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## DISEASE RAGING AMONG OUR TROOPS.

Those Sent to Porto Rico Are Suffering to an Alarming Extent.

## GROWING WORSE DAY BY DAY.

Typhoid Taking a Stronghold, and One-Fourth of the Army Is Unfit For Service.

## MUST BE SENT AWAY TO REGAIN HEALTH.

Volunteers Are Suffering More Than the Regulars—Disease Brought to the Island—Sick Are Being Sent to the North.

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Ponce, Oct. 4.—It is the well grounded and almost unanimous opinion of the medical staff of the American army in Porto Rico that conditions of the volunteer forces here necessitates their removal north. Sickness is increasing and has been increasing the past three weeks at an alarming rate. Today the sick report shows over 2700 in hospitals or in quarters out of a total command of 10,000, that is, over 25 per cent of the troops are on the sick list. The medical officers have found that the convalescents do not, and seemingly cannot, recover their strength in this climate, and for this reason they are being sent north as rapidly as possible, several hundred leaving every week.

It is a significant fact that there is a wide disparity between the sickness in the volunteer and regular commands. In the two regular infantry regiments the sickness averages only 10 per cent, while in the volunteer regiments it averages 34. Undoubtedly the wide disparity between the percentage of sickness in the volunteer and regular organizations is largely due to the fact that the former are better able to care for themselves. Most of them are veterans who understand the rules of health in camp and their officers from the very outset have enforced the sanitary regulations so necessary for the preservation of health. But more than this, the regulars are making soldiering a business. They did not enlist for the war, but for five years, and they look upon their assignment for service in perhaps philosophically and so make the best of the situation. The volunteers on the other hand, enlisted for two years, but with the almost universal expectation that they would be mustered out when the war closed. Almost to a man they desire to go home, and ever since the protocol was signed they have lived in the daily hope of being recalled. For days they have talked of nothing else. Homesickness depressed their spirits and made them easy victims to the malarial climatic conditions. It is said that some of them who did not fall sick naturally, actually exposed themselves to the weather or ate freely of tropical fruits despite the regulations, that they might become ill and be sent home. Some, it is alleged, even feigned sickness and quite a number of these succeeded in their designs.

The medical staff of the army under direction of Major Snowden, has labored unceasingly to stay the progress of disease and sickness, but the sick list grows larger at the rate of 50 or 60 a day despite their efforts.

The weekly report of a week ago shows 263 cases of typhoid fever, 563 cases of malaria, one case of smallpox and 1450 cases of climatic fever, diarrhoea, etc. Since then about 300 cases have been added to the list.

The worst feature of the situation is the steady increase of the number of typhoid fever cases which today reached over 400. For a time it appeared probable that the typhoid fever in the army, most of which is alleged to have come from Camp Thomas and Camp Alger originally, would be stamped out, but in about three weeks new cases began to appear at an alarming rate. Major Snowden and his associates do not believe that there is a new source of contagion, but rather that the cases are due to infection from the old cases.

It is possible that when the troops cross after the evacuation of the island is completed by the Spaniards and get into barracks out of the rain, which falls almost daily, their condition will improve, but as to this the physicians are very skeptical. There are spacious barracks in every large town in the island, more than sufficient to accommodate

any garrison we may leave there and at San Juan. Five thousand men can be accommodated easily in the barracks at the San Cristobal and Morro forts. At most of the towns there are also well equipped hospital buildings. It is said to be the opinion of many of the general officers that the volunteer organizations could be withdrawn and that the two regular regiments with the troops of cavalry and four batteries of artillery, now on the island, would be amply sufficient for garrison duty.

## GENERAL WHEELER GIVES HIS TESTIMONY.

He Tells the Investigation Committee What He Knows About the Deceit of the Cavalry.

Washington, Oct. 4.—The war investigation committee began the examination of witnesses today by placing General Joseph Wheeler on the stand. General Wheeler was sworn and entered into a graphic detail of the fighting about Santiago. Discussing the plan of the campaign he said he doubted whether any more effective plan could have been adopted. Speaking of the medical department, he said that at times there were complaints, but they were not serious. On one occasion there was a shortage of surgeons, some surgeons being sick or wounded. According to General Wheeler's belief the wounded in battle were promptly cared for by the surgeons. After the fight of July 1, all the wounded were carried from the field that night.

The witness said he heard there was more complaint of shortage of medicine among the infantry than the cavalry arm of the service. Going back to Tampa he said that the season he was there, the first half of June, the site was without objection, but he had felt that it would be later in the season. It was his impression that Tampa had been selected as the camp site after the beginning of war and was incidentally intended for the move on Havana. There was he said, at times some shortage in supplies at the camp, "but nothing" he added, "that a soldier could complain of." They had comfortable tents and commissary supplies were sufficient. The water supply also good. He said the men of his command were well taken care of. However, very few men were at that time sick. He had himself gone into the hospitals and found the men going well.

Yellow Fever in Mississippi.

Jackson, Miss., Oct. 4.—Only one new case of yellow fever is reported at Jackson, and somewhat better feeling prevails. There are several suspicious cases still under investigation. The state board has issued an order prohibiting the assembling of persons on the streets.

Harrison reports another death and five new cases. The disease seems to have a firm hold on the town.

Orwood has had several cases since the 30th.

Taylor's Station reports three new cases and two deaths.

## Football Victim Dead.

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 4.—Robert Covey, 17 years old, died at the city hospital from injuries received while playing football on Saturday afternoon. Covey injured his neck in a tackle. An operation was performed for the purpose of relieving the pressure, but the result was not what was hoped for, and all that could be done was to make the patient as comfortable as possible. The death has cast a distinct cloud upon football among the younger set in Cambridge. It is not likely, however, that this death will affect Harvard football.

## Cave Dwellers' Bones.

Muncie, Ind., Oct. 4.—While workmen were removing gravel from a pit on the Thomas Orr farm, near Salem, an archeological find was made. The diggers discovered a cave in which were the bones of several persons who had been set in an upright position against the wall. In the group were the bones of one person much larger than the others, and about him were many curious objects made of iron and stone. Old-looking weapons were found.

## Will Ignore the Vote.

Ottawa, Oct. 4.—Judging from present returns on the prohibition vote barely one-fourth of those entitled to vote gave expression to their opinions on Thursday. As a consequence, it is learned that the government will ignore the whole proceedings. It is pointed out that the largest majority recorded is that against prohibition in Quebec, and that apathy was general among the voters.

## Remanded For a Week.

London, Oct. 4.—Nancy Gullford, the woman from Bridgeport, Conn., suspected as being Dr. Gullford, was remanded at Bow street police court here for a week, after evidence had been presented proving her identity with the woman who landed at Liverpool last week from the steamer Vancouver.

## Identity of Drowned Babies.

Texarkana, Tex., Oct. 4.—The police of this city have positive proof that the bodies of the twin babies found in a creek near this city on Saturday were

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brought here, and it has been discovered from what place they came. Further information upon the subject is withheld.

William Fairchild Dead.

Leavenworth, Kan., Oct. 4.—William Fairchild, a noted Kansas pioneer, died at his home in this city at the age of 88 years. He was born in Greene county, New York, and his ancestors were revolutionary soldiers.

Elevator Cursed.

Maryville, Mo., Oct. 4.—A large grain elevator at Quitman was destroyed by fire. It contained 420 bushels of rye, 1000 bushels of oats and 4000 bushels of corn. The total loss is estimated at \$10,000.

One Hundred Drowned.

London, Oct. 4.—A special from Bombay says that a ferryboat capsized while crossing the Indus river at M-trun-Ko e, a town of the Punjab on the west bank of the river and 100 passengers were drowned.

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