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*Abstract of Sanitary Reports received through the Department of State from foreign countries during the week ended May 26, 1887, and information received through other channels.*

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*England and Wales.*—The deaths registered in 28 great towns of England and Wales during the week ended May 7 corresponded to an annual rate of 20.9 per thousand of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 9,245,099. The lowest rate was recorded in Birkenhead, viz., 16.0, and the highest in Preston, viz., 34.2 per thousand. Small-pox caused 1 death in Cardiff.

*London.*—One thousand five hundred and thirty-one deaths were registered during the week ended May 7, including 90 from measles, 19 from scarlet fever, 20 from diphtheria, 73 from whooping-cough, 5 from enteric fever, and 12 from diarrhoea and dysentery. There were 348 deaths from diseases of the respiratory organs. Different forms of violence caused 52 deaths, and 11 suicides were registered. The deaths from all causes corresponded to an annual rate of 18.9 per thousand. In greater London 1,891 deaths were registered, corresponding to an annual rate of 18.2 per thousand of the population. In the "outer ring" 19 deaths from measles were registered.

*Ireland.*—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended May 7 in the 16 principal town districts of Ireland was 28.8 per thousand of the population. The lowest rate was recorded in Sligo, viz., 0.0, and the highest in Kilkenny, viz., 46.5 per thousand.

*Dublin.*—Two hundred and forty-eight deaths were registered during the week ended May 7, including 6 from measles, 3 from scarlet fever,

1 from typhus, 5 from whooping-cough, 3 from enteric fever. Diseases of the respiratory organs caused 59 deaths. In 31 instances the causes of death were uncertified. The deaths from all causes corresponded to an annual rate of 36.6 per thousand.

*Scotland.*—The death rate in 8 principal towns during the week ended May 7 was 21.2 per thousand of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 1,299,000. The lowest mortality was recorded in Leith, viz., 9.4, and the highest in Greenock, viz., 26.0 per thousand. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 529, including 25 from measles, 2 from scarlet fever, 2 from diphtheria, 31 from whooping-cough, and 11 from diarrhoea.

*Hobart, Australia.*—Eighty-eight deaths were registered during the month of March, 1887, including 10 from enteric fever.

*Marseilles.*—Eight hundred and forty-one deaths were registered during the month of April, 1887, including 9 from small-pox, 28 from measles, 19 from enteric fever, and 43 from diphtheria.

*Havana.*—Fourteen deaths from yellow fever and 3 from small-pox were registered during the week ended May 12.

*Callao.*—The following dispatch, under date of April 18, 1887, has been received from the United States consul:

“A cable message from Valparaiso, dated the 12th instant, which I enclose, with translation, states the official declaration has been made of the disappearance of cholera (presumably as an epidemic) at that port.

“Peru has so far escaped the pestilence, and we are in hopes that all danger has passed. But the same strict sanitary regulations and precautions are still observed, and the board of health has given no expression of a change of program since the information above referred to was received. The health of Lima and Callao is satisfactory.”

“*Translation.*—Valparaiso, April 12, 1887. It has been officially declared that the cholera has disappeared from this port. There are only one or two isolated cases.”

“*Santiago*, April 13.—During the last twenty-four hours there have been 4 new cases of cholera, and 4 deaths in the suburbs of this city.”

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.
Calcutta.....	April 2.....	433,219	223	59					1
Calcutta.....	April 9.....	433,219	248	77					
Hioogo.....	March 13.....	61,363	35	1					
Paris.....	April 30.....	2,260,045	1,179			12	23	6	38
Havre.....	April 30.....	112,074	66		1				
Rheims.....	May 7.....	97,903	45		1		1		
Trieste.....	April 30.....	150,157	70		4				1
Bordeaux.....	April 30.....	240,582	109				1		
Warsaw.....	April 30.....	439,174	230		6				
Genoa.....	May 7.....	179,382	106						1
Gibraltar.....	May 1.....	23,631	24						2
Leghorn.....	May 8.....	101,172	54					1	
Rome.....	March 12.....	364,411	154		6		2		2
Palermo.....	May 7.....	250,000	87				1	6	3
Amsterdam.....	May 7.....	378,690	179		1		1		3
Munich.....	April 23.....	269,000	168					5	2
Leipsic.....	May 7.....	170,000	65					1	11
Bremen.....	April 30.....	119,000	53				1		
Mayence.....	April 30.....	65,701	30					1	
Copenhagen.....	May 3.....	289,000	145				1	2	5
Glasgow.....	May 7.....	545,678	230						2
Belfast.....	May 7.....	224,422	114				2		
Bristol.....	May 7.....	223,695	77					2	
Toronto.....	May 14.....	120,000	31						3

## UNITED STATES—MEXICAN FRONTIER.

*Nogales, Ariz.*—Five cases of small-pox and 3 deaths from that disease are reported for the week ended May 14; and in Nogales, Mexico, 7 cases of small-pox and 3 deaths from that disease. The existence of the disease is also reported in Sonora, Mexico.

*Yuma, Ariz.*—The epidemic of measles which prevailed in this vicinity during the months of March and April has now about disappeared.

*Key West.*—The medical officer in charge of the Marine-Hospital Service, under date of May 21, reported the existence of a case of yellow fever (Mr. Baker) in the central portion of the city; and in reply to a telegraphic inquiry from this office as to what measures were being taken to prevent the spread of the disease, stated that the premises were being fumigated and guarded by the board of health.

*May 23.*—The medical officer telegraphs that "Mr. Baker died at 9 o'clock and his wife this afternoon. Both had black vomit. Sister sick. Disease confined to one house, and all possible precautions taken."

*Sapelo Quarantine Station.*—The medical officer in charge reports, under date of May 22, the arrival of a vessel from Pará with yellow fever on board.

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