

QUARANTINE PROVES TIME OF GAIETY

Yerba Buena Island, With Its
Six Thousand Population, Will
Give a Circus to Exterminate
the Germ of Loneliness

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ALTHOUGH the residents of Yerba Buena Island declare that they fully appreciate just how Napoleon must have felt at St. Helena, they do not mean to scorn all opportunities for gaiety even if their quarantine does immure them on the island for another few weeks. Meantime, the navy doctors will exterminate the Spanish influenza germs.

Tomorrow all of the island population, which includes many families of officers, a few hundred civilians, 2,000 sailors and about thirty yeomanettes, is going to join in holding a circus de luxe. This day was decided upon as it is the first day after pay-day and the boys at the island have had no chance to spend a cent since the quarantine against the epidemic was declared two weeks ago. The entertainment, which is sponsored by Mrs. Edward Durell, wife of Captain Durell, commandant at the training station, is given as a benefit for the Navy Relief. Mrs. Durell is head of this organization for California.

The circus will be held on the parade ground. All around the big place are small sideshows. Among the spectators are many young men who have had actual experience at a circus, and they delight in showing off their prowess of other times. The greatest excitement prevails at the island over the day's sport and pastimes, and every one there is entering into the spirit of it.

Among the yeomanettes are several young women with histrionic and musical ability. Every one of these young women is taking part. The regular theatrical costumers that dress the big plays are costuming the circus performers at the island, and a great spirit of rivalry prevails between the various concessionaires.

Besides the usual sideshow attractions, such as the snake charmer, the fire eater and sword swallower, the dancing dervish and so on, there will be concessions for "hot dogs," ice cream and cake and so on and on. Lieutenant James Hicks has the "Kick the Kaiser" booth, which is expected to "go great."

Absolutely nothing has been overlooked that might add to the fun and incidentally bring in the dollars to Mrs. Durell's Navy Relief. This society looks after the families of sailors during sickness and trouble before the regular Government channels can supply the assistance.

The only cloud at the horizon at the island hovers over the fact that no one from San Francisco can be present to see the performance, and all praise over the entertainment must come from the folks who are promoting it.