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PORTO RICO.

Report from Ponce—Vital statistics.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Torres reports, December 16, as follows:

Vital statistics of the city of Ponce during the month of November, 1904.

Diseases of—		Diseases of—Continued.	
Digestive system	52	Enteric fever.....	4
Nervous system	9	Puerperal fever.....	1
Circulatory system	11	Metritis.....	3
Respiratory system	10	Old age.....	2
Malarial fever.....	11	Atony of the uterus.....	1
Tuberculosis.....	16	Without official data.....	33
Hydremia.....	10		
Anæmia, inanition.....	16	Total.....	204
Cancer.....	4	November, 1903:	
Grippe.....	4	Deaths.....	132
Congenital malformation.....	6	Births.....	126
Accidents.....	1	November, 1904:	
Nephritis.....	1	Deaths.....	204
Tetanus infantile.....	9	Births.....	83

VENEZUELA.

Report from La Guaira—Yellow fever at Caracas.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Fricks reports, December 17, as follows: Yellow fever is present in Caracas. I saw this week an unmistakable case in a foreigner who had not been away from Caracas for months before his attack.

WEST INDIES.

Report from Barbados—Inspection of vessels—Fumigation of British bark Austria from Rio de Janeiro—Health of the Island.

Assistant Surgeon Ward reports, December 20, as follows:

During the week ended December 17, 1904, bills of health were issued to 6 steamships and 5 sailing vessels with 304 crew, 29 steerage and 12 cabin passengers. Of this number, I inspected 6 steamships, 4 sailing vessels, 296 crew, 29 steerage, and 12 cabin passengers, of whom 7 of the crew, 8 steerage and 5 cabin passengers were taken on at this port. There were 6 deck passengers in transit for Martinique.

On December 12 I fumigated and issued a certificate to the British bark *Austria*, 40 days from Rio de Janeiro, where a case of suspicious illness had been removed on October 31, but which, on a thorough examination, proved not to be plague. The fumigation at this port was done to kill rats and other vermin. This bark called at Barbados December 11 for orders, bound to Gulfport, Miss., in sand ballast, with 18 crew, all well.

The general sanitary condition of this island is good; no quarantinable diseases have been reported.