U.S. Officials Are Quarantined Aboard Steamer

Passengers, Crew, Navy Detail and Others, Held on Ship Pending Investigation.

Passengers and crew of a Pacific Mail liner arriving from west coast ports, together with members of the navy waterfront detail under Lieut. Randall Rogers, several customs and immigration officers, who boarded the ship at quarantine, were detained aboard the vessel until late yesterday afternoon as a result of 118 cases of Spanish influenza reported aboard the ship.

The detention order was given by Dr. Korn of the United States quarantine station, who directed that no one be permitted to leave the ship until City Health Officer W. C. Hassler had inspected the vessel.

Dr. Hassler, on his arrival, found that the captain of the vessel, J. H. Jones, the purser and twelve members of the crew had contracted the malady on the way to this port. He found that they had recovered and permitted the ship to land its passengers.

Captain Jones reported that Mexicans on the west coast are dying by the thousand from Spanish influenza.

The ship, which is commanded by Captain Jones, was released from Federal quarantine at 4:20 p.m. and proceeded to Pier 44, where she was warped alongside. As soon as it was learned at the pier that the vessel still was in quarantine friends and relatives of the voyagers, who had gathered at the wharf, were requested not to approach the vessel.

The steamer brought 47 first cabin passengers, 25 second cabin and 47 seamen, who were passengers of the Blackford and Coos Bay, U. S. Shipping Board vessels sunk in an early September hurricane off the Mexican coast.

Among some of the prominent passengers aboard the vessel are:

- Benjamin Gonzales and Hilario Larrea, coffee planters of Salvador
- Douglas McNeil, British Consul, West Coast of Mexico
- Julio Lemos, merchant of Guatemala
- R. E. McSperrall, banker of Nicaragua
- Edwin Pallas, lawyer of Nicaragua
- Santiago Viana, bishop of Salvador
- Gertrudias Molina, wife of a prominent coffee planter of Salvador

With 118 cases of Spanish influenza now in San Francisco and numerous others in the bay cities, Dr. William C. Hassler, city health official, stated yesterday that while there is no great cause for alarm he looks for a further spread of the disease.

“Nearly all of the cases are in a mild form,” Dr. Hassler said, “and residents of the city have nothing to fear if they will observe precaution.”

The majority of the cases are confined to city hospitals and the ones in the homes are carefully quarantined.

In one family alone six cases out of the seven members are reported. These are the wife of J. Riley Bailey, a missionary, who came here recently from Pennsylvania, and his five children. The missionary is the only member of the family who has not caught the fever.

Dr. Hassler stated that at present he did not deem it necessary to order the schools closed or places of public amusement, though it may come to this if the disease assumes any great headway.

Eleven nurses at the Fabiola Hospital, Oakland, have influenza, according to reports made to the health authorities. Ten other new cases were reported yesterday, making 33 in Oakland since the disease started. The nurses contracted the grip from patients.

Restrictions placed on Presidio troops

Restrictions have been placed upon the enlisted men at the Presidio which prevent their passing outside the military reservation without consent of their company commanders, and then only on business, as the result of the Spanish influenza scare and the developments at Camp Presidio yesterday, according to Captain Steinhardt, adjutant at the Presidio.

Some of the cases of influenza have developed at the Presidio, and the restrictions are precautionary, it is said.

According to Colonel E. H. Hartnett, chief of the Presidio medical staff, the street railways have been advised not to permit soldiers on overcrowded cars. A sentry at the gate has been instructed to allow no man to depart which has more passengers than there are inside. Boeken, superintendent of the Municipal line, stated last night that he had been advised that the military authorities are considering the advisability of curtailing the entry of all street cars to the Presidio. This action is not contemplated for several days, Boeken said.