

from the disease. This disease spread over Russia, Austria, Germany and the Balkans generally.

These figures are vouched for in a publication prepared by Lieut. Lloyd, who was chief entomologist in Northern Rhodesia. He says:

"Typhus, one of the most dreaded epidemic diseases of man, is entirely due to the activities of lice. The same remark applies to relapsing fever over the greater portion of the world. Still a third disease, trench fever, has been placed to the credit of the louse, and possibly even now the full extent of its guilt is not known."

Lieut. Lloyd, in discussing the typhus outbreak at the notorious Wittenberg Camp in Germany, from which the German doctors fled, makes the statement:

"The Germans know, as we do, that typhus is spread by lice, and that the epidemic could have been cut short and stamped out a week after its commencement by the disinfection of all prisoners. One of the few good points about insect-born diseases is that they are entirely preventable, if preventive measures are taken in time and carried out in a thorough manner."

TUBERCULOSIS SPREADS.

The reports of the local Board of Health show a gratifying decrease in the number of deaths from all communicable disease for December, excepting tuberculosis. The comparative figures for the month are:

Diseases.	—1918—		—1917—	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Smallpox.....	5
Scarlet fever	194	4	304	6
Diphtheria.....	278	24	369	29
Measles.....	18	3	667	3
Whooping cough	57	5	357	6
Typhoid fever	18	3	143	11
Tuberculosis.....	161	138	113	76
Infantile paralysis.....	2	1
Cerebro spinal meningitis...	7	6	7	5
Totals.....	740	183	2,027	137

JAPANESE SCIENTIST MASTERS YELLOW FEVER.

Reports from Ecuador indicate that Dr. Noguchi, the famous Japanese scientist, who is at present in that country, has prepared an anti-serum conferring immunity on those exposed to the disease. The discovery is being tried out on Ecuadorean troops in the fever interior.