

# WEEKLY ABSTRACT OF SANITARY REPORTS.

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*Abstract of Sanitary Reports received through the Department of State from foreign countries during the week ended March 31, 1887.*

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*England and Wales.*—The deaths registered in 28 great towns of England and Wales during the week ended March 12 corresponded to an annual death rate of 21.6 per thousand of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 9,245,099. The lowest death rate was recorded in Derby, viz., 16.1, and the highest in Manchester, viz., 33.7 per thousand.

*London.*—One thousand six hundred and forty-nine deaths were registered during the week ended March 12, including 79 from measles, 13 from scarlet fever, 13 from diphtheria, 35 from whooping-cough, 13 from enteric fever, and 12 from diarrhoea and dysentery. There were 433 deaths from diseases of the respiratory organs. Different forms of violence caused 60 deaths, and 5 suicides were registered. The deaths from all causes corresponded to an annual rate of 20.4 per thousand. In greater London 2,024 deaths were registered, corresponding to an annual death rate of 19.5 per thousand of the population. In the outer ring 17 deaths from measles and 1 from small-pox were registered.

*Ireland.*—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended March 12 in the 16 principal town districts of Ireland was 27.1 per thousand of the population. The lowest rate was recorded in Sligo, viz., 9.6, and the highest in Limerick, viz., 36.7.

*Dublin.*—Two hundred and twelve deaths were registered during the week ended March 12, including 1 from scarlet fever, 3 from whooping-cough, 4 from enteric fever, 1 from cerebro-spinal fever, 1 from erysip-

elas, and 1 from measles. Diseases of the respiratory organs caused 62 deaths. In 30 instances the causes of death were uncertified, there having been no medical attendant during the last illness. The deaths from all causes corresponded to an annual rate of 31.3 per thousand.

*Scotland.*—The death rate in 8 principal towns during the week ended March 12 was 25.0 per thousand of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 1,299,000. The lowest mortality was recorded in Leith, viz., 14.7, and the highest in Aberdeen, viz., 34.6 per thousand. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 625, including 43 from measles, 14 from scarlet fever, 7 from diphtheria, 25 from whooping-cough, and 11 from diarrhœa.

*Greece.*—The Greek Government has given notice that vessels from Sicily will be subject to a fifteen days' quarantine.

*Denmark.*—The Danish Government orders inspection of all vessels from Italian ports on the Adriatic, and Sardinia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentine Republic, Tunis, Egyptian ports on the Red Sea, Feg: Meguirez, Dan El Buda in Morocco, Rio de Janeiro, Havana, and Japan. The importation of rags is prohibited from Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentine Republic, Sardinia, Austro-Hungary, and Italian continental ports, as well as from Rio de Janeiro and Havana.

*Palermo.*—The following cablegram, under date of March 23, 1887, has been received from the United States consul: "In consequence cholera, Catania, vessels from Sicily subjected to quarantine on Continent and various ports Europe."

*Warsaw.*—Two hundred and eighteen deaths were registered during the week ended February 26, including 7 from small-pox.

*Belfast.*—Two hundred and thirty-eight deaths were registered during the two weeks ended March 5, including 3 from typhus fever, 6 from enteric fever, and 1 from scarlet fever.

*Glasgow.*—Two hundred and fifty-eight deaths were registered during the week ended March 5, including 4 from scarlet fever, 2 from diphtheria, 18 from whooping-cough, and 5 from diarrhœa.

*Bordeaux.*—Six hundred and six deaths were registered during the month of February, including 13 from enteric fever.

*Barmen.*—Thirty-eight deaths were registered during the week ended March 5, including 3 from measles, 1 from scarlet fever, 1 from diphtheria, and 1 from cholera-morbus.

*Copenhagen.*—Two hundred and eighty-three deaths were registered during the two weeks ended February 22, including 2 from enteric fever, 2 from scarlet fever, and 9 from diphtheria.

## MORTALITY TABLE, FOREIGN CITIES.

Cities.	Week ended.	Estimated population.	Total deaths from all causes.	Deaths from—					
				Cholera.	Yellow fever.	Small-pox.	Typhus fever.	Enteric fever.	Scarlet fever.
Warsaw.....	February 26....	431,572	218	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....
Belfast.....	February 26....	224,422	135	.....	.....	.....	2	4	.....
Belfast.....	March 5.....	224,422	103	.....	.....	.....	1	2	1
Glasgow.....	March 5.....	545,678	258	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Barmen.....	March 5.....	108,000	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Copenhagen.....	February 15....	289,000	151	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
Copenhagen.....	February 22....	289,000	132	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Queenstown.....	March 5.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Matamoras.....	March 12.....	12,000	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Acapulco.....	February 21....	42,000	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Acapulco.....	February 28....	4,200	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cadiz.....	March 5.....	65,028	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Amsterdam.....	March 5.....	370,000	185	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Toronto.....	March 19.....	120,000	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kingston, Canada.....	March 18.....	15,109	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Three Rivers.....	March 12.....	10,000	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

## UNITED STATES.

*Mexican frontier.*—Owing to the existence of small-pox in Mexico, and to prevent the introduction of the same into the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury, upon the request of the Board of Health of the State of California, has authorized the appointment of sanitary inspectors, to serve under the direction of the Supervising Surgeon-General of the Marine-Hospital Service, at Yuma, Nogales, Benson, and Albuquerque, to assist and co-operate with the State and local authorities in the inspection of passengers and baggage, &c., at the places named.

*Port Townsend, Wash.*—The medical officer in charge of the Marine-Hospital Service at Port Townsend, under date of March 22, states that the Territorial board of health, owing to the prevalence of infectious disease in South America, have instructed the health officer at that port to inspect all vessels coming from any port south of San Francisco.

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