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COLOMBIA.

Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port—Smallpox situation improving.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended September 15, 1903. Present officially estimated population not obtainable. One case of smallpox during the week; one death; number of deaths from other causes, 2; prevailing diseases, malarial fever and smallpox. The cases of the latter disease are brought from the sub-ports for treatment in the isolation hospital. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, not good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Sept. 9	Brookline	32	0	0	0
9	Fort Gaines	23	0	0	0
11	Mount Vernon	20	0	0	0
13	Colombia.....	18	0	0	0

COSTA RICA.

Reports from Limon, fruit port—Smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gruver reports as follows: Week ended September 10, 1903. Estimated population, 4,000; 1 case of smallpox—no deaths; number of deaths from other causes, 6; prevailing diseases, malarial and enteric diseases.

General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, poor.

The case of smallpox reported above is that of one of the steerage passengers of the *Altai*, which arrived here September 5 from Savanilla, Colombia. He left immediately for Siquires, a small town about 28 miles from here, where he developed the disease. He was discovered on September 9 and removed to the Government quarantine station on La Uvita Island, 1 mile from here. Every precaution is being taken to prevent the spread of this disease. The patient is thoroughly isolated and a general vaccination of the people of Siquires is now being enforced.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Sept. 4	Hispania	22	0	0	0
5	Taunton.....	25	0	0	0
7	Altai	46	10	2	0
8	Montevideo	118	26	83	0
9	Preston.....	31	3	0	0

Week ended September 17, 1903: One case of yellow fever—1 death; number of deaths from other causes, 6; prevailing diseases, yellow fever and malarial diseases.

General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week very poor.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Sept. 11	Brighton	22	0	0	0
12	Venus	27	0	0	0
13	Olympia	36	0	0	0
14	Alleghany	46	4	2	0
16	Brewster	35	1	0	0
17	Oracabessa	45	0	0	0

CUBA.

Reports from Habana—Inspection of vessels—Mortality statistics.

Assistant Surgeon Trotter, in temporary charge, reports, September 17 and 23, as follows:

Week ended September 12, 1903.

Health certificates issued	97
Vessels inspected and issued bills of health	19
Crews of outgoing vessels inspected	790
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected	420
Pieces of baggage inspected	120
Pieces of express inspected	19
Pieces of freight inspected	1,693
Pieces of baggage disinfected	3

Mortality data of Habana for the week ended September 12, 1903.

Disease.	Number of deaths.
Tuberculosis	22
Broncho-pneumonia	1
Bronchitis	1
Enteric fever	2
Enteritis	2
Meningitis	8
Scarlet fever	1
Diphtheria	1
Grippe	1
Cancer	4
Septic fever	1

Total deaths from all causes, 94.

Week ended September 19, 1903.

Number of health certificates issued	82
Vessels inspected and issued bills of health	21
Crews of outgoing vessels inspected	694
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected	260
Pieces of baggage inspected	149
Pieces of baggage disinfected	1
Pieces of freight inspected	3,353
Pieces of express inspected	18