. Petersburg.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Tampa.....	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>EAST SOUTH CEN- TRAL</b>										
Kentucky:										
Covington.....	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	3
Lexington.....	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
Louisville.....	4	10	7	2	0	1	0	15	5	6
Tennessee:										
Memphis.....	5	8	3	0	2	1	0	8	3	9
Nashville.....	1	3	1	0	1	1	0	5	2	1
Alabama:										
Birmingham.....	18	3	3	4	7	0	1	18	4	7
Mobile.....	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	2
Montgomery.....	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>WEST SOUTH CEN- TRAL</b>										
Arkansas:										
Fort Smith.....	0	2	1	0		0	2		1	0
Little Rock.....	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	7	2	1
Louisiana:										
New Orleans.....	3	14	15	3	3	1	0	11	3	4
Shreveport.....	4		0	0	0	0	0	5		0
Oklahoma:										
Oklahoma.....	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	3	0
Tulsa.....	5	3	1	0		1			2	3
Texas:										
Dallas.....	26	9	9	0	1	0	1	5	2	11
Galveston.....	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Houston.....		3	4	0	4	0		12	1	2
San Antonio.....	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	3	0	0
<b>MOUNTAIN</b>										
Montana:										
Billings.....	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
Great Falls.....	5	1	0	0	0	8	0	0	1	0
Helena.....		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missoula.....		0	2	0	0	0			0	1
Idaho:										
Boise.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Colorado:										
Denver.....	6	10	7	0	4	1	15	19	9	7
Pueblo.....	22	4	1	0	0	2	1	2	3	2

City reports for week ended January 3, 1925—Continued

Division, State, and city	Chick- en pox, cases re- ported	Diphtheria		Influenza		Mea- sles, cases re- ported	Mumps, cases re- ported	Pneu- monia, deaths, re- ported	Scarlet fever	
		Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported				Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported
<b>MOUNTAIN—contd.</b>										
New Mexico:										
Albuquerque.....	7	1	9	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Arizona:										
Phoenix.....	1		1	0	0	1	0	3		2
Utah:										
Salt Lake City..	30	2	0	0	0	1	13	1	4	3
Nevada:										
Reno.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>PACIFIC</b>										
Washington:										
Seattle.....	30	3	11	0		2	14			8
Spokane.....	18	3	1	0		16	0		4	3
Tacoma.....	6	3	0	0	0	0	2	6	3	6
Oregon:										
Portland.....	14	7	9	0	0	1	0	12	6	7
California:										
Los Angeles.....		34			1			21	15	
Sacramento.....	1	21	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	2
San Francisco...	14	26	13	6	2	0	6	17	13	11

Division, State, and city	Popula- tion July 1, 1923, estimated	Smallpox			Tuberculosis, deaths re- ported	Typhoid fever			Whooping cough, cases reported	Deaths, all causes
		Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases reported	Deaths reported		Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases reported	Deaths reported		
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>										
Maine:										
Lewiston.....	33,790	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		10
Portland.....	73,129	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	17
New Hampshire:										
Concord.....	22,408	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Nashua.....	29,234	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
Vermont:										
Barre.....	10,008	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	8
Burlington.....	23,613	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12
Massachusetts:										
Boston.....	770,400	0	0	0	9	1	5	1	29	247
Fall River.....	120,912	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	35
Springfield.....	144,227	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	30
Worcester.....	191,927	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	57
Rhode Island:										
Pawtucket.....	68,799	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Providence.....	242,378	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	73
Connecticut:										
Bridgeport.....	143,555	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	39
Hartford.....	138,036	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	26
New Haven.....	172,967	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	7	45
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC</b>										
New York:										
Buffalo.....	536,718	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	28	132
New York.....	5,927,625	0	0	0	2,116	12	99	17	100	1,582
Rochester.....	317,867	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	9	79
Syracuse.....	184,511	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	47
New Jersey:										
Camden.....	124,157	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	44
Newark.....	438,699	0	0	0	11	0	1	1	59	129
Trenton.....	127,390	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	8	47

<sup>1</sup> Population Jan. 1, 1920.

<sup>2</sup> Pulmonary only.

## City reports for week ended January 3, 1925—Continued

Division, State, and city	Population July 1, 1923, estimated	Smallpox			Tuberculosis, deaths reported	Typhoid fever			Whooping cough, cases reported	Deaths, all causes
		Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases reported	Deaths reported		Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases reported	Deaths reported		
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC—continued</b>										
<b>Pennsylvania:</b>										
Philadelphia.....	1,922,788	0	4	0	34	3	5	0	53	597
Pittsburgh.....	613,442	1	0	0	9	1	3	3	4	224
Reading.....	110,917	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	21
Scranton.....	140,636	0	0	0	3	0	4	1	5	-----
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL</b>										
<b>Ohio:</b>										
Cincinnati.....	406,312	1	0	0	7	0	3	0	0	129
Cleveland.....	888,519	2	1	0	16	1	3	1	14	214
Columbus.....	261,082	0	7	0	5	0	1	0	2	90
Toledo.....	268,338	2	0	0	4	0	1	0	18	78
<b>Indiana:</b>										
Fort Wayne.....	93,573	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	25
Indianapolis.....	342,718	2	9	0	2	0	0	0	0	84
South Bend.....	76,709	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Terre Haute.....	68,939	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
<b>Illinois:</b>										
Chicago.....	2,886,121	1	0	0	42	3	27	2	105	781
Cicero.....	55,968	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Peoria.....	79,675	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Springfield.....	61,833	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	30
<b>Michigan:</b>										
Detroit.....	995,668	3	5	0	23	2	1	2	27	267
Flint.....	117,968	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	19
Grand Rapids.....	145,947	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	7	37
<b>Wisconsin:</b>										
Madison.....	42,519	0	0	-----	-----	0	0	-----	0	8
Milwaukee.....	484,595	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	14	105
Racine.....	164,393	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	8
Superior.....	39,671	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	7
<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL</b>										
<b>Minnesota:</b>										
Duluth.....	106,289	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	11
Minneapolis.....	409,125	9	44	21	3	0	2	0	3	111
St. Paul.....	241,891	12	6	0	2	1	0	0	11	68
<b>Iowa:</b>										
Davenport.....	61,262	1	3	-----	-----	0	0	-----	0	-----
Sioux City.....	79,662	0	0	-----	-----	0	0	-----	2	-----
Waterloo.....	39,667	0	3	-----	-----	0	0	-----	0	-----
<b>Missouri:</b>										
Kansas City.....	351,819	2	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	103
St. Joseph.....	78,232	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	38
St. Louis.....	803,353	1	4	0	12	2	0	0	3	245
<b>North Dakota:</b>										
Fargo.....	24,841	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Grand Forks.....	14,547	1	0	-----	-----	0	0	-----	0	-----
<b>South Dakota:</b>										
Aberdeen.....	15,829	-----	0	-----	-----	0	0	-----	2	-----
Sioux Falls.....	29,206	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
<b>Nebraska:</b>										
Lincoln.....	58,761	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	24
Omaha.....	204,382	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
<b>Kansas:</b>										
Topeka.....	52,555	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	22
Wichita.....	79,261	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	27
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC</b>										
<b>Delaware:</b>										
Wilmington.....	117,728	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	33
<b>Maryland:</b>										
Baltimore.....	773,580	0	0	0	17	2	5	0	38	254
Cumberland.....	32,361	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Frederick.....	11,301	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3

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City reports for week ended January 3, 1925—Continued

Division, State, and city	Population July 1, 1923, estimated	Smallpox			Tuberculosis, deaths reported	Typhoid fever			Whooping cough, cases reported	Deaths, all cause
		Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases reported	Deaths reported		Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases reported	Deaths reported		
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC—continued</b>										
District of Columbia:										
Washington.....	1 437, 571	0	0	0	17	0	9	4	17	141
Virginia:										
Lynchburg.....	30, 277	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
Norfolk.....	159, 089	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	7	39
Richmond.....	181, 044	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	15
Roanoke.....	55, 502	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	30
West Virginia:										
Charleston.....	45, 597	0	7	0	1	0	3	0	0	26
Huntington.....	57, 918	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	10
Wheeling.....	1 56, 208	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
North Carolina:										
Raleigh.....	29, 171	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	14
Wilmington.....	35, 719	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Winston-Salem.....	56, 230	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	29
South Carolina:										
Charleston.....	71, 245	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	24
Columbia.....	39, 688	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	19
Greenville.....	25, 789	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Georgia:										
Atlanta.....	222, 963	2	1	0	4	0	1	0	2	3
Brunswick.....	15, 937	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	47
Savannah.....	89, 448	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	9
Florida:										
St. Petersburg.....	24, 403	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Tampa.....	56, 050	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	
<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>										
Kentucky:										
Covington.....	57, 877	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	19
Lexington.....	43, 673	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	14
Louisville.....	257, 671	0	1	0	4	1	1	0	3	92
Tennessee:										
Memphis.....	170, 067	1	1	0	5	0	2	1	0	47
Nashville.....	121, 128	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	82
Alabama:										
Birmingham.....	195, 901	1	60	0	7	0	3	0	0	30
Mobile.....	63, 858	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	15
Montgomery.....	45, 383	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>										
Arkansas:										
Fort Smith.....	30, 635	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Little Rock.....	70, 916	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	
Louisiana:										
New Orleans.....	404, 575	2	0	0	19	1	2	2	0	181
Shreveport.....	54, 590	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	31
Oklahoma:										
Oklahoma.....	101, 150	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	22
Tulsa.....	102, 018	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Texas:										
Dallas.....	177, 274	0	3	0	5	0	1	0	0	59
Galveston.....	46, 877	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	25
Houston.....	154, 970	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	60
San Antonio.....	184, 727	0	0	0	6	0	1	1	0	66
<b>MOUNTAIN</b>										
Montana:										
Billings.....	16, 927	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	4
Great Falls.....	27, 787	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Helena.....	12, 037	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Missoula.....	12, 668	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	9
Idaho:										
Boise.....	22, 806	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Colorado:										
Denver.....	272, 031	4	0	0	9	0	0	0	1	83
Pueblo.....	43, 519	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
New Mexico:										
Albuquerque.....	16, 648	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	10

<sup>1</sup> Population Jan. 1, 1920.





## City reports for week ended January 3, 1925—Continued

Division, State, and city	Cerebro-spinal meningitis		Lethargic encephalitis		Pellagra		Poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis)		
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases, est. expectancy	Cases	Deaths
SOUTH ATLANTIC									
Maryland:									
Baltimore.....	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia:									
Richmond.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
West Virginia:									
Wheeling.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia:									
Savannah.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL									
Kentucky:									
Louisville.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee:									
Memphis.....	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Alabama:									
Birmingham.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL									
Louisiana:									
New Orleans.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shreveport.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Texas:									
Dallas.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Houston.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Antonio.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MOUNTAIN									
Nevada:									
Reno.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
PACIFIC									
Oregon:									
Portland.....	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
California:									
San Francisco.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

The following table gives the rates per hundred thousand population for 105 cities for the 10-week period ended January 3, 1925. The population figures used in computing the rates were estimated as of July 1, 1923, as this is the latest date for which estimates are available. The 105 cities reporting cases had an estimated aggregate population of nearly 29,000,000 and the 97 cities reporting deaths had more than 28,000,000 population. The number of cities included in each group and the aggregate populations are shown in a separate table below.

Summary of weekly reports from cities, October 26, 1924, to January 3, 1925—  
Annual rates per 100,000 population<sup>1</sup>

## DIPHTHERIA CASE RATES

	Week ended—									
	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22	Nov. 29	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	Dec. 27	Jan. 3
Total.....	174	204	201	201	175	<sup>2</sup> 190	<sup>3</sup> 193	<sup>4</sup> 197	150	<sup>4</sup> 155
New England.....	219	194	204	209	166	258	<sup>3</sup> 208	221	189	258
Middle Atlantic.....	119	154	158	159	144	170	175	187	149	140
East North Central.....	156	207	183	168	173	165	167	185	134	151
West North Central.....	263	265	305	332	307	309	265	299	168	176
South Atlantic.....	266	301	221	262	260	<sup>5</sup> 173	201	150	134	146
East South Central.....	154	200	149	183	120	<sup>6</sup> 98	97	149	51	91
West South Central.....	185	213	274	209	125	144	209	195	116	148
Mountain.....	267	363	344	258	162	172	315	248	209	191
Pacific.....	226	209	273	281	128	252	273	<sup>4</sup> 207	226	<sup>4</sup> 129

## MEASLES CASE RATES

Total.....	43	56	58	72	66	<sup>2</sup> 112	<sup>3</sup> 128	<sup>4</sup> 143	105	<sup>4</sup> 158
New England.....	80	89	102	122	147	164	<sup>3</sup> 282	104	278	380
Middle Atlantic.....	57	73	68	78	79	105	120	115	235	121
East North Central.....	52	67	76	97	85	199	207	317	138	294
West North Central.....	15	15	21	29	10	25	35	19	10	10
South Atlantic.....	12	26	8	22	14	<sup>5</sup> 22	39	24	35	53
East South Central.....	0	11	11	11	0	0	6	11	0	17
West South Central.....	0	5	5	5	9	0	0	19	14	9
Mountain.....	29	19	38	38	29	19	48	57	19	115
Pacific.....	32	41	67	99	52	136	125	<sup>4</sup> 37	70	<sup>4</sup> 83

## SCARLET FEVER CASE RATES

Total.....	184	208	198	223	232	<sup>2</sup> 270	<sup>3</sup> 312	<sup>4</sup> 314	244	<sup>4</sup> 297
New England.....	239	283	335	385	437	544	<sup>3</sup> 602	552	512	609
Middle Atlantic.....	151	179	167	185	197	197	260	268	225	286
East North Central.....	190	200	194	225	228	257	234	311	230	243
West North Central.....	448	466	456	473	508	616	626	601	468	527
South Atlantic.....	116	136	118	146	128	<sup>5</sup> 171	252	213	132	203
East South Central.....	137	166	80	97	57	<sup>6</sup> 162	100	240	126	172
West South Central.....	70	116	83	65	93	125	162	185	65	83
Mountain.....	181	181	191	229	143	296	162	239	191	162
Pacific.....	116	145	116	174	168	197	218	<sup>4</sup> 134	133	<sup>4</sup> 138

## SMALLPOX CASE RATES

Total.....	24	25	35	34	38	<sup>2</sup> 58	<sup>3</sup> 43	<sup>4</sup> 42	41	<sup>4</sup> 40
New England.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	<sup>3</sup> 0	0	0	0
Middle Atlantic.....	1	2	0	3	5	5	1	2	2	3
East North Central.....	12	4	8	10	14	10	13	14	20	27
West North Central.....	145	170	207	176	236	417	255	209	205	129
South Atlantic.....	2	6	14	12	6	<sup>5</sup> 48	39	22	28	39
East South Central.....	51	46	69	120	74	<sup>6</sup> 204	177	314	183	372
West South Central.....	9	9	37	28	32	19	14	51	19	32
Mountain.....	0	10	67	19	10	19	19	29	48	48
Pacific.....	99	93	136	142	136	113	113	<sup>4</sup> 106	122	<sup>4</sup> 69

<sup>1</sup> The figures given in this table are rates per 100,000 population, annual basis, and not the number of cases reported. Populations used are estimated as of July 1, 1923.

<sup>2</sup> Norfolk, Va., and Memphis, Tenn., not included in calculating the rate. Reports not received at time of going to press.

<sup>3</sup> Worcester, Mass., not included.

<sup>4</sup> Los Angeles, Calif., not included.

<sup>5</sup> Norfolk, Va., not included.

<sup>6</sup> Memphis, Tenn., not included.

Summary of weekly reports from cities, October 26, 1924, to January 3, 1925—  
Annual rates per 100,000 population—Continued

TYPHOID FEVER CASE RATES

	Week ended—									
	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22	Nov. 29	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	Dec. 27	Jan. 3
Total.....	19	22	19	24	29	<sup>2</sup> 45	<sup>3</sup> 43	<sup>4</sup> 56	35	<sup>4</sup> 37
New England.....	12	17	12	12	22	30	<sup>3</sup> 16	30	17	25
Middle Atlantic.....	18	12	17	23	46	71	68	101	57	58
East North Central.....	8	10	8	11	7	22	32	33	24	28
West North Central.....	19	19	6	17	4	8	17	15	19	4
South Atlantic.....	26	43	20	28	30	<sup>5</sup> 56	35	30	37	41
East South Central.....	69	80	114	80	109	<sup>6</sup> 63	57	51	34	40
West South Central.....	28	83	51	60	37	60	51	56	28	37
Mountain.....	48	86	76	19	19	10	19	10	0	0
Pacific.....	29	26	17	46	17	29	17	<sup>4</sup> 14	15	<sup>4</sup> 5

INFLUENZA DEATH RATES

Total.....	6	7	8	8	10	<sup>2</sup> 12	<sup>3</sup> 17	<sup>4</sup> 16	15	19
New England.....	2	12	0	5	5	17	<sup>3</sup> 5	15	15	3
Middle Atlantic.....	11	12	9	9	8	11	22	17	14	21
East North Central.....	3	3	3	5	11	9	13	9	16	10
West North Central.....	0	0	0	0	7	4	4	9	7	9
South Atlantic.....	6	6	8	12	14	<sup>5</sup> 11	22	22	14	26
East South Central.....	6	6	23	11	29	<sup>6</sup> 28	23	23	51	63
West South Central.....	15	5	36	15	25	31	36	41	15	51
Mountain.....	0	0	10	38	19	29	29	48	10	38
Pacific.....	4	0	20	0	8	8	4	<sup>4</sup> 17	12	12

PNEUMONIA DEATH RATES

Total.....	110	118	125	120	130	<sup>2</sup> 153	<sup>3</sup> 159	<sup>4</sup> 172	157	203
New England.....	104	82	87	94	144	127	<sup>3</sup> 109	134	114	174
Middle Atlantic.....	137	154	149	152	152	188	201	191	178	226
East North Central.....	70	81	86	90	93	115	125	146	126	165
West North Central.....	61	63	70	79	74	63	88	68	92	101
South Atlantic.....	177	152	169	116	169	<sup>5</sup> 191	175	248	205	250
East South Central.....	120	137	263	206	246	<sup>6</sup> 211	217	297	206	303
West South Central.....	107	112	173	102	107	163	178	163	229	341
Mountain.....	57	76	95	143	124	210	200	276	219	229
Pacific.....	94	127	106	86	94	168	135	<sup>4</sup> 86	147	188

<sup>2</sup> Norfolk, Va., and Memphis, Tenn., not included in calculating the rate. Reports not received at time of going to press.

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<sup>5</sup> Norfolk, Va., not included.

<sup>6</sup> Memphis, Tenn., not included.

Number of cities included in summary of weekly reports and aggregate population of cities in each group, estimated as of July 1, 1923

Group of cities	Number of cities reporting cases	Number of cities reporting deaths	Aggregate population of cities reporting cases	Aggregate population of cities reporting deaths
Total.....	105	97	28,898,350	28,140,934
New England.....	12	12	2,098,746	2,098,746
Middle Atlantic.....	10	10	10,304,114	10,304,114
East North Central.....	17	17	7,032,535	7,032,535
West North Central.....	14	11	2,515,330	2,381,454
South Atlantic.....	22	22	2,566,901	2,566,901
East South Central.....	7	7	911,885	911,885
West South Central.....	8	6	1,124,564	1,023,013
Mountain.....	9	9	546,445	546,445
Pacific.....	6	3	1,797,830	1,275,841

# FOREIGN AND INSULAR

## PLAGUE ON VESSEL

*Steamship "Conde," at Marseille, France—Plague rat found.*—A plague rat was reported found on the steamship *Conde*, of the Havraise Peninsulaire line, at Marseille, France, November 6, 1924. The vessel sailed November 12, 1924, for Tamatave, Madagascar.

### CANADA

*Communicable diseases—Ontario—Nov. 30—Dec. 27, 1924—Comparative.*—Communicable diseases were reported in the Province of Ontario, Canada, during the four-week period ended December 27, 1924, as follows:

Disease	1924		1923	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	6	4	1	1
Chancroid.....			9	
Chicken pox.....	852		1,087	
Diphtheria.....	364	27	457	24
Gonorrhoea.....	110		168	
German measles.....	11		18	
Goiter.....	46	3	5	3
Influenza.....		13		9
Lethargic encephalitis.....	10	3	3	2
Measles.....	1,363	8	762	1
Mumps.....	588		306	1
Pneumonia.....		115		188
Poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis).....	6	1	2	1
Scarlet fever.....	618	9	1,060	18
Smallpox.....	33		51	
Syphilis.....	95		169	
Tetanus.....		2		
Tuberculosis.....	123	64	166	85
Typhoid fever.....	85	12	40	11
Whooping cough.....	279	3	179	6

*Smallpox prevalence in municipalities.*—Occurrence was reported in 13 municipalities, the largest number of cases, viz, 5, being reported at Sherwood Township and at Stratford. One death was reported at Paris; one case each was reported by three municipalities.

### CUBA

*Communicable diseases—Habana—December, 1924.*—During the month of December, 1924, communicable diseases were reported in Habana, Cuba, as follows:

Disease	Cases	Deaths	Remain- ing under treat- ment Dec. 30, 1924	Disease	Cases	Deaths	Remain- ing under treat- ment Dec. 30, 1924
Chicken pox.....	2		1	Measles.....	9	1	2
Diphtheria.....	17	5	1	Paratyphoid fever.....	1		3
Leprosy.....			9	Scarlet fever.....	3		27
Malaria.....	100	1	37	Typhoid fever.....	36	10	3

<sup>1</sup> A number of the cases of typhoid fever and malaria were from the interior of the island.

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

*Communicable diseases—July-September, 1924.*—During the period July to September, 1924, communicable diseases were notified in Czechoslovakia as follows:

Disease	Cases	Deaths	Province showing greatest number of cases and deaths
Anthrax.....	33	3	Slovakia, cases, 12; deaths, 2.
Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	31	10	Bohemia, cases, 9; deaths, 7.
Diphtheria.....	694	31	Bohemia, cases, 367; deaths, 17.
Dysentery.....	515	30	Slovakia, cases, 354; deaths, 23.
Malaria.....	75	.....	Russia, cases, 61.
Paratyphoid fever A.....	1	.....	Bohemia,
Paratyphoid fever B.....	74	4	Bohemia, cases, 68; deaths, 3.
Rabies.....	7	7	.....
Scarlet fever.....	1,691	76	Moravia, cases, 616; deaths, 40.
Smallpox.....	1	.....	Moravia,
Trachoma.....	644	.....	Moravia, cases, 259.
Typhoid fever.....	2,065	105	Bohemia, cases, 637; deaths, 53.
Typhus fever.....	3	.....	Russia, cases, 3.

## EGYPT

*Status of plague.*—During the week ended December 9, 1924, four cases of plague were reported in Egypt, occurring as follows: *Alexandria*, one case; *Port Said*, one case; *Suez*, two cases.

*Summary.*—From January 1 to December 9, 1924, 365 cases of plague were reported; previous year, corresponding period, 1,462 cases.

## ESTHONIA

*Typhoid fever—Paratyphoid—November, 1924.*—During the month of November, 1924, 67 cases of typhoid fever and nine cases of paratyphoid fever were reported in the Republic of Esthonia. Population, 1,107,069.

## FINLAND

*Typhoid fever—Paratyphoid—November 1-15, 1924.*—During the period November 1 to 15, 1924, 32 cases of typhoid fever and 195 cases of paratyphoid fever were reported in the Republic of Finland. Population, 3,402,593.

## JAMAICA

*Smallpox (reported as alastrim)—Nov. 30-Dec. 27, 1924.*—During the four-week period ended December 27, 1924, 33 cases of smallpox (reported as alastrim) were notified in the Island of Jamaica, of which four cases occurred at Kingston.

## LATVIA

*Communicable diseases—October, 1924.*—During the month of October, 1924, 3 cases of smallpox, 126 of typhoid fever, 5 of typhus fever, and 3 of paratyphoid fever were reported in the Republic of Latvia. Population, 2,000,000.

**MADAGASCAR**

*Plague—Tananarive Province—November 1-15, 1924.*—During the period November 1 to 15, 1924, 47 cases of plague with 42 deaths were reported in the province of Tananarive, Island of Madagascar. For distribution of occurrence according to locality and type, see page 186.

**MALTA**

*Certain communicable diseases—October, 1924.*—During the month of October, 1924, there were reported in the Island of Malta, 7 cases of lethargic encephalitis, 77 cases of Malta (undulant) fever, and 36 cases of typhoid fever with 5 deaths. Population, 216,702.

**PANAMA CANAL**

*Communicable diseases—November, 1924.*—During the month of November, 1924, communicable diseases were notified in the Canal Zone and at Colon and Panama, as follows:

Disease	Canal Zone	Colon	Panama	Nonresident	Total
Chicken pox.....	3	7	12	-----	22
Diphtheria.....	-----	-----	2	-----	2
Dysentery.....	1	1	2	4	8
Hookworm.....	-----	7	50	54	111
Leprosy.....	-----	1	1	2	4
Malaria.....	8	1	2	33	94
Measles.....	-----	1	10	-----	11
Meningitis.....	1	-----	1	1	3
Mumps.....	2	-----	-----	-----	2
Pneumonia.....	2	5	30	-----	37
Scarlet fever.....	-----	-----	-----	1	1
Tuberculosis.....	3	3	27	-----	33
Typhoid fever.....	-----	-----	-----	1	1
Whooping cough.....	2	3	2	-----	7

**SALVADOR**

*Quarantine on account of yellow fever raised.*—The quarantine imposed in August, 1924, in the Canal Zone, Panama, against the Republic of Salvador, on account of yellow fever, was raised January 12, 1925.

**CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, AND TYPHUS FEVER**

The reports contained in the following tables must not be considered as complete or final as regards either the lists of countries included or the figures for the particular countries for which reports are given.

**Reports Received During Week Ended January 23, 1925<sup>1</sup>****CHOLERA**

Place	Date	Cases	Deaths	Remarks
India.....	-----	-----	-----	Nov. 9-15, 1924: Cases, 2,003; deaths, 1,290.
Bombay.....	Nov. 23-29.....	1	1	
Siam:	-----	-----	-----	
Bangkok.....	Nov. 16-22.....	1	2	

<sup>1</sup> From medical officers of the Public Health Service, American consuls, and other sources.

## CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, AND TYPHUS FEVER—Continued

## Reports Received During Week Ended January 23, 1925—Continued

## PLAGUE

Place	Date	Cases	Deaths	Remarks
Canary Islands: Las Palmas				Stated to have been declared infected with human and rodent plague, Sept. 30, 1924.
Ceylon: Colombo	Nov. 23-Dec. 6	3	3	
Ecuador: Guayaquil	Dec. 1-15	2	1	Rats taken, 8,875; infected, 14.
Egypt: Alexandria	Dec. 3-9	1		Dec. 3-9, 1924: Cases, 4. Jan. 1-Dec. 9, 1924: Cases, 365. Corresponding period, 1923, cases, 1,462.
Port Said	do	1		
Suez	do	2		
India: Bombay	Nov. 22-29	1	1	Nov. 9-15, 1924: Cases, 2,451; deaths, 1,730.
Karachi	Nov. 30-Dec. 6	2		
Madagascar: Province— Tananarive	Nov. 1-15	47	42	Nov. 1-15, 1924: Cases, 47; deaths, 42.
Tananarive	do	4	3	Bubonic, pneumonic, septicemic.
Other localities	do	43	39	Do.
On vessel: S. S. Conde				At Marseille, France, Nov. 6, 1924. Plague rat found. Vessel left for Tamatave, Madagascar, Nov. 12, 1924.

## SMALLPOX

British South Africa: Northern Rhodesia	Nov. 11-24	15		
Canada: British Columbia— Vancouver	Dec. 28-Jan. 3	21		
Manitoba— Winnipeg	do	10		Nov. 30-Dec. 27, 1924: Cases, 33, occurring in 13 localities; corresponding period, 1923: Cases, 51.
Ontario				
China: Amoy	Nov. 23-29			Present.
Foochow	Nov. 16-Dec. 13			Do.
Hongkong	Nov. 9-15	1		
Shanghai	Dec. 7-13	1	1	Case, foreign; death, Chinese.
Czechoslovakia				Apr.-June, 1924: Case, 1, occurring in Province of Moravia.
Ecuador: Guayaquil	Dec. 1-15	2		
Egypt: Alexandria	Dec. 3-16	4		
Great Britain: New Castle on Tyne	Dec. 14-20	1		
India: Bombay	Nov. 23-29	3	2	Nov. 9-15, 1924: Cases, 814; deaths, 170.
Karachi	Nov. 30-Dec. 13	7		
Indo-China: Saigon	Nov. 16-22	1	1	Including 100 sq. km. of surrounding country.
Jamaica: Kingston	Nov. 30-Dec. 27	4		Nov. 30-Dec. 27, 1924: Cases, 33 (reported as alastrim).
Java: East Java— Soerabaya	Nov. 9-15	77	23	
Latvia				Oct. 1-31, 1924: Cases, 3.
Mexico: Durango	Dec. 1-31		5	
Mexico City	Dec. 7-13	1		
Tampico	Dec. 21-31	3	3	
Vera Cruz	Dec. 29-Jan. 3	3	3	
Portugal: Lisbon	Dec. 14-20	10		
Oporto	Dec. 14-27	1	1	
Spain: Malaga	Dec. 21-27		11	
Tunis: Tunis	Dec. 16-29	9	12	



**CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, AND TYPHUS FEVER—Continued****Reports Received During Week Ended January 23, 1925—Continued****TYPHUS FEVER**

Place	Date	Cases	Deaths	Remarks
Algeria:				
Algiers.....	Dec. 1-10.....	1		
Chile:				
Concepcion.....	Nov. 25-Dec. 1.....		1	
Iquique.....	Nov. 30-Dec. 6.....		2	
Talcahuano.....	Dec. 14-20.....		1	On Dec. 20, 1924, 8 cases present.
Valparaiso.....	Dec. 1-7.....		3	
Czechoslovakia.....				Apr.-June, 1924: Cases 3, occurring in Province of Russia.
Egypt:				
Alexandria.....	Dec. 3-9.....	1	1	
Cairo.....	Oct. 29-Nov. 11.....	3	3	
Latvia.....				Oct. 1-31, 1924: Cases, 5.
Mexico:				
Durango.....	Dec. 1-31.....		1	
Mexico City.....	Dec. 7-13.....	8		
Poland.....				Oct. 5-11, 1924: Cases, 22; deaths, 2. Recurrent fever, 3 cases.
Spain:				
Malaga.....	Dec. 21-27.....		1	

**Reports Received from December 27, 1924, to January 16, 1925<sup>1</sup>****CHOLERA**

Place	Date	Cases	Deaths	Remarks
Ceylon:				
Colombo.....	Nov. 16-22.....	1		
India:				
Calcutta.....	Oct. 26-Nov. 29.....	35	29	
Madras.....	Nov. 16-Dec. 6.....	41	26	Oct. 19-Nov. 8, 1924: Cases, 8,280; deaths, 4,832.
Rangoon.....	Nov. 9-29.....	5	2	
Indo-China:				
Province—				
Anam.....	Aug. 1-31.....	1	1	Aug. 1-31, 1924: Cases, 7; deaths, 6.
Cambodia.....	do.....	2	2	August, 1923: Cases, 13; deaths 10 native, and 1 fatal case European
Cochin-China.....	do.....	4	3	
Siam:				
Bangkok.....	Nov. 9-15.....	2		

**PLAGUE**

Azores:				
Ponta Delgada.....	Dec. 6-12.....	9	5	
British East Africa:				
Kenya—				
Uganda.....	Aug. 1-31.....	79	62	
Celebes:				
Macassar.....	Oct. 29.....			Epidemic.
Ceylon:				
Colombo.....	Nov. 9-22.....	4	3	One plague rodent.
China:				
Nanking.....	Nov. 23-Dec. 6.....			Present.
Ecuador:				
Guayaquil.....	Nov. 16-30.....	6	2	Rats taken, 8,802; found infected, 19.
Egypt:				
City—				
Alexandria.....	Dec. 4.....	1	1	Bubonic.
Port Said.....	Dec. 1.....	1	1	
Suez.....	Dec. 3.....	1	1	
Hawaii.....				Dec. 9, 1924: Plague-infected rodent found in vicinity of Honokaa village.

<sup>1</sup> From medical officers of the Public Health Service, American consuls, and other sources. For reports received from June 28 to Dec. 26, 1924, see Public Health Reports for Dec. 26, 1924. The tables of epidemic diseases are terminated semiannually and new tables begun.

**CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, AND TYPHUS FEVER—Continued**  
**Reports Received from December 27, 1924, to January 16, 1925—Continued**

**PLAGUE—Continued**

Place	Date	Cases	Deaths	Remarks
<b>India</b> .....				Oct. 19–Nov. 8, 1924: Cases, 7,640; deaths, 5,733.
Madras (Presidency).....	Nov. 23–Dec. 6.....	182	128	
Rangoon.....	Oct. 26–Nov. 29.....	12	11	
<b>Indo-China</b> .....				Aug. 1–31, 1924: Cases, 13; deaths, 8. Corresponding period, 1923: Cases, 23; deaths, 21.
Province—				
Anam.....	Aug. 1–31.....	2	2	
Cambodia.....	do.....	9	6	
Cochin-China.....	do.....	2		
<b>Java:</b>				
Cheribon district.....	Oct. 14–Nov. 3.....		14	
Pekalongan district.....	do.....		29	
Soerabaya district—				
Soerabaya.....	Nov. 4.....			Epidemic. Seaport.
Tegal.....	Oct. 14–20.....		3	
<b>Madagascar</b> .....				Oct. 16–31, 1924: Cases, 36; deaths, 33.
Tananarive Province—				Bubonic.
Tananarive Town.....	Oct. 16–31.....	2	2	
Other localities.....	do.....	34	31	Bubonic, 15; pneumonic, 7; septicemic, 9.
<b>Straits Settlements:</b>				
Singapore.....	Nov. 9–15.....	1	1	

**SMALLPOX**

<b>Bolivia:</b>				
La Paz.....	Nov. 1–30.....	12	7	
<b>Brazil:</b>				
Pernambuco.....	Nov. 16–22.....	21	4	
<b>British South Africa:</b>				
Northern Rhodesia.....	Oct. 28–Nov. 10.....	28	2	In natives.
<b>Canada:</b>				
British Columbia—				
Vancouver.....	Dec. 14–20.....	11		
Manitoba—				
Winnipeg.....	Dec. 7–13.....	4		
<b>China:</b>				Present.
Amoy.....	Nov. 9–22.....			
Antung.....	Nov. 17–23.....	1		
Foochow.....	Nov. 2–8.....			Do.
<b>Ecuador:</b>				
Guayaquil.....	Nov. 16–30.....	2		
<b>Egypt:</b>				
Alexandria.....	Nov. 12–18.....	1		
<b>Gibraltar</b> .....	Dec. 8–14.....	1		
<b>Great Britain:</b>				
England and Wales.....	Nov. 23–Dec. 6.....	184		
<b>India</b> .....				Oct. 19–Nov. 8, 1924: Cases, 2,243; deaths, 503.
Bombay.....	Nov. 2–22.....	5	4	
Calcutta.....	Oct. 25–Nov. 29.....	72	46	
Karachi.....	Nov. 16–22.....	2	1	
Madras.....	Nov. 16–Dec. 6.....	32	16	
Rangoon.....	Oct. 26–Nov. 29.....	32	9	
<b>Indo-China</b> .....				Aug. 1–31, 1924: Cases, 145; deaths, 54.
Province—				August, 1923: Cases, 177 (European, 20); deaths, 31 (European, 1).
Anam.....	Aug. 1–31.....	41	9	
Cambodia.....	do.....	24	8	
Cochin-China.....	do.....	72	30	
Tonkin.....	do.....	8	7	
<b>Iraq:</b>				
Bagdad.....	Nov. 9–15.....	1	1	
<b>Java:</b>				
East Java—				
Soerabaya.....	Oct. 19–Nov. 8.....	284	85	
Province—				
Batam.....	Oct. 14–20.....	2		
Batavia.....	Oct. 21–Nov. 14.....	2		
Cheribon.....	Oct. 14–Nov. 3.....	14		
Paseroean.....	Oct. 26–Nov. 1.....	9	1	
Pekalongan.....	Oct. 14–Nov. 3.....	20		
<b>Mexico:</b>				
Guadalajara.....	Dec. 2–29.....		1	
Mexico City.....	Nov. 23–29.....	1		
Tampico.....	Dec. 11–20.....	2	1	
Vera Cruz.....	Dec. 1–28.....		7	

**CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, AND TYPHUS FEVER - Continued****Reports Received from December 27, 1924, to January 16, 1925—Continued****SMALLPOX - Continued**

Place	Date	Cases	Deaths	Remarks
<b>Portugal:</b>				
Lisbon.....	Dec. 7-13.....	9		
Oporto.....	Nov. 30-Dec. 6.....	2	1	
<b>Russia:</b>				Jan. 1-June 30, 1924: Cases, 9,683.
<b>Spain:</b>				
Barcelona.....	Nov. 27-Dec. 19.....		4	
Cadiz.....	Nov. 1-30.....		34	
Madrid.....	Dec. 14-20.....		17	
Malaga.....	Oct. 31-Nov. 15.....		40	
Valencia.....	Nov. 30-Dec. 6.....	2		
<b>Syria:</b>				
Aleppo.....	Nov. 23-29.....	1		
<b>Tunis:</b>				
Tunis.....	Nov. 25-Dec. 15.....	33	23	
<b>Union of South Africa:</b>				
Cape Province.....	Nov. 9-15.....			Outbreaks.
Orange Free State.....	Nov. 2-8.....			Do.
Transvaal.....	Nov. 9-15.....			Do.

**TYPHUS FEVER**

<b>Algeria:</b>				
Algiers.....	Nov. 1-30.....	1		
<b>Bolivia:</b>				
La Paz.....	do.....	2		
<b>Chile:</b>				
Talcahuano.....	Nov. 16-29.....		4	10 cases (estimated) present Nov. 22.
Valparaiso.....	Nov. 25.....		1	
<b>Egypt:</b>				
Cairo.....	Oct. 1-28.....	6	4	
<b>Mexico:</b>				
Guadalajara.....	Dec. 23-29.....		1	
Mexico City.....	Nov. 9-Dec. 6.....	43		
<b>Palestine.....</b>				Nov. 12-Dec. 8, 1924: Cases, 7.
<b>Poland.....</b>				Sept. 28-Oct. 4, 1924: Cases, 28; deaths, 1.
<b>Rumania:</b>				
Constanza.....	Dec. 1-10.....	1		
<b>Russia.....</b>				Jan. 1-June 30, 1924: Cases, 92,000.
<b>Turkey:</b>				
Constantinople.....	Nov. 15-Dec. 5.....	3	1	
<b>Union of South Africa:</b>				
Cape Province.....	Nov. 9-15.....			Outbreaks.
East London.....	Nov. 16-22.....	1		
Orange Free State.....	Nov. 9-15.....			Do.
Transvaal.....	do.....			Do.
<b>Yugoslavia:</b>				
Belgrade.....	Nov. 24-Dec. 7.....	4		

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