

BRIEF NEWS NOTES

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DR. PEDRO N. ORTIZ

After a stay of two months on the mainland, Dr. Pedro N. Ortiz, with his wife and young son, returned on a recent trip of the S. S. *Coamo*.

Having spent several weeks in Boston, Philadelphia and Washington, where he delivered a number of lectures, Dr. Ortiz made an extensive trip through the Southern States in the interests of public health, at which time an ample study of conditions there as compared with conditions in Porto Rico was made.

On his arrival a banquet was tendered him in the Condado-Vandebilt Hotel by a group of his most intimate friends and the Medical Association of Porto Rico. Among the honor guests at this banquet were Governor Horace Mann Towner, Honorable Antonio R. Barceló, Honorable M. Guerra Mondragón, Honorable Félix Córdova Dávila, Dr. Robert A. Lambert and the Hon. Robert H. Todd, Mayor of San Juan.

One of the leading features of the occasion was the exhibition of the film "A Panoramic Review of Public Health Activities in Porto Rico" which had been prepared in the studio of the Department of Health under the direction of Dr. A. Fernós Isern, Assistant Commissioner, and had been presented by Dr. Ortiz in the leading medical centers on the mainland. The film was enthusiastically applauded because of the exactitude and fairness with which public-health activities and conditions in Porto Rico are presented.

DR. E. GARRIDO MORALES

The Department of Health is especially fortunate in obtaining the services of Dr. E. Garrido Morales, Epidemiologist. He has recently completed important studies in Johns Hopkins University, and is one of the few who have the title of Doctor of Public Health.

After graduating from Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Garrido Morales investigated an epidemic of scarlet fever in Massachusetts and an epidemic of typhoid fever in Tennessee.

He will also form part of the faculty of the School of Tropical Medicine as Instructor in Epidemiology.

DR. A. MARTINEZ ALVAREZ

With his wife, Dr. Josefina Villafañe de Martínez Alvarez and their young son, Dr. Martínez Alvarez, sailed recently on the S. S. *Montevideo* for Spain.

They will visit Madrid, Barcelona and Paris, and will travel through Italy, Egypt and the Holy Land.

Later Dr. Martínez Alvarez will take a course in Pathologic Serology and Internal Medicine. His wife, Dr. Villafañe, will study Social Medicine activities in Europe.

DR. FRANCISCO R. DE GOENAGA

Having spent some time in Europe, Dr. Francisco R. de Goenaga, Director of the Insane Hospital of Porto Rico, has returned, to again resume his duties.

In Paris, Dr. Goenaga attended the conferences of the eminent Dr. Sicard and had the pleasure of meeting the renowned inventor D'Araya. Through the courtesy of Dr. Mourgue of the Service of Mental Prophylaxis and Social Service, this notable alienist, Director of the Psychiatric Hospitals in Paris, furnished Dr. Goenaga with valuable data and made it possible for him to see all the institutions connected with the hospital, and to attend a most important conference given on the examination and admission of patients.

After visiting Barcelona and other parts of Spain, Dr. Goenaga spent some time in New York City where he had the pleasure of meeting Dr. B. Rosenbluth, prominent neurologist, Dr. John Prescott Grant and Dr. Ney, already well known in Porto Rico. He also visited several psychiatric hospitals on the mainland, among them being Bloomingdale Hospital in White Plains, N. J., whose Director is Dr. W. L. Russell.

DR. LUIS L. BIAMON

After several months absence in Europe, Dr. Luis L. Biamón has returned to take up the many duties which await him in his strenuous professional life.

DR. A. BOU DE LA TORRE

Having undergone a serious operation in the Mayo Clinic of Rochester, Minn., it gives us great pleasure to state that Dr. A. Bou de la Torre is convalescing in Washington, D. C., where he is ac-

accompanied by his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Emilio Vasallo.

DR. A. L. CARRION

Appearing in the Pan-American Union Magazine, August number, is an article entitled "The organization of a Bureau for the Prevention of Bubonic Plague", by Dr. A. L. Carrión, Chief of this Bureau in the Department of Health of Porto Rico.

This important article first appeared in the PORTO RICO HEALTH REVIEW. The *Pan-American Union Magazine* will give it still wider circulation as it will appear in Spanish, Portuguese and English, reaching by this means a vast number of readers.

It is interesting to note that the apparatus for rat-transportation to which this article refers was invented and devised by Dr. Fernós-Isern, Assistant Commissioner of Health, and modified by Dr. Carrión. The rat box referred to was invented and devised by Dr. Carrión. Both these devices have given excellent results in the rat-extermination campaigns which have been carried out by this Bureau at different times.