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# PREVALENCE OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN THE UNITED STATES

# October 9-November 5, 1938

The accompanying table summarizes the prevalence of eight important communicable diseases, based on weekly telegraphic reports from State health departments. The reports from each State are published in the Public Health Reports under the section "Prevalence of disease." The table gives the number of cases of these diseases for the 4-week period ending November 5, the number reported for the corresponding period in 1937, and the median number for the years 1933-37.

# DISEASES ABOVE MEDIAN PREVALENCE

Influenza.—During the current 4-week period the incidence of influenza increased about 45 percent over the preceding four weeks, but such an increase is normally expected at this season of the year. The number of cases (3,836) was about 35 percent above the number reported for the corresponding period in 1937, and almost 50 percent above the average incidence for this period in the years 1933-37. The disease was most prevalent in the South Atlantic, South Central, and Mountain regions; in the South Atlantic and Mountain regions the incidence was the highest recorded for this period in recent years. In the North Atlantic regions the incidence was about normal, while other regions reported fewer cases than might normally be expected. While the number of cases for the country as a whole has not been large, the incidence has maintained a relatively high level since the latter part of the summer.

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Measles.—For the current 4-week period 5,410 cases of measles were reported, as compared with 7,216, 2,022, and 4,510 for the corresponding period in 1937, 1936, and 1935, respectively. In the Middle Atlantic and East South Central regions the number of cases was relatively low, in the South Atlantic region the incidence was approximately the same as the 1933-37 median, and all other regions reported increases over the average seasonal incidence.

Number of reported cases of 8 communicable diseases in the United States during the 4-week period Oct. 9-Nov. 5, the number for the corresponding period in 1937, and the median number of cases reported for the corresponding period 1933-37 1

Division	Cur- rent pe- riod	1937	5-year me dian	Cur- rent pe- riod	1937	5-year me- dian	Cur- rent pe- riod	1937	5-year me- dian	Current period	1937	5-year me- dian
	D	iphthe	ria	Ir	ıfluenz	a 2	N	1easles	; 3		ningocc eningi	
United States 1	4, 262	3, 943	5, 410	3, 836	2, 832	2, 659	5, 410	7, 216	4, 513	168	246	213
New England Middle Atlantic East North Central West North Central South Atlantic East South Central West South Central Mountain Pacific	40 241 592 302 1, 576 674 583 118 136	48 262 620 349 1, 305 507 509 191 152	386 1, 103 518 1, 391 793 509 95 174	22 88 234 117 1, 729 358 830 359 99	13 80 309 157 750 333 871 161 158	13 73 309 164 750 268 629 130 164	456 740 612 994 580 66 232 652 1,078	1, 740 694 766 311 90 476 214	1,076 570 224 587 311 90 279 798	6 30 35 7 36 32 13 3 6	46 44 16	16 52 15 14 11 13
	Poli	omyel	itis	Sca	rlet fer	/er	S:	mallpo	X	typ	hoid fe	ver
United States 1	136	879	879	11, 116	12, 506	15, 050	225	487	244	1, 320	1, 388	1, 768
New England Middle Atlantic East North Central West North Central South Atlantic East South Central West South Central Mountain Pacific	6 37 20 10 27 15 8 11 12	53 122 190 191 38 56 89 40 100	53 122 190 78 38 46 40 18 95	456 1, 635 3, 915 1, 430 1, 216 725 540 396 803	672 1, 901 4, 114 2, 058 1, 301 581 619 523 737	737 2, 442 4, 517 1, 664 1, 705 919 423 614 944	0 61 46 0 8 23 52 35	0 0 53 181 2 67 9 88 87	0 0 52 91 3 9 12 31 58	24 220 124 81 286 136 272 108 69	41 176 190 107 221 157 334 115 47	41 215 256 117 351 222 306 149 79

<sup>1 48</sup> States. Nevada is excluded and the District of Columbia is counted as a State in these reports.

# DISEASES BELOW MEDIAN PREVALENCE

Poliomyelitis.—For the four weeks ending November 5 there were 136 cases of poliomyelitis reported, the lowest number on record for this period in the 10 years for which these data are available. The nearest approach to this figure is 447 cases reported for the corresponding period in 1932, the only year since 1929 that this disease has not appeared in epidemic-like form in some part of the country. In 1929 there were 459 cases reported for this period. For the country as a whole the current incidence represents a decrease from the preceding four weeks of almost 50 percent; and as the peak of this disease is

 <sup>44</sup> States and New York City.
 46 States. Mississippi and Georgia are excluded.

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usually passed during the first part of October, a still further decline may be expected. With approximately 1,500 cases reported since the beginning of the year, it is apparent that the number of cases of poliomyelitis during the current year will be the lowest on record.

Smallpox.—After a period of comparatively high incidence, the number of cases of smallpox has dropped to a more normal level. The number of reported cases (225) for the current period was less than 50 percent of the number reported for the corresponding period in 1937, and about 10 percent below the 1933-37 average figure for this period. The East North Central, West South Central, and Mountain regions reported more cases than might normally be expected, the West North Central and Pacific regions reported decreases from the seasonal average, and the Atlantic Coast regions apparently remained free from the disease.

Tuphoid fever.—The incidence of typhoid fever remained at a very satisfactory level. The number of cases (1,320) occurring during the four weeks under report was the lowest recorded for this period in the 10 years for which similar data are available. The Middle Atlantic, South Atlantic, and Mountain regions reported more cases than occurred during the corresponding period in 1937, but only one region, the Middle Atlantic, reported an excess over the 1933-37 median.

Diphtheria.—The number of cases (4,262) of diphtheria was higher than the number reported for the corresponding period in each of the 2 preceding years, but it was less than 80 percent of the 1933-37 average incidence. The disease was most prevalent in the South Atlantic region, with slight increases over the 1933-37 average incidence in the West South Central and Mountain regions; other regions reported very definite decreases from the normal seasonal expectancy.

Meningococcus meningitis.—For this disease the situation continued very favorable during the current period, with a total number of 168 cases reported, as compared with 246, 243, and 273 for the corresponding period in 1937, 1936, and 1935, respectively. The South Atlantic region reported more than twice the average number of cases occurring during this period, and the incidence in the East South Central region stood approximately at the 1933-37 average level; in all other regions the incidence was relatively low. For this period in 1932, 1933, and 1934, the three years of lowest incidence in the 10 years for which these data are available, the average number of cases reported was 135.

Scarlet fever. - The incidence of scarlet fever (11,116 cases) remained relatively low-about 10 percent below the incidence for the corresponding period in 1937 and more than 25 percent below the 1933-37 average incidence. The West South Central region reported a few more cases than might normally be expected, but in all other regions

the incidence was comparatively low.

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# MORTALITY, ALL CAUSES

The average mortality rate from all causes in large cities for the four weeks ending November 5, based on data received from the Bureau of the Census, was 10.8 per 1,000 inhabitants (annual basis). The current rate may be considered normal for this season of the year, the average rate for this period during the five preceding years being also 10.8.

# SUSCEPTIBILITY OF ANIMALS TO ENDEMIC TYPHUS VIRUS 1

(Second report)

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The following species of animals native to the United States have been previously reported by this laboratory as susceptible to endemic typhus fever: Woodchuck, meadow mouse, whitefooted mouse, opossum, oldfield mouse, cotton mouse, golden mouse, wood rat, cotton rat, rice rat, and flying squirrels. Raccoons were found insusceptible (1, 2, 3). Further studies now add to this list two species of squirrels, two species of wild rabbits, a species of chipmunk, and skunk. Two gray foxes were not susceptible. The animals used in these experiments were all trapped in southern Alabama.

The susceptibility of these animals was determined by the same general procedure. Each animal was inoculated intraperitoneally with the testicular washings from a guinea pig at a routine transfer of the stock Wilmington strain of endemic typhus. After a lapse of time the animal was killed, and the brain was removed and inoculated into guinea pigs. The recovered strain was studied in a series of guinea pigs to identify it by its clinical reaction, brain lesions,<sup>2</sup> cross immunity with a known typhus strain, and for the presence of rickettsia. Rabbits were inoculated for the production of agglutinins for *Proteus* OX19.

No strains of typhus recovered from these animals exhibited any differences, when compared in guinea pigs, from the original Wilmington strain.

# SQUIRREL

A gray squirrel (Sciurus carolinensis carolinensis) and a fox squirrel (Sciurus niger niger) were inoculated with the endemic typhus virus. No gross signs of infection were noted in either animal. The gray

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Contribution from Typhus Research Laboratory, Mobile, Ala. Division of Infectious Diseases, National Institute of Health, Washington, D. C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> All histologic examinations of brain sections were made by Dr. R. D. Lillie, National Institute of Health, Washington, D. C.

squirrel was killed 14 days and the fox squirrel 16 days after inocula-The virus was recovered from both animals.

#### WILD RABBIT

One cottontail rabbit (Sylvilagus floridanus mallurus) and four swamp rabbits (Sylvilagus aquaticus aquaticus) were inoculated with typhus. Although the cottontail rabbit appeared to be in good health, it was found dead on the fifth day after inoculation. However, aborted fetuses were found in the cage and it is possible that the abortion contributed to the animal's death. The virus was recovered from this rabbit.

The swamp rabbits were killed 10, 14, 14, and 24 days after inoculation of the virus. All of the animals were in good health throughout the experiment. The virus was recovered from one of the rabbits killed on the fourteenth day.

# CHIPMUNK

A chipmunk (Tamias striatus striatus) was injected with the virus. In this animal no sign of illness was observed. The virus was recovered 14 days after the inoculation.

### SKUNK

A skunk (Mephitis elongata) was inoculated with typhus. There were no signs of illness observed in this animal. The virus was recovered from the skunk killed 16 days after the inoculation.

#### FOX

Two gray foxes (Urocyon cinereoargenteus cinereoargenteus) were inoculated with the typhus virus (10 cc and 12 cc T.W.). Both animals appeared to be active at all times. No strain was recovered from either animal when they were killed 14 days after the inoculation.

# SUMMARY

The following animals were found to be susceptible to the virus of endemic typhus fever: Gray squirrel, fox squirrel, cottontail rabbit, swamp rabbit, chipmunk, and skunk. The gray fox was not susceptible.

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# THE MANIPULATION AND COUNTING OF RIVER PLANK-TON AND CHANGES IN SOME ORGANISMS DUE TO FORMALIN PRESERVATION

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The estimation of plankton populations in water samples has always offered serious difficulties. It is seldom that such samples can be examined untreated and within a short time after having been secured, so a frequent practice is to preserve them by adding formalin as soon as possible after the sample is taken. A 5 percent solution is usually an adequate preservative but lesser strengths are frequently used.

Identification of living algae and protozoa is often difficult, particularly of those forms which move about rapidly, those which show only slight species differences and those which are very small. A killing agent which stops movement often destroys identifying characteristics, and leaves the observer in difficulty. The easiest solution of these difficulties is to examine a fresh sample, then use a suitable killing fluid and re-examine the contents of the sample. This, of course, is a time-consuming process, but has the advantage of giving a good picture to the investigator; and if the same forms are thereafter encountered, fewer difficulties are presented. Repeated examinations of the same small body of water, or of a particular location in a large body of water, generally show substantially the same list of plankton species time after time. This list is, of course, subject to seasonal modification, and any other decided environmental change will likewise be reflected in the plankton content.

In 1937 a weekly examination and enumeration of the plankton content of the Scioto River of Ohio was inaugurated by the United States Public Health Service. Twelve sampling points were set up, beginning just below the low head dam at Columbus, where the water was presumably unpolluted. The next one was below the outfall of the Columbus sewage disposal plant at the point of maximum pollution. Other stations were located in this polluted zone, in a recovery zone, and finally in the lower reaches of the stream where no pollution was indicated by chemical and bacteriological studies. A number of tributary streams were also sampled from time to time, and a somewhat flexible schedule was arranged. It was arranged that biweekly samples could be examined within a few hours after being taken, and with no killing agent added and, furthermore, that these samples would be iced in warm weather so that no extensive changes could occur before examination. On alternate weeks the samples were immediately preserved by the addition of sufficient formalin to give a 4 to 5 percent strength.

A 4 or 5 percent solution of formalin is recommended, because lower concentrations kill more slowly and allow time for distortion or rupture, while higher concentrations cause some forms to swell and others to shrink. Four or 5 percent solutions seem nearest a happy medium.

Samples were taken in the current of the stream with a sampling bottle designed by the United States Public Health Service. plankton net could hardly be used at some of the stations; and while it is believed that the sampler missed certain forms, as plankton Crustacea, a plankton net would have allowed the escape of many of the smaller protozoa and algae. On arrival at the laboratory, the 250-ml sample was shaken thoroughly and a portion centrifuged. Often a 30-ml portion gave a true sample; but if organisms were scarce, as much as 200 ml was centrifuged at a speed of about 2,500 revolutions per minute for 5 minutes longer. Then all but the catch and a little supernatant was decanted. Repeated examinations of this decanted portion showed that almost all organisms were retained in the catch. A few minute green algae, such as Ankistrodesmus or Chorella, were not completely thrown down, probably because of their small size and low specific gravity. A small flagellate, Chrysococcus rufescens, behaved likewise, sometimes as many as 20 percent of them remaining in the decanted portion. But such exceptions were rare.

# COUNTING METHODS

The catch was first measured. After thorough agitation by alternately sucking it in and spurting it out of the pipette, the exact number of drops was counted and a sufficient number of drops of the decanted portion was added, so that 1 drop of catch bore a definite relationship to the amount centrifuged. For example, if a 100-ml sample was centrifuged and then decanted, and the remainder, or catch, found to consist of 76 drops, 24 drops of the decanted portion were added. This made 1 drop of catch equal 1 ml of the original This method is quick and thorough, and is independent of sample. breakage of pipettes or exact measurements into graduates. Furthermore, if the catch is small, 1 drop may be made the equivalent of 5 ml of the original sample, or if large, 2 ml. Investigations were made to learn whether the centrifuging or spurting was harmful to the organisms, and the only ones found to be harmed were Uroglena americana and, to a limited extent, colonies of Oicomonas socialis. Except for these two, samples containing the largest and most delicate protozoa and rotifera may be handled in this way, but small Crustacea would probably not be amenable to such treatment. If large samples are used, if the catch should be unusually great or if large forms are present such a procedure might not suffice.

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In counting, 1 drop of the catch was put on the center of a slide. Pipettes delivering 20 to 24 drops per ml were customarily used. because a drop of such size spreads uniformly beneath a 25-mm cover glass and does not spread much beyond its edge. Cover glasses of No. 1 thickness were used because of their lightness. Then two paths entirely across the spread-out drop were examined with the 10× objective, each across the center and at right angles to each other. All organisms in these two paths were counted. This was repeated for 10 drops, because with the particular microscope employed (a Bausch and Lomb model HSET binocular with 12.5 oculars and 10× and 43× apochromatic objectives) the diameter of the low-power field was 1.2 mm, hence the 20 paths counted represented an entire drop. With the 43× objective, one path represented oneeightieth of a drop; and in counting the 10 drops, one-fourth of an entire drop was thus examined with the high power. If 1 drop is equivalent to 1 ml of raw water, the total count for 20 fields thus represents the numbers per ml, or one-fourth the number per ml.

This method has some disadvantages, of course. One is that the cover glass has a slight tendency to squeeze out liquid and organisms. Use of a small drop minimizes this. If larger organisms are present, and squeezed out, they may be counted in the entire drop, including the squeezed-out margins in about a minute's time by using a still lower magnification. This proved to be rarely necessary. Other disadvantages are the changes due to evaporation, or migration of photosynthetic forms. These are obviated, however, by counting only two paths, and doing so quickly. If the sample contains such a great number of organisms that quick counting is impossible, not all forms need be counted in each path. Ciliata or Euglenida, for example, can be counted separately. If the sample is well mixed, each drop should be representative. A third small disadvantage is that the ratios one-twentieth and one-eightieth of a drop are not quite so exact, and are affected slightly by the "squeezed out" margin and by cover-glass variation. These errors are slight, however.

The obvious advantages of the method are as follows: First, inclusion of all organisms in the catch; second, simplicity and ease of manipulation; third, instant use of the high power where identification is questionable with the low power; and, fourth, the ability to count organisms measuring 10 microns or less with the high power. This is hardly possible with many counting chambers, and, furthermore, counting chambers may have wider dark margins than the squeezed-out margin around a cover glass.

It was early found that organisms whose greatest length was about 10 microns or less were frequently difficult to count at 125 diameters. Cyclotella meneghiniana, for example, might easily be overlooked. Also some of the organisms near this size, as Cryptomonas erosa or

Strobilidium humile, would frequently adhere to, or be included in, a mass of silt or debris in preserved samples. Comparative counts of 20 fields with low and high magnifications were made at times to determine which would give the most accurate estimate of the numbers present. An example of such a check is given in table 1.

Table 1.—Sample of check counts at different magnifications

(Sample: Columbus. Date: Dec. 9, 1937. Temperature 0.0. pH 7.9. D. O. 12:30 p. p. m. 1 drop (20 fields at 125×. 80 at 537.5×)=2 ml raw river water.)

Organism	Total 20 fields at 125×	Per ml	Total 20 fields at 537.5×	Per ml
Cyclotella meneghiniana $(5-8 \mu)$	84	42.0	58	116
Cyclotella meneghiniana (9-12 µ)	55	27. 5	49	98
Molosira granulata	0	2. 5 17. 0	8	16
Naviculoid diatoms		3.5	2	4
Nitzschia acicularis	7 2	1.0	ĺ	ŏ
Synedra spp	í	.5	ŏ	l ŏ
Tabellaria fenestrata		2.5	6	12
Ankistrodesmus falcatus		1.5	ŏ	-5
spiralis		1.5	Ĭŏ	ľ
Golenkinia paucispina		. 5	l ŏ	Ŏ
Micractinum pusillum	8	1.5	ĺŎ	i o
Oocystis crassa	ŏ	-ŏ	l i	2
Scenedesmus sp			129	258
Minute green cells Microcystis aeruginosa	1	. 5	0	0
Microeystis aeruginosa	Ī	.5	0	0
Carteria cordiformis.  Chlamydomonas (5-8 \mu)			8	16
Chiamydomonas $(3-8 \mu)$ (9-15 $\mu$ )	8	4. 0	5	10
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Polytoma granulifera Thoracomonas phacotoides	1	. 5	0	0
		1.0	0	0
		1.5	0	0
		4.0	2	4
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Raphidiophrys pallida	·   -	۱ .،		1 -

From table 1 it is quite evident that the larger forms may generally be counted at the lower magnification, but that some very definite exceptions occur. In the case of the larger specimens of Cyclotella, for example, the number found at the high magnification should have been nearer 14 than 49 if the low power count was accurate. Manifestly it was not, as specimens of this diatom are frequently hard to distinguish in debris. Naviculoid diatoms, on the other hand, are sharply differentiated and the numbers found agree at both magnifications. Minute green cells cannot be identified at the low power because their color and shape are not differentiated, and in formalin-preserved samples their color is frequently hard to determine at the high magnification unless the sample is but a few hours old. The organism called Polytoma granulifera is covered with sand grains and

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is very difficult to distinguish from debris with the low magnification. The high magnification revealed about 3.5 times as many as would be normally expected if the low-power count were correct, but the low power count is probably far too low.

Precisely the same error holds for *Cryptomonas erosa*, largely due in this case to change in color and frequent distortion of the cell to a shapeless mass.

On the other hand, a chance organism may be found at the high magnification which is not present in the low-power counts, such as Vorticella sp., in the above table. Such organisms must be taken into account, but if accurate knowledge of their number is desired, it must be arrived at either by examination of much larger fields at lower magnifications (where the organisms are as large as Vorticella) or by examining a much greater number of fields. In some cases it may be safe to aggregate all of the larger organisms in the counts and use an average derived from this aggregate count for individual species.

The method of examination just described has been used for the plankton of one particular stream, where large ciliates or rotifers are relatively scarce, and Crustacea almost lacking. There may be objection to this method for general use on the ground that large organisms would not be found in examining one to several drops of the catch. whereas a counting chamber containing more, or even all, of the catch and examined with a still lower magnification would reveal these larger forms whose scarcity is compensated for by their size. As a test of this, counts of Aeolosoma hemprichi, a red oligochoete worm easily visible to the naked eye, were made. The worms were present in large numbers in an activated sludge plant. These were picked up in a well-mixed sludge sample and transferred onto the slide with a pipette delivering 24 drops per ml. Following are the counts for 24 drops using 5× oculars and a 10× objective: 18-16-19-18-18-16-22-19-17-20-18-19-18-19-20-22-17-19-16-19-26-18-19-19. The average is thus 18.83 per drop, and the standard deviation 2.1. Each drop, therefore, constitutes a fair sample. A count was also made of the numbers of Opercularia and Aspidisca, two ciliate protozoa, in 10 of these drops, using the 10× oculars. This was done only to determine whether it was feasible to change oculars and reexamine the drops with little difficulty. The changes were easily and quickly made, and the additional time necessary to change oculars and count the Aeolosoma in an entire drop was only about 70 seconds per drop.

Finally the numbers of rotifers in 40 fields and in 20 drops were counted. In 40 fields 14 were found; then, shifting to the 5× oculars, 136 were found in 20 drops. These represent 168 and 163.2 per ml, respectively, a difference too small to be significant. Obviously, the two methods are comparable and the essential difference is that the

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species could be named with the  $10\times$  oculars, but not in all cases with the  $5\times$ .

This consideration shows that the method for reaching a number present in a given sample must be determined separately for each species. Some species offer little or no difficulty; others offer such difficulties that a study of them is essential for plankton enumeration.

# CHANGES IN SCIOTO PLANKTON DUE TO FORMALIN FRESERVATION

Since many plankton samples are preserved with formalin, differences from the living condition may be helpful in counting such catches, and give knowledge of some of the difficulties spoken of previously. Of the 266 Scioto River samples, about 100 were examined fresh, the remainder as formalin-preserved samples. While the number of protistan species found was large (400), the tendency to recur was strong; many of the organisms were present for months at a time. Hence enough familiarity was obtained with many species to enable a ready recognition of them alive or preserved. Table 2 gives as complete a list of changes in the preserved organism from its living condition as it has been possible to tabulate. The table is not complete, for the study of the diatoms has been largely neglected, and some genera as Scenedesmus or Chlamydomonas have not been identified as to species.

Table 2 cannot be used as an absolute guide for the study of the organisms listed, for many exceptions have been noted; but it does indicate the general behaviour of most of those studied. Many of the facts it presents are obvious to the experienced observer, but others may be new, and to the beginning worker with plankton protozoa it may explain some otherwise puzzling observations. It tends to show that familiarity with living organisms may make it possible to identify those organisms even if they are completely changed as to shape, color, and cell organelles.

For example, Hymenomonas roseola has a characteristic shape (figure 4) when alive, and is golden brown; but after formalin preservation the color is largely lost or changes to green, the flagella disappear, and the animal tends to assume a rounded shape (figure 5). However, the surface pits retain their characteristic appearance (figure 6) and become an identifying mark.

It is difficult to assign separate values to columns 2 and 3. But some organisms will undergo decided changes of form with no appreciable change in size, as Paramecium caudatum, while others will swell as Synura uvella. Most of the chlorophyll-bearers undergo a gradual bleaching, but Endorina elegans bleaches very quickly. For this reason formalin-preserved samples are best kept in the dark. The olive green of Cryptomonas, the pale brown of Rhodomonas, and the bright golden brown of Hymenomonas are quickly replaced by a pale

bleached-out green, and no single case of the preservation of a stigma has been found; it seems universally to disappear. The blue of Stentor coerculeus, the pink of Blepharisma undulans, and the brown of Frontonia leucas also quickly disappear.

Table 2.—Changes in the preserved organism from its living condition

TABLE 2. Change			Ρ.				9.2		,,,,			y condition
Organism	Number of samples in which found	Form distorted	Size changed	Color changed	Pellicle or shell hurt	Collar destroyed	Flagella or cilia lost	Cirri or pseudopodia	Nucleus made visible	Chloroplasts or chroma- tophores distorted	Inclusions rendered in- visible	Diagnostic feature in formalin specimen
Mastigophora:			Γ			T	Π					
Chrysomonadida:	1	1	ł	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	
Chromulina globosa	27	x		-	.	-	-	-	. I		.	Shape, Chrom.
ovalis		X	X				- X	1	-	- X		None.
Chrysamoeba radians Chrysococcus punctiformis	12	X	×			-	·	- X		-		Do. Unchanged.
rufescens typica.					1	1				1		Do.
amphora	12						.					Do.
cylindrica	10			.		·	.	·	.	.	·	Do.
ovalis				·			·	·	·	·	·	Do.
major								·				Do. Shell.
rugosa spiralis				1		1						Do.
Chrysopyxis bipes	5						X					Shape, color.
Chrysopyxis bipes Dinobryon spp	54	x	x	X	J	.	x		.	X		Lorica.
Hymenomonas roseola	124	x	x	X			_ X		.	X	I	Pitted shell.
Lagynion scherffelii Mallomonas akrokomos	6		1-:-	X	l- <u></u>	·	X					Shape.
caudata	24	X	X	x	X		x			X		None. Spines size. <sup>1</sup>
sp.	96	Î	Î	Î	Î		Ī			Î		Spines, plates.
Ochromonas ludibunda		X	x	x	x		x			X		None.
Synura uvella	9		X	<b> </b>			3x					Shape.
Cryptomonadida:	1	x		į.	ł	1	x	1	1	l		Danksterl
Chilomonas paramecium	73	X	I	×			I X			X		Doubtful. None.
nordstetii	73	Î	Î	Î			1			1		Do.
Chroomonas paramecium	73	x	x	x			X			Ī		Do.
Cryptomonas erosa	168	x		3 X	x		x			x		General shape
		X	X	3 X	x		X			x		General size.
Cyathomonas truncata Nephroselmis olivacea	4	X	X				x		x			Doubtful.
Protochrysis viridis.	14	x										
Rhodomonas lacustris				I								Structure, shape.
Phytomonadida:				l i				1		1		. •
Carteria cordiformis	35											Unchanged.
Chlamydobotrys stellata Chlamydomonas globosa		i x		i			j		j			Do.
rheinhardii		닯										Little change. Do.
		5 x						I				Do.
brauniil		5 x										Do.
caudata	2	5 X										Do.
spp Chlorogonium elongatum	-55-	- 1										Do.
Coccomonas orbicularis i							X					
Collodictyon triciliatum	32	x	x				x					Unrecognizable.
Endorina elegans	54			6 X								Little change.
Gonium pectorale							x					Do.
sociale Heteromastix angulata							x					Do.
Pandorina morum	12 25	- 1			<b>x</b>							Do. Do.
												<i>1</i> 0.
Phacotus glaber  Phacotus glaber  lenticularis  Polyblepharides singularis  Polytoma grapulifor	2						I					Unchanged.
lenticularis	50	- 1		]			x					Do.
Polytoma granulifa-	1											Do.
Polytoma granulifera uvella	35						X					General shape. Questionable.
Pteromonas aculeata												General shape.
Spermatozopsis exultans	19	- 1										Unchanged.
Spondylomorum quaterna-	26	[	[	[								Do.
rium.	1	ı	1	1	1	1	1	,	,		1	

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Mastigophora—Continued.												
Phytomonadida—Continued. Thoracomonas irregularis	36											Unchanged.
phacotoides	36 7											Do. Do.
ampla Wislouchiella pianctonica	ıi											Do.
Euglenida (Colorless forms):	1	I					x					Questionable.
Anisonema emarginatum	3	X					Î					Do.
Astasia dangeardi	3											Masses paramylum in ant. end.
Dinema grisoleum	4											
Dictioma protess	4	X										Questionable. Siphon sulci.
Entosiphon sulcatus Heteronema acus	<sub>i</sub> -	X										Shape, flagella.
Menoidium incurvuum	8						X					Unrecognizable.
Metanema variable Notosolenus apocamptus		X			X		X					Do.
orbicularis	3	X					x					Do.
Peranema granuliferaovalis	1 3						I					Questionable. Unrecognizable.
trichophorum	16	x										Questionable.
Petalomonas carinata	5						3 X		X			Shape. Do.
mediocanellata Sphenomonas quadrangularis.							X		Î			Do.
Urceolus sabulosus							x					Questionable.
Euglenida (Green): Cryptoglena pigra	1	x	x		x I		x					Doubtful.
Euglena acus	28											Unchanged.
acutissimus deses	1 26											Do. Length, paramylum,
deses	~	^										chloroplasts.
ehrenbergii	14	-:-			···				- <b>-</b>			Size, shape. Doubtful.
fusca mutabilis		X			- X							Length, chloroplasts.
oxyuris	18											Unchanged. Chloroplasts, size.
oxyuris pisciformis polymorpha	53 39	X										Doubtful.
quartana												i
sciotensis	12											Shape, paramylum, chloroplasts.
sociabilis	7	x	l					l	<u> </u> -			Doubtful.
enirogyra	2											Unchanged. Do.
spiroides torta												Do.
tripteris	20									<b>-</b> -		Do. Sometimes shape,
viridis	82	x										chloroplasts.
Lepocinclis ovum	21			6 X								Shape, pellicle.
texta Phacus acuminata	17			6 X			x					Do. Unchanged.
anacoleus	2						Ī					Do.
brevicauda	9											Do. Do.
longicaudaorbicularis												Do.
pleuronectes	36					- <b>-</b> -						Do. Pellicle, shape.
pyrumstokesii	47	x		6 X	* X				<u> </u>			Shape.
striata	8			6 X								Do. Unchanged.
triqueter	36 130											Do.
Trachelomonas crebea cylindrica	1											Do.
var. punctata_	3					<u> </u>						Do. Do.
gibberosa hispida	12											Do.
	20											Do. Do.
rugosa			1	I	I	I		I				
rugosascabra	20		[									Do.
rugosa scabra schauinslandii urceolata	92											Do.
rugosa scabra schauinslandii	92											

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Organism	Number of samples in	Form dietorica	The mission field	Size changed	Color changed	Pellicle or shell hurt	Collar destroyed	Flagella or cilia lost	Cirri or pseudopodia	Nucleus mede wisible	Chloroplasts or chroma-	Inclusions rendered in-	Diagnostic feature in formalin specimen
Mastigophora—Continued.									Г			$\top$	
Zoomastigoda:	١	١.		- 1				ı	1		1	-	1
Anthophysa vegetans Bicoeca lacustris	-   16 -   6			-	-		x	I		-			Doubtful.
Bodo angustus	] 3			-	-: :		•	X		- X			General shape. Unrecognizable.
caudatus	.l 10				-			1		x			Do.
Codomonas annulata	. 13			-	-			3 X		-	·- ·		Unchanged.
Cercobodo longicauda	. 3 18	I		-	-		I	X		- -::	·-		Unrecognizable.
Dimorpha nutans	. 6			-	-			G.		- X			Colony shape. Little change.
Domatomonas cylindrica	.  5		- -	-	-			2 X		.			. Shell.
Mastigamoeba sp	.  3	X		-	-			X	x				Unrecognizable. Could be other spe-
Monas sociabilis	. 3	×	-	-	-				·	-			cies or Oicomonas.
socialis	. 3	7,	د ا <sub>-</sub> .	_		I				.			Do.
vivipara	3		- -							_	-		_ Do.
vulgaris	.  3		-							-	-		- Do.
Monosiga ovata Oicomonas termo	72		- -				x	×		- X			Doubtful. Could be other spe-
Occinionas winio	'-		7							-  ^			cies or Monas.
Pleuromonas jaculans	3	x	12	r				l	I	. x			. Sometimes by long
Detected on door mottel street	۱	_		1		- 1			j	I _	1		flagella.
Poteriodendron petiolatum Tetramitus rostratus	20	X	1							-   ×		-	- Shell.
Trepomonas agilis	11	L	1	- -	-			X	- <b></b> -	-	-	-	Unrecognizable. Shape, flagella.
Rhizopoda:	l	1	1		-1			_		-	-	-	Daupe, magenta.
Acanthocystis aculeata	7	X			-  :	×Ι.			x		-	-	Doubtful.
Actinophrys sol	21	X				-			X		-	-	Unrecognizable.
Amoeba proteus		Î				·			X	-x	-	-	Do. Do.
radiosa	7	ļ	.		_ _					.			Almost unchanged.
verrucosa	2	x		-	-  3	K  -			x		-	-	
vespertilio Arcella dentata.	7	x	1		-	-			X	X		-	A1 11
vulgaris	l R		: ::	- 1	-	-			X	X		-	i n.
Chlamydophrys sp	ĭ				][				Î	Î			1 70 3 16 3
Chlamydophrys sp Cochliopodium bilimbosum	3	x	3	·	-  2	r  .			x			-	Unrecognizable.
Dimugia coronata	1		·	-	-	-			X		-	-	
lebes pyriformis	3 3			-	-	-			X	1	-	-	Do. Do.
globosa	3		1		1	-			Î				Do.
Euglypha ciliata	1			-		-			x	X			Do.
Gromia fluviatilis Hartmanella hyalina	3	I	X		-  3	٠  -			X		·	-	Unrecognizable.10
H valosphenia cuneata	3	×	X		-	-			x			-	Do. Shell.
Nuclearia simplex Pamphagus mutabilis	8	X	X	-		-			x				Unrecognizable.
Pamphagus mutabilis				-	-	-			I			.	Shell.
Paulinella chromatophora	3			-	-  3	·  -			x			·	Shell, chromato-
Pelomyxa palustris	2	x	x	1	1		- 1	ı	x	l	1	1	phores. Unrecognizable.
Pseudodifflugia gracilis	3		L.						Ŷ				Shell; doubtful.
Raphidiophrys pallida	11	X	X		. X	:  -	-		x			.	General shape;
Trinema lineare	ا ،			1		1		ı	_		l	1	doubtful.
Vahlkampfia albida	2 6	x					-		X				Shell. Unrecognizable.
guttula	3	x							x				Do.
limax	6	x		-	.		-		x				Do.
Ciliata:			l	1		1	I	- 1		l	1	1	
Actinobolus radians	5		l	.	.l		را	11 x		x	<b> </b>		Shape, tentacles.
Amphisia sp	3	x	X				1	x	x				Unrecognizable.
Askenasia volvox Aspidisca costata	.3	- <u>-</u> -		·			-						Unchanged.
Carcnesium sp.	18 11	X	X		×		-		x				Unrecognizable. Size, colony.
Chaenea teres	1	1	•		1:::		<u> </u>	1					
Chilodonella chchilinins 13	25	3 x	X			-	-						Shape, oral basket.
uncinatus 18spp.13		;≖	X			-	-	-		X			Do.
Cinetochilum margarita-	8	²x	X			-	- -	x .		X			Do. Doubtful.
ceum.14	٦	-		1	l	-1	-1	<b>~</b>  -					Doublius.

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Infusoria—Continued. Ciliata—Continued. Codonella cratera. Coleps hirtus.	56 13	x			<u>x</u>		x	x				Shell. Genus sure; species doubtful.
Colpidium campylum	7	18 X					12 X		×			Cannot distinguish from Colpoda.
colpoda Colpoda aspera cucultus	2	15 X					13 X		X			Do. Doubtful. Do.
Cothurnia vaginicola Cyclidium spp Didinium balbiani nasutum	2 86 6 3	x 					12 X					Shell. Doubtful. Unchanged. Do.
Drepanomonas sp Epistylis spp Euplotes spp	1 11 19	X X X		 X	x		X X	x	 x			Doubtful. Do. Species not definable. Doubtful.
Frontonia leucasGlaucoma frontata	3											Mouth, if it can be seen. Shape and mouth.
scintillans Halteria grandinella	18 40	x						1 x				Do. Spines, if undam- aged.
Hastatella radians Holophrya sp	6 8											Unchanged. Trichites, but often cannot be seen.
Holosticha spLacrymaria elegansolor	2 2 4	ж 	X 				X 	X				Unrecognizable. Unchanged. Species doubtful, if
Lembus saprophilus	4	x					13 X		x			contracted. Membranelle, unless damaged.
Lionotus fasciolalamellaLoxocephalus granulosus	40 2 3	3 X	 	 X								Ciliation, shape. Ciliation lines, shape. Shape, ciliation, if undamaged.
Loxodes magnusLoxophyllum maleagris	2 3	2 X 2 X			x				I			Shape, mouth, nu- clei.
Mesodinum pulex  Nassula aurea	2											Practically un- changed. Shape, mouth, tri-
Onychodromus grandis Opercularia spp	2	x x	x				x					chites. Unrecognizable. Species doubtful.
Oxytricha fallaxpelionella Paramecium caudatum	2 21 37	X X	X X		X		X X	X	<b>x</b>			Doubtful. Do. Size nuclei, mouth.
putrinum Prorodon spp	2 8	x										Almost unchanged.  Species not identifiable.
Stentor coerculcus polymorpha	2 12	x		X								Size, ciliation, species unidentifiable. Do.
Strombidium sulcatum Strobilidium humile Spirostomum teres	37 22 2	 X		 		 			x			Almost unchanged. Do. Elongate shape nuclei.
Stylonichia mytiluspustulata Trachelocerca sp	8 4 2	X	X		x		x	x				Unrecognizable. Do. General shape,
Trochiloides dubiaTintinnidium fluvatile	2 5	x	x		x		X X					mouth. Unrecognizable. Shell.
Urocentrum turbo Uroleptus pisces Uronema marina		x	x 		x		 Х					General shape, ciliation. Unrecognizable. Unrecognizable if memb. destroyed.

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Infusoria—Continued. Ciliata—Continued. Urotricha farcta  Vorticella campanula  microstoma.  spp	51 4 8 80	x x x					x					Sometimes shape and food vacuoles. Species unrecognizable. Do. Do.

- 1 Only when the spines are not lost.
  2 This occurs in the majority of cases.
  3 Color usually bleaches to a pale green; occasionally remains olive green.
  4 Possible when living forms have been observed.
  5 There is a tendency to shrink away from the membrane.
  6 The green fades quickly and badly.
  7 Colonies frequently dissociate easily.
  8 The light brown color of the pellicle usually fades.
  9 The pellicle often splits open but is not lost.
  10 Sometimes recognizable by its pseudopodia.
  11 The tenacles remain intact, and the clila frequently do.
  12 Membranelles or undulating membranes damaged.
  13 The trichocysts or trichites are no longer visible.
  14 The trichocysts or trichites remain intact.
  15 There is a general diminution in size.

- 15 There is a general diminution in size.

Where no numbers are found in column 1, the species listed was studied from bottom samples, or was included with some closely allied form.

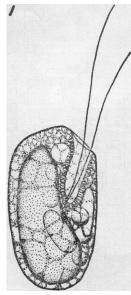


FIGURE 1 .- Cryptomonas erosa, living. Side view, as normally seen.

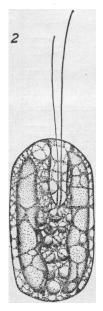


FIGURE 2.—Cryptomonas erosa, living. Dorsal view.

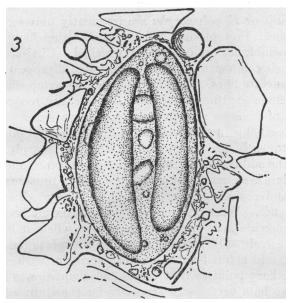


FIGURE 3.—Cruptomonas crosa, preserved. Animal incorporated in mass of debris. Note the disorganization of protoplasmic structure.

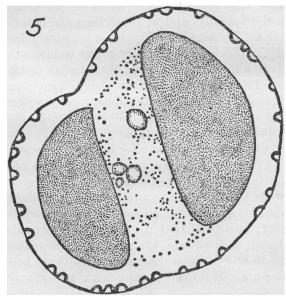


FIGURE 5.—Hymenomonas roseola, preserved. Flagella gone, shape distorted, chromatophores distorted.

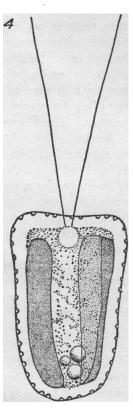


FIGURE 4.—Hymenomonas roseola, living.





FIGURE 6.—View of the diagnostic surface pits of Hymenomonas roseola in a preserved animal.

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Shells or tests rarely change. The thick pellicle of many Euglenida often allows them to be left relatively unchanged, whereas those with thin pellicles, as *E. viridis* or *E. polymorpha* are frequently unrecognizable after preservation. Protoplasmic collars, on the other hand, as well as undulating membranes are completely wrecked. Cirri are often broken up into their component cilia, and cilia often disappear, but are indicated by punctate lines. Curiously enough, pseudopodia are often relatively unchanged; thus *Amoeba radiosa* is easily recognizable. The filopodia of *Heliozoa* are not preserved, however.

Nuclei are usually observable in the living animal upon careful observation; formalin frequently causes them to stand out sharply. It has been found that the addition of a drop of 2 or 3 percent formalin at the edge of a cover glass is an easy method of killing living protozoa with little distortion, and providing a quick count of flagella, cilia, nuclei, and even membranes. When one animal is present, the method is of doubtful use, as currents may sweep it into debris, where it is usually difficult to locate again. But by practice, even a single organism may be so treated, and a small bottle of weak formalin with a dropper drawn to a capillary point so that very small quantities can be applied has proved to be a very useful accessory for the study of fresh samples.

It has been noted in the preceding that some organisms seem to become included in a mass of debris at times. Samples containing finely divided clay form flocs readily, and at times flocs are formed from debris of other types. Chrysococcus, Cryptomonas, and a few ciliates, as Colpoda and Cyclidium, are unusually prone to inclusion within such flocs. The reason for this is not clear, but it makes counting very difficult at times. Figures 1 and 2 show a normal Cryptomonas and figure 3 shows a well preserved one completely incorporated within such a floc. Such hidden specimens, or those distorted, can be distinguished only at a relatively high magnification.

A few organisms are wholly unrecognizable after formalin preservation. Chroomonas goes to pieces completely and has never been recognized in a formalin sample. So does Uroglenopsis, and Chromulina ovalis almost at once swells up and disintegrates. Small flagellates belonging to the genera Bodo, Monas, and Oicomonas are preserved, but often in such an amorphous form that it cannot be surely said they are organisms; and such an organism, even if a single flagellum is preserved, could belong to any of these three genera, or could be a dissociated cell of Anthophysa. However, these genera are difficult even when alive.

On the whole, such a study indicates that familiarity with the living organism is the prime requisite for recognition of that organism after

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formalin preservation, but with such familiarity most protozoa can be identified with respect to genera and probably to species after preservation. It also shows that a formalin preservation may be a definite aid in counting and identification. Finally, it shows that the characteristics of preserved organisms may be indicated in such way that the inexperienced observer may be given a key to the identification of many.

SUMMARY

For a very exact qualitative and quantitative study of plankton protozoa of the Scioto River of Ohio, unkilled samples were studied every other week in 1937. In the intervening weeks, 5 percent formalin preserved samples were studied. Organisms were secured as the catch from centrifuging 200 to 100 ml of raw river water. The catch was counted by drops, one drop always being made to equal 1 or 2 ml of raw water. Pipettes delivering 20 to 24 drops per ml were employed, because a drop of this size would spread uniformly under a cover glass 25 mm square without extending unduly beyond the Ten or 20 paths were counted, two paths at right angles across the middle of one drop, and this was repeated for 5 or 10 drops. This number of paths was chosen because it represented either an entire drop at 125 diameters or one-fourth drop at 537.5 diameters, the magnifications employed. Counting parts of 5 or 10 drops gave a representative sample and allowed little time for the aggregation of living forms such as positively phototactic green flagellates. also allowed free use of either high or low magnification for purposes of identification. An effort was made to use the same procedure for every sample examined.

More than 275 species of protozoa were identified, most of them in both unkilled and killed samples. If they were found in sufficient numbers in both kinds of samples, the effect of formalin preservation was noted on as many of the following ten characteristics as the organism possessed: Form, size, color, pellicle or shell, collar, flagella or cilia, cirri or pseudopodia, nucleus, chloroplasts or chromatophores, and inclusions. The effect of the preservative on 234 species was carefully noted and is indicated herewith in tabular form. In addition, the diagnostic feature, or lack of it, is also indicated in the table. About 33 percent of the animals could not be specifically identified, and many of these could not be identified as to genus. Only a few were totally destroyed, but the large number whose identification is lost or questionable indicates the great advantage of studying unkilled samples.

# AN UNUSUAL CASE OF CYANIDE POISONING DURING FUMIGATION 1

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In the vast majority of cases, persons poisoned through inhalation of cyanide gases either die promptly or recover rapidly and completely. As there is no residuum of poison in the stomach, and as that in the lungs, blood, and tissues is rapidly eliminated, once he is removed from the gas, the victim proceeds directly to recovery unless his tissues have been too badly damaged, in which case death, as a rule, follows shortly. It is for this reason that the rare cases that exhibit prolonged symptoms warrant report.

# REPORT OF CASE

A fumigator (G. A.), while adjusting an apparatus spraying liquid hydrocyanic acid into a building, became dizzy and went into the open air where he removed his gas mask. Feeling better after a short time, he replaced his gas mask and went back into the building under fumigation. Shortly thereafter he was observed to fall, whereupon other fumigators went in and brought him out into the open air. removed his gas mask, and summoned the local fire department. The firemen arrived within a short period of time and found him unconscious, not breathing, and apparently dead. Artificial respiration, combined with oxygen inhalation, was instituted and maintained for an hour and a half, at the end of which time the patient arrived at a hospital, when breathing was noted as very light and of Chevne-Stokes character; the pulse was faint but palpable; heart sounds were barely discernible with a stethoscope; and the blood pressure was 90 systolic, 58 diastolic. The victim was still in a deep coma and markedly cyanotic. At the hospital 20 cc of a solution containing 0.6 grams of sodium nitrite, followed immediately by 100 cc of a solution containing 50 grams of sodium thiosulfate, as advised by Chen, 2 were promptly administered intravenously. There was immediate improvement, as shown by return of normal color and increase of blood pressure to 102 systolic, 66 disastolic. Oxygen inhalation was continued at the hospital, and the patient was given hypodermic injections of coramine, adrenalin, and caffeine sodium benzoate. Hypodermoclysis of physiological saline solution every 8 hours and intravenous administrations of 50 cc of 50 percent glucose solution

<sup>2</sup> Chen, K. K., Charles, L. R., and Clowes, G. H. A.: Comparative values of several antidotes in cyanide poisoning. Am. J. Med. Sciences, December 1934.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The medical data concerning this case were furnished by Dr. T. A. Kinder, Jr., of Brownsville, Tex. The sodium nitrite and sodium thiosulfate solutions were made available by the fumigation station of the Department of Agriculture at Brownsville, where a supply is kept on hand for emergency use.

twice daily were instituted. Coramine was continued, and sodium amytal was administered at times.

The patient remained unconscious for three days, over which period oxygen was administered. During the first two of these days he became cyanotic whenever oxygen was discontinued. Convulsions appeared about an hour after admission to the hospital and persisted intermittently for 2 days, at times being quite severe. After the third day, consciousness returned; but the patient was more or less irrational and developed maniacal episodes necessitating restraint. Intermittent fever, ranging from 103.6° to 99° F., was present during the first three days, after which the temperature was generally subnormal, not going below 97.8°, however. The patient was discharged from the hospital on the seventh day in good physical condition but still irrational and at times violent.

Twenty-five days after the poisoning, the patient was reported as very much improved, but still showing some mental symptoms.

# **DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 5, 1938**

[From the Weekly Health Index, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce]

	Week ended Nov. 5, 1938	Correspond- ing week, 1937
Data from 88 large cities of the United States:  Total deaths	7, 926 17, 970 356, 581 492 1 513 23, 152 68, 302, 390 11, 545 8, 8 9, 3	1 7, 556 380, 983 1 474 24, 516 69, 899, 046 10, 571 7, 9 9, 8

<sup>1</sup> Data for 86 cities.

# PREVALENCE OF DISEASE

No health department, State of 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.

In these and the following tables, a zero (0) indicates a positive report and has the same significance as any other figure, while leaders (....) represent no report, with the implication that cases or deaths may have occurred but were not reported to the State health officer.

Cases of certain diseases reported by telegraph by State health officers for the week ended Nov. 12, 1938, rates per 100,000 population (annual basis), and comparison with corresponding week of 1937 and 5-year median

		Diph	theria			Inf	luenza			Me	asles	
Division and State	Nov. 12, 1938, rate	Nov. 12, 1938, cases	Nov. 13, 1937, cases	1933– 37 me- dian	Nov. 12, 1938, rate	Nov. 12, 1938, cases	Nov. 13, 1937, cases	1933- 37 me- dian	Nov. 12, 1938, rate	Nov. 12, 1938, cases	Nov. 13, 1937, cases	1933- 37 me- dian
NEW ENG.												
Maine	30 0 0 2 0 18	5 0 0 2 0 6	2 0 4 1 1 4	2 0 1 8 1 4	43 6	7  2	4	2	67 10 135 8 69	11 1 115 1 23	35 65 107 48 7	20 1 21 65 3 32
MID. ATL.												
New York New Jersey Pennsylvania	6 5 21	14 4 41	28 29 54	39 17 54	¹ 10 4	1 14 3	1 10 16	1 10 11	55 13 31	137 11 60	70 162 899	251 26 128
E. NO. CEN.											.	
Ohio	70 47 30 22 5	91 31 46 20 3	56 33 49 23 4	56 69 49 16 6	18 5 75	12 7 42	23 29 10 36	6 29 12 1 24	11 15 11 58 107	14 10 16 54 60	237 24 260 41 59	56 9 18 26 52
W. NO. CEN.			İ	- 1							l	
Minnesota.  Iowa	12 37 27 37 0 8 28	6 18 21 5 0 2 10	12 5 55 0 6 6 18	12 13 57 1 1 6	10 5 7 15	5 4 1 2	36 1 2	1 1 36	240 41 12 1, 861 211 4 14	122 20 9 252 28 1 5	6 1 436 1 2 4	19 1 23 18 1 2 4

Cases of certain diseases reported by telegraph by State health officers for the week ended Nov. 12, 1938, rates per 100,000 population (annual basis), and comparison with corresponding week of 1937 and 5-year median—Continued

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		Diph	theria			Infl	uenza			Me	asles	
Division and State	Nov. 12, 1938, rate	Nov. 12, 1938, cases	Nov. 13, 1937, cases	1933- 37 me- dian	Nov. 12, 1938, rate	Nov. 12, 1938, cases	Nov. 13, 1937, cases	1933- 37 me- dian	Nov. 12, 1938, rate	Nov. 12, 1938, cases	Nov. 13, 1937, cases	1933- 37 me- dian
SO. ATL.												
Delaware Maryland <sup>2</sup> Dist. of Col. Virginia West Virginia North Carolina <sup>3</sup> South Carolina <sup>3</sup> Florida	0 28 58 156 36 133 47 68	81 13	0 25 6 66 23 86 21 37 18	25 14 86 51 105 21 47	16 17 210 39 637 61	14	28 4 220		60 71 17 12 45 234 42 22	3 23 6 16 157 15 13 6	7 1 35 85 155 5	2 7 2 35 28 38 5
E. SO. CEN.			•						ł			
Kentucky Tennessee Alabama 3 Mississippi 33	73 78 41 62	43 23	38 24 44 25	44	91 50 112	28	50 66 	30	21 14 5	12 8 8	25 33 1	36 9 1
W. SO. CEN.	l											
ArkansasLouisianaOklahomaTexas *	61 51 14 81	24 21 7 96	30 19 25 <b>65</b>	27 18	143 7 43 124	56 3 21 147	19 16 25 170	13 25	8 152 14 5	3 62 7 6	11 3 19	3 2 3 19
MOUNTAIN												
Montana	0 0 0 122 62 25 10	0 0 0 25 5 2 1	2 2 0 8 8 10 54	8 8 3	32  151 25	31 2 55	3 2 37	<u>2</u>	307 44 10 62	29 2 2 5	2 17 1 13 26 2 59	2 8 2 6 15 2 14
PACIFIC												
Washington Oregon California 3	0 20 24	0 4 28	5 13 33	1	3 66 24		1 18 21	1 18 27	66 36 177	21 7 209	18 14 28	34 14 139
Total	37	926	1,077	1, 303	49	1,005	867	766	72	1,746	3, 029	1, 757
45 weeks	22	<b>24, 49</b> 5	<b>22, 738</b>	30, 393	60	54, 789	281, 108	146, 905	701	772, 659	256, 563	351, 071
	Mei		, meni cus	ngo-		Polio	myelitis			Scarle	t fever	
Division and State	Nov, 12, 1938. rate	Nov. 12, 1938, cases	Nov. 13, 1937, cases	1933- 37 me- dian	Nov. 12, 1938, rate	Nov. 12, 1938, cases	Nov. 13, 1937, cases	1933- 37 me- dian	Nov. 12, 1938, rate	Nov. 12, 1938, cases	Nov. 13, 1937, cases	1933- 37 me- dian
NEW ENG.												
Maine New Hampshire Vermont Massachusetts Rhode Island Connecticut	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 1 0	0	3 0 0 0 0		0	61 10 136 90 54 96	10 1 10 76 7 32	13 2 14 125 25 47	14 8 11 125 12 47
MID. ATL.												
New York New Jersey Pennsylvania	0.8 0 1	2 0 2	6 3 4	6 1 4	1. 2 0 1	3 0 2	5 3 4	6 3 6	89 43 91	222 36 178	266 54 331	321 67 354

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		oninci	is, mer	ingo	T				T			
			occus	ungo-		Polic	myelit	is		Sca	rlet fever	!
Division and State	Nov 12, 1938, rate	12, 1938	13, 1937,	37 me-	Nov 12, 1938, rate	12, 1938,	13, 1937,	87 me-	Nov 12, 1938, rate	12, 1938,	13, 1937,	1933- 37 me- dian
E. NO. CEN.												
Ohio Indiana Illinois Michigan <sup>3</sup> Wisconsin	8 1. 0 0 0		4 3 1 3 0 3 0 0	2 1 3 3	0.8 0 0 2 1.8			1 3 0 2 4 4 3 3	220 156 142 300 246	8 10 2 21 0 27	14 5 38 8 35	7 147 2 382 1 206
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Minnesota	0 0 1.3 0 0 0	8 1	2 2 0 1 0	2 2 0 0	0 2 1.3 0 0 0	0 1 1 0 0 0			124 102 112 177 211 31 285	5 8 2 2 2	0 138 6 204 4 51 8 8	80 100 40 11 23
80. ATL.		1									1	
Delaware	0 0 4 2.8 0 0	0 0 0 2 1 0 0 0	5	0 2 1 3 1 1 0 2 0	0 0 0 0 1.5 0 1.7	0 0 0 0 1 0	0 0 1 0 2 1 2 1	1 0 1 1 2 1 1	120 53 33 125 235 167 28 51	1	9 5 35 1 100 2 72 0 12	86 10
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Kentucky Tennessee Alabama <sup>3</sup> Mississippi <sup>2 3</sup>	1.8 4 4 2.6	1 2 2 1	6 0 4 0	4 0 0 0	0 0 0 5	0 0 0 2	0 0 1 5	1 1	202 137 61 28	113 76 34 11	. 42	107 71 23 22
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MOUNTAIN				-	J	ı						
Montana Idaho. Wyoming. Colorado. New Mexico. Arizona. Utah <sup>3</sup>	0 0 5 0 0	0 0 0 1 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 13	0 0 0 0 0	1 0 0 0 1 0 0	0000	213 116 67 200 74 76 121	22 11 3 41 6 6	37 33 6 19 36 7 50	37 33 16 42 25 17 29
PACIFIC	j	1	1	- 1	l							
Washington Oregon California <sup>2</sup>	0 0 0.8	0 0 1	0 1 4	0 0 2	3 5 0	1 1 0	5 4 14	4 3 11	57 254 156	18 50 184	45 31 133	43 45 180
Total	0. 9	22	67	67	0. 9	23	99	112	122	3, 021	3, 993	4, 087
45 weeks	2.3	2, 553	4, 861	4, 861	1.4	1, 566	9, 102	6, 871	144	60, 475	191, 424	91, 424

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		5ma	llpox		Typh	oid and fev	paraty er	phoid	Who	oping o	ough
Division and State	Nov. 12, 1938, rate	Nov. 12, 1938, cases	Nov. 13, 1937, 08568	1933– 37 me- dian	Nov. 12, 1938, rate	Nov. 12, 1938, cases	Nov. 13, 1937, cases	1933- 37 me- dian	Nov. 12, 1938, rate	Nov. 12, 1938, cases	Nov. 13, 1937, cases
NEW ENG.											
Maine	00000	00000	00000	00000	12 0 14 1 0 8	2 0 1 1 0	0 0 8 0 - 1	1 0 3 0 1	378 0 1, 021 105 184 222	62 0 75 89 24 74	24 3 27 79 8 16
MID. ATL.											
New York New Jersey Pennsylvania	0	0	0 0	0	8 2 6	7 2 11	9 5 <b>2</b> 1	13 4 21	195 193 107	485 161 208	397 75
Dhio	0 12 2 6 14	0 8 3 6 8	0 20 9 1	0 5 1 0	5 5 4 3	6 3 6 3 2	9 3 12 2 1	16 5 17 7	148 15 366 209 674	191 10 553 194 378	181 26 92
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W. NO. CEN.											
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SO. ATL.											
Delaware Maryland  Dist. of Col	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0	9 0 6 20	7	0 4 0 10 4 11 2 18 0	8 1	100 50 108 39 64 248 58 7	5 16 13 20 23 166 21 4	4 65 4 47 33 160 38 16
E. SO. CEN.											
Kentucky Tennessee Alabama <sup>3</sup> Mississippi <sup>3 3</sup>	4 0 0	2 0 0	2 0 0 4	0 0 0		8 2 2 8	8 10 1 5	20 10 5 7	7 43 50	24 28	67 33 6
W. SO. CEN.											
Arkansas Louisiana Oklahoma Texas <sup>‡</sup>	8 2 2 9	3 1 1 11	3 1 4 4	1 0 4 1	18 17 6 19	7 7 3 22	13 9 19 50	4 12 18 41	33 42 10 42	13 17 5 50	51 3 340 128
MOUNTAIN										ĺ	
Montana Idaho Wyoming Colorado New Mexico Arizona Utah <sup>1</sup>	39 11 22 29 0 0	4 1 1 6 0 0	18 11 2 2 0 0	5 1 1 3 0 0	42 0 44 37 51	4 4 0 9 3 4	3 0 0 8 1 0	3 2 0 1 10 1 0	242 42 222 180 235 13 211	25 4 10 37 19 1 21	15 11 23 3 58

Cases of certain diseases reported by telegraph by State health officers for the week ended Nov. 12, 1938, rates per 100,000 population (annual basis), and comparison with corresponding week of 1937 and 5-year median—Continued

		Sma	llpox		Typl		l paraty er	phoid	Who	ooping c	ough
Division and State	Nov. 12, 1938, rate	Nov. 12, 1938, cases	Nov. 13, 1937, cases	1933- 37 me- dian	Nov. 12, 1938, rate	Nov. 12, 1938, cases	Nov. 13, 1937, cases	1933- 37 me- dian	Nov. 12, 1938, rate	Nov. 12, 1938, cases	Nov. 13, 1937, cases
PACIFIC											
Washington Oregon California 8	3 5 4	1 1 5	29 30 1	22 1 1	25 5 6	8 1 7	2 4 7	3 4 13	97 51 69	10	75 34 221
Total	3	79	240	105	7	185	270	328	133	3, 242	2, 839
45 weeks	12	13, 271	9, 101	5, 874	12	13, 129	13, 879	15, 996	167	182, 892	

# SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS FROM STATES

The following summary of cases reported monthly by States is published weekly and covers only those States from which reports are received during the current week:

State	Meningitis, meningococcus	Diph- theria	Influ- enza	Ma- laria	Mea- sles	Pel- lagra	Polio- mye- litis	Scarlet fever	Small- pox	Ty- phoid and para- typhoid fever
August 1938 South Carolina		226	284	1, 656	53	165	3	18		
September 1958		220	284	1,000	53	105	3	18	. 0	76
Alaska South Carolina	0	0 366	631	2, 297	1 20	161	0 3	10 39	0	0 77
October 1938  District of Columbia Maine New Jersey West Virginia Wyoming	1 1 2 9 0	49 10 36 119 2	3 3 49 53 1	3	8 48 50 24 21	1	6 14 5 1	45 41 154 399 28	0 0 0 0 1	11 9 10 41 2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Delayed report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> New York City only.

<sup>2</sup> Period ended earlier than Saturday.

<sup>3</sup> Typhus fever, week ended Nov. 12, 1938, 51 cases as follows: North Carolina, 1; South Carolina, 4; Georgia, 30; Alabama, 5; Mississippi, 2; Texas, 8; California, 1.

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# Summary of monthly reports from States—Continued

August 1938		September 1938—Continued	- 1	October 1938—Continued	
South Carolina: Ca	S66	South Carolina—Contd. Ca	ases	Mumps: Ca	as <b>es</b>
Chickenpox	٥	Mumps	35	Maine	27
Dengue.	2	Ophthalmia neonatorum			184
Diarrhea	805	Rabies in animals	18		22
German measles		Septic sore throat		Wyoming	8
Hookworm disease	102	Tularaemia	2	Ophthalmia neonatorum:	
Mumps		Typhus fever	26	New Jersey	13
Ophthalmia neonatorum.	2	Undulant fever	5		
Rabies in animals	. 19	Whooping cough	290	New Jersey	75
Rocky Mountain spotted	-			Rabies in man:	
fever	3	October 1938		New Jersey	1
Septic sore throat	8			Septic sore throat:	
Tetanus	3	Anthrax:		Maine New Jersey	2
Typhus fever	21	New Jersey	1	New Jersey	21
Undulant fever	_ 1	Chickenpox:		West Virginia	5
Whooping cough	237	District of Columbia	26	Wyoming	3
		Maine	158	Trichinosis:	
September 1938		New Jersey	433	New Jersey	1
Alaska:		West Virginia	144	Tularaemia:	2
Chickenpox	5	Wyoming	24	New Jersey	3
Dysentery (bacillary)	1	Dysentery:		Undulant fever:	2
	- 1	New Jersey (amoebic)	1	Maine New Jersey	8
Impetigo contagiosa		New Jersey (bacillary)	4	Vincent's infection:	•
Whooping cough	10	Encephalitis, epidemic or le-		Maine	8
South Carolina:		thargie:		Whooping cough:	•
Chickenpox	8	New Jersey	1	District of Columbia	36
Dengue	3	German measles:		Maine	176
Diarrhea	569	Maine	9		
German measles	1	New Jersey		West Virginia	85
Hookworm disease	120	Wyoming		Wyoming	14
HOOK WOLTH GISERS6	TOA	Wyoming	-	11 JOHN P	

# PLAGUE INFECTION IN FLEAS FROM GROUND SQUIRRELS IN EL-DORADO COUNTY AND IN GROUND SQUIRRELS IN PLUMAS COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Under date of November 4, 1938, Dr. W. M. Dickie, Director of Public Health of California, reported plague infection proved in a pool of 15 fleas from 2 beecheyi squirrels from the Emerald Bay Resort, 2 miles north of Bayview Resort, Eldorado County, and in organs from 10 golden mantled squirrels collected at Bailey Creek, 8 miles west of Westwood, Plumas County.

# WEEKLY REPORTS FROM CITIES

City reports for week ended November 5, 1938

This table summarizes the reports received weekly from a selected list of 140 cities for the purpose of showing a cross section of the current urban incidence of the communicable diseases listed in the table.

Q1. 4 3 4	Diph-	Infl	uenza	Mea- sles	Pneu- monia	Scar- let	Small-	Tuber- culosis			Deaths,
State and city	cases	Cases	Deaths	cases	deaths	fever cases	cases	deaths	fever cases	cases	causes
Data for 90 cities: 5-year average Current week 1_	269 184	118 96	35 33	396 544	512 410	1, 007 787	7 5	346 317	46 33	879 1, 348	
Maine: Portland New Hampshire: Concord Manchester Nashua Vermont:	0 0 0	1	0 0 0	1 1 0 0	3 0 0 1	1 0 0 0	0. 0 0	1 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	4 0 0 0	16 8 16 8
Burlington Rutland	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	Ö	Ö	7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Figures for Barre, Vt., Flint, Mich., and Seattle, Wash., estimated; reports not received.

# City reports for week ended November 5, 1938—Continued

State and city	Diph-	Inf	luenza	Mea-	Pneu- monia	Scar- let	Small-	Tuber-	Ty- phoid	Whooping	Deaths,
prate and city	Ca.ses	Cases	Deaths	6165 C8.865	deaths	fever cases	CB.S68	deaths	fever cases	cough	all Causes
Massachusetta:					1				-		
Boston Fall River	0		0	8	11 3	26 1	0	8	1	35	206 29
Springfield	Ō		ŏ	ŏ	1 1	2	l ŏ	l ŏ	2	4	42
Worcester	0		0	Ö	2	0	0	0	0	10	46
Rhode Island: Pawtucket	0		0	0	اه	0	۰	اه	0	5	٠,,
Providence	ŏ		Ö	ŏ	l il	2	ŏ	2	ŏ	17	12 53
Connecticut:	_			_		_	•		-		
Bridgeport	0		0	0	1 1	1 2	Ŏ	1 1	0	3	31
Hartford New Haven	ŏ		ŏ	1 0	3 3	ő	0	1 0	1	0 12	39 36
New York:					1 1						
Buffalo New York	0 12	;;	1	.9	6	26	0	9	0	27	148
Rochester	0	10 2	3 0	13 8	75	46 3	0	73 3	9	178 3	1, 323 72
Syracuse	ŏ	<u>-</u> -	ŏ	4	l ŏ l	7	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	18	37
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Pennsylvania:	_			_							
Philadelphia Pittsburgh	2 2	2 2	2	7	18 15	27 30	0	25 9	2	78 19	516
Reading	14		ŏl	ĭ	ő	8	ŏl	ől	δl	2	165 21
Scranton	0			1		0	0		i	22	
Ohio:	1		- 1		1 1	l			1	1	
Cincinnati	16		0	0	10	12	0	6	1	3	132
Cleveland Columbus	1 13	7	2	3	6	19	0	8	0	42	157
Toledo	10	2	0 2	0 1	2 5	9 16	0	6	8	1 6	86 73
Indiana:	- 1	-	- 1	-		- 1		- 1	١	1	10
Anderson	0		0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	8
Fort Wayne Indianapolis	0 8		0	0	2 10	1 24	0 2	1 0	0	0 3	33 90
South Bend	0		ô	õ	2	3	ől	ŏl	ő	ő	13
Terre Haute	0		0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	22
Illinois:	1	- 1	0	0	1	اه	o	اه	o	1	10
Chicago	26	6	ŏl	10	36	108	ŏl	33	ŏl	370	10 662
Elgin	0		0	1	2	4	0	0	0	1	12
Moline Springfield	0		0	0	0 2	1 0	0	0	0	3 2	7
Michigan:	١		١	- 1	- 1	۰ı	١	١	١	2	17
Detroit	14		1	5	7	80	0	9	1	103	232
Grand Rapids Wisconsin:	0		0	5	3	19	0	0	0	3	37
Kenosha	0		0	0	ol	2	0	ol	0	3	9
Madison	0		0	1	1	2	0	Õ	0	9	5
Milwaukee Racine	0		0	2	4	29	0	3	0	174	98
Superior	ŏ i		ŏl	۷I	8	2	0	0	0	13	13 7
Minnesota:	- 1	- 1		- 1				1	1		•
Duluth	0 .	- 1	0	اه	اه	1	3	1	0	10	16
Minneapolis	0		ĭ	32	5	19	ŏl	2	ŏl	12	116
St. Paul	0  .		0	23	7	7	0	2	i	. 5	65
Iowa: Cedar Rapids	0	- 1		0		1	۔ ا ہ	- 1	0	2	
Davenport	2			ŏ		î l	ŏ l.		ŏl	ا ة	
Des Moines	0  -	-		0		10	0		0	0	23
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Kansas City	1 -		0	0	7	17	0	5	0	0	97
St. Joseph St. Louis	9 -		8	0	3	32	8	0	0	9	30
North Dakota:	1		٠ı	- 1	"	32	١	6	0	4	220
Fargo.	0  -		0	162	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Grand Forks Minot	3 -	-		0 -		3	0 -		0	0 -	5
South Dakota:	- 1		١	١	١	1	۱۳	0	0	0	Đ
Aberdeen	0 -			0		0	0 _		0	0 .	
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Lincoln	1			0		2	0 .		0	0 -	
Omaha	ō I		0	οľ	9	41	٥ ا۔.	2	ŏΙ	8	65

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	Diph-	Inf	luenza	Mea-	Pneu-	Scar- let	Small-		Ty- phoid	Whoop-	Deaths,
State and city	theria cases	Cases	Deaths	sles cases	monia deaths	fever cases	pox cases	culosis deaths	fever cases	cases	all causes
Kansas:											
Lawrence	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Topeka	0		Ò	Į į	0 0	7	Ņ	0	Ŏ	0	1
Wichita	0		0	0	4	7	0	0	0	3	22
Delaware: Wilmington	2		0	0	3	3	0	0	0	1	26
Maryland: Baltimore	4	8	2	19	14	10	0	5	2	31	207
Cumberland	0		Ō	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15
Frederick	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Dist. of Col.: Washington	4	1	1	0	6	8	٥	7	2	10	144
Virginia:		1 1	•				1	1 1		1	Į.
Lynchburg	8		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	12
Norfolk	1		0	0	4	6	0	1 4	0	0	30 50
Richmond Roanoke	1		0	0	8	8	0	3	ő	0	11
West Virginia:	•		١	U	١٠١	•	ı v	"	•	ľ	i **
Charleston	0		2	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	26
Huntington	0			0		2	0		0	0	
Wheeling	0		0	0	3	1	0	0	0	10	11
North Carolina:	0			0	l	٥	o		0	0	
Gastonia Raleigh	ŏ		0	Ö	0	1	ŏ	i	ŏ	l ŏ	i
Wilmington	2		ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	ô	ŏ	ī	ŏ	Ž	1 11
Winston-Salem_	3	1	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	4	Ŏ	8	Ō	0	14
South Carolina:	-	_						_	_		۱
Charleston	0	26	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	31
Florence	Ō		0	0 1	2 0	2	0	0	0	0	10 6
Greenville Georgia:	1		١	1	ا ۱	ا ۳	U	١	v	ı v	ľ
Atlanta	2	7	3	0	5	9	0	1	0	0	69
Brunswick	ō		0	0	1	0	0	0	Ō	Ô	4
Savannah	1	14	2	0	2	2	0	1	0	2	31
Florida:	_			_							یہ ا
Miami Tampa	0 5	2	1 2	0	0	1 2	0	1 1	0	0	24 14
Kentucky:					1					Ī	l
Covington	1		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Lexington	2		0	1	2	4	0	0	Ŏ	0	19
Louisville	2	1	0	2	3	6	0	4	0	1	55
Tennessee:	3	10	. 0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	25
Knoxville Memphis	2	13	ŏ	1	5	5	ŏ	6	ŏ	5	81
Nashville	ĩ		3	ō	4	ž	ŏ	ŏ	Ō	10	55
Alabama:	-			- 1		_			_	_	·
Birmingham	2	3	0	1	5	5	0	4	0	0	77
Mobile	0		1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	25
Montgomery	0			0		2	١		•		
Arkansas:						i		i			
Fort Smith	5			0		2	0		0	0	
Little Rock	Ō		0	0	1	1	0 ]	0	0	0	1
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New Orleans	3	1	1	1 0	10	6	ŏ	8		1	59
Shreveport Oklahoma:	0		0	١	8	٠	١	٠ı	٦		-
Oklahoma City.	0	4	ol	2	2	6	0	0	0	0	44
Tulsa	ŏ			0		6	0	0		0	
Texas:			_	_		!			0	0	51
Dallas	3	1	1	o l	1	5	0	3	ŏl	ŏ	32
Fort Worth	4		0	0	1 2	2	ŏ	îl	ŏl	ŏ	11
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Boise	0		0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	12
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Denver	4		81	81	31	13	ŏı	ől	ŏı	2	8

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Encephalitis, epidemic or lethargic.—Cases: New York, 2; Denver, 1.

Pellagra.—Cases: Boston, 1; Atlanta, 8; Savannah, 4; Birmingham, 1; Montgomery, 2; Los Angeles, 1.

Typhus fever.—Cases: New York, 2; Baltimore, 1; Wilmington, N. C., 2; Charleston, S. C., 2; Atlanta, 2; Savannah, 4; Montgomery, 1.—Deaths: Baltimore, 1.

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# CANADA

Provinces—Communicable diseases—2 weeks ended October 22, 1938.—During the 2 weeks ended October 22, 1938, cases of certain communicable diseases were reported by the Department of Pensions and National Health of Canada, as follows:

Disease	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Bruns- wick	Que- bec	Onta- rio	Mani- toba	Sas- katch- ewan	Alber-	British Colum- bia	Total
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For 2 weeks ended Oct. 26, 1938.

# **CUBA**

Habana—Communicable diseases—4 weeks ended October 22, 1938.— During the 4 weeks ended October 22, 1938, certain communicable diseases were reported in Habana, Cuba, as follows:

Disease	Cases	Deaths
Diphtheria Malaria Tuberculosis Typhoid fever	21 27 26 37	5 8

Provinces—Notifiable diseases—4 weeks ended October 15, 1938.— During the 4 weeks ended October 15, 1938, cases of certain notifiable diseases were reported in the Provinces of Cuba as follows:

Disease	Pinar del Rio	Habana	Matan- zas	Santa Clara	Cama- guey	Oriente	Total
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Hookworm disease Leprosy	30	1 12	1 21	2 42	16	10 46	11 3 167
Measles Poliomyelitis Rabies Trachoma	1	3	3	3 1 2		1	10 1 1 2
Tuberculosis Typhoid fever Whooping cough Yaws	22 32	41 74	32 13	36 53 2	32 27	31 57	194 256 2

# **JAMAICA**

Communicable diseases—4 weeks ended October 29, 1938.—During the 4 weeks ended October 29, 1938, cases of certain communicable diseases were reported in Kingston, Jamaica, and in the island outside of Kingston, as follows:

Disease	Kings- ton	Other locali- ties	Disease	Kings- ton	Other localities
Cerebrospinal meningitis Chickenpox Diphtheria Dysentery Erysipelas	5 5 9 1	1 7 2 1	Leprosy Puerperal fever Tuberculosis Typhoid fever	44 9	2 3 52 28

From medical officers of the Public Health Service, American consuls, International Office of Public Health, Pan American Sanitary Bureau, health section of the League of the particular countries for which reports are given.

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For the week ended Nov. 5, 1938, 5 plague-infected rats were reported in Paanhau Sector, Hamakua District, Island of Hawall, Hawall Territory. For 2 weeks.

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1 See also reports of yellow fever in Brazil in preceding issues of the Public Health Reports.
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