Yellow Fever and the Limits of Cuban Independence, 1878-1930

The Spanish-American War of 1898 marked a turning point in the history of Cuba. After centuries of colonial rule, the island finally gained its independence from Spain. However, the new republic faced a number of challenges, including the devastating impact of yellow fever.



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Yellow fever is a mosquito-borne disease that can cause fever, jaundice, and bleeding. It was a major public health problem in the 19th and early 20th centuries, and it was particularly deadly in tropical climates. Cuba was one of the hardest-hit countries in the world, and the disease was a major factor in the island's high mortality rate.

The Cuban government made a number of attempts to control yellow fever, but they were largely unsuccessful. The disease continued to spread, and it became a major obstacle to the island's economic and social development.

In 1900, the United States Army sent a team of doctors to Cuba to investigate yellow fever. The team was led by Walter Reed, and it included Carlos Finlay, a Cuban doctor who had been studying the disease for many years. Reed and his team conducted a series of experiments that proved that yellow fever was transmitted by mosquitoes. This discovery was a major breakthrough in the fight against the disease.

Based on Reed's findings, the United States Army launched a campaign to eradicate yellow fever from Cuba. The campaign was successful, and the disease was virtually eliminated from the island by 1930.

The eradication of yellow fever was a major victory for public health and for the people of Cuba. It paved the way for the island's economic and social development, and it helped to improve the quality of life for all Cubans.

The Impact of Yellow Fever on Cuba

Yellow fever had a devastating impact on Cuba. The disease killed hundreds of thousands of people, and it crippled the island's economy. The disease also caused widespread social unrest and political instability.

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The eradication of yellow fever was a complex and challenging process. It required the cooperation of the Cuban government, the United States Army, and the Cuban people. It also required a number of scientific breakthroughs, including the discovery that yellow fever was transmitted by mosquitoes.

The eradication of yellow fever is a testament to the power of science and the human spirit. It is a story of hope and perseverance, and it is a reminder that even the most devastating diseases can be overcome.

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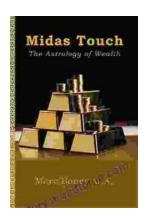
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