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PREVALENCE OF INFLUENZA IN THE UNITED STATES

During the year 1927 comparatively few cases of influenza were reported. During the first four months of the year the contrast with the corresponding period of 1926 was marked.

The following table gives the number of cases of influenza as reported by 28 States for 52 weeks of the years 1925, 1926, and 1927:

Cases of influenza reported by 28 States for 52 we	eeks
	Cases
1925	83, 790
1926	110, 494
1927	36, 373

The estimated population of these States in 1927 was 62,771,000. At the close of the year the comparison is not so favorable for the year 1927, although there are no indications of any unusual prevalence of influenza. The following table gives, by four-week periods, the numbers of cases reported by the health officers of 28 States for the last 20 weeks of the years 1925, 1926, and 1927:

Influenza cases reported by four-week periods for the last 20 weeks of years 1925, 1926, and 1927

Post 12.00	Corres	onding we	eeks—
Four weeks ended—	1, 429 2, 087 2, 022 2, 446	1925	
Sept. 10, 1927. Oct. 8, 1927			495
Nov. 5, 1927 Dec. 5, 1927	1, 429	2, 087	569 1, 559 2, 256
Dec. 31, 1927	3, 035	2, 946	3, 015
Total	7, 892	9, 128	7, 894

The death rates from influenza and pneumonia, all forms (combined), during the 10-year period from 1917 to 1926, inclusive, in the registration area, were as follows:

Death rates per 100,000 from pneumonia, all forms, and influenza (combined) in the registration area

1917 16	67.8	1922	133. 5
1918	37. 0	1923	153. 7
1919			
1920 26	03.3	1925	123. 1
1921	99.8	1926	143. 2

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TULARAEMIA AMONG MEADOW MICE (Microtus californicus aestuarinus) IN CALIFORNIA

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During September, 1927, Messrs. Stanley E. Piper and W. P. Garlough, of the United States Biological Survey, while investigating conditions in a selected area in Contra Costa County, Calif., preliminary to placing thalium poison for squirrel eradication, noted that there was a heavy infestation with both wood rats and meadow mice (Microtus californicus aestuarinus) and that some epidemic disease existed among the mice, as large numbers of dead and sick mice were found. These men were familiar with the migration and disease in the meadow mice that occurred in Kern County, Calif., in 1926, as well as with the bacteriological findings of Surg. N. E. Wayson in his investigation of that disease. They thought that probably the same disease found in the mice in Kern County was responsible for the mortality noted among those in Contra Costa County and that it would be of value and interest to determine whether this was true or whether some other disease was the responsible factor.

An inquiry was made as to whether the United States Public Health Service plague laboratory at San Francisco would undertake the examination of some of these mice, and upon being answered that it would do so, two mice were sent to the laboratory on September 24, 1927.

Upon dissection, these mice showed no gross pathological lesions and none of the appearances noted in mice dying from mouse septicemia. However, smears from the spleen showed numerous thin, short bacilli that presented the appearances of *Bacterium tularense*.

Inoculations of animals were made by grinding up the spleens of the mice and using a portion of this material subcutaneously. Two white mice and one white rat were inoculated from each of the original wild mice. Therefore, two series of experiments were run and may be designated as first and second series. At the same time, September 24, inoculations were made from the spleens on agar plates.

FIRST SERIES

The two white mice and the rat inoculated on September 24 died on September 26. There was some subcutaneous fluid at point of inoculation, but no morbid changes were seen in the spleen, liver, or lungs. The absence of gross pathological lesions was probably due to the early death of the animals. Microscopic preparations made from the subcutaneous fluid showed numerous small organisms like

¹ Wayson, N. E.: An epizootic among meadow mice in California, caused by the bacillus of mouse septicemia or of swine crysipelas. Pub. Health Rep., 42: 1489-1493, (June 3) 1927.

those seen in smears from the wild mice. This fluid was plated on plain agar, but no growth of the thin, short rods occurred.

On September 26, two guinea pigs were inoculated from the spleen of one of the wild mice. One inoculation was subcutaneous and the other was pocketed.

SECOND SERIES

The white mice inoculated on September 24 from the second wild mouse died on September 28. Their spleens were enlarged, dark in color, and quite firm. The lymphatic glands were enlarged. Liver and spleen were not stippled. Many organisms of the same type as previously mentioned were found in microscopic preparations made from the spleen and enlarged glands. The rat was killed on September 30. Its spleen was slightly enlarged and firm, and showed some white punctate spots (stippling). Smears of the spleen showed thin, short rods.

Two guinea pigs were inoculated from the spleen and glands of a white mouse of the second series that died on September 28.

GUINEA PIGS

The pigs inoculated on September 26 from the spleen of one of the wild mice died on October 6, living nine days. The pigs (second series) inoculated on September 28 died on October 4 and 5, respectively.

The gross pathological findings were the same in all four pigs. The spleens were enlarged, dark in color, and finely studded with small, white punctate spots (markedly stippled). The livers were also stippled. The lesions were typical of tularaemia.

CULTURES

As no growth had occurred on ordinary culture media, cultures were made on coagulated egg yolk medium from the spleens of the guinea pigs that died on October 5. A pearly growth occurred on this medium, which conformed in morphological and cultural characteristics to that of a strain of *Bacterium tularense* which has been maintained in the laboratory since 1919.

Two guinea pigs were inoculated from these cultures on October 12, one of which was killed on October 17 while very sick and the other died the following day. The gross lesions in the pigs inoculated with cultures were the same as those noted above in pigs which had been inoculated with mouse tissue.

Cultures obtained from the spleen of the pig that died October 18 bore the morphological and cultural characteristics of *Bacterium tularense*.

DISCUSSION

The demonstration of tularaemia in the meadow mice submitted was effected by careful observance of laboratory procedure. Upon dissection they showed no gross morbid changes and might have been discarded by a less trained worker than the technician in this laboratory, who is familiar with both tularaemia and mouse septicemia, including both the pathology and bacteriology of these diseases. Credit is due Michael Burkel, the laboratory technician, for excellent work in carrying out this investigation under the direction of the writer.

Pigs inoculated with this strain often die in six or seven days. However, animals inoculated by simply rubbing the diseased spleen on a scarified area will live several days longer than when the inoculation is made from material of the ground spleen. One pig inoculated by the former method lived 14 days.

Guinea pigs that live 10 or 14 days are more likely to show lung lesions of tularaemia, and the one of our series that lived 14 days showed the entire lungs studded with white spots. No stippling was noted in the lungs of any of the other pigs.

The spleens of the inoculated guinea pigs may be firm, almost granular on maceration, or softened. This seems independent of the length of time the pig lives, and occurred in equal proportion in our series.

It was noted in isolating cultures that material secured by searing the surface of the spleen and passing a loop through this area very often did not result in any growth; but when ground spleen pulp was used as an inoculum, the surface of the spleen having been previously sterilized by dropping it into boiling water, satisfactory results followed.

It was noted that a much larger number of organisms was present in smears made from the spleens of mice than in those made from the spleens of rats and guinea pigs. This held equally true for the wild mice and the white mice in the laboratory.

Meadow mice harbor mites. This was noted in the examination of those from Kern County, Calif., in 1926; and since the mice migrate for food and live together in nests, transmission of tularaemia among them by mites is probable.

SUMMARY

Two meadow mice (*Microtus californicus estuarinus*) collected in nature in Contra Costa County, Calif., where large numbers of sick and dead mice were found, were sent to the United States Public Health Service plague laboratory in San Francisco for examination on September 24, 1927. Spleens of the wild mice were inoculated into

white mice, white rats, and guinea pigs, causing the typical lesions of tularaemia, and from the latter Bacterium tularense was isolated. The organism was a slender, short rod, Gram-negative, nonmotile, and grew only on coagulated egg yolk and blood glucose cystine agar, and not on ordinary plain agar. It was agglutinated out to the full anti-tularense titre (1:1280) of a known anti-tularense serum. Sections of the liver of infected white mice showed the hepatic cells packed with these organisms. Spleen tissue rubbed on the abraded skin of a guinea pig caused its death with the typical lesions of tularaemia—caseous lymph glands, spotted spleen, and spotted liver.

This is the first record of *Bacterium tularense* having been isolated from naturally infected wild mice.

CURRENT PREVALENCE OF DISEASE

REVIEW OF THE MONTHLY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REPORT OF THE HEALTH SECTION OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS' SECRETARIAT, PUBLISHED AT GENEVA, DECEMBER 15, 1927 1

Plague.—Only sporadic cases of plague were reported during the autumn months in the Mediterranean area. In Egypt, no case was reported from September 11 to November 12; in the following two weeks, five cases occurred at Alexandria.

No case of plague had been reported from Syria since September 17. No plague was reported from Tunisia between August 7 and November 20. In Algeria, 1 plague case was reported at Algiers and 2 cases were reported at Oran during the first 5 days of November; an additional case was reported at Oran on November 17.

In Greece, plague cases occurred in only two centers—at Patras and Plomarion on the island of Mytilene (Lesbos). There were 2 cases at Patras in September and 3 cases in November; at Plomarion there were 6 cases in September, 3 in October, 3 in November, and 1 on December 1. A Greek steamer was sent to the quarantine station at Vigo, in Spain, on November 19, three plague cases having occurred on board.

Two cases of pneumonic plague occurred on November 30 at Las Palmas on the Canary Islands.

Plague incidence was declining during September and October, or was lower than in preceding months, in Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda, and Senegal. In Uganda, the cases reported in 1927 up to October 15 numbered 1,908, which is more than were reported in any of the preceding five years, but a much lower number than was reported in 1921.

¹ From the Office of Statistical Investigations.

October returns from Madagascar (166 cases) were lower than for the corresponding month of the preceding two years; the seasonal maximum usually is reached in December or January. In the Union of South Africa three cases of plague were reported between October 16 and November 19 on inland farms.

Plague incidence in India up to the end of October had been much lower than the mean incidence in preceding years. The incidence in the various provinces of India is described in the Report (a monthly publication), as follows:

Excluding Burma, no plague has been reported anywhere east of Azamgarh in the United Provinces. During the nine weeks ended October 15, there were 33 deaths attributed to plague in the United Provinces and 33 in the Punjab, inclusive of native States; the corresponding figures for 1926, which was also a very favorable year, were 104 and 306, respectively. During the nine weeks, 192 deaths from plague were reported in the Central Provinces, as compared with 932 during the corresponding period of the preceding year. The incidence is lower than last year in Hyderabad and Mysore, and about the same in the Bombay and Madras Presidencies. Plague is usually at its maximum in September or October in the Deccan, but during the week ended October 15 there was a marked increase of plague in the Districts of Dharwae and Satara in the Bombay Presidency. Weekly returns of plague deaths in Burma have constantly been between 20 and 40 since July.

In Siam, 24 plague cases were reported in the first 10 months of 1927, of which 9 occurred at Bangkok. During the same period, 73 cases were reported in Cambodia, 17 in Cochin-China, and none elsewhere in French Indo-China.

No plague case had been reported from any Chinese port since early in August, when plague was present at Amoy.

The Argentine Republic reported cases of plague as occurring in several inland localities. Ten cases were reported at the end of October in the Province of Cordoba with another case in the latter part of November; 1 case was reported on November 14 near Bahia Blanca, and 1 case on November 26 at Rosario.

In Peru, fewer cases of plague were reported during the first 9 months of 1927 (168 cases) than during any of the preceding 15 years.

Cholera.—No case of cholera was reported in ports west of Bombay during the five weeks ended December 3. The last case occurred at Basrah on October 15, and Lingah was declared free from cholera on November 26. The total number of cholera cases reported in Iraq showed no decrease in the first half of November (281 cases were reported during the 4 weeks ended November 19, as compared with 270 during the preceding 4 weeks) although the epidemic was under complete control in the original centers of infection. A comparison of the incidence in the present epidemic with that in the previous epidemic of 1923 is given in Table 1.

Table 1.—Cholera cases and deaths reported in Iraq, by Provinces, during the epidemics of 1923 and 1927

Province	July 17 to 19	Nov. 11, 27	Aug. 11 to Nov. 23, 1923		
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	
Basrah Liwa:	0.50	070	***		
Basra town Other localities	350 24	276	605	436	
Amarah Liwa:	24	15	0	į o	
Amarah town	114	87	75	41	
Other localities	63	50	125	78	
Muntafiq Liwa		104	178	122	
Diwaniyah Liwa	120	72	5	122	
Baghdad Liwa:	120	•	•		
Baghdad town	3	2	134	92	
Other localities	22	8	41	22	
Kut Liwa:		- 1			
Kut town	12	8	6	2	
Other localities	60	39	56	15	
	88	54	19	12	
Kerbalah Liwa	74	55	163	115	
Dulaim Liwa:	i	1	- 1		
Ramadi town	7	7	0 ;	0	
Other localities	75	53	25	15	
Diyalah Liwa	0	0	208	146	
Total	1, 186	830	1, 640	1,097	

A fresh outbreak of cholera in Bengal caused the total incidence in India to increase in October in spite of a substantial decrease in the Deccan as well as in the Upper and Middle Ganges Plain. Deaths from cholera in the various Provinces of India in recent months are shown in Table 2.

Table 2.—Deaths from cholera in the Provinces of India, by fortnightly periods, from July 3 to October 22, 1927

Province	July 3 to 16	July 17 to 30	July 31 to Aug. 13	Aug. 14 to 27	Aug. 28 to Sept. 10	Sept. 11 to 24	Sept. 25 to Oct. 8	Oct. 9 to 22
Punjab and Delhi Punjab States United Provinces Central India Agency Bihar and Orissa Bengal Assam Central Provinces Madras Presidency Hyderabad Bombay Presidency States in Bombay Presidency Burma Other Indian States	1, 312 269 1, 250 420 2, 716 444 110 728 2, 455 322 1, 584 192 73 94	986 205 1, 126 381 2, 877 650 89 696 2, 352 653 1, 814 246 141	275 13 903 276 2, 254 679 178 818 1, 975 1, 097 2, 291 170 162 18	351 37 617 411 2, 176 672 295 1, 986 1, 538 1, 312 2, 014 36 118	290 9 248 518 1, 343 530 292 2, 596 985 1, 777 1, 206 24 63 4	158 129 213 92 851 916 311 1,723 614 1,095 506 9 66	26 43 169 537 1,318 290 1,059 522 1779 439 98 129	2 39 140 10 429 2, 619 570 550 395 354 13 97 0
, . Total	11, 969	12, 233	11, 109	11, 590	9, 885	6, 689	4, 810	5, 738

One week only.

Cholera continued to decrease in French Indo-China. During the first 20 days of November 105 cases were reported in Cambodia, Cochin-China, and southern Laos, 88 in Annam, and none in Tonkin. In Siam there were 53 cases in the four weeks ended November 5.

The Philippine Islands were practically free from cholera during 1927.

Yellow fever.—The incidence of yellow fever in Senegal decreased markedly in the second half of November. Sixteen cases were reported during the four weeks ended November 29, of which 7 were at Dakar, 3 at Thies, 2 each at Mekke and Sebikotane, and 1 each at Louga and Khombole. Six of these cases were among Europeans.

One case was reported on November 21 at Grand Popo in Dahomey.

Only one case was reported in October in the Gold Coast Colony, at Koforidua.

Smallpox.—The following reports of smallpox were recorded from continental European countries in October:

Seven cases in France, 4 cases in Greece, and 2 cases in Latvia. Reports for October have not as yet been received from Italy, Spain, and the U. S. S. R. In Italy there were 2 cases during the four weeks ended September 25. Four cases were reported in the Ukraine in August.

The incidence of mild smallpox in England and Wales increased in November but was not higher than at the corresponding season of last year. During the four weeks ended December 3 there were 1,083 cases, as compared with 1,200 during the corresponding four weeks of 1926.

In Algeria the severe type of smallpox has been prevalent during 1927. In October and November its incidence increased; 683 cases were reported in October, and 661 cases in the three weeks ended November 19. The epidemic is most extensive in the department of Oran. In Tunis 45 cases of smallpox were reported during the four weeks ended November 27.

An outbreak of severe smallpox in Northern Rhodesia is indicated by the report for October. In the five weeks ended November 4, 317 cases and 75 deaths were reported, as compared with 183 cases and 22 deaths in the third quarter of last year.

Enteric fever.—The seasonal maximum incidence of enteric fever was later than usual in most European countries, and nearly everywhere the disease was more prevalent than in 1926. Only in Germany, the Netherlands, and Sweden was the incidence in 1927 considerably lower than in 1926. The disease has been much more prevalent than in the preceding year in Poland, Rumania, the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, Bulgaria, Greece, and Italy. The incidence in European countries in the past year is compared with that in the preceding year in Table 3.

TABLE 3.—Enteric fever cases reported in European and certain other countries, by quarters, 1925-1927

	r	925		1	926				1927		
Country	ш	IV.	I	п	III	IV	1	II	111	JV	Up te-
Germany. England and Wales Austria. Belgium Bulgaria. Denmark Scotland Estonia. Irish Free State. Finland France Greece. Hungary Italy Latvia. Lithuania Malta Norway Netherlands Poland Rumania. Kingdom of Serbs, Kingdom of Serbs, Kroats.	5, 913 905 1, 946 410 809 163 96 310 143 5,75 2, 146 27,75 2, 063	2, 330 700 720 274 1, 819 48 47 114 835 1, 855 575 2, 236 8, 604 209 172 125 39 270 3, 549 2, 459	1, 254 491 395 174 416 27 42 133 30 159 1, 598 159 978 2, 802 162 26 19 243 2, 528 860	1, 580 577 439 161 235 52 125 26 308 1, 314 85 490	6, 334 1, 005 962 366 547 116 109 238 26 527 2, 351 278 3, 119	3, 220 668 590 237 1, 479 45 57 187 320 2, 851 324 3, 302 217, 022 217, 022 217, 022 217, 022 217, 022 217, 022 219, 021 258 175 32 337 5, 963 2, 190	1, 253 464 251 143 478 21 40 1111 83 89 1, 729 896 896 132 1132 112 2, 812 649	1, 476 779 456 218 254 36 41 137 78 182 1, 456 178 608 4, 810 154 29 149 2, 414 443	3, 069 1, 233 1, 024 1, 078 120 110 292 801 2, 482 2, 930 16, 727 283 235 179 309 6, 794 2, 675	988 948 9220 254 60 79 91 73 187 811 283 1,432 101 76 5 158 5,015 1,946	Nov. 12 Dec. 3 Dec. 3 Oct. 31 Doc. 31 Nov. 15 Oct. 31 Nov. 16 Oct. 31 Nov. 16
venes Sweden Switzerland Czechoslovakia Algeria Egypt Tunis	1, 324 544 166 2, 325 175 766 160	1, 494 186 84 2, 012 229 518 159	590 87 49 1, 210 114 345 80	308 96 113 933 189 519 82	1, 106 477 116 2, 336 162 868 95	1, 973 172 146 2, 508 374 539 142	577 63 67 1, 147 86 236 51	420 93 101 1, 286 105 469 83	1,878 164 160 2,733 239 1,155 133	1, 316 83 66 1, 135 140 370 106	Nov. 21 Nov. 15 Dec. 3 Oct. 31 Nov. 19 Nov. 18 Dec. 4

Influenza.—No unusual prevalence of influenza had been reported by any European country up to the middle of December.

Lethargic encephalitis.—A decrease in cases of lethargic encephalitis in 1927 is noted in the reports of the few countries in which this disease is notifiable. In England and Wales, 1,483 cases had been notified up to December 3, 1927, as compared with 2,120 cases in 1926, 2,483 cases in 1925, and 4,825 cases in 1924.

Acute poliomyelitis.—The epidemic of poliomyelitis in Germany decreased rapidly in the second half of October and in November. The center of the epidemic was the Province of Leipzig.

In Denmark, fewer cases of poliomyelitis were reported in 1927 than for several years past, and the incidence in Sweden, though higher than in 1926, was lower than in 1924 or 1925.

DEATHS FROM AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS IN 76 LARGE CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES, 1926 AND 1927

The Department of Commerce announces that for the 52-week periods ended December 31, 1927, and January 1, 1927, the total numbers of deaths resulting from automobile accidents in 76 large cities of the United States were, respectively 7,016 and 6,586, indicating a death rate for this cause of 22 per 100,000 population in 1927

as compared with a rate of 21 in 1926—an increase of 5 per cent in the rate last year. The following table gives the number of deaths from such accidents and the death rates per 100,000 population for these cities for each of the two years:

Number of deaths from automobile accidents and death rates for 76 large cities of the United States, 1926 and 1927

(From the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce)

(From the Bur	eau of th	e Censu	s, Depar	tment of	Comme	rce)		
		s from ents, 52 w			accid	rate f lents per 52 week:	100,000	tomobile popula-
City	Dec. 3	31, 1927	Jan.	1, 1927	Dec. 3	1, 1927	Jan.	1, 1927
City	Total deaths	Deaths due to acci- dents in city	Total deaths	Deaths due to acci- dents in city	For total deaths	For deaths due to accidents in city	For total deaths	For deaths due to accidents in city
Total (76 cities)	7, 016	(1)	6, 586	(1)	22.0	(1)	21. 0	(1)
Akron. Albany Albany Atlanta Baltimore Birmingham Boston Bridgeport Buffalo Cambridge Cambridge Camden Canton Chicago Cincinnati Cleveland Columbus Dallas Dayton Denver Des Moines Detroit Duluth El Paso Erie Fall River Filint Fort Worth Grand Rapids Houston Indianapolis Jersey City Kansas City, Kans Kansas City, Mo Los Angeles Lowell Lynn Memphis Milwaukee Minneapolis Nashville New Bedford New Haven New Orleans New York Newark, N. J Ooklahoma City Oonaha Paterson Philadelphia Pittshurgh	70 34 63 160 55 133 24 780 124 130 1243 771 46 32 25 64 44 386 68 68 68 68 68 68 68 61 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	45 177 178 181 181 181 191 107 (1) 224 63 34 (1) 32 222 382 13 21 21 35 10 (1) 27 24 46 58 89 63 10 10 77 22 42 46 58 11 11 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	54 407 176 528 139 18 53 32 670 19 2257 688 233 355 27 19 19 25 31 44 83 22 22 23 34 45 39 40 41 41 42 43 43 44 43 43 44 45 46 47 48 48 49 49 49 49 49 49 49 49 49 49	(1) 22 48 134 31 130 19 (1) 22 (1) 658 (1) (1) 42 (1) 24 12 (1) 22 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12	(1) 28. 5 25. 4 16. 8 23. 0 24. 6 23. 0 24. 6 25. 1 24. 6 21. 8 21. 8 21. 8 21. 8 21. 8 21. 8 21. 1 22. 1 24. 0 24. 0 25. 0 26. 0 26	(*) 14. 3 20. 9 16. 0 15. 2 21. 4. 2 17. 5 6 6 33. 6 24. 2 21. 7 7 16. 1 14. 8 28. 7 7 16. 5 13. 6 (*) 12. 3 18. 1 17. 7 16. 5 (*) 10. 5 11. 4 18. 6 (*) 10. 5 11. 6 11.	(1) 33.8 5 21.9 24.8 9 25.6 9 24.0 4 16.8 8 29.2 22.0 3 26.8 23.9 9 26.7 7 26.1 15.8 6 24.0 17.4 4 5.5 7 9 3.4 4 2 22.0 3 26.8 15.7 6 24.0 17.4 12.5 5 7 9 3.4 4 2 18.2 7 20.1 20.1 16.8 8 17.0 18.8 18.8 18.8 18.8 18.8 18.8 18.8 18	(1) 18. 6 19. 7 16. 6 19. 7 16. 6 (2) (1) (1) 16. 9 (1) (2) 1. 6 (1) (2) 1. 10 (1) (2) 1. 3 11. 0 (1) 11. 3 11. 6 (1) 11. 3 11. 6 (1) 11. 8 (1) 11
Pittsburgh Portland, Oreg Providence Richmond Rochester	51 59 43 62	39 33 28 47	39 63 39 66	(1) (1) 20 53	(*) 21. 1 22. 5 19. 2	(²) 11. 8 14. 6 14. 5	(1) 23. 0 20. 7 20. 6	(1) (1) 10. 6 16. 6

¹ Not reported.

Mortality rates are omitted, pending the establishment of more satisfactory estimates of population.

Number of deaths from automobile accidents and death rates for 76 large cities of the United States, 1926 and 1927—Continued

(From the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce)

	Deathe cide	from nts, 52 w	automol eeks end	bile ac- ed—	Death rate from automobil accidents per 100,000 population, 52 weeks ended—				
	Dec. 3	1, 1927	Jan.	1, 1927	Dec. 3	1, 1927	1, 1927		
City ·	Total deaths	Deaths due to acci- dents in city	Total deaths	Deaths due to acci- dents in city	For total deaths	For deaths due to accidents in city	For total deaths	For deaths due to accidents in city	
St. Louis. St. Paul. Salt Lake City. San Antonio. San Diego. San Francisco. Schenectady. Seattle	44	137 43 25 33 26 122 8 68	183 41 31 40 47 121 23 66	165 (¹) (¹) (³) 37 112 (¹)	17.8 20.0 19.2 20.9 32.2 21.9 12.9 21.1	16. 4 17. 2 18. 5 15. 7 22. 6 21. 2 8. 6	22. 1 16. 6 23. 3 19. 6 42. 8 21. 4 24. 8	19.9 (1) (1) (2) 33.7 19.8 (1)	
Somerville Spekane Springfield, Mass Syracuse Tacoma Toledo	10 20 25 39 30	9 16 14 26 22 81	14 27 35 43 20 74	(1) (23) 31 (1) (1)	9. 9 18. 4 17. 0 19. 9 28. 1 35. 5	18. 2 8. 9 14. 7 9. 5 13. 2 20. 6 26. 6	18. 0 14. 0 24. 8 24. 2 23. 3 19. 0 25. 1	16.7 (1) (1) 15.9 16.8 (1)	
Trenton Utica Washington, D. C. Waterbury Wilmington, Del. Worcester Yonkers.	43 17	24 9 78 13 33 30 21	34 19 98 15 28 31	(1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)	31. 5 16. 5 19. 9 (*) 31. 7 24. 6 18. 6	26. 2 15. 4 17. 7	25. 4 18. 6 18. 6 (*) 22. 6 16. 1	11, 2 (1) 14, 1 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)	
Youngstown	55	53	43	ю	32.6	31. 4	26. 2	K	

¹ Not reported.

DEATHS FROM AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS BY FOUR-WEEK PERIODS, APRIL 26, 1925, TO DECEMBER 31, 1927

The following table gives the total number of deaths from automobile accidents in 76 large cities, by four-week periods, from April 26, 1925, to December 31, 1927. The lowest number of deaths from this cause for a four-week period during this time was 345, for the period ended March 27, 1926, and the highest was 681, for the four weeks ended November 5, 1927.

Total number of deaths from automobile accidents in 76 large cities of the United States, by four-week periods, April 26, 1925, to December 31, 1927

Four weeks ended-

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1925	1926	1927
		Jan. 1 518
	Jan. 30 422	
	Feb. 27 369	Feb. 26 437
·	Mar. 27 345	Mar. 26 430
	Apr. 24 421	Apr. 23 484
May 23 417	May 22 492	May 21 521
June 20 490	June 19 544	June 18 499
July 18 490	July 17 481	July 16 570
Aug. 15 464	Aug. 14 495	Aug. 13 503
Sept. 12 518	Sept. 11 557	Sept. 10 525
Oct. 10 522	Oct. 9 644	Oct. 8 657
Nov. 7 604		Nov. 5 681
Dec. 5 616		Dec. 3 616
	•	Dec. 31 623
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Mortality rates are omitted, pending the establishment of more satisfactory estimates of population.

COURT DECISIONS RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH

Milk ordinance held valid.—(Oregon Supreme Court: Korth v. City of Portland et al.; Georgeson v. Same, 261 P. 895; decided November 29, 1927.) Suits were brought against the city of Portland by which it was sought to restrain the enforcement of an ordinance relating to milk sold within the city. The ordinance prescribed various requirements relative to the production and handling of milk, all of which were designed to secure the purity of same, and also imposed a license fee. The plaintiffs produced milk on dairy farms outside of the city, but sold the milk within the city. One of the contentions against the ordinance was that it was an attempt to exercise extraterritorial power. But the supreme court held adversely to this view, as the requirements touched only those persons who sold milk within the city. Another contention was that a State law, which related to peddlers, prevented the city from levying a license fee, the law providing that "Nothing contained in this act shall be deemed to impair or restrain the right of any incorporated city or town to enact and enforce reasonable regulations without imposing licensing fees, to require purity and wholesomeness in milk and other foods." However, the supreme court held that the quoted sentence was a nullity because not germane to the title of the act and thus in contravention of the State constitution. Regarding the license fee prescribed by the ordinance, the court stated:

Such license fee is not levied for peddling. It is not provided for revenue primarily. It is a reasonable provision for the proper inspection and regulation of the sale of milk within the city. Those who are selling milk are required to register and pay a license, not because they are selling as peddlers, but to insure the proper regulation for the protection of the inhabitants of the city.

A third contention, against which the court also decided, was that the ordinance was void because it conferred arbitrary and unregulated power upon the health officer. In concluding its opinion, the court said:

It follows that the ordinance attacked * * * is a valid exercise of the police power of the city of Portland. Plaintiffs have not complied with the valid provisions contained in the ordinance. The decision sustaining the demurrer and dismissing the bill is correct, and the decree of the circuit court is therefore affirmed.

Operation of swimming pool enjoined to prevent pollution of city water supply.—(Texas Court of Civil Appeals; Newton et al. v. City of Groesbeck, 299 S. W. 518; decided October 6, 1927.) For the purpose of preserving the purity of its water supply, a city brought suit to enjoin the operation of a commercial swimming pool and bathhouse, which was so located that its use would have contaminated the city supply. There was a statutory provision to the effect that no one had a right to pollute any water course or other public body

of water which was being used for drinking and domestic purposes. The trial court granted an injunction restraining the operation of the swimming pool and bathhouse, and on appeal the judgment of said court was affirmed by the court of civil appeals.

Recovery denied licensed scavenger for cleaning of privy vaults.—
(Minnesota Supreme Court; Meinke v. Jannette, 216 N. W. 534; decided November 25, 1927.) The plaintiff, a licensed scavenger, brought an action to recover a certain amount for cleaning several privy vaults owned by defendant. The plaintiff had no agreement with the defendant for said cleaning, and the defendant did not consent to the doing of the work. Also no notice in writing to clean the vaults had been given to the defendant by the city health department as provided by city ordinance. The supreme court, in deciding against the plaintiff, held that the said written notice was essential.

PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING ABSTRACTS

The Milk and Dairies Order, 1926. F. A. Belam. Public Health (British), vol. 4, No. 12, September, 1927, pp. 395–397. (Abstract by H. V. Pedersen.) This article is a critical discussion of the 1926 milk and dairies order of England.

Doctor Belam points out the good features of the order and also calls attention to a number of clauses, the meaning of which is not clear. The author openly challenges the probability of enforcing the order as it relates to proper washing of udders, flanks, etc., and preventing the use of milkers suffering from infectious diseases.

The author closes his discussion by outlining four definite recommendations for the purpose of arousing further discussion and which might also be useful to the Ministry of Health in amending the order. Although it is difficult for a reader unfamiliar with the order to follow the discussion, the four recommendations are quoted as follows:

- 1. It should be specified clearly to what sanitary requirements the 18 months' notice applies, and made clear that this notice is needed only when requirements justify it.
- 2. The particulars of registration should be clarified as to who must register, etc., and should define dairy to include milk shops; also dairyman should be defined. All farmers producing milk for sale should be registered, and no loophole of escape should be given.

Local authorities should be empowered to refuse registration for unsuitable premises, and if refused, sale of milk should be prohibited until registration is granted.

3. Model regulations specifying in detail as to air space, lighting and ventilation, drainage channels, flooring (impervious), walls (impervious covering), etc., should be immediately drafted so that farmers in all areas would have exactly the same requirements to carry out. It should be clearly stated that inlet and outlet ventilators to the open air are needed, and clear definitions of all sanitary desiderate should be included. This would remove the justifiable complaint of different standards in different areas, and would materially assist enforcement of regulations in courts of law by eliminating phrases such as "adequate lighting" or "suitably ventilated," which have no real meaning at all.

Included in these should also be insistence on removal of manure before each milking; the hanging up of milking stools and the cooling of all milk at the farm should be demanded. The provision of a dairy should also be insisted upon.

4. In the case of farms not owned by the farmer, both tenant and landlord should be served with any notice. At present it is legal only to call upon the tenant farmer to carry out alterations, which is very hard upon those with yearly leases, or whose landlord invariably refuses to cooperate. Dual service of notice would make the landlord also liable in law, and then an agreement between him and his tenant farmer could be arrived at.

Pasteurization of Milk for Small Communities. B. Evan Parry. Publication No. 36, Department of Health, Canada, 1926. 83 pages. (Abstract by P. R. Carter.)

This publication gives a more or less detailed discussion of raw and Pasteurized milk in their relation to the public health.

The various phases of the production and handling of raw milk are given. These include a discussion of the more common defects and methods of overcoming them and certain illustrations. Plans of dairy barns are appended.

The article describes the steps taken in the Pasteurization of milk. Various types of equipment, such as clarifiers, Pasteurizers, coolers, pumps, bottle fillers and cappers, and bottle washers are described and illustrated. Typical Pasteurization plant arrangements are also illustrated. A copy of the United States Public Health Service standard milk ordinance is appended.

In conclusion the article states: "The relation between an unclean and infected milk supply and infant mortality is becoming more and more obvious. The decline in the so-called infectious diarrheas of infancy in our large cities, coinciding with more universal Pasteurization of milk, is clinical evidence in favor of this relationship. The residual incidence of these diseases may be ascribed to imperfect Pasteurization, improper care of milk before and after Pasteurization, and perhaps more especially to ignorance and carelessness of those who have to do with the handling of the milk in the home. No matter how carefully the production and transportation of milk may have been supervised; no matter how wholesome it may have been when left on the doorstep, the use of dirty hands and unclean utensils and failure to keep properly cooled may allow a lethal infection to enter between that stage and the infant's stomach."

Use of Hypochlorites as a Sterilizing Agent for Dairy Utensils. W. A. Hoy and Janet R. L. Rennie. *Journal of Hygiene* (British), vol. 26, No. 2, July, 1927, pp. 127-131. (Abstract by P. R. Carter.)

Since disinfectants containing hypochlorites have been used for the sterilization of dairy utensils, and it has been claimed that such disinfectants are more effective than steam sterilization, this question was studied in the interests of the milk industry. Three proprietary disinfectants were studied. These contained "available chlorine" as follows: A—1.22 per cent; B—1.06 per cent; C—0.49 per cent.

Four series of experiments were conducted on milk churns of 10 and 17 gallons capacity, and the influence of different methods of treatment of the churns on the keeping qualities of milk and on the bacteriological condition of the churns was studied. The technique used in performing the experiments is given and the results are tabulated in the form of protocols.

The authors give their conclusions as follows: (1) The amount of "available chlorine" contained in these disinfectants varied from 1.23 per cent in disinfectant A to 0.49 per cent in disinfectant C; (2) a 6 per cent solution of disinfectant A failed to give the same degree of sterility in a churn as can be obtained by steam under working conditions; (3) the use of a chlorine preparation as a means of sterilizing churns necessitates the subsequent washing out of the churns with

water if the chlorine is to be removed before milk is added. This process introduces the danger of recontamination of the churn; (4) if the churn be not washed out after treatment with a chlorine preparation, there is grave danger that chlorine will be added to the milk. That this danger is not altogether hypothetical would appear to be the case, since in the United States where this method of sterilization is more extensively used than in this country, the Department of Agriculture has issued a bulletin describing a method for the detection of hypochlorites and chloramines in milk and cream. (U. S. Department of Agriculture Bulletin No. 1114, August, 1922.)

Mobile Milk Laboratory. Paul F. Krueger. Illinois Health News, vol. 13, No. 9, September, 1927, pp. 287-291. (Abstract by H. D. Cashmore.)

The Illinois Pasteurization law of 1925 made provisions for a mobile milk laboratory. After careful investigation and study as to its type, a very efficient laboratory was built which is now available for use in that State.

Visits will be made to the 352 plants located in 153 towns, and tests made of the quality of raw milk received, efficiency of the Pasteurization plant, and quality of milk distributed to consumers. The tests will include temperature, acidity, sediment, and bacterial content of milk at the different stages of the process, and, in addition, tests of the cleansing solutions and wash water. The field personnel consists of three men.

The laboratory is carried in a 21 passenger truck of the street-car type. A central aisle of full length, a 12 foot and a 9-foot bench with ample cabinet and drawer space, and a white enamel sink are built in. Water is furnished from a 24-gallon underslung pressure tank, electricity from a dual wiring system, and gas from presto-lite tanks. The sterilizers are heated by gasoline stoves, and the incubator and milk grader by electricity or gas.

It is possible for two cots to be placed in the aisle for sleeping in case of necessity, and heat is obtained from two exhaust heaters or 110-volt electric heaters.

Viability of Pathogenic Organisms in Butter. A. E. Berry. Journal of Preventive-Medicine, vol. 1, No. 6, July, 1927, pp. 429-442. (Abstract by C. T. Butterfield.)

The author has determined the longevity of a number of pathogens in butter. The organisms and the numbers of days each was found to survive, follow: A. aertrycke, 273 days; B. schottmulleri, 293 days; B. enteritidis, 272 days; B. typhosus (Mississippi), 56 days; B. typhosus (Talladega), 292 days; B. paratyphosus A, 104 days; B. suipestifer, 73 days; B. dysenteriae (Flexner), 84 days; and Streptococcus scarlatina, 41 days. At no time was an increase observed.

The less resistant organisms decreased rapidly at the start; others showed a more gradual decline in numbers. The temperature of storage did not seem to affect markedly the rate until the butter became rancid; this destroyed all organisms rapidly.

The author also gives results with water and milk, reviews the literature of the subject, and gives a detailed description of his methods, procedure, and results.

On a basis of these results, butter must be considered a potential factor in the spread of communicable diseases.

Food Poisoning. Anon. The Lancet (No. 17 of vol. 2, 1927), No. 5434, vol. 213, October 22, 1927, p. 900. (Abstract by W. L. Havens.)

This article contains excerpts from a lecture delivered at the B. M. A. House, Tavistock Square, when Dr. W. G. Savage dealt with the subject of food poisoning.

On account of the necessity for conserving food supplies for long periods of time and the public demand for foods prepared in different ways, the problem of food poisoning has become an important item of public health work. Food

poisoning may be traceable to many different sources. Illness may be caused by a definitely poisoned plant or animal being consumed, as in the case of mush-room poisoning. Other sources include chemical poisoning from substances accidentally introduced into foods and bacteria developing in diseased meats and decomposed foods. These bacteria are frequently found in man-handled foods and even in foods which have been heated; they may be introduced accidentally during the subsequent cooling process.

Among the methods mentioned for preventing food poisoning may be included:
(1) More rigid meat inspection; (2) sterilization of foods; (3) prevention of dust infection; (4) promotion of general cleanliness wherever foods are prepared or handled; (5) rat and mice extermination; (6) registration of all premises preparing and manufacturing made-up foods.

Another Milk-Borne Typhoid Epidemic. George D. Heath. *Illinois Health News*, vol. 13, No. 9, September, 1927, p. 281–284. (Abstract by H. D. Cashmore.)

A dairyman at Ullin had some sickness in his family prior to July 1, none of which could be definitely diagnosed as typhoid. However, the family of a neighbor did the work at the dairy and handled all the milk. There was sickness in this family prior to or about June 1, which was definitely proved to be typhoid fever and not malaria as had at first been thought. Evidently the neighbor's wife was an active carrier and handled the milk.

As a result of this condition there were found 8 cases of typhoid fever in Cairo, 5 in Mounds, and 1 case in Ullin among people who were known to use the raw milk from above-mentioned dairy which was being delivered to these towns. No new cases were reported after stopping the sale of milk from this dairy.

This situation indicates that there was some carelessness in regard to the handling of the milk from the dairy; and such cases point out the necessity for a law regulating the examination of food handlers.

Use of a Differential Stain in the Direct Enumeration of Bacteria in Pasteurized Milk. Margaret Beattie. American Journal of Public Health, vol. 17 No. 10, October, 1927, pp. 1031–1034. (Abstract by C. T. Butterfield.)

The literature dealing with the direct counting of bacteria in milk is briefly reviewed. A method of making direct counts of bacteria is given which differentiates between the living and the dead bacteria as well as gives the total count of both groups. A modification of Proca's methylene blue-fuchsin stain is employed.

The author concludes that in a comparison of plate counts of 31 samples of Pasteurized milk with direct counts, the latter vary less among themselves. There is a positive correlation between the two methods.

Raw Water Chlorination Experiments at Sandusky. O. F. Schoepfle. Sixth Annual Report of Ohio Conference on Water Purification, October, 1926, pp. 9-10. (Abstract by F. H. Waring.)

The increasing pollution of the raw water supply of Sandusky has taxed the purification plant to such extent that it has been impossible to produce an effluent, before chlorination, which is within the Treasury Department Standard.

The Sandusky water purification plant was reconstructed in 1914. It consists of 2 coagulating basins, 10 filters of 1 m. g. d. each, 2 clear wells, and equipment for coagulation of the water with a solution of aluminum sulphate and disinfection with liquid chlorine. The raw water intakes are two in number located in Sandusky Bay within 2,000 feet from shore.

Experiments were begun May, 1926, with prechlorination of the raw water to reduce the bacterial load on the water purification plant. A direct feed chlorinator was set up in an intake well in the raw water supply line about

500 feet ahead of the point of application of coagulant. Chlorine was applied at rates varying from 0.68 p. p. m. to 0.36 p. p. m., so that a residual chlorine of 0.02 p. p. m. was present at the raw water suction well after a reaction period of about 10 minutes. Residual chlorine was entirely absent from the water when it reached the filters.

The number of bacteria in the raw water was reduced 70 per cent, and the number of *B. coli* was reduced 80 per cent before application of coagulant. Aside from its effect in bacteria removal, an improvement was noted in coagulation which permitted a saving of 20 per cent in coagulant. Also less trouble was experienced with algae. No satisfactory explanation for the improvement in the coagulation of prechlorinated water was arrived at.

In conclusion, it is stated that prechlorination of the raw water at Sandusky not only makes it possible to produce a filter effluent within the Treasury Department Standard, but effects a considerable saving in coagulant.

In general, the writer concludes that raw water chlorination can be advantageously employed in all water plants treating a highly polluted water where the products of chlorination are not offensive to taste and smell.

Description and Operating Results of the Girard Water-Softening Plant. Brooks D. Church. Sixth Annual Report of Ohio Conference on Water Purification, October, 1926, pp. 11–12. (Abstract by F. H. Waring.)

Girard is situated in Trumbull County north of the city of Youngstown. The water works was purchased by the city in 1922, and in 1925 a modern water-softening plant was constructed. The supply is obtained from an abandoned coal mine at a depth of 160 feet. The water is hard and has a high iron content. Consumption is about 400,000 g. p. d.

The softening plant consists of mechanical mixing chambers, settling basins, recarbonation chambers, two filters of one-half m. g. d. capacity each, a clear well of 93,000 gallons capacity, and two elevated storage tanks of 512,000 gallons Chemical equipment consists in dry feed machines for applitotal capacity. cation of lime and a carbon dioxide generating plant. The mixing chambers are four in number, 7 feet square in plan, and 14 feet deep. The retention period is 30 minutes. The tanks are provided with horizontal paddles which are rotated at the rate of 3 r. p. m. The settling basins have a retention period of three and one-half hours, and the outlet of each is over a skimming wall into the recarbonation chambers. These are 9 feet 3 inches by 10 feet 9 inches in plan and 12 feet 6 inches deep above the distribution grids. The grids in each chamber are perforated with 641/8-inch openings spaced 14 inches one way and 16 inches the other way.

The carbon dioxide gas plant consists of a crusher for coal, a magnetic separator to remove foreign particles of iron, a feeder to the pulverizer, a combined pulverizer and blower which delivers coal to the furnace where it is turned to complete products of combustion. A scrubber and drier are provided and a motor-driven centrifugal water piston pump discharging into a receiver which is connected to the distributing grids. This plant will produce 21 pounds of CO₂ per hour.

Floats are provided in the clear well which actuate automatic starts and stops on the low service pumps. High service pumps are also automatically controlled by automatic devices actuated by a pressure regulator.

The quality of the supply is such that no disinfection is required. Bacterial analyses are made daily by the chemist in charge. Chemical analyses indicate

that by the application of 10 g. p. g. of lime (as CaO) the hardness is reduced from 192 p. p. m. to 90 p. p. m. Recarbonation removes all the carbonates and an excess of about 2 p. p. m. of CO₂ is present in the filtered water.

Combination of Excess Lime, Double Coagulation, and Adjustment of pH Value at Ironton. E. T. Edwards. Sixth Annual Report of Ohio Conference on Water Purification, October, 1926, p. 9. (Abstract by F. H. Waring.)

On account of the high bacterial content of the water in Ohio River from which the Ironton public water supply is obtained, double coagulation followed by filtration and disinfection has been practiced for several years. Prechlorination of the raw water was tried in 1925, but was discontinued on account of the disagreeable tastes produced, due to the presence of phenols in the water.

Excess lime treatment of the raw water was therefore tried in an effort to render the water safe without having to depend on chlorine disinfection. was applied at the rate of 2 to 3 g. p. g. in the primary settling basin. A causticity of about 5 p. p. m. was obtained. Treatment was later increased to produce a causticity of about 20 p. p. m. Alum was applied in the mixing chamber preceding the secondary settling basin for the double purpose of removing the turbidity and lowering the pH value of the caustic water so that no incrustation of the sand would take place. The amount of alum required to produce a water free from carbonates was excessive, and experiments were conducted in the application of CO₂ to the lime-treated water. A machine called a "Ceco spray" Its function was to absorb CO2 from the gas given off by burning coke in the heating furnace. The results of these experiments proved that an insufficient amount of CO₂ could be absorbed by this machine and preparations are now being made to install a regular CO2 generating plant consisting of the furnace, a scrubber, a drier, a compressor, and a distributing grid which will be located in the mixing chamber. Bacterial results have been fairly satisfactory. By excess lime treatment in the primary basin the B. coli index has been reduced from about 30,000 to 100 per 100 c. c. Even better results are hoped for when this method of treatment is continuous. No incrustation of the sand in the The filters have become a true factor of safety and chlorine filters is taking place. may be dispensed with at will. A saving in coagulant is effected when excess lime treatment is followed by recarbonation with CO2 gas.

DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED JANUARY 21, 1928

Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for the week ended January 21, 1928 and corresponding week of 1927. (From the Weekly Health Index, January 25, 1928, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce)

	Week ended Jan. 21, 1928	Corresponding week 1927
Policies in force	69, 723, 381	66, 588, 121
Number of death claims	14, 287	13, 298
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force, annual rate-	10. 7	10. 4

Deaths from all causes in certain large cities of the United States during the week ended January 21, 1928, infant mortality, annual death rate, and comparison with corresponding week of 1927. (From the Weekly Health Index, January 25, 1928, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce)

		ded Jan. 1923	Annual death	Deaths under 1 year		Infant mortality
City	Total deaths	Death rate 1	rate per 1,000 corre- sponding week 1927	Week ended Jan. 21, 1928	Corre- sponding week 1927	rate, week ended Jan. 21, 1928 ²
Total (68 cities)	7, 836	13. 4	14.0	763	865	62
Akron Albany 3 Atlanta White Colored Baltimore 3 White Colored Birmingham White Colored Birmingham White Colored Bridgeport Buffalo Cambridge Canton Chicago 3 Cincinnati Cleveland Colored Colored Dallas White Colored Des Moines Detroit Duluth El Paso Erie Fall River 3 Flint Fort Worth White Colored Grand Rapids Houston White Colored Colored Grand Rapids Houston White Colored Colored Colored Colored Mite Colored Colored Kansas City, Kans White Colored Colored Kansas City, Mo Knoxville White Colored Milwaukee Minusabrille Sabrille	39 39 47 84 253 34 253 89 46 43 254 34 147 31 36 88 133 196 88 55 41 114 36 274 24 18 30 21 19 29 18 30 21 100 12 12 13 30 21 11 11 12 100 12 13 30 24 66 111 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	20. 4 17. 3 (°) 15. 9 (°) 20. 9 11. 3 16. 8 10. 2 11. 5 11. 6 16. 9 (°) 20. 3 12. 4 11. 6 16. 9 (°) 20. 3	14. 8 18. 2 16. 7 21. 9 17. 5 15. 8 27. 7 15. 6 10. 2 24. 0 16. 1 16. 0 11. 4 9. 8 12. 9 18. 7 10. 6 18. 8 10. 6 9. 6 17. 1 16. 0 13. 0 14. 2 14. 9 14. 6 17. 3 18. 2 18. 3 19. 1 1	4 3 14 7 7 7 299 100 11 5 5 6 6 8 9 20 9 9 4 4 3 1 1 9 6 6 8 2 2 7 7 7 0 10 1 1 6 5 5 5 0 5 1 1 8 3 2 2 3 3 1 1 2 12 12 4	97 11 56 325 12 15 4 11 32 33 19 25 5 90 19 66 44 29 90 66 44 29 90 66 44 53 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90	43 61 76 157 92 76 157 99 135 55 55 69 71 80 119 58 54 84

See footnotes on p. 278.

Deaths from all causes in certain large cities of the United States during the week ended January 21, 1928, infant mortality, annual death rate, and comparison with corresponding week of 1927—Continued

		nded Jan. 1928	Annual death	eath		
City	Total deaths	Death rate 1	rate per 1,000 corre- sponding week 1927	Week ended Jan. 21, 1928	Corre- sponding week 1927	rate, week ended Jan. 21, 1928
New Orleans	185	22. 5	23. 2	7	19	34
White	111		19.6	4	5	29
Colored	74	(6)	33.6	3	14	44 71
New York	1, 570	13. 6	14.1	177	136	71
Bronx Borough	196	10.8	10.8	14	7	42
Brooklyn Borough	531	12.0	11.9	65	55	66
Manhattan Borough	641	19. 1	20.2	83	55	98
Queens Borough	155	9. 5	10.1	11	14	44
Richmond Borough	47	16. 3	15.3	4	5	72
Newark, N. J	99	10. 9	11.5	9	9 [46
Oakland	65	12.4	11.9	5	5	54
Oklahoma City	36			5	4 .	
Omaha	62	14. 5	10.2	4	1	46
Paterson	36	13.0	14.9	2	2	35
Philadelphia	516	13, 1	15.7	40	73	54
Pittsburgh	174	13. 5	17.9	14	31	46
Portland, Oreg	59			. 2	6	21
Providence	75	13. 7	13.8	5	10	44
Richmond	48	12.9	17. 7	6	10	78
White	31		14.5	5	4	101
Colored	17	(6)	25. 3	1	6	37
Rochester	82	`í3. 1	11.2	8	10	65
t. Louis	260	16.0	13.4	19	20	64
t. Paul	63	13. 1	10.4	8	5	77
elt Lake City 5	32	12.1	12.7	0	4	ò
en Antonio	65	15.6	14.8	12	9	•
an Diego	46	20.1	21. 7	3	2	57
an Francisco	168	15. 0	15.8	7	15	44
chenectady	23	12.9	15.7	4	1	125
eattle	73	10.0	9.3	5	3	51
omerville	20	10. 2	11.8	4	2	138
pokane	20	9.6	9.1	il	4	26
pringfield, Mass	36	12.6	11.7	î l	3	16
yracuse	38	10.0	12.7		5	24
acoma.	27	12.8	12.2	3	ă	77
oledo	79	13. 2	14. 3	5	10	. 48
renton	31	11.7	14.9	š	7	51
ashington, D. C.	162	15.3	17. 3	16	15	91
w nice	90		16.3	6	8	50
Colored	72	(6)	20. 3	10	7	185
aterbury	i8			2	3	58
ilmington, Del	37	15, 1	12.8	4	5	105
orcester	54	14.3	11.7	ā	2	103
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oungstown	44	13. 2	10. 2	4	8	- 53
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¹ Annual rate per 1,000 population.

² Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 births. Citles left blank are not in the registration area for births.

³ Deaths for week ended Friday, Jan. 20, 1928.

⁴ In the cities for which deaths are shown by color, the colored population in 1920 constituted the following percentages of the total population: Atlanta, 31; Baltimore, 15; Birmingham, 39; Dallas, 15; Fort Worth, 14; Houston, 25; Indianapolis, 11; Kansas City, Kans., 14; Knoxville, 15; Louisville, 17; Memphis, 38; Nashville, 30; New Orleans, 26; Richmond, 32; and Washington, D. C., 25.

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 Weeks Ended January 29, 1927, and January 28, 1928

Cases of certain communicable diseases reported by telegraph by State health officers for weeks ended January 29, 1927, and January 28, 1928

	Diph	theria	Influenza		Me	asles	Meningococcus meningitis	
Division and State	Week ended Jan. 29, 1927	Week ended Jan. 28, 1928						
New England States:								
Maine	2	3	21	4	185	75	. 0	
New Hampshire	!	3	1	17		68	l	O
Vermont	2	1	1	1	99	24	0	0
Massachusetts	108	115	27	11	170	1.319	1	3
Rhode Island	7	16	1	11	1	1	Ō	Ō
Connecticut	29	46	31	7	48	164	Ŏ	Ŏ
Middle Atlantic States:			-	-			·	
New York	380	436	1 169	1 33	743	1.081	7	8
New Jersey	115	185	40	13	28	269	3	ĭ
Pennsylvania	225	232	-		785	822	3	$\bar{2}$
East North Central States:						0		-
Ohio	l i	221		16		291		5
Indiana	52	45	73	22	143	132	1	ŏ
Illinois	114	178	53	21	1, 575	61	3	5
Michigan	135	77	~	5	136	404	ŏ	5 6
Wisconsin	41	42	51	86	710	48	8	5
West North Central States:		74	01	- 50	110	10		
Minnesota	41	27	2	3	328	3	6	4
Iowa ²	28	32		" "	163	86	ő	i
Missouri	50	48	9	9	240	57	0	3
North Dakota	8	6	9		111	26	. 1	1
South Dakota	•	4		2	116	20 15	Ô	Ô
Nebraska	10	19	27	17				0
Kansas	19	33	9	5	151	6 21	1	
South Atlantic States:	19	33	9	9	262	21	וְט	1
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	63	30	. 1	.1	2	10	1	0
Maryland 2 District of Columbia	24		115	47	26	365	0	0
Viscinia	21	34	1	9	1	20	0	0
Virginia			!		::::-'			
West Virginia	20	26	65	22	120	79	1	1
North Carolina	41	53	:-:::-!	:-::-	162	4, 056	0	1
South Carolina	17	27	1, 299	1, 083	90	1, 126	0	0
Georgia	11	14	159	231	107	251	2	1
Florida	56	14	45	20	32	13	0	0

¹ New York City only.

² Week ended Friday.

Reports for Weeks Ended January 29, 1927, and January 28, 1928—Continued

Cases of certain communicable disease reported by telegraph by State health officers for weeks ended January 29, 1927, and January 28, 1928—Continued

	Diph	theria	Infli	uenza	Me	asl es		gococcus ingitis
Division and State	Week ended Jan. 29, 1927	Week ended Jan. 28, 1928	Week ended Jan. 29, 1927	Week ended Jan. 28, 1928	Week ended Jan. 29, 1927	Week ended Jan. 28, 1928	Week ended Jan. 29, 1927	Week ended Jan. 28, 1928
East South Central States:								
Kentucky		15		21	100	141	0	9
Tennessee	15 37	17	147 91	147 275	180 79	495 332	Ö	
Alabama Mississippi	16	47 25	i	210	i	002	j	
West South Central States:		1						
Arkansas	12	15	100	144		254	1	0
Louisiana	17	27	53 297	65	88 94	83 111	2	1
Louisiana Oklahoma ³ Texas	27 51	39	248	194 127	17	21	ľ	1 0
Mountain States: Montana	9	9	1		174	-	6	•
Idaho	ľ				130		ŏ	ă
Wyoming	7	3			276	8	4	0
ColoradoNew Mexico	2	19	1		76	139	1	8
New Mexico	2	2	8 2		22 16	115 8	0	5 0 0 8 0 3
Arizona	4	6	2	5	270	î	ŏ	1
Utah ¹ Nevada		J			2.0	l		2/
Pacific States:								
Washington	40	15	<u></u> -	2	210	198	9	1
Oregon California	10 148	7 155	111 44	32 40	75 1, 731	21 100	0 7	2
Camos ma	140	100.	**	,,,	1,,01	1	•	
	Poliomyelitis		Scarlet fever		Smallpox		Typhoid feve	
Division and State	Week ended Jan. 29, 1927	Week ended Jan. 23, 1928	Week ended Jan. 29, 1927	Week ended Jan. 23, 1928	Week ended Jan. 29, 1927	Week ended Jan. 28, 1928	Week ended Jan. 29, 1927	Week ended Jan. 28, 1928
New England States:	0	0	44	23	0	0	1	5
Maine New Hampshire	0	ŏ	77	18		ŏ		ŏ
Vermont !	0	0	8	17	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts.	1	1	598	333	0	0	4	. 10
Rhode Island	0	0	20 104	45 124	0	0 15	1 6	1
Connecticut	1	1	104	124	•		١	•
New York	2	7	800	723	10	5	19	25
Middle Atlantic States: New York New Jersey Poppeytyenie	0	1	387	262	0	1	1	9
Pennsylvania East North Central States:	1	2	555	580	0	0	15	14
Ohio	- 1	0		347		21		15
Indiana				7 1	100	93	5	3
	0	4	235	127	158			
Illinois	ŏ	4	365	358	57	38	9	- 11
Michigan	0	1	365 393	358 275	57 44	38 26	9 4	-11 6
Michigan Wisconsin	ŏ	4	365	358	57	38	9	- 11
Michigan Wisconsin. West North Central States:	0	1	365 393	358 275	57 44	38 26 35	9 4 2 2	11 6 1
Illinois Michigan Wisconsin West North Central States: Minnesota Iowa 3	0 0 3 0	4 1 0 0	365 393 198 284 28	358 275 187 170 81	57 44 17 6 13	38 26 35 2 75	9 4 2 2 0	11 6 1
Illinois Michigan Wisconsin West North Central States: Minnesota Iowa Missouri	0 0 3 0 0	4 1 0 0 0 0	365 393 198 284 28 161	358 275 187 170 81 93	57 44 17 6 13 21	38 26 35 2 75 42	9 4 2 2 0 1	11 6 1
Illinois Michigan Wisconsin West North Central States: Minnesota Iowa 3 Missouri North Dakota	0 0 3 0 0 0	4 1 0 0 0 0 2 1	365 393 198 284 28 161 60	358 275 187 170 81 93 32	57 44 17 6 13 21	38 26 35 2 75 42 2	9 4 2 2 0 1	11 6 1 3 2 1 3
Illinois Michigan Wisconsin West North Central States: Minnesota Iowa 3 Missouri North Dakota South Dakota	0 0 0 0 0 0	4 1 0 0 0 2 1	365 393 198 284 28 161 60 63	358 275 187 170 81 93 32 54	57 44 17 6 13 21 11	38 26 35 2 75 42 2 1	9 4 2 2 0 1 0 0 0	11 6 1 3 2 1 3
Illinois Michigan Wisconsin West North Central States: Minnesota Iowa ³ Missouri North Dakota South Dakota Nebraska Kansas	0 0 3 0 0 0	4 1 0 0 0 0 2 1	365 393 198 284 28 161 60	358 275 187 170 81 93 32	57 44 17 6 13 21	38 26 35 2 75 42 2	9 4 2 2 0 1	11 6 1
Illinois Michigan Wisconsin West North Central States: Minnesota Iows 3 Missouri North Dakota South Dakota Nebraska Kansas Sonth Atlantic States:	0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 2 1 0 0	365 393 198 284 28 161 60 63 99 201	358 275 187 170 81 93 32 54 97 180	57 44 17 6 13 21 11 12 21 59	38 26 35 2 75 42 2 1 68 106	9 4 2 2 0 1 0 0 2	3 2 1 3 2 1 3 0 3 4
Illinois Michigan Wisconsin West North Central States: Minnesota Iowa Missouri North Dakota South Dakota Nebraška Kansas Sonth Atlantic States:	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 2 1 0 0 0	365 393 198 284 28 161 60 63 99 201	358 275 187 170 81 93 32 54 97 180	57 44 17 6 13 21 11 12 21 59	38 26 35 2 75 42 2 1 68 106	9 4 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 2	11 6 1 3 2 1 3 0 3 4
Illinois Michigan Wisconsin West North Central States: Minnesota Iowa * Missouri North Dakota South Dakota Nebraska Kansas South Atlantic States: Delaware Maryland *	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	4 1 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 0 0	365 393 198 284 28 161 60 63 99 201 44	358 275 187 170 81 93 32 54 97 180	57 44 17 6 13 21 11 12 21 59 0	38 26 35 2 75 42 2 1 68 106	9 4 2 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 0 2	11 6 1 3 2 1 3 0 3 4
Illinois Michigan Wisconsin West North Central States: Minnesota Iowa Missouri North Dakota South Dakota Nebraska Kansas South Atlantic States: Delaware Maryland District of Columbia	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 2 1 0 0 0	365 393 198 284 28 161 60 63 99 201	358 275 187 170 81 93 32 54 97 180	57 44 17 6 13 21 11 12 21 59	38 26 35 2 75 42 2 1 68 106	9 4 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 2	11 6 1 3 2 1 3 0 3 4
Illinois Michigan Wisconsin Wisconsin West North Central States: Minnesota Iows Missouri North Dakota South Dakota Nebraska Kansas South Atlantic States: Delaware Maryland District of Columbia	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	4 1 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	365 393 198 284 28 161 60 63 99 201 44 96 32	358 275 187 170 81 93 32 54 97 180 3 66 39	57 44 17 6 13 21 11 12 21 59 0 1 0 10	38 26 35 2 75 42 2 1 68 106	9 4 2 2 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 6 0	11 6 1 3 2 1 3 0 3 4
Illinois Michigan Wisconsin West North Central States: Minnesota Iowa 3 Missouri North Dakota South Dakota Nebraska Kansas South Atlantic States: Delaware Maryland 3 District of Columbia	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 2 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	365 393 198 284 28 161 60 63 99 201 44 96 32	358 275 187 170 81 93 32 54 97 180 3 66 39	57 44 17 6 13 21 11 12 21 59 0 1 0 10	38 26 35 2 75 42 2 1 68 106 0 1 0	9 4 2 2 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 6 0	11 6 1 3 2 1 3 3 0 3 3 4 0 6 2 2 1 4 0 0 6 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Illinois Michigan Wisconsin West North Central States: Minnesota Iowa 3 Missouri North Dakota South Dakota Nebraska Kansas South Atlantic States: Delaware Maryland 3 District of Columbia	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	4 1 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	365 393 198 284 28 161 60 63 99 201 44 96 32	358 275 187 170 81 93 32 54 97 180 3 66 39	57 44 17 6 13 21 11 12 21 59 0 1 0 10	38 26 35 2 75 42 2 1 68 106	9 4 2 2 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 6 0	11 6 1 3 2 1 3 0 3 4

⁸ Week ended Friday.

Reports for Weeks Ended January 29, 1927, and January 28, 1928—Continued

Cases of certain communicable diseases reported by telegraph by State health officers for weeks ended January 29, 1927, and January 23, 1928—Continued

	Polion	nyelitis	Scarlet fever		Sma	llpox	Typhoid fever	
Division and State	Week ended Jan. 29, 1927	Week ended Jan. 28, 1928						
East South Central States:								
Kentucky		0		48		41		3
Tennessee	0	1	45	28	4	35	15	7
Alabama	0	0	34	24	97	1 11	10	19
Mississippi	Ō	0	12	12	15	22	4	8
West South Central States:	1						-	1
Arkansas	0	2	7	12	3	18	7	10
Louisiana		ō	20	10	7	17	14	-8
Oklahoma 3		2	48	52	25	150	l ō	11
Texas	ō	3	40	58	73	41	1 ă	22
Mountain States:	Ĭ	Ŭ		•			-	
Montana	0	0	143	22	1	20	2	1
Idaho	ŏ	ŏ	15	6	ŝ	13	ĩ	ô
Wyoming	ŏ	ŏ	38	36	ŏ	4	õ	ŏ
Colorado	ĭ	2	97	146	24	18	2	
New Mexico	Ô	ñ	38	11	Õ	10	ő	3
Arizona	ŏ	ĭ	6	2	ŏ	8	ŏ	ň
Utah ?	ŏ	ô	15	11	Ÿ	19	ŏ	ĭ
Nevada	U	•	10	**	- 1	15		
Pacific States:								
Washington	0	1	95	66	61	46	4	4
		5	52	18	52	51	5	2
Oregon California	Ų,	3	284	226	23	27	10	2

² Week ended Friday.

Reports for Week Ended January 21, 1928

DIPHTHERIA	Cases
District of Columbia	32
Georgia	12
Iowa ²	
INFLUENZA	
District of Columbia	1
Georgia	190
Georgia	150
MEASLES	
District of Columbia	5
Georgia	65
Iowa 2	76
MENINGOCOCCUS MENINGITIS	
Iowa *	1
SCARLET FEVER	
District of Columbia	29
Georgia	19
Iowa 2	92
New Hampshire	34
SMALLPOX	
Iowa .	73
TYPHOID FEVER	
Georgia	9
Iowa 2	1

Reports for Week Ended January 14, 1928

DIPHTHERIA	Cases
Iowa ²	
Ohio	195
INFLUENZA	
Ohio	53
MEASLES	
Iowa *	82
Ohio	
MENINGOCOCCUS MENINGITIS	
Iowa ²	3
POLIOMYELITIS	
Iowa 3	3
Ohio	
SCARLET FEVER	
Iowa ²	84
Ohio	
SWALLPOX	
Iowa 2	100
Ohio	23
TYPHOID FEVER	
Iowa :	1
Ohio	14

³ Exclusive of Tulsa.

² Week ended Friday.

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	Menin- gococ- cus menin- gitis	Diph- theria	Influ- enza	Malaria	Measles	Pella- gra	Polio- myelitis	Scarlet fever	Small- pox	Ty- phoid fever
December, 1927										
Alabama	2	335	479	112	425	32	6	132	18 -	73
Arkansas District of Columbia	0	81 63	351 6	109	92 11	82	3	51 135	13 0	25 2 69
Illinois	32	844	161	28	124		14	1, 229	100	AQ.
Iowa	3	78			51		14	309	261	12
Louisiana	2	148	99	72	168	17	1	56	27	34 28
Maine	0	41	135		221	1	9	207	0	28
Maryland	2	168	107	2	404	0	3	133	.0	49 57
Michigan Minnesota	0	457	17	1	1, 216	1	16	1, 011	144	57
Mississippi	1	171 185	4 000	0.715	2. 260	313	4	564 128	16	18 64
Missouri	14	332	4, 239 32	2, 715 39	105	919	6	508	190	41
New Hampshire	70	6	135		100		2	49	130	10
New York	13	1, 637	.00	6	1, 786		26	1,911	33	98
Oklahoma 1	7	309	497	134	318	7	5	205	328	116
Pennsylvania	17	1, 303			3, 129		20	2,073	3	108
Rhode Island	0	106	23		34		3	164	Ō	2
West Virginia	1	117	107		244	0 1	13	298	127	126

¹ Exclusive of Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

December, 1927	Cases	German measles-Continued.	Cases
Actinomycosis:		Pennsylvania	- 81
lllinois	. 1	Rhode Island	. 2
Anthrax:		Hookworm disease:	
Pennsylvania	. 2	Aikansas	. 1
Chicken pox:		Louisiana	
Alebama	142	Mississippi	
Arkansas	. 99	Impetigo contagiosa:	
District of Columbia	107	Maryland	. 1
Illinois		Lead poisoning:	•
Iowa	206	Illinois	. 15
Louisiana	19	Pennsylvania.	
Maine	227	•	1
Maryland	507	Lethargic encephalitis:	
Michigan	786	Alabama	-
Minnesota	560	Illinois	
Mississippi	656	Louisiana	
Missouri	500	Maryland	
New York	2, 250	Michigan	
Oklahoma 1	95	Minnesota	
Pennsylvania	3, 301	New York	21
Rhode Island	38	Pennsylvania	7
West Virginia	217	Malta fever:	
Dengue:		Illinois	5
Mississippi	18	Iowa	2
Dysentery:	i	Mumps:	
Illinois	28	Alabama	123
Louisiana	1	Arkansas	93
Maryland	4	Illinois	686
Mississippi (amoebic)	52	Iowa	98
Mississippi (bacillary)	320	Maine	126
New York	9	Maryland	57
Oklahoma 1	8	Michigan	658
German measles:		Mississippi	555
Illinois	23	Missouri	371
Iowa	5	New York	1.437
Maine	3	Oklahoma 1	16
Maryland	6	Pennsylvania	
New York	109	Rhode Island	69
¹ Exclusive of Oklahoma City and Tulsa.	•		-

¹ Exclusive of Oklahoma City and Tulsa

Ophthalmia neonatorum:	Cases	Tetanus-Continued.	Cases
Illinois	. 34	Pennsylvania	
Maryland	. 2	Rhode Island	. 2
Mississippi	. 16	Trachoma:	
New York	. 3	Arkansas	92
Oklahoma 1	. 2	Illinois	. 3
Pennsylvania	. 21	Maryland	. 1
Paratyphoid fever:		Mississippi	. 6
Illinois	. 1	Missouri	
New York		New York	3
Puerperal septicemia:		Oklahoma ¹	
Illinois	12	Pennsylvania	1
Mississippi		Tularaemia:	
New York		Alabama	1
Pennsylvania		Arkansas	1
Rables in animals:	••	Illinois	8
	2	Louisiana	1
Maryland	_	Typhus fever:	
Mississippi	11 4	Alabama	8
Missouri	26	Vincent's angina:	
New York	26	Maine	16
Rabies in man:		Maryland	6
Alabama	1	New York	103
Illinois	1	Oklahoma !	1
Maine	1	Whooping cough:	
Michigan	1	Alabama	67
Pennsylvania	1	Arkansas	26
Septic sore throat:		District of Columbia	29
Illinois	4	Illinois	820
Louisiana	1	Iowa	32
Maryland	5	Louisiana	30
Michigan	31	Maine	103
Missouri	16	Maryland	110
New York	10	Michigan	446
Oklahoma 1	11	Minnesota	25
Tetanus:		Mississippi	
Illinois	1	Missouri	138
Louisiana	2	New York	
Maryland	2	Oklahoma ¹	27
Missouri	1	Pennsylvania	873
New York	i	Rhode Island	7
	5	West Virginia	81
Oklahoma 1	3 1	west bushing	91

RECIPROCAL NOTIFICATIONS

Notifications regarding communicable diseases sent during the month of December, 1927, by departments of health of certain States to other State health departments

Referred by-	Chicken pox	Diph- theria	Measles	Polio- myelitis	Scarlet fever	Smallpox	Tuber- culosis	Typhoid fever
CaliforniaIllinois		11		1		5	2 1	3
Massachusetts Minnesota						1	12	1
New York Ohio	.í1	¹ 3	1		1		* 1	2

¹ One carrier.

² Arrested case

GENERAL CURRENT SUMMARY AND WEEKLY REPORTS FROM CITIES

The 100 cities reporting cases used in the following table are situated in all parts of the country and have an estimated aggregate population of more than 31,100,000. The estimated population of the 94 cities reporting deaths is more than 30,400,000. The estimated expectancy is based on the experience of the last nine years, excluding epidemics.

	1928	1927	Estimated expectancy
Cases reported			
Diphtheria:	0.005	0.000	1
41 States	2, 295 1, 186	2, 069 1, 094	1, 121
100 cities	1, 180	1, 094	1, 12
Measles:	11, 337	8, 489	1
40 States	2, 941	2, 018	
100 cities	2, 511	2,010	
Poliomyelitis:	65	18	1
41 States	00	10	
Scarlet fever:	4, 434	5, 411	l
41 States	1, 537	2, 165	1, 372
100 cities	1,001	2, 100	1,0,,
Smallpox: 41 States	1, 285	1, 259	
100 cities	139	133	9.
	105	100	_ ~
Typhoid fever:	194	285	
100 cities.	47	56	46
100 cities	••	•	-
Deaths reported	!		
Influenza and pneumonia:	1 052	1, 147	
94 cities	1, 253	1, 147	
Smallpox:	اما	0	
94 cities	0	U	

City reports for week ended January 14, 1928

The "estimated expectancy" given for diphtheria, poliomyelitis, scarlet fever, smallpox, and typhoid fever is the result of an attempt to ascertain from previous occurrence the number of cases of the disease under consideration that 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 non-epidemic 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 1919 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.

			Diph	theria	Influ	ienza	3/		Descri
Division, State, and city	Population, July 1, 1926, estimated	Chick- en pox, cases re- ported	Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported	Mea- sles, cases re- ported	cases re- ported	Pneu- monia, deaths re- ported
NEW ENGLAND									
Maine: Portland New Hampshire:	76, 400	16	2	0	0	0	3		2
Concord Manchester	1 22, 546 84, 000	0	0 2	0	0	0 1	1 0	0	2 0

			Dipt	theria	Infl	uenza			
Division, State, and city	Population, July 1, 1926, estimated	Chick- en pox, cases re- ported	Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported	Mea- sies, cases re- ported	Mumps, cases re- ported	Pneu- monia, deaths re- ported
NEW ENGLAND-con.									
Vermont: Barre Burlington Massachusetts: Boston Fall River Springfield	1 10, 008 1 24, 089 787, 000 131, 000 145, 000 193, 000	7 1 98 2 14	0 0 57 6 4	0 6 26 7 20	0 0 4 1	0 0 0 0	0 0 336 0 3	0 1 11 0 53	1 0 31 5 1
Worcester Rhode Island:	!	43	6	3 2	0	0	0	99	0
Pawtucket Providence Connecticut:	71, 900 275, 900	8	10	12	0	0	0 1	2 16	3 10
Bridgeport Hartford New Haven	164, 000 182, 000	5 24 24	8 8 3	7 9 1	1 0 0	0 0 3	0 1 99	0 7 42	0 15 8
MIDDLE ATLANTIC									
New York: Buffalo	544, 000 5, 924, 000 321, 000 185, 000	185 9 34	16 210 13	335 6 2	22	24 0 0	158 4 62	34 5 9	286 8 1
Camden	131, 000 459, 000 134, 000	54 0	5 17 5	18 27 3	1 2 0	0 1 0	0 65 3	33 3	20 20 2
Philadelphia Pittsburgh Reading	2, 008, 000 637, 000 114, 000	161 29 25	85 21 5	65 33 5		10 6 0	207 0	123 102 3	71 28 1
EAST NORTH CENTRAL		- 1		1	İ				
Ohio: Cincinnati Cleveland Columbus Toledo Indiana:	411, 000 960, 000 285, 000 295, 000	41 102 12 70	12 36 6 11	16 85 8 1	1 3 2 3	5 1 2 3	161 31 3 91	189 14 14	27 19 9 9
Fort Wayne Indianapolis South Bend Terre Haute Illinois:	99, 960 367, 000 81, 760 71, 900	3 18 1 0	12 1 1	7 7 2 1	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 12 2 0	0 54 0 0	6 16 2 3
Chicago Springfield	3, 048, 000 64, 700	150	98 1	123	15 0	5 0	17	42 11	90 0
Michigan Detroit Flint Grand Rapids Wisconsin:	1, 290, 000 136, 000 156, 000	78 16 11	71 8 4	58 7 0	12 0 0	2 0 2	198 3 27	79 108 9	44 3 2
Kenosha	52, 700 47, 600 517, 000 69, 400 139, 671	20 5 105 12 12	2 0 22 2 1	2 0 18 3 0	0 0 3 0	0 0 3 0	0 1 3 1	6 2 51 1 0	1 1 17 1 2
WEST NORTH CENTRAL				- 1	1				
Minnesota: Duluth Minneapolis St. Paul Iowa:	113, 000 434, 000 248, 000	0 46 24	3 21 17	2 15 1	0	0 2 1	0 3 1	0 17 68	5 13 13
Davenport. Des Moines. Sioux City. Waterloo.	1 52, 469 146, 000 78, 000 36, 900	0 0 0	0 4 2 0	2 1 0 0	0		2 0 26 2	0 41 3	

¹ Estimated, July 1, 1925.

² No estimate made.

City reports for week ended January 14, 1928—Continued

		at :::	Diph	theria	Infl	uenza	1		
Division, State, and city	Population, July 1, 1926, estimated	Chick- en pox, cases re- ported	Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported	Mea- sles, cases re- ported	Mumps, cases re- ported	Pneu- monia, deaths re- ported
WEST NORTH CENTRAL—Cont.									
Missouri: Kansas City	275 000	40							
St. Joseph	375, 000 78, 400	43 3	10 3	2 2	1 0	4 0	2 1	84 6	, 12 , 5
St. Louis North Dakota:	830, 000	19	53	30	0	0	20	14	
Fargo	1 26, 403	25	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
South Dakota:	1 14, 811	2	0	0	0		0	0	
AberdeenSioux Falls	¹ 15, 03 6 ¹ 30, 127	2 0	0 1	0	0		0	0	
Nebraska:									
LincolnOmaha	62, 000 216, 000	28 11	2 5	1 2	0	8	0	20 0	0 6
Kansas:				_					
TopekaWichita	56, 500 92, 500	32 10	2	3 0	0	0	0 1	0	1 0
SOUTH ATLANTIC									
Delaware:	194 000				اہ				
Wilmington Maryland:	124, 000	10	3	0	0	0	0	10	4
Baltimore Cumberland	808, 000 1 33, 741	172	41	17 0	19	3	212	18 0	44
Frederick	1 12, 035	4	i	ĭ	ō	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	4 0
District of Columbia: Washington	528, 000	49	21	32	2	2	7	0	22
Virginia: Lynchburg	30, 500	7	1		0	1	. 1	i	
NOTIOUR	174, 000	0	3 7	4	ŏ	0	10	0	3 12
Richmond Roanoke.	189, 000 61, 900	10	7	6	0	0	31 6	0	6 1
West Virginia	· 1	- 1	1	1	- 1	- 1	ı	1	
Charleston Wheeling	50, 700 1 56, 208	2 11	2 2	0	0	8	0 2	0	1
North Carolina: Raleigh	1 30, 371	10	1	1	o	0	6		
Wilmington	37, 700	3	1	1	0	Ó	139	0	3 1
Winston-Salem South Carolina:	71, 800	4	1	2	0	1	49	21	5
Charleston	74, 100	4	2	0	56	1	0	0	6
Greenville	41, 800 1 27, 311	10	0	0	0	1 0 .	187 129	33 13	3 5
Georgia: Atlanta	- 1	5	4	2	44	7	4	9	13
Brunswick	1 16, 809	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
SavannahFlorida:	94, 900	5	2	3	14	6	69	1	4
Miami St. Petersburg	1 69, 754 1 26, 847	7 -		4	1	1 0	0	0	2
Tampa	102, 000	15	ĭ	7	0	0 -	2	i	1 6
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL									
Kentucky:	FO FOC	ا ا	_ [
Covington Lexington Louisville	58, 500 47, 500	4	1	8	0	0	24	0 2	0 3
Louisville Tennessee:	311, 000	10	7	ž	2	ŏ	17	8	10
Memphis	177, 000	7	6	4	o	4	253	26	7
NashvilleAlabama:	137, 000	3	2	1	0	4	10	4	10
Birmingham Mobile	211, 000 66, 800	5	4	3	38	3 4	1 0	7	11
Montgomery	47, 000	1	ô	ŏl	ا 2	-	öl	ŏ	5

¹ Estimated, July 1, 1925.

² No estimate made.

				Diph	theria	Infl	uenza			
Division, State, an city	Popu 1 Jul 19 estir	lation, y 1, 26, qated	Chick- en pox, cases re- ported	Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported	Mea- ales, cases re- ported	Mump cases re- ported	deaths
WEST SOUTH CENTR	L									
Arkansas: Fort Smith Little Rock Louisiana:	1 3	1, 643 5, 900	7 1	1 1	0	0 1	i	1 32	0	
New Orleans Shreveport Oklahoma:	5	9, 00 0 9, 500	6 6	13 2	11 3	13 0	9 2	4 14	0	
Oklahoma City Tulsa Texas:	13	á, 60 0	3	1 2	5 2	3 0	1	0	10	1
Dallas	15 4	3, 00 0 9, 00 0 9, 100 4, 954 5, 000	27 16 0 4 0	8 4 1 6 2	13 10 0 20 4	1 0 0 1 0	0 1 0 2 2	4 1 0 7 5	0 2 0 2 1	8 7 1 12 15
MOUNTAIN		ĺ								
Montana: Billings Great Falls Helena Missoula	- 12	7, 971 9, 883 2, 037 2, 668	0 0 0 2	0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 1 0 0	0 1 0 0	0 0 1 0	0 0 1 1
Idaho: Boise Colorado:	12	, 042	8	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Denver	288	, 000 , 900	35 19	10 3	8	····ō	4	9	56 1	13 3
Albuquerque Utah:	1	, 000	6	0	1	0	0	18	0	2
Salt Lake City Nevada: Reno	1	, 665	31	3 0	5 0	0	0	0	2 0	1 0
PACIFIC				1	- 1	1		1		
Washington: SeattleSpokaneTacomaOregon:		000	25 5 7	5 3 4	5 0 1	0	0	168 0 2	12 0 4	1
Portland California:	- 1 282	383	55	11	8	1	5	8	4	15
Los Angeles Sacramento San Francisco	- (2) 73 567	400 000	70 1 87	45 3 21	41 0 9	23 0 2	8 0 3	13 6 17	22 0 28	33 1 7
se	arlet feve	r	Small	pox		i	yphoid fe	ver	Whoop-	
and city es	ses, ti- ted re- ect-porte	mat	i- Case ed re- ect-porte	re-	ne la care	Cases, esti- mated	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported	ing	Deaths, all causes
NEW ENGLAND										
faine: Portland lew Hampshire:	3	•	0	0	0 1	1	0	0	o	18
Concord Manchester ermont:	2	1	0)	0 0	0		0	0	9 8
Barre Burlington	0 0		0 0		0 1	0		0	0	3 12

¹ Estimated July 1, 1925.

² No estimate made.

	Scarle	t fever		Smallpo)X		Ту	phoid f	ever	Wheer	
Division, State, and city	Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy		Cases. esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported	Tuber- culosis, deaths re- ported	mated		Deaths re ported	Whooping cough, cases reported	Deaths, all causes
NEW ENGLAND— continued											
Massachusetts: Boston Fall River Springfield Worcester Rhode Island:	70 3 8 12	77 14 19 8	0 0 0	0 0 0 . 0	0 0 0 0	17 1 1 5	1 1 0 0	1 1 0 1	1 0 0 0	96 0 8 15	250 32 43 47
Pawtucket Providence	1 9	2 33	0	0	0	0 2	0 1	0 1	0	0	19 68
Connecticut: Bridgeport Hartford New Haven	10 9 10	4 8 4	0 0 0	0 0 0	0	0 2 1	0 0 0	0 2 0	0 0 0	3 7 33	37 51 50
MIDDLE ATLANTIC								l			
New York: Buffalo New York Rochester Syracuse New Jersey:	25 237 15 13	288 4 19	1 0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	112 2 2 2	0 10 1 1	7 0 0	2 0 0	205 1 28	1, 724 67 45
Camden Newark Trenton Pennsylvania:	5 27 5	9 20 5	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 0 4	1 1 0	1 0 0	0 0 0	0 45 1	31 102 37
Philadelphia Pittsburgh Reading	97 40 2	110 33 31	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	28 11 2	3 1 0	2 1 0	0 0 0	65 5 2	534 201 25
EAST NORTH CENTRAL											
Ohio: Cincinnati Cleveland Columbus Toledo	20 45 11 16	21 48 20 10	1 1 1 1	1 0 0 0	0 0 0	7 14 2 4	0 1 0 1	0 4 0 0	0 1 0 0	0 54 1 1	155 197 85 6 8
Indiana: Fort Wayne Indianapolis South Bend Terre Haute Illinois:	6 10 4 3	6 19 2 1	1 11 1 0	0 3 0 2	0 0 0	0 6 0 0	0 1 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0 0	2 3 0 1	30 114 10 22
Chicago Springfield	138	127 11	1 0	1 0	0	44 0	3 0	1 0	0	172	837 22
Michigan: Detroit Flint Grand Rapids. Wisconsin:	99 10 13	86 25 9	3 0 0	3 1 0	0	13 1 1	1 0 0	0 0 0	0	66 12 4	285 26 25
Kenosha Madison Milwaukee Racine Superior	2 3 31 7 3	3 7 43 10 5	1 0 2 1 1	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 12 1	0 0 1 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	1 15 12 0	128 14 8
WEST NORTH CENTRAL											
Minnesota: Duluth Minneapolis St. Paul	10 58 32	4 32 12	0 7 9	0 2 0	0	2 2 1	0 1 0	0 1 0	0	1 0 2	33 115 65
Iowa: Davenport Des Moines Sioux City Waterloo	1 7 2 2	4 14 4 0	1 2 2 1	0 - 9 - 0 -			0 0 0	0 0 		0 0 - 0 -	
Missouri: Kansas City St. Joseph St. Louis	14 3 44	15 6 43	3 0 2	3 25 1	0	6 1 18	0 0 1	0 1 2	0	1 0 30	109 34 240

	Scarle	t fever		Smallpe	ox	L	T	phoid i	ever	Whoop	
Division, State, and city	Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported	Tuber- culosis, deaths re- ported	esti-	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported	ing cough, cases re- ported	Deaths, all causes
WEST NORTH CENTRAL—contd.											
North Dakota: Fargo Grand Forks	2	3	0	Ď	8	6	6	0	0	3	7
South Dakota: Aberdeen Sieutk Falls	1 1	0 3	0	0			6	0		0	6
Nebraska: Lincoln Omaha	2 4	8	8	16 1	0	0 2	0	0	9	5	17 60
Kansas: Topeka Wichita	3 5	2 7	0	1 41	0	0 2	0	0	0	4	11 2 6
SOUTH ATLANTIC											
Delaware: Wilmington Maryland:	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Baltimore Cumberland Frederick	38 1 0	34 1 0	0	0	0	23 0 0	2 0 0	0	0	36 10	269 11 2
District of Colum- bia:		37			-					_	_
Washington Virginia: Lynchburg	26 0	1	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	7	162 11
Norfolk Richmond Roanoke	1 6 1	1 1 3	0 0 1	0	0 0 0	0 1 0	0 0 1	0	0 0 0	0 2 0	47 13
West Virginia: Charleston Wheeling	1 3	0	0	0	0	1 3	0	0	1 0	0	43 15
North Carolina: Raleigh Wilmington	0	1 1	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	19 12
Winston-Salem South Carolina: Charleston	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	24 33
Columbia Greenville Georgia:	0	Ö	ŏ	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	14 10
Atlanta Brunswick Savannah	4 0 0	8 1 1	3 0 0	0 0 7	0	7 0 2	1 0 1	0	1 0 1	0	94 2 42
Florida: Miami St. Petersburg		4 -		0	0	1 -		0	0	0	32 15
Tampa	1	1	0	0	Ō	Ō	0	1	ŏ	0	30
CENTRAL Kentucky:	l	İ								İ	
Covington Lexington Louisville	6	1 0 19	0	0 0 2	0 0	1 1 6	0	0	0	0 1 4	24 16 88
Tennessee: Memphis Nashville	6 2	3 0	1 0	0	0	12	0	2	1 0	1 2	8 7 55
Alabama: Birmingham Mebile	4	2 2	3 0	1 0	0	6	1 0	7	0	1	77 32
Mentgomery	ő	1	ŏ	0 .			ő	o -		0	
CENTRAL								İ			
Arkansas: Fort Smith Little Rock Louisiana:	1 2	0	0	1 -	0	<u>i</u>	0	0 -	0	0 -	
New Orleans Shreveport	5	5 2	0	0	0	18	0	0	1 0	2 2	169 32

	Scarle	t fever	8	mallpo	x		T	phoid f	ever	Whoop	
Division, State, and city	Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported	Tuber- culosis, deaths re- ported	Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported	ing cough, cases re- ported	Deaths, all causes
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL—contd.											
Oklahoma: Oklahoma City Tulsa Texas:	3 2	2 5	1 1	21 0	0	2	1	0	0	0	49
Dallas	4 1 1 2 1	8 3 3 6	2 1 0 2 0	3 0 0 1 0	0 0 0 0	3 2 1 4 8	1 0 0 0	0 0 0 1 0	0 1 0 1 0	2 0 0 0 2	75 44 18 86 82
MOUNTAIN											
Montana: Billings Great Falls Helena Missoula Idaho	2 1 0 1	0 1 4 1	0 1 0 0	0 0 4 0	0 0 0	0 0 1 1	0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0	9 0 0	7 5 5 4
Boise Colorado:	1	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	. 5
Denver Pueblo New Mexico:	11 2	17 2	0	3 0	0	9	0	0	0	11 1	96 12
Albuquerque Utah:	1	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	16
Salt Lake City. Nevada:	3	9	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	2	30
Reno	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
PACIFIC									l		
Washington: Seattle Spokane Tacoma Oregon:	11 4 3	3 20 1	3 3 4	1 9 1	0	0	0	0 1	0	5 0 1	22
Portland California:	6	7	7	12	0	1	0	0	0	1	101
Los Angeles Sacramento San Francisco .	28 2 15	37 2 23	4 0 1	0 1 0	0	21 0 17	2 0 1	0 1 2	0	14 0 14	291 28 173
			co	ningo- occus ningitis	Let	hargie phalitis	Pel	lagra		nyelitis paraly	
Division, Stat	e, and c	ity	Cases	Death	S Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases	Deaths
NEW ENG	LAND										
Massachusetts: Boston		•	_ 0	1	0	0	o	0	1		0
MIDDLE AT				•		J		J	•	^	v
New York:	•							_			
New York New Jersey:			- 1	1		2	0	0	1	2	1
Newark	·		- 0	0	1 2	0 2	0	0	0	0	0
Pittsburgh			ő	ŏ	ő	î	1 8	ŏ	ŏ		ŏ

City reports for week ended January 14, 1928-Continued

	oc	ningo- ecus ingitis	Let	hargie phalitis	Pe	illagra	Polion tile	nyelitis p ara i	(inten- ysis)
Division, State, and city	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases	Deaths
BAST NORTH CENTRAL Ohig:									
Cleveland Columbus	0	0	1 1	0 1	0	0	8	0	0
Indiana: Indianapolis	1	2	0	0	9	o	0	0	ا ا
Illineis: Chicago	6	4	0	0	1	1	0	1	٥
Michigan: Detroit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	l	0
Wisconsin:	1		i		-		-	1	-
Milwaukee	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	. 0
Minnesota: Minneapelis St. Paul	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	Q
Missouri: Kanses City.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
St. Louis Kansas:	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 0	0
Wichita	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maryland: Baltimore Cumberland	Q	o	o	1	0	0	0	0	0
West Virginia: Charleston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 0	0
South Carolina: Charleston 1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1
Georgia: Savannah ²	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	. 0
Florida: 2 St. Petersburg		1		0		0	0		0
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL					l				_
Tennessee: Memphis	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL Arkanses:	1				l				
Little Rock Louisiana:	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
New Orleans Oklahoma:	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		0
Oklahoma City Texas:	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dallas Houston	0	0	0	0	0	3 0	0	0	0
San Antonio MOUNTAIN	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montana: Great Falls	1	0	0	o		0		0	a
Colorado: Denver	2	1	0	0		9	8		0
Utah: Salt Lake City	3	0	0	0	0		0		0
PACIFIC Washington	l		I		1				
Washington: Seattle	0 .		0 -		0 -		0	2 _	
Spokane	0 -	0	0 -	0	0 -	0	0	0 -	<u>ö</u> .
Oregon: Portland	0	0	. 0	0	0	o	o	1	0
Los Angeles Sacramento	2	1 0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1

Dengue: 1 case at Charleston, 8. C.
Typhus fever: 2 cases at Savannah, Ga., and 2 cases at Tampa, Fla.
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The following table gives the rates per 100,000 population for 101 cities for the five-week period ended January 14, 1928, compared with those for a like period ended January 15, 1927. The population figures used in computing the rates are approximate estimates as of July 1, 1927 and 1928, respectively, authoritative figures for many of the cities not being available. The 101 cities reporting cases had estimated aggregate populations of approximately 31,050,000 in 1927 and 31,657,000 in 1928. The 95 cities reporting deaths had nearly 30,370,000 estimated population in 1927 and nearly 30,961,000 in The number of cities included in each group and the estimated aggregate populations are shown in a separate table below.

Summary of weekly reports from cities, December 11, 1927, to January 14, 1928-Annual rates per 100,000 population, compared with rates for the corresponding period of 1926-27 1

]	DIPHT	HERIA	CASI	E RATI	ES	•			•
				Week	ended—				
Dec. 18, 1926	Dec. 17, 1927	Dec. 25, 1926	Dec. 24, 1927	Jan. 1, 1927	Dec. 31, 1927	Jan. 8, 1927	Jan. 7, 1928	Jan. 15, 1927	Jan. 14, 1928
188	205	2 163	201	176	3 185	198	4 169	186	5 19
160 167 213 129	200 226 248 129	160 140 • 182 113	193 233 212 123	158 171 193 165	165 221 200 125	158 182 223 188	149 202 176 115	174 176 189 158	200 5 254 220 111
258 164	140 127 218 162	7 214 150 168 137	143 127 344 117	173 186 223 137	³ 271 63	137 252 126	90 5 246 71	248 244 117	142 50 204 115 143
202						1	!		
193	247	2 209	285	231	3 323	384	4 518	339	5 49 4
229 24 256 109	604 206 117 46	167 22 6 249 77	536 251 157	184 22 294 .61	708 331 160 46	253 31 427 259	917 466 265 134	195 38 406 192	1, 021 5 277 300 109
. 89 21 82	607 530 252 27	62 31 103 2,780	797 713 84 18	179 78 13 3, 545	832 397 3 116 36	106 186 5, 227	\$ 1, 461 1, 566 3 197 62	96 302 3, 434	1, 496 1, 521 268 106
603	238	879	257	697	283	1, 517	383	1,478	526
SC.	RLET	FEVE	R CA	SE RA	res				
279	211	2 253	187	267	3 210	318	4 268	366	\$ 258
387 214 241	325 199 243	248 212 6 255	281 173 212	356 235 245	346 200 257	491 285 288	340 196 234	479 338 345	398 • 267 285
413 199 248	204 163 143	371 7 171 243	202 145 117	385 238 176	193 149 117	449 231 233	203 8 152 190	556 258 213	261 168 140
236 1, 112 383	172 243 154	125 975 303	92 171 191	150 893 252	234	153 950 340	195	1, 112	124 301 220
	Dec. 18, 1926 188 160 167 213 129 216 145 258 164 252 193 229 24 256 109 89 21 82 2, 351 603 SC 279 387 214 413 199 248 236 1, 112 112	Dec. 18, 17, 1926 1927 188 205 160 200 167 248 142 252 168 172 252 168 213 247 229 604 24 206 256 117 109 46 89 607 21 530 238 SCARLET 279 211 387 325 214 199 241 243 243 413 204 199 163 248 143 2248 143 2248 143 2248 143 2248 172 1,112 243	Dec. 18, 17, 1926 1927 1926 1927 1926 1927 1926 1927 1926 188 205 2 163 160 200 160 167 226 140 213 248 182 129 113 145 127 150 258 218 168 162 137 252 168 225 256 117 248 241 245 255 27 27 27 28 27 27 27 27	Dec. Dec. Dec. Dec. 18, 17, 25, 24, 1926 1927 1926 1927 1926 1927 1926 1927 1926 1927 1926 1927 1926 193 167 226 140 233 213 248 4 182 212 129 129 113 123 216 140 7 214 143 145 127 150 127 258 218 168 344 164 162 137 117 252 168 225 157 MEASLES CASE 1 193 247 209 285 229 604 167 536 24 206 22 251 157 109 46 77 38 89 607 62 797 21 530 31 713 82 252 153 187 193 82 252 153 187 193 82 252 153 187 193 82 252 251 103 84 82 82 82 82 82 82 82 82 82 82 82 82 82	Dec. Dec. Dec. Dec. Jan. 18, 17, 1926 1927 1926 1927 1927 1926 1927 1927 1926 1927 1927 1926 1927 1927 1926 1927 1927 188 205 2163 201 176 160 200 160 193 158 167 226 140 233 171 213 248 4182 212 193 129 113 123 165 216 140 7214 143 173 145 127 186 228 218 168 344 223 164 162 137 117 137 137 125 168 225 157 155 157	Dec. Dec. Dec. Jan. Dec. 18, 17, 25, 24, 1, 1, 1926 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 188 205 160 193 158 165 167 226 140 233 171 221 213 248 182 212 193 200 129 113 123 165 205 216 140 7214 143 173 129 145 127 150 127 186 112 258 218 168 344 223 271 164 162 137 117 137 63 125 168 225 157 155 141 150 127 186 112 228 218 168 344 223 271 225 168 225 157 155 141 150 127 186 112 228 218 168 225 157 294 160 109 45 77 38 61 46 89 607 62 797 179 832 215 530 31 713 78 397 21 530 31 713 78 397 21 530 31 713 78 397 21 530 31 713 78 397 225 252 103 34 13 3116 235	Dec. Dec. Dec. Dec. Jan. 3, 1926 1927 1928 1927 1928 160 200 160 193 158 165 158 167 226 140 233 171 221 182 213 248 4 182 212 193 200 233 129 129 113 123 165 125 188 127 150 127 186 112 137 258 218 168 344 223 3271 252 258 218 168 344 223 3271 252 252 168 225 157 155 141 230 230 235 241 242 266 22 251 22 331 31 230 230 235 241 247 249 157 249 160 427 109 46 77 38 61 46 253 256 117 4249 157 294 160 427 109 46 77 38 61 46 252 251 252 331 31 31 31 31 31 320 328 328 328 328 338	Dec. Dec. Dec. Jan. Dec. Jan. 18, 17, 1926 1927 1926 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 1928 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 1928 1927 1927 1927 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1929 1929 113 123 165 125 128 115 126 140 7 214 143 173 129 222 174 145 117 126 112 137 90 129 113 123 165 125 128 115 126 140 7 214 143 173 129 222 174 145 127 150 127 186 112 137 90 258 218 168 344 223 3271 252 3246 164 162 137 117 137 63 125 71 252 168 225 157 155 141 230 123 123 123 124 124 125	Week ended Dec. Dec. Dec. Jan. Dec. Jan. Jan. Jan. 15, 1926 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 1927 1928 1927 1927 1927 1928 1927 1927 1928 1927 1928 1927 1928 1927 1928 1927 1928 1927 1928 1927 1928 1927 1928 1927 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1928 1929 1929 113 123 165 125 188 115 158 145 127 150 127 186 112 137 90 248 182 212 193 222 154 215 128

¹ 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, 1926, 1927, and 1928, respectively.

2 Terre Haute, Ind., and Norfolk, Va., not included.

3 Fort Smith, Ark., not included.

4 Atlanta, Ga., and Fort Smith, Ark., not included.

5 Buffalo, N. Y., not included.

6 Terre Haute, Ind., not included.

7 Norfolk, Va., not included.

6 Atlanta, Ga., not included.

Summary of weekly reports from cities, December 11, 1927, to January 14, 1928— Annual rates per 100,000 population, compared with rates for the corresponding period of 1926-27—Continued

SMALLPOX CASE RATES

					Week e	nded				
•	Dec. 18, 1926	Dec. 17, 1927	Dec. 25, 1926	Dec. 24, 1927	Jan. 1, 1927	Dec. 31, 1927	Jan. 8, 1927	Jan. 7, 1928	Jan. 15, 1927	Jan. 14, 1928
101 cities	16	19	2 14	16	14	3 15	22	4 17	22	s 2
New England Middle Atlantic East North Central West North Central South Atlantic East South Central West South Central Mountain Pacific	0 1 11 46 26 78 43 0 40	0 0 17 115 5 5 0 117 31	0 0 6 16 28 7 30 36 26 18 43	0 0 12 77 20 20 13 99 26	0 1 7 40 41 47 21 9	0 0 12 79 4 10 3 4 144 29	0 0 32 57 27 41 41 0	0 0 9 105 8 12 5 3 16 106 26	0 1 21 69 51 86 25 0 37	144 20 13 21 142 143
	ТY	РНОП	D FEV	ER CA	SE RA	TES				
101 cities	12	8	2 10	11	12	3 7	8	4 5	9	5 8
New England Middle Atlantic East North Central West North Central South Atlantic East South Central West South Central Mountain Pacific	31 8 5 10 19 21 21 9 24	0 8 3 6 9 36 17 18 16	40 5 6 3 10 7 16 16 17 0 21	9 10 8 8 16 25 17 9	24 7 5 4 34 21 17 27 16	14 4 5 10 13 10 • 3 13 18 0	9 6 5 8 7 25 25 9 8	7 3 3 2 15 20 20 9 5	21 8 1. 6 16 15 17 9 21	14 5 6 3 8 2 55 20 0
	II	NFLUE	ENZA I	DEATH	RATI	ES .				
95 cities	14	14	2 15	17	17	19	20	5 19	21	5 24
New England Middle Atlantic East North Central West North Central South Atlantic East South Central West South Central West South Central Pacific Pacific	7 13 12 15 26 5 40 9	12 9 11 6 15 61 56 9	7 14 • 10 11 7 34 36 18 27 4	5 11 13 10 20 46 73 27 24	12 21 15 8 17 26 13 46 0	5 14 10 8 22 56 82 72 31	16 18 17 14 16 48 42 63	16 13 10 4 121 89 82 53 24	14 20 16 10 23 37 42 99 14	7 5 21 13 14 37 78 66 62 37
	Pl	NEUM	ONIA	DEATE	RAT	ES				
95 cities	137	118	2 137	135	164	157	195	6 170	179	5 191
New England Middle Atlantic East North Central West North Central South Atlantic East South Central Wast South Central Wouthain Wountain Pacific	149 147 117 120 127 129 172 273 124	102 117 97 91 164 143 194 135 131	151 166 109 91 7 153 109 84 164 148	121 127 105 98 186 204 233 243 165	172 180 134 118 187 191 150 201 198	146 158 135 108 188 183 310 198 138	181 208 169 116 229 213 238 368 210	103 186 140 124 5 231 235 238 195 176	191 204 152 124 189 207 178 197 169	179 5 215 158 112 252 225 287 168 142

Terre Haute, Ind., and Norfolk, Va., not included.
 Fort Smith, Ark., not included.
 Atlanta, Ga., and Fort Smith, Ark., not included.
 Buffalo, N. Y., not included.
 Terre Haute, Ind., not included.
 Norfolk, Va., not included.
 Atlanta, Ga., not included.

Number of cities included in summary of weekly reports, and aggregate population of cities in each group, approximated as of July 1, 1927 and 1928, respectively

Group of cities	Number of cities	Number of cities		opulation of rting cases	Aggregate population of cities reporting deaths			
•	reporting	reporting deaths	1927	1928	1927	1928		
Total	101	95	31, 050, 300	31, 657, 000	30, 369, 500	30, 960, 700		
New England Middle Atlantic East North Central West North Central South Atlantic East South Central West South Central West South Central Mountain Pacific	12 10 16 12 21 7 8 9	12 10 16 10 21 6 7 9	2, 242, 700 10, 594, 700 7, 820, 700 2, 634, 500 2, 890, 700 1, 028, 300 1, 269, 700 1, 996, 400	2, 274, 400 10, 732, 400 7, 991, 400 2, 683, 509 2, 981, 900 1, 048, 300 1, 307, 600 591, 100 2, C46, 400	2, 242, 700 10, 594, 700 7, 820, 700 2, 518, 500 2, 890, 700 960, 700 1, 227, 800 581, 600 1, 512, 100	2, 274, 400 10, 732, 400 7, 991, 400 2, 566, 400 2, 981, 900 1, 600, 169 591, 160 1, 548, 900		

FOREIGN AND INSULAR

THE FAR EAST

Report for the week ended December 31, 1927.—The following report for the week ended December 31, 1927, was transmitted by the eastern bureau of the health section of the secretariat of the League of Nations, located at Singapore, to the headquarters at Geneva:

Plague, cholera, or smallpox was reported present in the following ports:

PLAGUE

Egypt.—Alexandria.
India.—Bombay, Rangoon, Bassein.
Dutch East Indies.—Makassar.

CHOLERA

India.—Negapatam, Calcutta, Rangoon. Straits Settlements.—Singapore. Siam.—Bangkok.

SMALLPOX

Aden.—Aden.
Iraq.—Basra.
India.—Bombay, Calcutta, Rangoon.
French India.—Pondicherry.

Dutch East Indies.—Belawan Deli, Surabaya. Siam.—Bangkok.

French Indo-China .- Saigon.

Returns for the week ended December 31 were not received from Madras, India, Colombo, Ceylon, Canton, China, Samarinda, Dutch East Indies, or Vladivostok, Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

ARABIA

Aden—Epidemic plague—January 23, 1928.—Under date of January 23, 1928, plague was reported present in epidemic form at Aden, Arabia.

ARGENTINA

Rosario—Plague—Measures against spread.—Press reports from Buenos Aires, Argentina, state the recent occurrence of six cases of plague at Rosario. Notices from the same source show that active measures against the spread of the disease are in force at Rosario, including campaign against rats, which are stated to exist in great numbers in the port, and the immunization of about 360 workmen.

BELGIAN CONGO

Matadi—Yellow fever.—Further information relative to yellow fever at Matadi, Belgian Kongo, reported present January 3, 1928, shows under date of December 25, 1927, 9 suspect cases, 6 fatalities from the disease, and 2 cases under observation.

¹ Public Health Reports, Jan. 27, 1928, p. 240.

BRAZIL

State of Parahyba—Health conditions—July, 1926, to June, 1927.— Information received under recent date shows the sanitary and general health status of the State of Parahyba, Brazil, during the year, to have been satisfactory, with exception of increased mortality from malarial diseases, tuberculosis, and gastroenteritis in children.

Influenza.—Some cases of influenza were reported at Alagoa Nova and Teixeira. At Cajazeiras and Misericordia smallpox made its appearance. Medical relief was supplied to these localities by the Department of Health.

Plague.—An outbreak of plague occurred during the period under report at the town of Sape, with 42 cases and 36 fatalities. The infection was attributed to rats which were brought into the town in a consignment of packing cases, containing, it was stated, machinery for installation in a large sugar plant.

Rural sanitation.—Rural sanitation was stated to be in progress, being directed mainly to the eradication of hookworm disease, leprosy, malaria, and the venereal diseases, the work being carried on at 23 stations throughout the State and in the capital city.

Water works and sewer construction.—The water works and sewerage system were declared completed as regards the capital city, Parahyba, January 24, 1926, but the work of house connections and extension of water lines was not finished. The water supply system of Campina Grande was officially opened in October, 1927.

Yellow fever prevention work.—The work of yellow fever prevention was stated to have been carried on during the year. The last case to occur in the city of Parahyba was reported in June, 1926, and the last case in the State as a whole, in August, 1926.

CANADA

Communicable diseases—Week ended January 7, 1928.—The Canadian Ministry of Health reports cases of certain communicable diseases from seven Provinces of Canada for the week ended January 7, 1928, as follows:

Disease	Nova Scotia	New Bruns- wick	Que- bec	Onta- rio	Mani- toba	Sas- katch- ewan	Al- berta	Total
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Communicable diseases—Week ended January 14, 1928.—The Canadian Ministry of Health reports cases of certain communicable diseases from seven Provinces of Canada for the week ended January 14, 1928, as follows:

Disease	Nova Scotia	New Bruns- wick	Que- bec	Onta- rio	Mani- toba	Sas- katch- ewan	Al- berta	Total
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Ottawa—Mortality—Year ended October 31, 1927.—The general death rate of the city of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, Canada, for the year ended October 31, 1927, was lower than for any year previously reported, with the exception of the year 1925. The lowered death rate was attributed to lower infant mortality, viz, 74 fewer deaths of infants than for the preceding year. The total number of deaths reported was 1,551, as compared with 1,639 in 1926.

Measles—Typhoid fever—Tuberculosis.—An outbreak of measles was reported for the months of December, 1926, and January and February, 1927, the type of the disease being generally mild. There were reported 1,541 cases with 4 deaths.

The prevalence of typhoid fever was attributed mainly to the development of cases of the disease in the Gatineau district of Quebec, in which many citizens of Ottawa were employed in construction work and from which many cases were sent to Ottawa hospitals. In the city of Ottawa 28 cases originated.

There were reported 94 deaths from tuberculosis, as compared with 85 in 1926. Of this number, 82 per cent were said to be due to pulmonary tuberculosis.

Quebec Province—Communicable diseases—Week ended January 14, 1928.—The Bureau of Health of the Province of Quebec reports cases of communicable diseases for the week ended January 14, 1928, as follows:

Disease	Cases	Disease	Cases
Cerebrospinal meningitis Chicken pox Diphtheria German measles Measles	1	Scarlet fever	122
	39	Smallpox	17
	98	Tuberculosis	69
	2	Typhoid fever	15
	137	Whooping cough	28

EGYPT

Alexandria—Plague—December 17-23, 1927.—During the week ended December 23, 1927, a case of plague was reported at Alexandria, Egypt.

Summary and comparison with corresponding period of the preceding year.—During the period January 1 to December 23, 1927, 77 cases of plague were reported in Egypt, as compared with 150 cases reported for the corresponding period of the year 1926.

ESTONIA

Communicable diseases—November, 1927.—During the month of November, 1927, communicable diseases were reported in the Republic of Estonia as follows:

Disease	Cases	Disease	Cases
Diphtheria Measles Scarlet fever	33 43 323	Taberculosis Typhoid fever	129 65

Population, census, 1,107,059.

IVORY COAST (WEST AFRICA)

Abidjan—Yellow fever—December 24, 1927.—Under date of January 4, 1928, a fatal case of yellow fever occurring in a European was reported at Abidjan, Ivory Coast, West Africa. The locality was stated to be under sanitary observation.

MADAGASCAR

Plague—October 16-31, 1927.—During the 16-day period ended October 31, 1927, 104 cases of plague with 97 deaths were reported in the island of Madagascac. The distribution according to Provinces was as follows: Ambositra, 2 cases; Antisirabe, 17; Itasy, 11; Moramanga, 20; Tananarive, 54. The distribution according to type of disease was as follows: Bubonic, 50 cases; pneumonic, 43; septicemic, 11. In the interior town of Tananarive the occurrence was as follows: Cases, 5; deaths, 5; bubonic, 1; pneumonic, 3; septicemic, 1.

SENEGAL

Dakar—Yellow fever—Diourbel, suspect yellow fever.—Under date of January 4, 1928, one case with one death of yellow fever was reported at Dakar, Senegal. On the same date one suspect case with fatal termination, occurring in a Syrian arriving from Dar-Mousti, was reported at Diourbel.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Cape Province—Plague—December 4-10, 1927.—During the week ended December 10, 1927, two cases of plague, one of which resulted fatally, occurring in the colored or native population, was reported in Hanover District, Cape Province, Union of South Africa.

Smallpox—Typhus fever.—During the same period outbreaks of smallpox and typhus fever were reported in the Union of South Africa as follows: Smallpox—Orange Free State, in one district. Typhus fever—Outbreaks in the Cape Province in the districts of St. George, Tsolo, and Xalanga. At Durban, Natal, one sporadic case, occurring in a native, was reported.

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Communicable diseases—December, 1927.—During the month of December, 1927, communicable diseases were reported in the Virgin Islands of the United States as follows:

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