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Cardenas.—Acting Asst. Surg. Enrique Saez reports that 10 deaths occurred in Cardenas during the week. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Tuberculosis, 2; broncho-pneumonia, 1; enteritis, 1; typhoid fever, 1; heart disease, 1; other causes, 4. No cases of a particularly infectious or contagious character were reported. Fourteen vessels were inspected on arrival; 6 of these were foreign vessels and 8 coasting vessels. Four bills of health were issued to foreign vessels.

Isabela de Sagua.—Acting Asst. Surg. Pedro Garcia Riera reports that during the week no vessel arrived and 5 bills of health were issued to foreign vessels.

Caibarien.—Acting Asst. Surg. Bernardo Escobar reports that 2 deaths occurred during the week in Caibarien, 1 from mitral insufficiency and 1 from gangrene. No cases of a particularly infectious or contagious character were reported. One foreign vessel and 2 coasting vessels were inspected on arrival. One bill of health was issued to a foreign vessel and 2 certificates of inspection to coasting vessels.

Respectfully,

G. M. GUITÉRAS,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Reports from Nuevitas, Puerto Padre, and Gibara.

NUEVITAS, CUBA, *March 27, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended March 24, 1900: Four vessels have entered this port and 4 bills of health have been issued. Three deaths are recorded, none of a quarantinable disease.

Puerto Padre reported 6 vessels arrived, 8 bills of health issued, and no death. General health continues to be good.

Gibara reported 4 arrivals of vessels, 4 bills of health issued, and 4 deaths. General health continues to be good.

Respectfully,

OWEN W. STONE,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Reports from Santiago, Manzanillo, and Daiquiri.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *March 21, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the sanitary condition of the fourth district of the island of Cuba for the week ended March 17, 1900:

Santiago.—During the week there was a total of 21 deaths, the same number as the preceding period. The following were the principal causes: Tuberculosis, 4; malarial fevers, 6; intestinal diseases, 4; pneumonia, 1; other causes, 6; total, 21. Population, 43,000; mortality, 25.39. No yellow fever has been reported. Smallpox is present in the city, but the number of cases is not known.

The steamship *Maria Herrera* was disinfected prior to departure for Porto Rico; 30 pieces of baggage were disinfected and 18 inspected and passed. One hundred and nine certificates were issued to passengers, destined for the States and Porto Rico.

Manzanillo.—Acting Asst. Surg. R. de Socarras reports that there were 8 deaths in that city, the following being the causes: Cancer, 1; intestinal diseases, 3; pneumonia, 2; tuberculosis, 2. No contagious dis-

eases have been reported. One death occurred on the steamship *Cienfuegos* from acute gastritis, while in port.

Daiquiri.—Acting Asst. Surg. Juan J. de Jongh reports 2 deaths for this period, both from malarial fever.

Guantanamo.—No report.

Respectfully,

HERMAN B. PARKER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

DENMARK.

*Abolition of sanitary measures against Alexandria and Portuguese ports—
Quarantine against Hull and Pernambuco on account of smallpox.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *March 29, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose for your information copy of a dispatch from the minister of the United States at Copenhagen, reporting that certain sanitary measures against Alexandria and Portuguese ports have been abolished, and that, owing to the appearance of smallpox at Hull and Pernambuco, the government of the Danish West Indies has ordered a quarantine of fifteen days against ships arriving from those ports.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

COPENHAGEN, *March 13, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a copy, together with a translation of a decree by the Danish Ministry of Justice, dated the 1st instant, abolishing some of the sanitary measures against the city of Alexandria and Portuguese ports of which I advised you in my Nos. 115 and 120, respectively, of August 31 and September 6, 1899.

I have also to report that in a note verbale, dated the 6th instant, the minister of foreign affairs informs me that owing to the appearance of smallpox at Hull and Pernambuco, the government of the Danish West Indies has ordered a quarantine of fifteen days against ships arriving from those ports.

Respectfully,

LAURITS S. SWENSON.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure in No. 15—Translation.]

Decree by the Ministry of Justice abolishing some of the sanitary measures against Alexandria and Portuguese ports.

MARCH 1, 1900.

The quarantine at present in force against the city of Alexandria and Portuguese ports is hereby revoked, as are also the prohibitory measures connected with the quarantine against Alexandria.

No quarantine at present exists. (a) The provisions of section 2, paragraph 1, of the law of July 2, 1880, at present applies to the following places: The city of Hull, the ports of Egypt, the ports on the Red Sea, the ports of Tonkin and Cochin China and the East Indies, including the Dutch East India colonies.

(b) The importation of rags and crass wool from the places mentioned under (a), except Hull, is prohibited, unless accompanied by a certificate attesting that they have been carbolized or washed and heated to 80° Celsius.

From these places, with the exception of Hull, the importation of used linen, used wearing apparel, and used bedclothes is also prohibited, except as baggage or in case the consignee (receiver) attests by affidavit that the goods are imported in consequence of the owner's change of domicile.