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## INFLUENZA PREVALENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

Reports for the week ended December 8, 1928 (see p. 3383), indicate that the prevalence of influenza was increasing in the Pacific and Mountain States generally, although the epidemiologist of the health department of Montana says that the disease appears to be decreasing in that State. In San Francisco, from which the first reports of epidemic prevalence were received, the number of cases has been decreasing since October 27. Kansas reported a sudden rise in the prevalence of influenza, with 13,596 cases for the week. Other States which reported considerable numbers of cases of the disease are North Dakota, 194; Nebraska, 364; South Carolina, 5,145; Georgia, 990; Tennessee, 222; Alabama, 214; and Oklahoma, 200 cases.

The reports are obviously incomplete. The State health officers of Ohio and Virginia say that unofficial reports show many cases.

The New England States had not reported any unusual prevalence of influenza when this issue of the Public Health Reports was sent to press, and the health officer of New York State on December 13 reported that there were no reports of epidemic influenza in that State.

The reports appear to indicate that the disease is comparatively mild in form.

The following table gives a comparison of the numbers of deaths from influenza and pneumonia (combined) in a group of cities during six weeks of the years 1928 and 1927. The 95 cities have an aggregate population of nearly 31,000,000 and are situated in all parts of the country.

During the first four weeks of the period covered, the 1927 figures were higher than those for 1928, but for the last two weeks the 1928 figures are considerably higher. However, when the large number of cases of influenza is considered, the number of deaths appears to be low when compared with such conditions as existed in 1918.

*Deaths from influenza and pneumonia in a group of cities of the United States, by weeks, October 21 to December 1, 1928, and October 23 to December 3, 1927*

Week ended—	Number of cities included	1928	1927
Oct. 27, 1928; Oct. 29, 1927	95	572	573
Nov. 3, 1928; Nov. 5, 1927	95	565	576
Nov. 10, 1928; Nov. 12, 1927	95	614	654
Nov. 17, 1928; Nov. 19, 1927	95	689	703
Nov. 24, 1928; Nov. 26, 1927	93	809	611
Dec. 1, 1928; Dec. 3, 1927	92	958	724

The death rate from all causes for the week ended December 8, 1928, in 65 cities is 13.3 per thousand population. (See p. 3381.) This rate is higher than the rate for the same cities in 1927, but it is not an unusually high rate for these cities in December.

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### STATEMENT REGARDING INFLUENZA

The following is a popular statement regarding influenza which was recently issued by the Public Health Service:

It is well known that influenza exists to a greater or less extent at all times among all peoples in every country. The present epidemic is occurring at a season when a higher influenza sickness rate may be expected. From the studies conducted by the Public Health Service it has been shown that under ordinary conditions the increase in influenza is usually greater from November to March.

Since the germ causing the disease has not yet been satisfactorily demonstrated, it is necessary to depend upon symptoms to determine whether or not influenza is present. These symptoms vary in intensity; but when one suffers from headache, aching in body and limbs, cough, chill, some fever, and above all, a severe prostration, it is safe to say that that individual has influenza. The disease is sometimes called "grippe" when these symptoms are not so severe, to indicate a milder attack; but influenza and grippe are one and the same disease. It is interesting to note that the word "influenza" was first used by the Italians in 1743 to denote some "influence," as it was thought by them that this disease, heretofore known as "epidemic catarrh" was caused by an influence of unknown origin (probably the stars); while to the French "influenza" was known as "la grippe" from the word "agripper" (to attack).

We are prone to forget the serious aspects of influenza until suddenly and without warning it becomes epidemic. The sickness rate greatly increases and the symptoms become more severe as a rule. These outbreaks may be confined to certain communities or areas or they may become world wide. It is not possible to prophesy when epidemics will come, although in England some investigators have noted that the epidemics seem to be periodic in their occurrence unless the time when they are due happens to be in warm weather.

The largest world epidemic in recent years prior to the 1918-19 outbreak occurred in 1888. That epidemic, known as the "Russian flu," did not present catarrhal symptoms to any degree, but certain nervous disturbances predominated. In the 1918 epidemic, known as the "Spanish flu," however, the reverse was true. More patients showed catarrhal disturbances, while the nervous symptoms were not pronounced as was the case in the epidemic of 1888. In both epidem-

ics prostration was outstanding. There was also some difference in the age groups attacked. In 1918, 25 per cent more deaths occurred in ages from 15 to 35 than occurred in the 1888 epidemic, while the mortality rate among old people was much less in 1918 than in 1889.

In all large epidemics the ratio of deaths to the number of persons attacked is greater than it is in a period between epidemics; but it must be remembered that in itself influenza is rarely fatal. It is the pneumonia following which makes such an epidemic so serious and disastrous. During the influenza investigation carried on by the United States Public Health Service, reported deaths from influenza were carefully followed up in a group of large cities, and in practically no instance was it found that influenza had been fatal when not accompanied by complications. These studies all show that when epidemics do occur, the behavior of influenza changes from a comparatively mild ailment (sometimes called a bad cold) with recovery, to a serious devastating disease, with symptoms of great intensity which are changeable even in different epidemics.

It is recognized that influenza is a contagious disease, but there is still doubt as to just what germ is responsible for it. Ancient peoples were familiar with influenza as we probably know it to-day, and they reported great outbreaks of conditions, which, from their descriptions, must have been the influenza of to-day. Hippocrates, in 400 B. C., attributed it to changes in the wind, and from that time much epidemiological speculation has been advanced.

Alterations in the atmosphere, earthquakes, comets, volcanoes, great inundations, and various other natural phenomena have been suggested as a causative factor associated with influenza, as it was no doubt felt that something of that magnitude would necessarily have to be responsible for the widespread epidemics that are caused by this disease. One of the epidemiological puzzles connected with influenza is the reason for its sudden appearance in epidemic form after a period of quiescence and its lightning-like spread. It is believed to be caused by a germ; and so after a period when immunity and resistance die out in individuals and the virulence of the responsible organism increases to a certain degree, epidemics may result. Such phenomena occur in other diseases, notably smallpox, meningitis, and infantile paralysis.

As a contagious disease influenza is believed to be transmitted from person to person through the secretions of the nose and throat, just as infectious colds, pneumonia, and spinal meningitis are spread. This is done in many ways, such as promiscuous sneezing and spitting, the use of common towels, and the innumerable ways through hand to mouth and mouth to hand contact. It is no uncommon sight to observe children in toy shops, especially around Christmas time,

putting horns and whistles in their mouths and replacing them on the table for the next ones who do likewise. The common use of an "all-day sucker" by groups of children is equally dangerous.

Another way of transmission appears to be from dishes, glasses, and eating utensils that have not been properly sterilized. It is obvious that the complete sterilization of knives, forks, spoons, dishes, cups, and glasses in restaurants should be a common practice since great numbers of people, with all kinds of germs in their mouths, either place the same utensils in their mouths or have such intimate contact with them as to make them dangerous for use by others, without proper sterilization.

The prevention of influenza depends mainly on the individual and his observance of some of the practical laws of hygiene. The following habits might be cultivated to advantage, remembering that influenza is probably spread through secretions from the nose and throat of influenza patients finding their way to the nose and throats of healthy individuals:

1. Avoid needless crowding; walking to and from work, if practicable, is good exercise and keeps one from overcrowded street cars, busses, and similar conveyances.
2. Take advantage of as much open air and sunshine as you can.
3. Sleep with the windows open and be sure your homes are well ventilated.
4. Avoid people who are coughing, sneezing, or snuffing, and do not cough or sneeze yourself without using a handkerchief.
5. Wash your hands immediately before eating and do not put your fingers in your mouth or nose. By shaking hands or handling objects touched by others you may infect yourself by carrying your hand to your mouth or nose.
6. Do not use a napkin, towel, spoon, fork, knife, glass, dish, or cup which has been used by another person unless such articles have been either washed or sterilized. Avoid the common drinking cup.
7. Keep up your general health—first, by using inside and outside plenty of clean water; second, by eating clean, wholesome food; third, by sleeping at least 7 hours out of each 24; and fourth, by keeping the bowels regulated.
8. Keep away from houses where there are cases of influenza.
9. Avoid chilling.
10. Avoid overheated rooms.
11. In case the disease develops, go to bed immediately, and remain there until recovery. A physician should be called at once.

## REVIEW OF COURT DECISIONS PERTAINING TO MORBIDITY REPORTS

Questions concerning the validity and construction of, and the liability of physicians under, statutes, ordinances, and regulations requiring the reporting of cases of communicable diseases have been presented to the courts of several of the States. One of the earliest cases, and perhaps the leading one, on the subject of morbidity reports is that of *State v. Wordin*,<sup>1</sup> decided by the Connecticut Supreme Court of Errors on December 1, 1887. In that case a physician was charged with failure to report a case of diphtheria, in violation of an ordinance of the city of Bridgeport which required physicians to report cases of communicable diseases. There was a verdict of guilty and a judgment that he should pay a fine and costs. The defendant appealed, challenging the constitutionality of the ordinance. The supreme court of errors, in affirming the judgment of the lower court and holding the ordinance to be constitutional, said:

In his concession that the ordinance would be valid in the ravages of pestilence, under presence of an overwhelming necessity to prevent public calamity, the defendant concedes the whole case. An ordinance of this character must be intensely practical; a proper regard for human life demands that a contagious, fatal disease shall be barred rather than driven out.

The inequality of burden of which the defendant complains is only in seeming. Persons offering their services to the public as healers of disease and requiring pecuniary compensation therefor, thereby assert their ability to detect the presence of it when the great mass of the people can not. The people accede to the truth of their assertion, and in the matter of life surrender themselves to their keeping. Of course an ordinance in the interest of life must detect the presence of a fatal contagious disease at the earliest possible moment. Therefore with impartial action it compels that member of the community who is the first to have sight and knowledge of it, to give note of warning to others from whom its presence is hidden. It would be idle to require, indeed there would be danger in accepting, this service from those who can not see or do not know. The burden is made to rest upon every member of the only class which is in a condition to contribute anything to the accomplishment of the purpose of the ordinance.

The only other case in which the validity of morbidity regulations has been questioned is that of *Smythe v. State*,<sup>2</sup> decided by the Mississippi Supreme Court on February 7, 1921. The facts there were that a regulation of the Mississippi State Board of Health required physicians to report on the first of each month all cases of notifiable communicable diseases treated by them during the previous month. A physician was convicted in the lower court of violating this regulation. The State board of health had statutory authority to make reasonable rules and regulations, and the statutes provided a penalty for their violation. On appeal the physician contended that the regulation was unreasonable, but the supreme court said that there

<sup>1</sup> 56 Conn. 216; 14 A. 801.

<sup>2</sup> 124 Miss. 454; 86 So. 870.

was no merit in that contention, the purpose of the regulation being to enable the health authorities to take proper and prompt measures for the prevention of disease. The court, however, refused to sustain the conviction and discharged the physician because of the insufficiency of the evidence, saying that "The offense denounced by the statute is the violation of the regulations of the board of health knowingly, and this evidence wholly failed to show that the defendant had any knowledge of the existence of the rule or regulation, or that there had ever been any such publication thereof as to charge him with knowledge of it."

Another of the early decisions was one<sup>3</sup> rendered by the New York City Superior Court on December 30, 1886. It appeared there that a woman was removed from her home to a smallpox hospital by action of a sanitary inspector, and she brought an action for damages against her attending physicians because of such removal. One of the physicians had reported the case to the board of health as one of smallpox, and that was the occasion of the sanitary inspector examining the case. Regarding the making of the report by the physician, the court said:

\* \* \* The statutes had made it their (the physicians') duty to report cases of contagious diseases. The performance of this duty was not part of the functions of a physician in his relation to a patient, but rather to the public. My opinion is that in order to give the public the protection due to it, according to the intention of the statute, any physician that forms, in fact, an opinion that a patient has a contagious disease, is bound to report the case, whether he has or has not used ordinary professional skill and knowledge. \* \* \* Certainly if he really thinks the case to be one of smallpox, it is his duty to communicate his opinion to the public authorities who furnish skilled physicians peculiarly competent to pass upon the case. \* \* \*

The Michigan Supreme Court in two different cases has construed statutory provisions relating to morbidity reporting. In the first case (*People v. Brady*,<sup>4</sup> decided March 4, 1892) an action was brought against the defendant, a practicing physician, to recover a penalty, provided by law, for his failure to report certain cases of diphtheria attended by him. A statute required physicians immediately to give notice to the health officer of cases of communicable diseases which they were called upon to visit. The defendant made no report, as required by the statute, of the diphtheria cases attended by him, but the evidence showed that, a week or 10 days after he had pronounced the cases to be diphtheria, he stated to the health officer that there was diphtheria in those particular families. The judgment of the lower court, which was against the defendant, was affirmed by the supreme court. Regarding the verbal statement to the health officer by the defendant, the supreme court stated that "this was not

<sup>3</sup> *Brown v. Purdy*, 54 N. Y. Super. 109; 8 N. Y. St. Reporter 143.

<sup>4</sup> 90 Mich. 459; 51 N. W. 537.

the notice required by the statute, which is to be in writing, giving the name, place of residence, and nature of the disease." The appellate court also approved a charge of the trial court that it was a question for the jury to determine whether the defendant failed to report within a reasonable time and that in cases like diphtheria, where the disease is virulent and rapid in its action, eight days was not a reasonable time, and stated that it thought the trial court "would have been justified in saying that no notice was given at all, as required by the statute."

In the second case (*People v. Shurly*, decided September 18, 1900,<sup>5</sup> and June 24, 1902<sup>6</sup>), the facts were that a statute required physicians to report cases of "smallpox, cholera, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or any other disease dangerous to the public health." In an action to recover a penalty for the violation of this law, the question involved was whether tuberculosis was covered by the provision. The supreme court ruled that tuberculosis was required to be reported by physicians, if it was in fact a disease which was dangerous to the public health, and stated that the question whether tuberculosis was a disease dangerous to the public health was for determination by the jury on evidence. At the second trial of the case the jury found that tuberculosis was a disease dangerous to the public health but was not to be classed with smallpox, scarlet fever, measles, cholera, and diphtheria. The supreme court held that the question whether tuberculosis was to be classed with such other diseases should not have been submitted to the jury, saying that "If the disease is contagious and dangerous to the public health, the *law* classifies it." The court also held that, if tuberculosis was dangerous to the public health, the statute generally prohibiting a physician from disclosing any information acquired while attending upon a patient, which information was necessary to enable the physician to prescribe for the patient, was no defense. Another point decided by the supreme court was that the trial court erred in permitting an inquiry as to whether tuberculosis patients would be likely to give their consent to having their cases reported, stating that "it would hardly be contended that the physician could excuse his noncompliance with the requirements of the statute by showing a dissent in the particular case or generally."

A Missouri case<sup>7</sup> decided February 10, 1902, by the Kansas City Court of Appeals involved the question as to whether a Christian Scientist was required to report cases of communicable diseases under a city ordinance. The defendant, a Christian Scientist, was charged with the violation of an ordinance of Kansas City which required every physician who prescribed for or treated any case of certain

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<sup>5</sup> 124 Mich. 645; 83 N. W. 695.      <sup>7</sup> *Kansas City v. Baird*, 92 Mo. App. 204.

<sup>6</sup> 131 Mich. 177; 91 N. W. 139.



specified diseases or any disease of a pestilent or epidemic nature to immediately report the same on receiving knowledge that the person was afflicted with any such disease. The court of appeals decided that the defendant was not a physician, and also held that there was a failure to prove that she knew the case was one of the diseases mentioned in the ordinance. The court said:

\* \* \* The ordinance is simply a necessary police regulation, under the terms of which it is, among other things, necessary to prove that a *physician* attended the sick person and that he *knew* the case was one of those diseases mentioned in the ordinance.

In this case there was an utter failure in both these requisites, and the judgment will therefore be reversed and defendant discharged.

The Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia in *Johnson v. District of Columbia*<sup>8</sup> had for construction an act of Congress which made it the duty of every registered practicing physician, or other person prescribing for the sick in the District of Columbia, to make report to the health officer immediately after such practitioner became aware of the existence of any case of scarlet fever or diphtheria in his charge, and which imposed a penalty in case of failure to report within 24 hours. A physician in attendance at a charitable dispensary examined a child brought there, and, being of the opinion that she had diphtheria, refused to treat her, and suggested to the mother that she take the child home, isolate her, and call in a physician. The dispensary physician made no report of the case of diphtheria to the health officer, and, having been charged with a violation of the act requiring reports, was convicted in the lower court. The court of appeals, however, reversed the judgment, taking the view that the child was not "in his charge." The court said:

We are of the opinion that this act was intended to apply to practicing physicians who, being called upon, undertake the treatment of persons suffering from diphtheria or scarlet fever, and does not include those engaged in a special service who decline to treat such a case because not in the line of that service.

Acting as the physician of the dispensary, it was necessarily the duty of the plaintiff in error to examine the person applying for treatment, in order to ascertain if she came within the established scope of its charity, and if so, then to prescribe a remedy. But such examination alone did not put the patient "in his charge." He was prohibited by the rules of the dispensary from taking charge, as its representative, of one found to have diphtheria, and in obedience to his duty he declined, upon ascertainment of the fact, either to treat or take charge of the sufferer.

Under the ordinary meaning of the language of the statute, the patient can not be declared to have been "in his charge," in violation of his obligation to the dispensary, and against his own will.

In *Chicago v. Craig*,<sup>9</sup> decided by the Illinois Appellate Court on August 12, 1912, it appeared that an ordinance of the city of Chicago required every physician who prescribed for or attended any

<sup>8</sup> 27 App. D. C. 259, decided Apr. 3, 1906.

<sup>9</sup> 172 Ill. App. 126.

person having certain diseases, including smallpox, to make a report thereof in writing to the commissioner of health within 24 hours. A rule adopted by the commissioner of health required, in addition, that the physician report a case of smallpox at once to the department of health by telephone and by mail. A patient came to the office of the defendant, a physician, shortly after 10 o'clock in the evening. The defendant pronounced the patient to be afflicted with smallpox and attempted to communicate by telephone with the city health department and the chief of the bureau of contagious diseases, but failed to get any response. He then directed the patient to go home and stay there until the next morning and then to report to the chief of the bureau. At the same time he gave the patient a card to the health department physician. This card was presented by the patient to the department doctor at 2 o'clock the next afternoon. No other effort toward reporting the case was made by the defendant. In a suit instituted to recover a penalty for the violation of the ordinance and rule, judgment was entered against the defendant, and on appeal this judgment was affirmed, the court saying:

\* \* \* It is no answer to a charge of failure to comply with the provisions of the ordinance and rule to say that plaintiff in error sent Mitchell to the health department or that the health department became aware of the facts upon investigation after Mitchell presented himself in pursuance to the directions of plaintiff in error, or that sending Mitchell to the health department was just as effective a way to notify the health department of the facts as the way provided by ordinance and rule. It was clearly within the province of the legislative department of the city government to enact in what way notice of such disease should be given to the health department, and, having done so, it is the duty of all persons coming within the provisions of such ordinance and rule to obey them \* \* \*.

In the Vermont case of *State v. Pierce*,<sup>10</sup> decided by the State supreme court on October 13, 1913, the question raised on appeal was as to the admissibility of certain evidence. In that case a physician was convicted of violating a law which required an attending physician to report to the health officer known or suspected cases of communicable diseases dangerous to the public health. The physician had attended a child who died from diphtheria, as the evidence tended to show. In order to prove that the physician knew or suspected that the child's case was one of diphtheria, the State showed that other cases of the disease had existed in the village a short time previously and that the houses wherein the cases had existed had been quarantined with a placard bearing the word "diphtheria" in large letters. The evidence showed that the physician was in the village at the time and in such circumstances as to make it almost unbelievable that he had failed to observe the diphtheria placards. Evidence was also introduced of an autopsy on a prior case, at which

<sup>10</sup> 87 Vt. 144; 88 A. 740.

autopsy the defendant was present, and of positive laboratory reports on throat cultures taken from another earlier case by the defendant. On appeal, the conviction was affirmed by the supreme court, which held the admission of such evidence to be proper.

In *Commonwealth v. Evans*,<sup>11</sup> decided April 14, 1915, by the Pennsylvania Superior Court, the facts were that the defendant, a practicing physician, was convicted of failing to make report of a case of diphtheria which he treated, such report being required by a State law. On appeal the superior court stated as follows in its opinion:

Two facts appear in the testimony. The case treated was diphtheria, and the doctor failed to report the case. The two elements essential to conviction were present. The defendant interposed the defense that he did not know the disease was present. Whether his explanation was credible was to be determined by the justice and the court, respectively, and both came to the conclusion that the defendant was guilty. We are satisfied that upon the merits the conviction of the defendant was just.

The court also stated, however, that it was not concerned as to the testimony in the case, but that its inquiry was limited to the regularity of the proceedings. This left only two matters for consideration—(1) a claim of the statute of limitations, and (2) a question of costs—on both of which the court ruled against the defendant, thus sustaining the conviction.

Both the supreme courts of Arkansas and Ohio have rendered decisions in which was involved the question of the liability of physicians to third persons for damages because of the failure of such physicians to report cases of communicable diseases as required by law or regulation. The Arkansas case<sup>12</sup> was an action brought against practicing physicians to recover damages for alleged negligence in connection with cases of typhoid fever attended by them, and one of the allegations in the complaint was that the defendants negligently failed to comply with a rule of the State board of health which required physicians to report cases of notifiable communicable diseases to the local health officer. But there was no allegation of specific acts or facts showing that the failure of defendants to report was the proximate cause of the injury to plaintiffs, and the supreme court held that violation of the rule was not actionable negligence creating civil liability unless it was the proximate cause of the injury to plaintiffs.

In the Ohio case<sup>13</sup> an action was brought by the defendant in error, a widow, against the plaintiff in error, a physician, to recover damages for the death of her husband, Stephen Stanko, alleged to have been caused by the physician's negligence. The death of one Alexander Thompson, a neighbor of Stanko, was caused by smallpox. The

<sup>11</sup> 59 Pa. Superior Ct. 607.

<sup>12</sup> *Davis v. Rodman*, 147 Ark. 385; 227 S. W. 612; 13 A. L. R. 1459; decided Feb. 14, 1921.

<sup>13</sup> *Jones v. Stanko*, 160 N. E. 456; decided Jan. 25, 1928.

plaintiff in error, Doctor Jones, was the sole attending physician. It was alleged, and the evidence tended to sustain the allegation, that Stanko inquired of Doctor Jones whether Thompson was suffering from a communicable disease, and that the reply was that he was not. Stanko waited upon Thompson prior to his death and also performed certain services with reference to his preparation for burial after death. Doctor Jones did not notify the health authorities of the existence of the disease, as required by statute. In the trial court a jury returned a verdict in favor of the physician. On appeal by the widow, the court of appeals reversed the trial court's judgment solely on the refusal to give certain requested instructions to the jury. The supreme court, on the physician's appeal thereto, affirmed the court of appeals' judgment. The statement of the law as contained in the instructions, which the supreme court held should have been given, was to the effect that, if the fact that the disease was smallpox would have been known to a physician possessing the requisite qualifications and applying his skill and judgment with ordinary care and diligence to the diagnosis, the statute made it the duty of Doctor Jones to report the disease to the local health officer, and that Doctor Jones was liable if his failure to report was the proximate cause of the death of Stanko.

The case of *Moorehouse v. Hammond*,<sup>14</sup> decided by the Utah Supreme Court on October 4, 1922, involved the question of the revocation of a physician's license because of alleged noncompliance with morbidity reporting requirements. The license of the plaintiff, a physician, was revoked by the defendant, the director of registration, pursuant to findings and recommendation made to the said director by a committee of physicians. The findings were that the plaintiff had been guilty of unprofessional conduct in willfully failing to report in writing to the health officer the existence of a case of infectious disease under his treatment on a certain date, and the revocation of his license was recommended. The town ordinance, which the plaintiff was charged with having violated, required written reports by physicians of cases of communicable diseases. It was shown that the plaintiff had pleaded guilty before a justice of the peace to a charge of violating the ordinance and that it had been adjudged that he pay a fine. The ordinance, however, did not denounce the omission or failure to report as unlawful nor impose any penalty or punishment for a failure to make a report, and the supreme court held that, in view of this, the ordinance was clearly unenforceable. It was contended, however, that although the conviction under the ordinance failed, the order of the defendant revoking the plaintiff's license should nevertheless be upheld for the reason that

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<sup>14</sup> 60 Utah 593; 200 P. 883.

the plaintiff had failed to comply with a State law. One statute required physicians to report cases of communicable diseases to the local board of health, while another statute declared that willful violation of the law in regard to the reporting of communicable diseases constituted unprofessional conduct for which a physician's license could be revoked. The evidence was that the plaintiff had informed the quarantine officer of the town, who was also a member of the board of trustees, that the patient was afflicted with smallpox, whereupon the said officer put up a sign quarantining the patient's house. The court pointed out that the statute did not require a report in writing but merely required that a report be made, and held that the provisions of the statute had been substantially complied with. The court stated that the quarantine of the patient was the principal purpose of the statute requiring that a report of a case of communicable disease be made, and decided that, such purpose having been accomplished, the order revoking the plaintiff's license found no support in the law and could not be permitted to stand.

The matter of reporting suspected cases of communicable diseases was passed on in *McGuire v. Amyx*,<sup>15</sup> decided by the Missouri Supreme Court on September 16, 1927. In that case it appeared that the plaintiff, a 7-year-old girl, accompanied her mother to the office of the family physician, the purpose of the visit being the examination and treatment of the mother. The physician's attention was attracted to a "breaking out" on the child, and he concluded that she was afflicted with smallpox. Upon his report to the city health authorities the child and mother were taken in an ambulance to the dispensary where the chief diagnostician of the division of health of the city examined the child and, having diagnosed the case as smallpox, committed her to the quarantine hospital. At the hospital the child was confined in the smallpox ward with persons suffering from smallpox, and, after remaining there for several days, was discharged as cured. A few days after her discharge the child was taken ill, and, the sickness being diagnosed as smallpox, was again committed to the hospital, where she remained until again discharged as cured. An action for damages was brought against the family physician and the chief diagnostician, it being alleged that, at the time of the first commitment, the plaintiff was suffering from no disease but contracted smallpox while in the hospital the first time. The evidence for plaintiff tended to show that while in the hospital the first time she was not sick and spent the time playing in the yard and helping the nurses. There was a verdict and judgment in the trial court for the defendants, which judgment was affirmed by the supreme court. Concerning the reporting of suspected cases of communicable diseases, the appellate court had this to say:

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<sup>15</sup> 297 S. W. 968.

\* \* \* The public health is of the greatest concern to all. By law its keeping rests with the attending physicians, householders, and health officers. Public policy favors the discovery and confinement of persons afflicted with contagious diseases, and we think it is not only the privilege, but the duty, of any citizen acting in good faith and on reasonable grounds to report all suspected cases that examination may be made by experts and the public health thereby protected. We hold this may be done without being subjected to liability for damages. To hold otherwise would not only invite indifference at the expense of society, but the fear of liability would well-nigh destroy the efforts of officials to protect the public health. Any citizen may without malice and with probable cause bring about the arrest and prosecution of another without liability in damages. We think one who reports a suspected case of a contagious disease to the health officers in good faith and on reasonable grounds should have like protection. Respondent Amyx [the family physician] did not commit appellant to Koch's Hospital. She was committed by the proper city authority. Amyx's interest in making the report was that of a citizen interested in the public health and the health officers had a corresponding interest. The report of Amyx to the health department may be likened to communications classified as qualifiedly privileged in libel and slander cases. \* \* \*

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## PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING ABSTRACTS

**Elementary Sanitary Engineering in India.**—Book by G. Bransby Williams, published by Thacker, Spink & Co., Calcutta. (Reviewed in *Indian Medical Gazette*, vol. 63, No. 5, May, 1928, p. 286.) (Abstract by H. N. Old.)

This manual is prepared largely for the courses of instruction given the sanitary inspectors in England and at Bombay through the Royal Sanitary Institute, and at Bengal by the Public Health Department. It provides the theoretical, and descriptive parts to supplement the practical and outdoor instruction. Map reading, drawing, surveying, building construction, drainage, sewage, and water works subjects are treated. About 30 plates of diagrams are included, which are said to illustrate well the text material.

This book, according to the reviewer (A. D. S.), serves the purpose of giving to the well qualified sanitary inspector the elements of sanitary engineering which he should have.

**Advancement in Mosquito Control in the United States and Canada.** Anon. *American Journal of Public Health* and the *Nation's Health*, vol. 18, No. 8, August, 1928, pp. 985-992. (Abstract by H. N. Old.)

This article is an abstract of the Report of the Committee on Mosquito Control presented before the Public Health Engineering Section of the American Public Health Association at annual meeting at Cincinnati, Ohio, October 19, 1927.

By the use of a questionnaire, the committee obtained information on mosquito control activities from 42 States and Provinces in North America and from the Territory of Alaska. A grouping of four classes is used and under each classification is given a summary of the activities of each State or Province. Some of the interesting features are as follows: Illinois—enactment of a law providing for creation of abatement districts in communities of population over 300 and for collection annually of 1 mill on each dollar of taxable property. Louisiana—as part of the postflood sanitation program screening of 600 homes of known malaria carriers is being carried out. Mississippi—with aid of the Red Cross and Public Health Service, approximately 3,400 homes were screened as part of

flood sanitation program. Alabama—prevention of new foci looking to time when old foci will be eliminated and malaria controlled. The permit system for impounding water is a primary tool of control, placing burden on property owner where it belongs. Railroad cooperation—the Cotton Belt, the Missouri Pacific, and the Rock Island systems extended malaria control activities in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Missouri, cooperating with the States and communities. South Carolina—lecture courses on mosquito and malaria control instituted in three universities in the State. New York—reduction of malaria from 476 cases in 1916 to an average of two cases for the past six years.

**A Note on Some Recent Attempts to Transmit Malaria Organisms Mechanically through Mosquito Biting.** Bruce Mayne. *Indian Journal of Medical Research*, vol. 15, No. 4, April, 1928, pp. 1067–1071. (Abstract by W. H. W. Komp.)

Noting the very short time required for the act of biting which produced natural infection from infected mosquitoes, the author made experiments to determine the possibility of mechanical carriage of malaria by mosquitoes. Several species were used, one of *Aedes* and one of *Anopheles*. The mosquitoes were allowed to bite cases of malaria having numerous ring forms and moderate numbers of gametes in the blood, and then transferred to the noninfected subjects and allowed to engorge themselves completely. In this way the sexual phase of development in the mosquito was bridged over. In a series of 12 subjects exposed in this manner no case of malaria occurred. Malaria organisms were found, however, in the mouth parts of mosquitoes examined immediately after biting a case of tertian malaria.

**A Consideration of the Variability in the Nyssorhynchus Group of the Genus Anopheles.** Nelson C. Davis. *American Journal of Hygiene*, vol. 8, No. 4, July, 1928, pp. 539–563. (Abstract by H. A. Johnson.)

This is a technical discussion of the white bandings of the legs and palps of the Nyssorhynchus group found in Brazil and represented by *A. argyritarsis*, *A. tarsimaculatus*, *A. albitarsis*, *A. rondoni*, and several other closely related species.

As a result of the study a large variation in the markings of different specimens of the same species was observed which would account for the continual reporting of new species of the group. Excellent graphs are included graphically illustrating the variations observed within the species of the group.

The author states that the Nyssorhynchus group originated from a common stock and is represented in Brazil by two distinct lines of descent, *A. argyritarsis*, and *A. tarsimaculatus*, respectively. He states that there is not sufficient differentiation to establish other divisions of the group in Brazil and suggests that variations from these two divisions be considered as subspecies; at least until further study can be made.

The author concludes that while the white markings of this group are very valuable in differentiating the species, specimens must be chosen with great care.

**The Influence of Relative Humidity on the Presence of Parasites in the Insect Carrier and the Initial Seasonal Appearance of Malaria in a Selected Area in India.** Bruce Mayne. *Indian Journal of Medical Research*, vol. 15, No. 4, April, 1928, pp. 1073–1084. (Abstract by W. H. W. Komp.)

The author dissected 5,052 specimens of five species of Indian *Anopheles* during the period from the latter part of February to the latter part of September. These were caught in four native villages in which the splenic index was 42.6 and a blood parasite index was 62.5. A total of 3,385 specimens were dissected before the first infected mosquito, an *Anopheles culicifacies*, was found, on August 9. After that time four additional infected mosquitoes were found up to September 8. A table is given showing how closely the curve of relative humidity follows that of the curve of positive mosquito gut infections, as the

season of highest relative humidity occurred from early August to the second week of September.

An interesting observation is made that blood meals were digested by mosquitoes much more rapidly during the season of high relative humidity than during the dry months preceding them. It is suggested that the more rapid clearing of the alimentary tract may result in more numerous blood feeds and, consequently, greater chances of infection.

**Malaria and Its Transmitting Agents in the State of Sinaloa, Mexico.** Carlos C. Hoffman. *Boletín del Departamento de Salubridad Pública de México*, No. 1, April, 1928, pp. 31-46. (Abstract by H. A. Johnson.)

These observations were made from September 17 to October 15, 1926. There are found in this region only two Anopheles of importance, *A. albimanus* and *A. pseudopunctipennis*. Of this last a subspecies, also, *A. pseudopunctipennis franciscanus*, is mentioned.

*A. pseudopunctipennis* is very widely distributed over the whole State and is especially prevalent in the drier regions (uplands). It is considered the species of most importance from a general malaria standpoint. Its breeding places are irrigation ditches, railroad right of ways, highway construction pits, and around camp sites (man-made conditions). The species prefers also ponds, lakes, side pools in rivers when these are reasonably pure and have green algae or water lilies. Their flight in the drier regions seems to be rather extensive.

*A. albimanus* is found only in a narrow zone near the coast and extending north about one-half the length of the State. This area has an average relative humidity of 75 to 77 per cent. Brackish swamps, especially when floating vegetation is present, are ideal breeding places. Due to short duration of small ponds, hoof prints, etc., following rains very little breeding was observed in these.

The development of agriculture connected with sugar-cane raising, and the establishment of milling centers or centrals has made Anopheles and malaria widespread. Instances are cited to show the development of Anopheles and malaria coincident with introduction of irrigation and agriculture. It is quite probable that the activity of Anopheles as malaria transmitters does not entirely cease in winter. The centrals where large quantities of transient labor are brought in at milling time are the really serious foci of malaria, and it is not uncommon to find many totally disabled laborers during this season at such places. In the more recent industrial developments the malaria rate has not yet fully established itself, although Anopheles prevalence is high.

In view of the widespread breeding and shifting of labor the use of quinine, as well as antilarval work, is stressed and the excellent results being secured by the use of quinine among employees of the Southern Pacific Railroad of Mexico in the State are reviewed.

Extensive collection of mosquitoes in houses showed a constant ratio of seven female to three male Anopheles both in *albimanus* and *pseudopunctipennis* areas. Universal high counts of *Aedes fasciata* due to container breeding were observed. Antilarval work around some of the centrals is under way.

Glasgow Refuse Power Works. Anon. *Surveyor*, vol. 73, No. 1893, May 4, 1928, pp. 477-479. (Abstract by Rudolph E. Thompson.)

An illustrated description of refuse power works recently constructed at cost of £600,000. The installation will operate 24 hours a day for 6 days each week and has capacity of 640 tons per day. The refuse is collected by a fleet of large capacity electric vehicles, weighed and discharged into hoppers with apparatus for feeding the material into revolving screens. Tins, etc., are removed by electric-magnetic separators, a detinning furnace and baling presses having been provided for handling this product. The tailings are pulverized, mixed with the



screenings and conveyed to bunkers on the adjoining incinerator building. The furnaces consist of eight units, each of five cells. The grates are of the latest type, designed for mechanical clinkering and recovery of the heat contained in the clinker. The whole cycle of charging and clinkering is controlled by hydraulic valves, the charging being effected with a hydraulic ram. From the combustion chambers the hot gases are conveyed direct to water-tube boilers, the steam being employed to drive two 5,000 k. w. turbo-alternators.

**Disposal of Rubbish.** M. C. Beatty. *Journal of the Royal Army Medical Corps*, vol. 51, No. 1, July, 1928, pp. 59-61. (Abstract by H. N. Old.)

The article is devoted primarily to a description of the system of collection, rather than ultimate disposal, of rubbish at Wiesbaden, Germany, which very effectively prevents the nuisances caused by the usual system of open rubbish cans and collection carts.

The system described consists of furnishing each house a covered metal bin of 110 liters capacity shaped somewhat like a milk churn. The collection facilities consist of four 80 horsepower motor rubbish wagons with 12 men (exclusive of drivers) to each two wagons. Six men are used to bring the bins to the street half an hour before the wagon arrives, four empty the bins, and two carry them back to the houses.

By rather intricate mechanical equipment, electrically operated, the bins are lifted to the tightly inclosed metal wagon bodies, placed on a hinged steel tail plate and by a worm gear arrangement drawn into the wagon inclosure, emptied and discharged with the bin lid still tightly closed. It is stated that during the whole operation no rubbish or even dust can escape into the street.

At Essex, where the system has been in use for some time, the cost has been worked out in detail and it is found that the emptying of one bin weekly costs 18.67 marks (about \$4.40) per annum, and 5.22 marks (about \$1.25) per cubic meter of rubbish handled per annum.

Many advantages of the system are given, such as rapid operation, absence of dust or dirt overspilling, large holding capacity, 10 to 15 cubic meters, etc.

In conclusion, it is stated that the general practice in Germany in the matter of ultimate disposal of rubbish is that of dumping in hollows or low areas at a distance from the town.

## DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 8, 1928

*Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for the week ended December 8, 1928, and corresponding week of 1927. (From the Weekly Health Index, December 12, 1928, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce)*

	Week ended Dec. 8, 1928	Corresponding week, 1927
Policies in force.....	72, 009, 464	69, 603, 581
Number of death claims.....	14, 080	12, 217
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force, annual rate..	10. 2	9. 2

Deaths from all causes in certain large cities of the United States during the week ended December 8, 1928, infant mortality, annual death rate, and comparison with corresponding week of 1927. (From the Weekly Health Index, December 12, 1928, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce)

City	Week ended Dec. 8, 1928		Annual death rate per 1,000 corresponding week, 1927	Deaths under 1 year		Infant mortality rate, week ended Dec. 8, 1928 <sup>1</sup>
	Total deaths	Death rate <sup>1</sup>		Week ended Dec. 8, 1928	Corresponding week, 1927	
Total (65 cities).....	7,537	13.3	11.9	721	624	61
Akron.....	41			8	4	32
Albany <sup>4</sup> .....	49	21.3	20.5	4	1	83
Atlanta.....	93	19.1	15.3	8	4	
White.....	54		11.3	5	3	
Colored.....	39	( <sup>5</sup> )	24.7	3	1	
Baltimore <sup>4</sup> .....	228	14.4	13.8	20	25	64
White.....	167		12.1	12	14	48
Colored.....	61	( <sup>5</sup> )	23.4	8	11	124
Birmingham.....	66	15.5	15.3	12	8	102
White.....	27		14.1	4	5	55
Colored.....	39	( <sup>5</sup> )	17.2	8	3	180
Boston.....	214	14.0	14.1	32	24	88
Bridgeport.....	26			3	5	50
Buffalo.....	154	14.5	11.6	11	17	48
Cambridge.....	19	7.9	8.4	1	1	18
Camden.....	33	12.7	10.2	5	6	80
Canton.....	26	11.6	11.5	5	4	117
Chicago <sup>4</sup> .....	841	13.9	11.4	76	54	65
Cincinnati.....	134			16	14	95
Cleveland.....	186	9.6	9.5	18	21	49
Columbus.....	87	15.2	13.1	4	8	37
Dallas.....	48	11.5	10.6	8	6	
White.....	37		9.3	7	4	
Colored.....	11	( <sup>5</sup> )	19.0	1	1	
Dayton.....	41	11.6	11.5	7	2	111
Denver.....	127	22.6	16.0	17	10	
Des Moines.....	31	10.7	10.2	5	1	89
Detroit.....	302	11.5	9.7	54	30	84
Duluth.....	23	10.3	7.7	0	0	0
El Paso.....	33	14.6	11.0	4	2	
Erie.....	14			1	3	21
Fall River <sup>4</sup> .....	28	10.9	8.3	3	2	55
Flint.....	39	13.7	11.3	9	8	117
Fort Worth.....	43	13.2	11.8	3	2	
White.....	36		11.2	2	2	
Colored.....	7	( <sup>5</sup> )	16.0	1	0	
Grand Rapids.....	42	13.4	12.2	8	4	116
Houston.....	64			9	11	
White.....	45			7	5	
Colored.....	19	( <sup>5</sup> )		2	6	
Indianapolis.....	109	14.9	13.1	6	6	47
White.....	95		13.1	6	6	54
Colored.....	14	( <sup>5</sup> )	12.8	0	0	0
Jersey City.....	61	9.8	10.1	6	4	47
Kansas City, Kans.....	40	17.7	14.6	3	3	67
White.....	30		13.0	2	1	51
Colored.....	10	( <sup>5</sup> )	22.1	1	2	180
Kansas City, Mo.....	130	17.4	12.1	8	6	65
Knoxville.....	11	5.5	17.9	2	6	44
White.....	10		18.6	2	6	49
Colored.....	1	( <sup>5</sup> )	12.8	0	0	0
Los Angeles.....	441			22	33	63
Louisville.....	91	14.4	11.4	5	1	41
White.....	63		10.6	5	1	47
Colored.....	28	( <sup>5</sup> )	16.0	0	0	0
Lowell.....	24	11.4	8.0	3	4	65
Lynn.....	15	7.4	11.4	3	1	82
Memphis.....	93	25.6	20.4	11	7	130
White.....	53		18.5	5	3	95
Colored.....	40	( <sup>5</sup> )	23.9	6	4	188
Milwaukee.....	94	9.0	10.3	13	14	58
Minneapolis.....	92	10.6	8.9	11	6	67
Nashville.....	64	24.0	18.9	4	3	67
White.....	42		13.7	3	3	67
Colored.....	22	( <sup>5</sup> )	32.2	1	0	65
New Bedford.....	30	13.1	11.3	2	2	43

See footnotes at end of table.

Deaths from all causes in certain large cities of the United States during the week ended December 8, 1928, infant mortality, annual death rate, and comparison with corresponding week of 1927—Continued.

City	Week ended Dec. 8, 1928		Annual death rate per 1,000 corresponding week, 1927	Deaths under 1 year		Infant mortality rate, week ended Dec. 8, 1928
	Total deaths	Death rate		Week ended Dec. 8, 1928	Corresponding week, 1927	
New Haven.....	35	9.7	13.3	4	5	59
New Orleans.....	150	18.3	19.7	16	17	80
White.....	94		16.4	12	7	89
Colored.....	56	( <sup>3</sup> )	28.8	4	10	61
New York.....	1,460	12.7	11.4	153	110	62
Bronx Borough.....	182	10.0	9.6	15	9	45
Brooklyn Borough.....	504	11.4	10.6	46	42	47
Manhattan Borough.....	579	17.3	14.7	73	47	87
Queens Borough.....	150	9.2	8.4	18	11	73
Richmond Borough.....	45	15.6	11.7	1	1	18
Newark, N. J.....	102	11.3	10.9	10	14	52
Oklahoma City.....	40			2	5	
Omaha.....	33	7.7	10.2	4	4	47
Paterson.....	52	18.8	9.4	2	3	35
Philadelphia.....	550	13.9	10.6	51	32	69
Pittsburgh.....	154	12.0	14.7	13	23	44
Portland, Oreg.....	68			3	7	52
Providence.....	65	11.9	11.5	6	5	33
Richmond.....	56	15.1	13.3	5	6	68
White.....	32		10.7	2	1	42
Colored.....	24	( <sup>4</sup> )	19.7	3	5	117
Rochester.....	68	10.8	11.2	5	11	41
St. Louis.....	232	14.3	12.9	15	16	51
St. Paul.....	51			3	4	29
Salt Lake City <sup>1</sup> .....	67	25.4	14.2	2	6	32
San Antonio.....	52	12.5	15.0	3	15	
San Diego.....	64	28.0	20.8	4	2	77
San Francisco.....	160	14.3	14.4	3	8	19
Schenectady.....	27	15.1	14.0	0	5	0
Seattle.....	92	12.6	8.2	2	3	21
Somerville.....	18	9.2	13.3	2	1	56
Springfield, Mass.....	33	11.5	10.6	1	2	17
Syracuse.....	58	15.2	9.8	5	3	61
Tacoma.....	29	13.7	13.6	0	2	0
Toledo.....	80	13.4	14.2	1	10	10
Trenton.....	46	17.3	6.9	5	0	86
Washington, D. C.....	122	12.6	12.3	9	5	52
White.....	74		10.3	3	5	25
Colored.....	48	( <sup>5</sup> )	18.0	6	0	111
Waterbury.....	13			3	6	76
Wilmington, Del.....	21	8.5	12.0	2	0	49
Worcester.....	48	12.7	15.2	3	9	36
Yonkers.....	22	9.5	7.9	3	1	67
Youngstown.....	34	10.2	7.4	1	4	13

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

<sup>2</sup> Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 births. Cities left blank are not in the registration area for births.

<sup>3</sup> Data for 67 cities.

<sup>4</sup> Deaths for week ended Friday, Dec. 7, 1928.

<sup>5</sup> 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, 28; 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 December 8, 1928, and December 10, 1927

Cases of certain communicable diseases reported by telegraph by State health officers for weeks ended December 8, 1928, and December 10, 1927

Division and State	Diphtheria		Influenza		Measles		Meningococcus meningitis	
	Week ended Dec. 8, 1928	Week ended Dec. 10, 1927	Week ended Dec. 8, 1928	Week ended Dec. 10, 1927	Week ended Dec. 8, 1928	Week ended Dec. 10, 1927	Week ended Dec. 8, 1928	Week ended Dec. 10, 1927
<b>New England States:</b>								
Maine.....	1	4	12	113	219	54	0	0
New Hampshire.....	1		17		34		0	
Vermont.....					17		0	
Massachusetts.....	116	131	15	1	637	540	2	0
Rhode Island.....	21	25	2		28	10	0	0
Connecticut.....	30	37	4	9	87	47	0	0
<b>Middle Atlantic States:</b>								
New York.....	255	376	136	125	766	289	32	4
New Jersey.....	165	184	22	8	87	89	4	1
Pennsylvania.....	148	299			438	670	6	4
<b>East North Central States:</b>								
Ohio.....	100	98	45	10	177	59	1	2
Indiana.....	38	62	87	29	75	50	0	0
Illinois.....	230	177	97	39	331	32	9	5
Michigan.....	85	112	6	4	149	328	8	4
Wisconsin.....	26	55	107	29	118	84	6	5
<b>West North Central States:</b>								
Minnesota.....	18	28	4	1	53	5	2	4
Iowa.....	24	14			12	0	1	1
Missouri.....	67	73	140	6	56	25	11	1
North Dakota.....	4		194		4	1	1	6
South Dakota.....	4	2		2	2	21	0	1
Nebraska.....	24	21	364	11	9	10	0	0
Kansas.....	26	36	13,596	5	20	103	2	1
<b>South Atlantic States:</b>								
Delaware.....	1	3		1	5		0	0
Maryland.....	38	41	10		28	46	88	1
District of Columbia.....	24	20	3			4	0	0
West Virginia.....	34	28	57		26	41	30	0
North Carolina.....	129	80			8	1,158	0	2
South Carolina.....	58	35	5,145	629	4	335	0	0
Georgia.....	27	22	990	68	1	28	0	0
Florida.....	13	20	17	5	6	3	1	1

<sup>1</sup> New York City only.

<sup>2</sup> Unofficial reports indicate many cases of influenza.

<sup>3</sup> Week ended Friday.

Cases of certain communicable diseases reported by telegraph by State health officers for weeks ended December 8, 1928, and December 10, 1927—Continued

Division and State	Diphtheria		Influenza		Measles		Meningococcus meningitis	
	Week ended Dec. 8, 1928	Week ended Dec. 10, 1927	Week ended Dec. 8, 1928	Week ended Dec. 10, 1927	Week ended Dec. 8, 1928	Week ended Dec. 10, 1927	Week ended Dec. 8, 1928	Week ended Dec. 10, 1927
<b>East South Central States:</b>								
Kentucky.....	17	15	4			37	0	2
Tennessee.....	33	22	222	79	7	174	0	1
Alabama.....	81	78	214	67	17	44	1	1
Mississippi.....	54	39					2	
<b>West South Central States:</b>								
Arkansas.....	13	20	95	73	5	22	4	0
Louisiana.....	34	35	36	13	91	26	2	0
Oklahoma.....	106	100	200	80	3	62	2	2
Texas.....	77	144	38	67	4	34	2	0
<b>Mountain States:</b>								
Montana.....	9	2	* 4,580		105	1	2	2
Idaho.....			7		4		2	3
Wyoming.....	5	1	68	1	2	10	1	0
Colorado.....	7	34	1,936		3	11	7	3
New Mexico.....	10	6	170			13	0	0
Arizona.....	6	7	100		1	9	1	0
Utah.....	2	11	96	2	1		5	1
<b>Pacific States:</b>								
Washington.....	28	25	22		36	166	3	3
Oregon.....	23	10	* 1,466	14	55	8	4	4
California.....	92	120	10,296	21	21	53	8	0

Division and State	Poliomyelitis		Scarlet fever		Smallpox		Typhoid fever	
	Week ended Dec. 8, 1928	Week ended Dec. 10, 1927	Week ended Dec. 8, 1928	Week ended Dec. 10, 1927	Week ended Dec. 8, 1928	Week ended Dec. 10, 1927	Week ended Dec. 8, 1928	Week ended Dec. 10, 1927
<b>New England States:</b>								
Maine.....	1	2	12	67	13	0	1	4
New Hampshire.....	0		27		0		0	
Vermont.....	0		14		2		0	
Massachusetts.....	4	24	232	266	0	0	1	6
Rhode Island.....	0	0	19	35	0	0	0	0
Connecticut.....	0	2	38	70	1	0	8	3
<b>Middle Atlantic States:</b>								
New York.....	4	6	369	382	0	1	17	27
New Jersey.....	0	1	126	127	0	3	2	6
Pennsylvania.....	1	8	286	366	0	0	18	24
<b>East North Central States:</b>								
Ohio.....	2	11	264	216	58	24	20	16
Indiana.....	0	4	126	114	44	94	6	3
Illinois.....	2	7	334	277	98	20	22	18
Michigan.....	0	6	285	210	21	29	4	9
Wisconsin.....	0	0	140	140	18	77	0	4
<b>West North Central States:</b>								
Minnesota.....	2	2	142	123	19	0	3	6
Iowa.....	1	2	99	67	51	41	0	3
Missouri.....	0	0	74	86	16	26	7	11
North Dakota.....	0	0	21	48	1	1	4	2
South Dakota.....	2	1	16	31	40	21	1	3
Nebraska.....	1	5	64	65	37	56	5	1
Kansas.....	0	1	106	134	28	40	4	8
<b>South Atlantic States:</b>								
Delaware.....	0	0	3	7	0	0	0	1
Maryland.....	3	0	73	29	1	0	5	15
District of Columbia.....	0	0	12	31	0	0	0	0
West Virginia.....	0	0	54	60	13	16	2	23
North Carolina.....	2	2	102	73	2	42	2	3
South Carolina.....	5	1	27	20	0	4	12	27
Georgia.....	2	2	34	13	0	0	6	4
Florida.....	0	2	16	10	0	0	3	4

\* Week ended Friday.

† Figures for 1928 are exclusive of Oklahoma City and Tulsa and for 1927 are exclusive of Tulsa.

‡ Includes many delayed reports. The State epidemiologist says that the number of cases of influenza appears to be decreasing.

§ Includes 122 cases delayed reports.

Cases of certain communicable diseases reported by telegraph by State health officers for weeks ended December 8, 1928, and December 10, 1927—Continued

Division and State	Pollomyelitis		Scarlet fever		Smallpox		Typhoid fever	
	Week ended Dec. 8, 1928	Week ended Dec. 10, 1927	Week ended Dec. 8, 1928	Week ended Dec. 10, 1927	Week ended Dec. 8, 1928	Week ended Dec. 10, 1927	Week ended Dec. 8, 1928	Week ended Dec. 10, 1927
<b>East South Central States:</b>								
Kentucky.....	0	3	89	43	6	8	4	0
Tennessee.....	0	2	48	36	10	6	6	28
Alabama.....	0	1	73	23	1	1	6	8
Mississippi.....	0	0	28	17	0	0	5	2
<b>West South Central States:</b>								
Arkansas.....	0	1	29	9	1	8	5	3
Louisiana.....	0	0	20	11	5	6	16	6
Oklahoma <sup>1</sup> .....	2	2	63	37	40	54	44	32
Texas.....	0	7	60	78	30	27	8	12
<b>Mountain States:</b>								
Montana.....	1	0	15	12	13	16	2	0
Idaho.....	0	1	3	8	22	0	0	0
Wyoming.....	0	0	20	14	2	10	0	1
Colorado.....	0	4	27	112	3	10	2	3
New Mexico.....	0	1	12	13	0	0	2	9
Arizona.....	2	0	5	6	1	0	3	6
Utah <sup>1</sup> .....	1	2	10	20	2	54	0	0
<b>Pacific States:</b>								
Washington.....	3	5	57	42	26	30	2	6
Oregon.....	1	13	44	22	51	51	3	4
California.....	0	27	180	162	21	2	4	9

<sup>1</sup> Week ended Friday.

<sup>1</sup> Figures for 1928 are exclusive of Oklahoma City and Tulsa, and for 1927 are exclusive of Tulsa.

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IOWA	Cases	IOWA—continued	Cases
Diphtheria.....	9	Smallpox.....	46
Poliomyelitis.....	1	Typhoid fever.....	1
Scarlet fever.....	106		

### 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	Me-ningo-coccus menin-gitis	Diph-theria	Influ-enza	Ma-laria	Mea-sles	Pel-lagra	Pollo-mye-litis	Scarlet fever	Small-pox	Ty-phoid fever
<i>November, 1928</i>										
Alabama.....	4	538	496	566	74	27	6	212	17	80
Arizona.....	1	29	23	-----	1	-----	2	14	23	9
Connecticut.....	1	106	12	-----	326	-----	8	145	7	6
District of Columbia.....	0	219	5	-----	10	1	4	57	0	5
Nebraska.....	3	125	31	-----	12	-----	1	229	70	7
Porto Rico.....	1	53	1,049	4,638	26	2	-----	1	0	242

<i>November, 1928</i>		Cases
<b>Chicken pox:</b>		
Alabama.....	71	
Arizona.....	25	
Connecticut.....	409	
District of Columbia.....	62	
Nebraska.....	151	
<b>Conjunctivitis (infectious):</b>		
Connecticut.....	5	
<b>Dengue:</b>		
Alabama.....	2	
Porto Rico.....	5	
<b>Filariasis:</b>		
Porto Rico.....	5	
<b>Framboesia tropicale:</b>		
Porto Rico.....	2	
<b>German measles:</b>		
Connecticut.....	25	
Nebraska.....	2	
<b>Lethargic encephalitis:</b>		
Alabama.....	2	
Connecticut.....	2	
<b>Mumps:</b>		
Alabama.....	16	
Arizona.....	2	
Connecticut.....	225	
Nebraska.....	11	
Porto Rico.....	36	
<b>Ophthalmia neonatorum:</b>		
Porto Rico.....	8	

<i>November, 1928—Continued</i>		Cases
<b>Puerperal fever:</b>		
Porto Rico.....	16	
<b>Rabies in animals:</b>		
Connecticut.....	3	
District of Columbia.....	1	
<b>Rabies in man:</b>		
Alabama.....	2	
<b>Septic sore throat:</b>		
Connecticut.....	9	
Nebraska.....	6	
<b>Tetanus:</b>		
Porto Rico.....	29	
Porto Rico (infantile).....	47	
<b>Trachoma:</b>		
Arizona.....	34	
<b>Trichinosis:</b>		
Connecticut.....	2	
<b>Typhus fever:</b>		
Alabama.....	4	
Connecticut.....	1	
<b>Undulant fever:</b>		
Connecticut.....	1	
<b>Whooping cough:</b>		
Alabama.....	50	
Arizona.....	2	
Connecticut.....	161	
District of Columbia.....	110	
Nebraska.....	33	
Porto Rico.....	101	

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

The 98 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 31,150,000. The estimated population of the 92 cities reporting deaths is more than 30,460,000. The estimated expectancy is based on the experience of the last nine years, excluding epidemics.

*Weeks ended December 1, 1928, and December 3, 1927*

	1928	1927	Estimated expectancy
<i>Cases reported</i>			
<b>Diphtheria:</b>			
44 States.....	2,378	2,998	
98 cities.....	898	1,367	1,298
<b>Measles:</b>			
43 States.....	3,317	3,707	
98 cities.....	687	1,113	
<b>Poliomyelitis:</b>			
44 States.....	54	195	
<b>Scarlet fever:</b>			
44 States.....	3,415	4,052	
98 cities.....	1,023	1,075	1,133
<b>Smallpox:</b>			
44 States.....	627	611	
98 cities.....	38	100	41
<b>Typhoid fever:</b>			
44 States.....	359	458	
98 cities.....	39	56	71
<i>Deaths reported</i>			
<b>Influenza and pneumonia:</b>			
92 cities.....	958	724	

## City reports for week ended December 1, 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 weeks 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 the 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 deviation from the usual trend. For some of the diseases given in the table the available data were not sufficient to make it practicable to compute the estimated expectancy.

Division, State, and city	Population July 1, 1926, estimated	Chicken pox, cases reported	Diphtheria		Influenza		Measles, cases reported	Mumps, cases reported	Pneumonia, deaths reported
			Cases estimated expectancy	Cases reported	Cases reported	Deaths reported			
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>									
Maine:									
Portland	76,400	4	2	1	0	0	21	1	2
New Hampshire:									
Concord	122,546	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Vermont:									
Barre	110,008	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Massachusetts:									
Boston	787,000	80	54	18	4	2	6	3	17
Fall River	131,000	3	5	0	1	0	124	0	0
Springfield	145,000	14	5	20	0	0	91	1	3
Worcester	193,000	13	6	2	1	0	1	0	2
Rhode Island:									
Pawtucket	71,000	0	2	1	0	0	5	0	1
Providence	275,000	0	11	31	0	1	4	0	8
Connecticut:									
Bridgeport	(?)	1	10	5	1	1	7	1	0
Hartford	164,000	8	8	1	0	0	4	0	3
New Haven	182,000	22	4	1	0	0	4	0	3
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC</b>									
New York:									
Buffalo	544,000	29	25	15	0	2	0	0	14
New York	5,924,000	223	193	167	20	11	54	40	157
Rochester	321,000	11	11	2	0	4	4	16	6
Syracuse	185,000	11	6	0	0	6	0	0	7
New Jersey:									
Camden	131,000	9	7	6	0	0	2	20	4
Newark	459,000	42	16	31	4	0	2	29	14
Trenton	134,000	2	6	0	0	1	0	0	2
Pennsylvania:									
Philadelphia	2,008,000	125	86	38	4	7	3	3	54
Pittsburgh	637,000	59	37	9	4	4	3	3	30
Reading	114,000	13	5	1	0	14	2	2	2
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL</b>									
Ohio:									
Cincinnati	411,000	13	19	7	0	2	3	0	14
Cleveland	960,000	165	61	16	10	1	49	8	14
Columbus	285,000	12	15	6	1	1	0	0	4
Toledo	298,000	144	15	5	2	2	1	2	8
Indiana:									
Fort Wayne	99,900	5	6	6	0	1	1	0	0
Indianapolis	367,000	143	15	5	0	0	2	0	14
South Bend	81,700	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Terre Haute	71,900	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	2
Illinois:									
Chicago	3,048,000	261	97	185	38	10	37	15	70
Springfield	64,700	1	2	0	2	2	0	0	1
Michigan:									
Detroit	1,242,044	164	81	42	5	4	5	15	38
Flint	136,000	22	12	2	0	0	1	0	9
Grand Rapids	156,000	10	6	0	0	1	5	2	2

<sup>1</sup> Estimated, July 1, 1925.

<sup>2</sup> No estimate made.



City reports for week ended December 1, 1928—Continued

Division, State, and city	Population July 1, 1926, estimated	Chick- en pox, cases re- ported	Diphtheria		Influenza		Meas- les, cases re- ported	Mumps, cases re- ported	Pneu- monia, deaths re- ported
			Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported			
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL—continued</b>									
<b>Wisconsin:</b>									
Kenosha.....	52,700	12	2	1	0	0	3	0	3
Milwaukee.....	517,000	139	31	6	0	0	94	2	8
Racine.....	69,400	2	3	4	0	0	2	0	2
Superior.....	139,671	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL</b>									
<b>Minnesota:</b>									
Duluth.....	113,000	7	1	0	0	0	0	17	1
Minneapolis.....	434,000	216	32	5	0	2	12	31	6
St. Paul.....	248,000	84	19	4	0	0	0	7	7
<b>Iowa:</b>									
Davenport.....	152,469	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	-----
Des Moines.....	146,000	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	-----
Sioux City.....	78,000	12	3	0	0	0	1	9	-----
Waterloo.....	36,900	10	0	5	0	0	0	34	-----
<b>Missouri:</b>									
Kansas City.....	375,000	29	13	5	6	1	14	1	15
St. Joseph.....	78,400	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	5
St. Louis.....	830,000	41	52	51	1	0	1	2	-----
<b>North Dakota:</b>									
Fargo.....	126,403	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Grand Forks.....	114,811	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-----
<b>South Dakota:</b>									
Aberdeen.....	115,036	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	-----
Sioux Falls.....	130,127	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-----
<b>Nebraska:</b>									
Omaha.....	216,000	2	7	13	0	0	0	0	7
<b>Kansas:</b>									
Topeka.....	56,500	33	3	0	0	3	5	0	1
Wichita.....	92,500	5	8	0	0	0	0	2	5
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC</b>									
<b>Delaware:</b>									
Wilmington.....	124,000	0	3	2	0	0	22	0	0
<b>Maryland:</b>									
Baltimore.....	808,000	82	39	9	9	5	2	22	25
Cumberland.....	133,741	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Fredrick.....	112,035	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>District of Columbia:</b>									
Washington.....	528,000	33	24	16	4	0	1	0	8
<b>Virginia:</b>									
Lynchburg.....	138,493	2	4	1	0	1	0	5	2
Norfolk.....	174,000	11	4	2	0	0	0	2	2
Richmond.....	189,000	0	17	13	0	0	1	0	8
Roanoke.....	61,900	8	5	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>West Virginia:</b>									
Charleston.....	50,700	18	2	2	3	0	0	0	1
Wheeling.....	156,208	3	4	1	0	0	9	23	3
<b>North Carolina:</b>									
Raleigh.....	130,371	2	3	1	0	1	0	0	0
Wilmington.....	37,700	2	1	3	0	1	0	0	2
Winston-Salem.....	71,800	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	3
<b>South Carolina:</b>									
Charleston.....	74,100	0	2	5	49	1	0	0	1
Columbia.....	41,800	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	6
Greenville.....	127,311	-----	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Georgia:</b>									
Atlanta.....	( <sup>1</sup> )	2	7	5	117	2	0	0	10
Brunswick.....	116,809	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Savannah.....	94,900	1	3	3	12	3	0	0	4
<b>Florida:</b>									
Miami.....	131,286	0	3	1	0	0	2	1	0
St. Petersburg.....	49,629	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tampa.....	102,000	0	3	1	0	2	0	0	2

<sup>1</sup> Estimated, July 1, 1925.

<sup>2</sup> No estimate made.

<sup>3</sup> Special census.

## City reports for week ended December 1, 1928—Continued

Division, State, and city	Population July 1, 1926, estimated	Chick-en pox, cases reported	Diphtheria		Influenza		Meas-les, cases reported	Mumps, cases reported	Pneu-monia, deaths reported
			Cases, esti-mated expectancy	Cases re-ported	Cases re-ported	Deaths re-ported			
<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>									
Kentucky:									
Covington.....	58,500	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Louisville.....	311,000	1	10	3	0	0	0	0	7
Tennessee:									
Memphis.....	177,000	9	10	6	0	1	0	0	3
Nashville.....	137,000	2	5	6	0	1	0	0	5
Alabama:									
Birmingham.....	211,000	6	7	3	2	0	0	0	10
Mobile.....	66,800	0	2	4	0	2	0	0	4
Montgomery.....	47,000	1	2	6	0	-----	0	0	-----
<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>									
Arkansas:									
Fort Smith.....	1 31,643	19	2	1	0	-----	0	0	-----
Little Rock.....	75,900	4	3	0	0	0	0	3	0
Louisiana:									
New Orleans.....	419,000	1	12	13	9	9	1	0	12
Shreveport.....	59,500	3	2	3	0	0	2	0	3
Oklahoma:									
Oklahoma City.....	(?)	0	4	16	8	0	0	0	3
Tulsa.....	133,000	8	5	13	0	-----	0	1	-----
Texas:									
Dallas.....	203,000	1	17	20	2	1	1	0	4
Fort Worth.....	159,000	0	5	13	0	2	0	0	1
Galveston.....	49,100	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Houston.....	1 164,954	0	8	11	0	0	0	0	4
San Antonio.....	205,000	0	5	6	0	3	0	0	10
<b>MOUNTAIN</b>									
Montana:									
Billings.....	1 17,971	6	0	0	9	1	0	0	1
Great Falls.....	1 29,883	20	1	0	2,500	2	21	9	0
Helena.....	1 12,037	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	1
Missoula.....	1 12,668	0	0	0	60	2	0	0	2
Idaho:									
Boise.....	1 23,042	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Colorado:									
Denver.....	285,000	-----	14	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Pueblo.....	43,900	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Mexico:									
Albuquerque.....	1 21,000	0	1	1	37	0	0	0	2
Utah:									
Salt Lake City.....	133,000	74	5	2	-----	14	0	12	5
Nevada:									
Reno.....	1 12,665	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
<b>PACIFIC</b>									
Washington:									
Seattle.....	(?)	46	7	4	0	-----	1	2	-----
Spokane.....	109,000	74	3	2	0	-----	21	0	-----
Tacoma.....	106,000	15	3	1	0	0	0	27	1
Oregon:									
Portland.....	1 282,383	17	12	12	34	4	19	2	3
California:									
Los Angeles.....	(?)	34	51	16	3,465	55	4	9	57
Sacramento.....	73,400	2	3	0	124	9	0	14	10
San Francisco.....	567,000	26	19	5	214	7	2	3	3

1 Estimated, July 1, 1925.

2 No estimate made.

4 Approximately.

City reports for week ended December 1, 1928—Continued

Division, State, and city	Scarlet fever		Smallpox			Tuberculosis, deaths reported	Typhoid fever			Whooping cough, cases reported	Deaths, all causes
	Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases reported	Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases reported	Deaths reported		Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases reported	Deaths reported		
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>											
<b>Maine:</b>											
Portland	2	6	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	20
<b>New Hampshire:</b>											
Concord	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
<b>Vermont:</b>											
Barre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Massachusetts:</b>											
Boston	64	35	0	12	0	11	2	0	0	29	208
Fall River	3	3	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	7	23
Springfield	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
Worcester	12	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	58
<b>Rhode Island:</b>											
Pawtucket	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20
Providence	8	13	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	73
<b>Connecticut:</b>											
Bridgeport	8	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	28
Hartford	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
New Haven	7	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC</b>											
<b>New York:</b>											
Buffalo	23	27	0	0	0	7	2	0	1	47	138
New York	145	96	0	0	0	86	18	10	2	31	1,400
Rochester	10	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	32	78
Syracuse	12	6	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	25	46
<b>New Jersey:</b>											
Camden	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	24
Newark	17	4	0	0	0	9	1	1	0	19	98
Trenton	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	42
<b>Pennsylvania:</b>											
Philadelphia	78	39	0	0	0	25	4	2	0	72	448
Pittsburgh	38	30	0	0	0	7	1	0	2	16	186
Reading	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	23
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL</b>											
<b>Ohio:</b>											
Cincinnati	16	23	0	0	0	8	1	1	0	2	136
Cleveland	34	16	0	0	0	8	2	0	0	31	191
Columbus	12	9	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	68
Toledo	15	12	0	0	0	6	1	2	0	32	80
<b>Indiana:</b>											
Fort Wayne	2	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	40
Indianapolis	14	15	4	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	119
South Bend	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Terre Haute	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
<b>Illinois:</b>											
Chicago	114	109	0	17	0	42	4	4	0	33	683
Springfield	2	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	23
<b>Michigan:</b>											
Detroit	80	107	1	0	0	18	2	2	0	128	306
Flint	11	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	29
Grand Rapids	10	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	10	32
<b>Wisconsin:</b>											
Kenosha	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	13
Milwaukee	20	46	1	0	0	6	1	0	0	67	105
Racine	5	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	13
Superior	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL</b>											
<b>Minnesota:</b>											
Duluth	8	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	27
Minneapolis	49	17	4	1	0	4	1	0	0	17	90
St. Paul	23	17	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	19	61
<b>Iowa:</b>											
Davenport	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
Des Moines	8	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sioux City	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	
Waterloo	4	16	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	13	

1 case nonresident.

## City reports for week ended December 1, 1928—Continued

Division, State, and city	Scarlet fever		Smallpox			Tuberculosis, deaths reported	Typhoid fever			Whooping cough, cases reported	Deaths, all causes
	Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases reported	Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases reported	Deaths reported		Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases reported	Deaths reported		
WEST NORTH CENTRAL—continued											
Missouri:											
Kansas City	12	17	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	8	115
St. Joseph	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	29
St. Louis	36	19	0	1	0	6	3	0	0	19	217
North Dakota:											
Fargo	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Grand Forks	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—
South Dakota:											
Aberdeen	2	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	—	0	—
Sioux Falls	2	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	—	0	5
Nebraska:											
Omaha	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	—
Kansas:											
Topeka	2	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	22
Wichita	5	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	36
SOUTH ATLANTIC											
Delaware:											
Wilmington	4	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	18
Maryland:											
Baltimore	23	15	0	0	0	17	3	3	0	39	223
Cumberland	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Frederick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
District of Col.:											
Washington	20	10	0	0	0	10	2	0	0	17	134
Virginia:											
Lynchburg	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Norfolk	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	—
Richmond	7	8	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	52
Roanoke	2	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	17
West Virginia:											
Charleston	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	7
Wheeling	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
North Carolina:											
Raleigh	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9
Wilmington	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Winston-Salem	2	3	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	7	10
South Carolina:											
Charleston	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	27
Columbia	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	27
Greenville	0	—	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Georgia:											
Atlanta	5	15	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	70
Brunswick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Savannah	1	4	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	51
Florida:											
Miami	1	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	26
St. Petersburg	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Tampa	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL											
Kentucky:											
Covington	3	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	21
Louisville	6	6	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	5	75
Tennessee:											
Memphis	6	3	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	55
Nashville	4	4	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	38
Alabama:											
Birmingham	4	8	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	4	73
Mobile	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	23
Montgomery	0	2	0	0	—	—	0	0	—	0	—
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL											
Arkansas:											
Fort Smith	2	0	0	0	—	—	0	1	—	0	—
Little Rock	2	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	—
Louisiana:											
New Orleans	7	14	1	0	0	17	2	1	1	1	194
Shreveport	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	36



## City reports for week ended December 1, 1928—Continued

Division, State, and city	Meningococcus meningitis		Lethargic encephalitis		Pellagra		Poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis)		
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases	Deaths
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL</b>									
Ohio:									
Cincinnati.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Cleveland.....	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Toledo.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illinois:									
Chicago.....	8	3	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
Springfield.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan:									
Detroit.....	6	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin:									
Milwaukee.....	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL</b>									
Minnesota:									
Duluth.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missouri:									
St. Louis.....	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
North Dakota:									
Fargo.....	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kansas:									
Topeka.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC</b>									
Maryland:									
Baltimore.....	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0
Virginia:									
Richmond.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
North Carolina:									
Wilmington.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
South Carolina: <sup>1</sup>									
Columbia.....	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Georgia:									
Atlanta.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Savannah <sup>2</sup> .....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Florida:									
Miami.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>									
Tennessee:									
Memphis <sup>3</sup> .....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Nashville.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Alabama:									
Birmingham.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mobile.....	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>									
Louisiana:									
New Orleans.....	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0
Shreveport.....	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0
Texas:									
Fort Worth.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Houston.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Antonio.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>MOUNTAIN</b>									
New Mexico:									
Albuquerque.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>PACIFIC</b>									
Washington:									
Seattle.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spokane.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
California:									
Los Angeles.....	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Sacramento.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Francisco.....	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0

<sup>1</sup> Dengue: 6 cases at Charleston, S. C.<sup>2</sup> Rabies (in man): 1 case and 1 death at Memphis, Tenn.<sup>3</sup> Typhus fever: 5 cases at Savannah, Ga.

The following table gives the rates per 100,000 population for 101 cities for the 5-week period ended December 1, 1928, compared with those for a like period ended December 3, 1927. The population figures used in computing the rates are approximate estimates as of July 1, 1928 and 1927, respectively, authoritative figures for many of the cities not being available. The 101 cities reporting cases had estimated aggregate populations of approximately 31,657,000 in 1928 and 31,050,000 in 1927. The 95 cities reporting deaths had nearly 30,961,000 estimated population in 1928 and nearly 30,370,000 in 1927. 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, October 27 to December 1, 1928—Annual rates per 100,000 population compared with rates for the corresponding period of 1927<sup>1</sup>

DIPHTHERIA CASE RATES

	Week ended—									
	Nov. 3, 1928	Nov. 5, 1927	Nov. 10, 1928	Nov. 12, 1927	Nov. 17, 1928	Nov. 19, 1927	Nov. 24, 1928	Nov. 26, 1927	Dec. 1, 1928	Dec. 3, 1927
101 cities.....	140	213	152	<sup>2</sup> 215	159	228	<sup>3</sup> 165	203	<sup>4</sup> 151	232
New England.....	90	114	122	160	159	163	140	170	<sup>5</sup> 197	267
Middle Atlantic.....	110	225	109	204	134	233	137	212	131	251
East North Central.....	169	261	169	253	166	251	183	219	185	220
West North Central.....	144	194	210	160	197	152	<sup>6</sup> 191	178	164	178
South Atlantic.....	226	184	242	189	207	216	<sup>7</sup> 223	195	<sup>7</sup> 122	224
East South Central.....	170	152	180	208	100	238	130	122	140	167
West South Central.....	220	318	272	294	240	343	268	302	220	269
Mountain.....	71	99	71	278	239	206	<sup>8</sup> 152	170	<sup>9</sup> 53	143
Pacific.....	64	141	79	<sup>2</sup> 224	97	222	105	162	72	259

MEASLES CASE RATES

101 cities.....	58	77	73	<sup>2</sup> 96	94	124	<sup>3</sup> 109	136	<sup>4</sup> 115	189
New England.....	338	242	402	342	382	391	582	500	<sup>5</sup> 654	539
Middle Atlantic.....	33	72	42	124	69	93	59	128	46	180
East North Central.....	39	29	57	27	86	54	105	60	132	121
West North Central.....	68	14	43	16	62	22	<sup>6</sup> 104	24	66	24
South Atlantic.....	46	132	56	135	84	281	<sup>7</sup> 60	200	<sup>7</sup> 64	307
East South Central.....	10	233	5	76	15	147	5	162	0	20
West South Central.....	8	21	8	12	12	70	4	87	16	120
Mountain.....	80	9	177	18	203	72	<sup>8</sup> 300	27	<sup>9</sup> 441	27
Pacific.....	15	78	43	<sup>2</sup> 76	51	212	15	175	72	227

SCARLET FEVER CASE RATES

101 cities.....	125	148	164	<sup>2</sup> 150	169	177	<sup>3</sup> 176	158	<sup>4</sup> 172	184
New England.....	131	200	175	205	193	249	211	181	<sup>5</sup> 189	277
Middle Atlantic.....	69	110	95	110	108	152	109	122	102	155
East North Central.....	172	173	233	177	245	201	227	195	238	192
West North Central.....	197	164	253	186	224	232	<sup>6</sup> 291	204	220	249
South Atlantic.....	116	159	142	182	105	155	<sup>7</sup> 143	171	<sup>7</sup> 138	173
East South Central.....	140	167	160	152	249	112	244	86	145	147
West South Central.....	136	149	176	103	196	103	144	165	184	141
Mountain.....	62	179	88	152	97	233	<sup>8</sup> 104	179	<sup>9</sup> 123	359
Pacific.....	148	141	169	<sup>2</sup> 117	143	154	194	131	261	128

<sup>1</sup> The figures given in this table are rates per 100,000 population, annual basis, and not the number of cases reported. Populations used are estimated as of July 1, 1928, and 1927, respectively.

<sup>2</sup> Seattle, Wash., and Spokane, Wash., not included.

<sup>3</sup> Sioux City, Iowa, Greenville, S. C., and Salt Lake City, Utah, not included.

<sup>4</sup> Hartford Conn., Greenville, S. C., and Denver, Colo., not included.

<sup>5</sup> Hartford, Conn., not included.

<sup>6</sup> Sioux City, Iowa, not included.

<sup>7</sup> Greenville, S. C., not included.

<sup>8</sup> Salt Lake City, Utah, not included.

<sup>9</sup> Denver, Colo., not included.

Summary of weekly reports from cities, October 27 to December 1, 1928—Annual rates per 100,000 population compared with rates for the corresponding period of 1927—Continued

## SMALLPOX CASE RATES

	Week ended—									
	Nov. 3, 1928	Nov. 5, 1927	Nov. 10, 1928	Nov. 12, 1927	Nov. 17, 1928	Nov. 19, 1927	Nov. 21, 1928	Nov. 26, 1927	Dec. 1, 1928	Dec. 3, 1927
101 cities.....	1	18	4	16	3	19	7	23	6	17
New England.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Middle Atlantic.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East North Central.....	0	6	7	4	4	6	21	1	12	10
West North Central.....	2	58	6	156	2	160	2	202	8	115
South Atlantic.....	2	14	0	5	2	9	7	0	7	5
East South Central.....	5	0	0	0	5	5	15	0	0	10
West South Central.....	4	4	4	4	0	4	8	4	12	8
Mountain.....	0	36	9	27	88	27	6	54	7	45
Pacific.....	5	18	15	13	3	29	18	44	8	39

## TYPHOID FEVER CASE RATES

101 cities.....	13	19	9	15	10	15	9	10	7	9
New England.....	7	16	9	16	16	23	7	14	5	7
Middle Atlantic.....	11	20	7	15	10	14	9	10	7	10
East North Central.....	5	7	5	9	6	7	5	6	5	5
West North Central.....	18	24	4	28	14	20	6	14	8	12
South Atlantic.....	32	31	16	20	11	25	11	9	7	9
East South Central.....	35	35	30	5	10	15	25	15	5	16
West South Central.....	20	58	40	33	20	29	12	12	16	21
Mountain.....	18	36	27	9	18	18	6	27	18	9
Pacific.....	5	5	3	7	5	13	13	5	3	5

INFLUENZA DEATH RATES <sup>11</sup>

95 cities.....	10	9	12	8	15	9	10	16	10	30	12
New England.....	2	5	5	2	9	5	9	2	6	10	5
Middle Atlantic.....	5	8	12	9	9	7	15	10	10	10	11
East North Central.....	10	9	9	5	10	2	3	5	14	9	9
West North Central.....	8	10	2	2	6	10	6	6	12	4	4
South Atlantic.....	11	7	7	16	14	20	7	12	13	23	13
East South Central.....	21	16	26	16	16	21	21	48	21	48	48
West South Central.....	25	25	37	17	33	34	33	34	53	42	42
Mountain.....	18	18	27	18	53	36	23	18	353	27	27
Pacific.....	27	7	41	0	64	3	95	7	240	14	14

PNEUMONIA DEATH RATES <sup>11</sup>

95 cities.....	86	89	91	104	102	112	122	95	134	113
New England.....	90	63	80	95	57	102	106	60	5	100
Middle Atlantic.....	83	87	105	133	124	119	128	97	141	123
East North Central.....	79	93	77	89	82	96	106	89	120	103
West North Central.....	71	62	65	75	73	81	69	87	100	70
South Atlantic.....	93	115	74	117	124	157	161	144	138	146
East South Central.....	131	117	146	144	162	154	131	133	162	207
West South Central.....	119	89	90	127	70	140	127	110	140	106
Mountain.....	97	117	97	143	115	99	173	99	159	54
Pacific.....	88	100	125	100	98	76	169	38	240	103

<sup>2</sup> Seattle, Wash., and Spokane, Wash., not included.

<sup>3</sup> Sioux City, Iowa, not included.

<sup>4</sup> Hartford, Conn., Greenville, S. C., and Denver, Colo., not included.

<sup>5</sup> Hartford, Conn., not included.

<sup>6</sup> Greenville, S. C., not included.

<sup>8</sup> Salt Lake City, Utah, not included.

<sup>9</sup> Denver, Colo., not included.

<sup>10</sup> Greenville, S. C., and Salt Lake City, Utah, not included.

<sup>11</sup> In the table showing death rates from influenza and pneumonia on p. 3333 of the Public Health Reports of Dec. 14, 1928, the column headings should read the same as the column headings on the preceding page. The rates given in the first column are for the week ended Oct. 27, 1928, and the rates in the last column are for the week ended Nov. 26, 1927.



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

Group of cities	Number of cities reporting cases	Number of cities reporting deaths	Aggregate population of cities reporting cases		Aggregate population of cities reporting deaths	
			1928	1927	1928	1927
<b>Total</b> .....	101	95	31, 657, 000	31, 050, 300	30, 960, 700	30, 369, 500
New England .....	12	12	2, 274, 400	2, 242, 700	2, 274, 400	2, 212, 700
Middle Atlantic .....	10	10*	10, 732, 400	10, 594, 700	10, 732, 400	10, 594, 700
East North Central .....	16	16	7, 991, 400	7, 820, 700	7, 991, 400	7, 820, 700
West North Central .....	12	10	2, 683, 500	2, 634, 500	2, 566, 400	2, 518, 500
South Atlantic .....	21	21	2, 981, 900	2, 890, 700	2, 981, 900	2, 890, 700
East South Central .....	7	6	1, 048, 300	1, 028, 300	1, 000, 100	980, 700
West South Central .....	8	7	1, 307, 600	1, 260, 700	1, 274, 100	1, 227, 800
Mountain .....	9	9	591, 100	581, 600	591, 100	581, 600
Pacific .....	6	4	2, 046, 400	1, 996, 400	1, 548, 900	1, 512, 100

## FOREIGN AND INSULAR

### THE FAR EAST

*Report for the week ended November 24, 1928.*—The following report for the week ended November 24, 1928, 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.

No plague was reported. Cholera or smallpox was reported at the following ports:

CHOLERA	SMALLPOX
<p><i>India.</i>—Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Negapatam, Rangoon.  <i>Siam.</i>—Bangkok.  <i>French India.</i>—Pondicherry.</p>	<p><i>India.</i>—Bombay, Madras, Negapatam, Calcutta, Moulmein.  <i>French India.</i>—Pondicherry.  <i>Indo-China.</i>—Pnompenh.  <i>Siam.</i>—Bangkok.  <i>Dutch East Indies.</i>—Belawan Deli, Samarinda, Makassar.  <i>China.</i>—Hong Kong, Shanghai, Canton</p>

### ANGOLA

*Communicable diseases—June–September, 1928.*—During the months of June, July, August, and September, 1928, communicable diseases were reported in Angola as follows:

Disease	June	July	August	September
Ancylostomiasis.....	39	109	33	156
Beriberi.....	20	3	9	6
Bilharzia.....	42	25	48	36
Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	2	6	—	—
Chicken pox (including alastrim).....	35	43	71	47
Dengue.....	1	—	—	—
Diphtheria.....	2	3	1	2
Dysentery.....	58	110	71	51
Erysipelas.....	—	1	1	—
Influenza.....	493	410	470	332
Leprosy.....	6	4	18	10
Malaria.....	1, 196	1, 024	726	690
Malarial hemoglobinuria.....	28	37	21	12
Measles.....	84	135	96	178
Mumps.....	26	15	31	14
Pneumonia and broncho-pneumonia.....	88	193	120	100
Puerperal septicemia.....	3	2	1	2
Relapsing fever.....	3	3	6	3
Scabies.....	—	—	—	61
Scurvy.....	—	2	3	—
Smallpox.....	5	2	—	4
Tetanus.....	2	1	8	5
Tuberculosis.....	41	37	35	42
Trypanosomiasis.....	249	567	679	390
Typhoid and paratyphoid fever.....	2	5	5	3
Veneral diseases.....	398	372	336	415
Whooping cough.....	9	26	43	30
Yaws.....	424	341	299	403

## CANADA

*Provinces—Communicable diseases—Two weeks ended December 1, 1928.*—The department of pensions and national health reports cases of certain communicable diseases from seven Provinces of Canada for the two weeks ended December 1, 1928, as follows:

## WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 24, 1928

Disease	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Total
Cerebrospinal fever.....				3	1			4
Influenza.....	14							14
Lethargic encephalitis.....				1				1
Poliomyelitis.....				2	1			5
Smallpox.....			25	4	16	11	7	63
Typhoid fever.....	2	11	23	20	1	1	2	60

## WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 1, 1928

Cerebrospinal fever.....				1			2	3
Influenza.....	24			9	1			34
Lethargic encephalitis.....				1				1
Poliomyelitis.....				1	1		2	4
Smallpox.....			25	4	5	12	1	47
Typhoid fever.....	1	3	7	49		1	1	62

*Quebec Province—Communicable diseases—Week ended December 1, 1928.*—The Provincial Bureau of Health reports cases of certain communicable diseases for the week ended December 1, 1928, as follows:

Disease	Cases	Disease	Cases
Chicken pox.....	120	Ophthalmia neonatorum.....	2
Diphtheria.....	80	Scarlet fever.....	19
German measles.....	3	Smallpox.....	72
Influenza.....	22	Tuberculosis.....	47
Measles.....	3	Typhoid fever.....	49
Mumps.....	33	Whooping cough.....	12

## CUBA

*Habana—Communicable diseases—July–October, 1928.*—During the four months from July 1 to October 31, 1928, communicable diseases were reported in Habana, Cuba, as follows:

## JULY

Disease	New cases	Deaths	Disease	New cases	Deaths
Chicken pox.....	10		Measles.....	43	1
Diphtheria.....	12	2	Scarlet fever.....	7	
Leprosy.....	1		Typhoid fever.....	29	6
Malaria.....	11				

## AUGUST

Disease	New cases	Deaths	Disease	New cases	Deaths
Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	1	-----	Malaria.....	27	-----
Chicken pox.....	3	-----	Measles.....	62	1
Diphtheria.....	8	3	Scarlet fever.....	4	-----
Leprosy.....	1	-----	Typhoid fever.....	26	8

## SEPTEMBER

Chicken pox.....	1	-----	Measles.....	60	-----
Diphtheria.....	5	1	Paratyphoid fever.....	1	1
Filariasis.....	1	-----	Scarlet fever.....	-----	-----
Leprosy.....	-----	-----	Typhoid fever.....	19	5
Malaria.....	43	2			

## OCTOBER

Chicken pox.....	1	-----	Measles.....	87	-----
Diphtheria.....	7	1	Polioomyelitis.....	1	-----
Filariasis.....	-----	-----	Scarlet fever.....	7	-----
Leprosy.....	-----	-----	Typhoid fever.....	22	10
Malaria.....	101	2			

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

*Communicable diseases—August, September, 1928.*—During the months of August and September, 1928, communicable diseases were reported in Czechoslovakia as follows:

Disease	August		September	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Anthrax.....	13	-----	33	4
Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	5	3	24	6
Diphtheria.....	970	83	622	46
Dysentery.....	117	5	89	4
Malaria.....	105	-----	135	-----
Paratyphoid fever.....	15	2	19	-----
Puerperal fever.....	24	19	43	11
Rabies.....	-----	-----	1	1
Scarlet fever.....	2,154	22	1,347	27
Trachoma.....	136	-----	183	-----
Typhoid fever.....	992	68	1,032	73

## INDIA

*Madras Presidency—Vital statistics, 1927—Comparative.*—The annual report of the Director of Public Health of the Madras Presidency gives the vital statistics for 1927, as compared with 1926, as follows:

*Madras Presidency, vital statistics, 1927 and 1926*

Year	Births	Birth rate per 1,000 population	Deaths	Death rate per 1,000 population	Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births
1927.....	1,495,747	36.5	997,742	24.3	175.4
1926.....	1,480,293	36.1	1,048,529	25.6	189.5

The following table classifies the total deaths registered in the Madras Presidency during the years 1927 and 1926:

Cause	1927	1926	Cause	1927	1926
Cholera.....	35,334	24,467	Smallpox.....	7,781	10,957
Dysentery and diarrhea.....	72,707	91,758	Other causes.....	476,191	495,717
Fevers.....	321,995	337,945			
Plague.....	2,457	2,143	Total.....	997,742	1,048,529
Respiratory diseases.....	81,277	85,602			

NEW ZEALAND

Notifiable diseases—June 26–October 15, 1928.—The Department of Health of New Zealand reports cases of notifiable diseases in New Zealand from June 26 to October 15, 1928, as follows:

Disease	June 26–July 23		July 24–Aug. 20		Aug. 21–Sept. 17		Sept. 18–Oct. 15	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Actinomycosis.....							1	
Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	2		1		3	1	4	
Diphtheria.....	198	11	184	8	130	7	132	3
Dysentery.....	2		1					
Eclampsia.....	9	1	4		12	2	7	
Erysipelas.....	29		48		38	1	53	
Food poisoning.....	1				1			
Hydatids.....	1		3		5	1	9	
Influenza.....	44	9	41	8	56	9	34	4
Lead poisoning.....			1					
Leprosy.....							1	
Lethargic encephalitis.....	6	2	2	2	4	2	1	1
Ophthalmia neonatorum.....	2		2		1		3	
Pneumonia.....	120	22	158	32	177	31	103	19
Poliomyelitis.....	1				4			
Puerperal fever.....	29	4	21	4	35	3	16	4
Scarlet fever.....	723	6	752	5	554	8	490	3
Tetanus.....	2		5			3	3	1
Trachoma.....	1				2			
Tuberculosis.....	118	39	135	47	132	50	147	59
Typhoid fever.....	21	3	14	3	21	2	18	1

TRINIDAD

Vital statistics—Port of Spain—January–June, 1928.—The following statistics for the months of January to June, 1928, are taken from a report issued by the Public Health Department of Port of Spain:

	Jan- uary, 1928	Feb- ruary, 1928	March, 1928	April, 1928	May, 1928	June, 1928
Births.....	159.00	139.00	160.00	157.00	153.00	158.00
Birth rate per 1,000 population.....	28.79	26.75	28.81	29.21	27.55	29.39
Deaths.....	141.00	108.00	118.00	118.00	145.00	127.00
Death rate per 1,000 population.....	25.53	20.79	21.24	21.95	26.11	23.44
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 births.....	157.02	143.16	81.25	146.49	130.72	145.57
Deaths from certain infectious diseases:						
Cancer and other malignant tumors.....	6.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Dysentery.....	7.00	1.00			2.00	1.00
Influenza.....					1.00	1.00
Malaria.....	1.00	2.00	1.00	9.00	9.00	7.00
Pneumonia and broncho-pneumonia.....	1.00	7.00	4.00	7.00	8.00	1.00
Tuberculosis, pulmonary.....	19.00	8.00	14.00	8.00	16.00	15.00
Typhoid fever.....	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	
Syphilis.....	5.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	

Estimated population June 30, 1927, 65,573.











Uganda.....	C		84	105			102	18	26	38	24						
Canary Islands:	D		70	85			64	17	16	33	20						
Arrecife.....	C		1														
Lansarote Village.....	D		1							1	1						
Las Palmas.....	C		1				2				1						
Palma Island.....	D					7	1				1						
Teneriffe.....	D					8	3				2						1
Laguna.....	D						3				4						
Ceylon:	C																
Colombo.....	C	1	4	2			3				2						
Colombo.....	D	1	2	2			3				1						
Jaffna.....	C										2						1
Jaffna.....	D										2						
China:	C																
Amoy.....	C		5			P											
Hong Kong.....	C	2				1											
Hong Kong.....	D					1											
Mongolia—	C																
Chien Chia Tien.....	C						P	P									
Tungliao.....	C						220	57	53	70	13	11	6	2			
Urga.....	C						P										
Shansi.....	C										P						
Tengchow.....	C																
Dutch East Indies:	C																
Celebes—Makassar.....	C										1						
Celebes—Makassar.....	D										1						
Plague-infected rats.....								4				2					
Java:	C	47	65	61		32	46	49	12	10	7						
Batavia and West Java.....	D	47	65	61		32	46	49	12	10	7						
Plague-infected rats.....		7	9	4		2	2	2									
East Java and Madura.....	C	4				1	2	1	2		14						
East Java and Madura.....	D	4				1	2	1	2		14						
Kedoe Residency.....	C	4				P											
Surabaya Residency.....	C	4															
Surabaya Residency.....	D	1						1									
Ecuador (see also table below):	C		1														
Alassi.....	C																
Egypt:	C																
Alexandria.....	C		1			2	1	2									
Alexandria.....	D		2					1									
Amrieh District.....	C						26	11	1								
Amrieh District.....	D							8	P	1							

<sup>1</sup> During the period from Nov. 10 to Dec. 11, 1928, 13 cases of plague were reported at El Mollar, Tucuman Province, Argentina. During the same period 1 case of plague was reported at Chilipon and 1 at Ucaccha, both in Cordoba Province, Argentina.

<sup>2</sup> 11 plague-infected rats were reported at Buenos Aires, Argentina, from July 1 to Oct. 25, 1928.





**CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, TYPHUS FEVER, AND YELLOW FEVER—Continued**

**PLAGUE—Continued**

[C indicates cases; D, deaths; P, present]

Place	Week ended—									
	October, 1928			November, 1928			December, 1928			
	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8
Sept. 20, 1928										
Aug. 20-21, 1928										
July 28, Aug. 21, 1928										
July 1-28, 1928										
June 3-30, 1928										
May 6-May 5, June 2, 1928										
Apr. 8-May 5, 1928										
Slam.....	27	15	6	10						
.....	13	11	7	8						
Ayudhaya.....			2	2						
.....			1	2						
Bangkok.....	4									
.....	2									
Nagara.....			2							
Straits Settlements: Ipoh.....		1	2							
.....										
Syria (see table below).					2					
Turkey:					2					
Adalia.....										
Constantinople.....					1					
Union of South Africa: Orange Free State.....					P					
Union of Socialist Soviet Republics:										
Astrakhan.....										
.....										
Axay District.....			3							
.....			2							
Kirghiz District.....										
.....										
Krasnodarsk District.....										
.....					64					
Chita District.....					1					
.....										
Ural Government.....										
.....										
.....										
.....										
On vessel:										
S. S. Tymeric, at Barbados, from New Orleans.			1							
S. S. Automedon, at Penang, Straits Settlements.....							P			

Place	Jan- ary- March, 1928	April- June, 1928	July, 1928	Aug- ust, 1928	Sep- tem- ber, 1928	Octo- ber, 1928	No- vem- ber, 1928
Algeria (see also table above):							
Algeria.....		1					
British East Africa (see also table above):							
Kenya.....	65	86	97	144	15	37	3
Uganda.....		5		34			2
Ecuador: Guayaquil.....			176	152	128		
	20		151	141	08	3	
Plague-infected rats							
Indo-China (see table above):							
Kwangochow-Wan.....	75	5	7	2	27	21	2
Madagascar (see also table above):							
Amboatra Province.....	12	36	6	6	6	2	
	18	27					
Antsitrabe Province.....	940	199	45	65	59	88	
	202	68	33	61	51	84	
Itasy Province.....	191	35	4	3			
	281	68	11		9		
Majunga.....	279	67	11		9		
	55	1					
Moramanga Province.....	49	1		2			
	66	4	2	11	3		
Tamatave.....	55	4	2	10	3		
		23	10	12	8		
Tananarive Province.....	348	14	9	7	5		
	292	78	24	51	39		
		82	23	51	34		
Nigeria (see also table above):							
Peru.....	41	91	53				
	41	89	53				
	93	26	5				
	23	6	2				
	6	4					
Lima.....		2					
	30	448	318	45	199		
Senegal (see also table above):							
Baol.....	17	246	164	32	127		
		13	17	08	73		18
		7	10	38	40	14	6
Cayor.....			40	46	20	17	
			25	15	8	6	
Fatick.....							
							35
Louga.....							20
							14
Rufisque.....							5
			46	18	2		49
			31	7	1		3
Thies.....			345	103	151	106	51
			237	64	119	78	20
Tivaouane.....			325	84	9		
			175	70			
Syria: Beirut.....		1	5				2

PLAGUE RATS ON VESSELS

Steamship Sicily at Liverpool from Buenos Aires and Rosario, June 8, 1928, seven plague-infected rats.









Bombay.....	C	200	136	71	67	28	14	7	2	12	3	5	2	1	1		
Calcutta.....	D	178	130	61	53	25	13	7	4	4	3	2	1	1			
Karachi.....	C	130	100	50	32	17	17		3				1				
Madras.....	D	2	3		2												
Moulmein.....	C	166	59	85	39	43	90	13	21	18	23	31	9	11	20		
Nagapatam.....	D	38	18	10	18	10	21	6	5	7	5	5	8	3	6		
Rangoon.....	D	7	8	19	26	35	46	19	2	7	23	7	13	12	6		
Tuticorin.....	C	167	36	30	7	4	9	10	4	1	3	2	3	1	2		
Visagapatam.....	D	70	13	6	4	1											
India (French):	C	2	3	8	3	1	14	1		2							
Chandernagor.....	D	5	1	3	3	1	3			1							
Pondicherry Province.....	C	1			1	2	9			2	2		3				
Indo-China (see also table below):	C	30	32	13	12	62	92	23	26	30	32	34	23	12			
Pnompenh.....	D	30	23	13	12	45	87	17	18	18	20	27	17	11	3		
Salgon.....	C																
Iraq:	D																
Baghdad.....	C	5	16	16	24	7	34	9	9	8	12	10	7	9	14	14	9
Basra.....	D	3	6	10	15	2	17	3	3	3	3	3	8	1	4	10	9
Mossoul.....	D	2	3	2	2	2	1	2	1	9	7	3	0	9	14	13	12
Italy:	C																
Palermo.....	C	10	6	10	4	6											
Ivory Coast (see table below).	C	4	2	3	1	1	3	2									
Jamaica (outside Kingston) (alastrim).....	C																
Japan:	C																
Kobe.....	C	6	11		1												
Nagoya.....	C	2	2	4													
Osaka.....	C	8	2														
Tokyo City.....	C	1	1														
Tokyo Prefecture (outside city).....	D	1	1														
Yokohama.....	D	2	3														
Latvia (see table below).	D		1														
Malta: Valetta.....	C																











Place	Jan-uary, March, 1928	April-June, 1928	July, 1928	Aug-ust, 1928	Sept-tem-ber, 1928	Octo-ber, 1928	No-ven-ber, 1928
Chosen.....	896	633	5				
Chemulpo.....	88	75	2				
Canton.....	2	2					
Seoul.....	10	46	5	1	2		
Czechoslovakia.....	1	6	2		1		
Greece: Athens.....	25	33	6			1	
Japan.....	4	5	1				
Latvia.....	37	21					
Lithuania.....	223	162	12	15	34	45	12
	22	7	4	2			3
Place	Jan-uary, March, 1928	April-June, 1928	July, 1928	Aug-ust, 1928	Sept-tem-ber, 1928	Octo-ber, 1928	No-ven-ber, 1928
Mexico (see also table above).....	46						
Peru.....	2	1	1				
Arequipa.....	17	15	6				
La Oroya.....	1	2					
Turkey.....	1						
Union of Socialist Soviet Republics:							
Railways, etc.....	100						
Transcaucasia, Siberia, and Cen-tral Asia.....	17						
Ukraine.....	1,476						
Other territories in Europe.....	5,167						
Yugoslavia.....	34	45	12				
	3	5	3				



**CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, TYPHUS FEVER, AND YELLOW FEVER—Continued**

**YELLOW FEVER**

[C indicates cases; D, deaths; P, present]

Place	Apr. 8—May 5, 1928	May 6—June 2, 1928	June 3-30, 1928	July 1-28, 1928	July 29-Aug. 25, 1928	Aug. 26—Sept. 22, 1928	Sept. 23, 1928	Week ended—										
								October, 1928			November, 1928				Dec. 1, 1928			
								6	13	20	27	3	10	17		24		
Belgian Congo: Matadi.....	C	2																
Brazil:																		
Aracaju.....	D	2																
Bahia.....	D		4						1									
Pernambuco (Recife).....	C		1						1									
Rio de Janeiro.....	C	2	48	40	14	9	3		1	1								1
Sao Felix.....	D	2	22	26	4	8	2		1									1
Dabomey.....	C		P															
Grand Popo.....	C		3															
Ouidah Military Camp.....	D		2															
Gambia: Bathurst.....	D																	
Gambia: Bathurst.....	D																	
Gambia: Bathurst.....	D																	
Gold Coast.....	D	2																
Ivory Coast.....	C		1															
Abidjan.....	D		1															
Ferret-Sedougou.....	C																	
On vessel: S. S. Bernini, at Santos, Brazil.....	D									4								
On vessel: S. S. Bernini, at Santos, Brazil.....	D									1								