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3 bills of health were issued to foreign vessels during the week. No sanitary report has been received.

Cardenas and Caibarien reports were not received in time.

Respectfully,

FELIX GARCIA,

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

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Death from yellow fever at Matanzas.

MATANZAS, CUBA, *December 29, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that I have been informed to-day by Maj. William B. Winn, surgeon in charge of the United States military hospital at this place, that Private John Butz, Troop G, Second United States Cavalry, died at the said hospital on December 27, 1899, of yellow fever. No other official report has been received previously to this about the case.

Respectfully,

FELIX GARCIA,

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

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Reports from Nuevitas, Gibara, and Puerto Padre.

NUEVITAS, CUBA, *December 18, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following weekly report: Seven vessels have arrived and 6 bills of health have been issued. Three alien steerage passengers arrived from New York. One soldier from Havana was held in quarantine to complete five days from that place; 10 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam and 27 by formalin; 1 death during the week from injury.

Gibara reports 5 arrivals, 2 bills of health issued, and no death. Delayed report for the week ended December 9 gives 8 arrivals, 9 bills of health issued, and 4 deaths. Delayed report from Puerto Padre for the week ended December 9 gives 8 arrivals and 4 bills of health issued. Sanitary condition good.

I have had no news of the *Half Moon* since her arrival at Southport, N. C. Stormy weather prevails here. * * *

Respectfully,

OWEN W. STONE,

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

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Reports from Santiago, Manzanillo, Daiquiri, and Guantanamo.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *December 20, 1899.*

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 December 16, 1899:

Santiago.—During this period the following were the principal causes of death: Tuberculosis, 3; tetanus, 2; malaria, 2; intestinal diseases, 3; pneumonia, 1; heart disease, 2; other causes, 6; total, 19. Population, 43,000; mortality, 22.97.

No yellow fever or smallpox reported, the last case of yellow fever dying on the 10th.

The census has been completed; it gives the city a population of 43,000, 9,000 more than the civil census of last spring.

Manzanillo.—Four deaths were reported as follows: Tuberculosis, 1; senility, 1; hydrocephalus, 1; stillborn, 1. No yellow fever or small-pox reported.

Daiquiri and Guantanamo.—Nothing of interest reported.

Respectfully,

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

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

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Plague at Honolulu.

HONOLULU, H. I., *December 26, 1899,*
Via San Francisco, Cal., January 2, 1900.

One death from plague December 23; 2 December 25. No other suspects.

CARMICHAEL,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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

HONOLULU, H. I., *December 18, 1899.*

SIR: Confirmatory of my telegram of this date I have the honor to inform you that 5 cases and 5 deaths from what is pronounced to be bubonic plague have occurred in Honolulu, 2 on the 11th and 3 on the 12th instant.

The presence of the disease was not suspected until the morning of the 12th, when a death occurred in a Chinese patient of a Chinese physician, who called Dr. George Herbert of this city to see it with him. He regarded the case with such suspicion that the Hawaiian health authorities were notified and a necropsy was ordered. The necropsy was held by Dr. Hoffman, bacteriologist of the Hawaiian board of health, and Drs. Day, Herbert, and myself were present. The examination pointed strongly to the fact that death was caused by bubonic plague. Another case, also a Chinaman that had died on the evening of the 11th instant, was also examined with the same result.

The symptoms previous to death were high fever, 104° to 105° F., rapid pulse, 140 to 150, headache, delirium, vomiting, and pain and swelling in the inguinal regions. The duration of the illness in 2 of the cases was three days and from three to four days in the other cases. Specimens for bacteriological examination were taken from the enlarged glands, blood, pericardial fluid and viscera. Stained preparations from juice expressed from the enlarged glands showed the presence in large numbers of a short bacillus rounded at both ends and closely resembling that of bubonic plague. Cultures from the first case show the bacillus of bubonic plague.

A guinea pig was inoculated on the 12th instant, a rabbit on the 13th, and a rat on December 15. The guinea pig and rat died December 17.

The first case was in the person of Yon Chong, Chinese, male, aged 22 years, employed as a bookkeeper by Wing Wo Tai, a general merchant on Nuwana street, near the northeast corner of King street. He had resided in Honolulu for more than one year; died December 12. The other case examined on the morning of the 12th was Taen Kwock Yee, male, Chinese, age, 44 years; residence Maunakea street, two blocks west of first case; died December 11. The third case, Yuk Hoy, Chinese, male, age, 40 years; residence 413 Nuwana street; died Decem-