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A COUNTRY IN WHICH DEATH HAS BECOME COMMONPLACE.

Frightful Mortality Among the Community at Colon—Advice of the Physicians—The Only Safe Course—A Peculiar Form of Fever.

A certain grim fascination attaches to the idea of a community in which death has become commonplace. A man who establishes himself in Colon or Panama, or who undertakes to spend any considerable time on the line, knows that the aggregate mortality around him is something frightful. He knows of specific cases in which the statistics of a small number of lives have been such as to indicate certain death as his portion. He knows that within the last five months the death rate among the chief resident officials of the canal company has been more than 83 per cent, a mortality which if extended to all classes of the community would exterminate every man, woman and child on the isthmus in six months. He knows, perhaps, that on the 1st of last October thirty Italians arrived at Colon under agreement to serve the Societe des Travaux Publiques et de Constructions de Paris as foremen; that of these twenty nine were in perfect health and robust condition and the remaining one only suffering from debility caused by excessive sea sickness; that they were at once sent to the Enterprise d'Empereur, where they were excellently housed and had every advantage of medical attendance; that on the 23d of the same month only five of them survived—a death rate which, if it were universal, would depopulate the earth in less than a month.

AN EXCEPTIONAL CASE.
 He knows, it is true, of one man who lived on the isthmus nineteen years, and who is still in good health. But he knows, too, of men who have lived there for ten and fifteen years, and then died after only four or five days' illness. All this is perplexing. But he is more perplexed when he stops to consider that in the instance of the five chief officials out of twenty-five Italian foremen another of the most virulent type of yellow fever, another of a bilious fever of an indistinct character, a fourth of acute Bright's disease following a successfully resisted case of yellow fever. He knows that he ought not to drink heavily. But he discovers that the climate superinduces an intolerable lassitude which nothing but frequent stimulants seem to relieve.

One physician prescribes to him a regimen which is thoroughly impracticable, tells him to avoid the hot sun, the sudden showers, the poisonous air of the night and early morning. Another physician shrugs his shoulders and says: "My dear fellow, dress, eat, drink, live, just as you did at home, and don't worry. None of us know anything about the predisposing conditions of these fevers. But we are not all of us candid enough to say so. But, above all, don't worry." There would be some comfort in this last general counsel if it were not interrupted by the arrival of a messenger to inform the doctor that such and such a man has been taken ill, that another is dying, and a third, just dead.

The plain truth is the only safe course for a man on the isthmus to pursue is to leave the isthmus immediately, and even then he may, for all that he knows, with him the embryo of a fatal illness which may not develop itself for weeks and even months. If ever a country seemed to have incurred the displeasure of Divine Providence that country is the Isthmus of Panama.

PECULIAR FORM OF FEVER.
 Special interest attaches to a peculiar form of septic malarial fever occasionally met with in Panama and Colon. This fever has but recently been recognized by the official physicians, and no description of it has yet been published, either in medical journals or otherwise. It is known among the physicians as Bettelheim's fever. It is of a continuous type, does not partake of the characteristics of either typhoid or yellow fever, and yet is not amenable to the quinine treatment. Its course is very much that of typhoid, but post mortem examinations fail to show the characteristic typhoid lesions.

From a pathological point of view it is to be regretted that the religious tenets dominant among the foreign residents in Panama make it impossible to perform autopsies except in some isolated cases. And it is owing to this circumstance that the fever in question was not long since described and discussed in the literature of the epidemiology. The post mortem examinations have now, however, agreed sufficiently to place beyond dispute the fact that the fever is clearly distinct from typhoid. Its traces are cerebral congestion, gastric and enteric hemorrhagic effusions, and in general the appearance consequent upon death from common malaria. Most of the cases occur among well-to-do residents of Panama.—Colon Cor. New York Tribune.

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