

other physicians and yourself, each one of you selecting the Agent is whom you have the greatest confidence to carry out the disinfection.

Should the companies present the least difficulty in this matter, communicate it to me at once by wire with the name of the manager of each and his address.

From this date, mention in the daily bulletin, the number of coaches and box cars of each road that are disinfected.—*Eduardo Liceaga*, President of the Board:

OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Mexico, 23rd of March, 1904.

Dr. C. Guerra Espinosa, Special Delegate of the Supreme Board of Health.—Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas.

From your messages of yesterday and day before, I note the Sanitary work executed there by the Special Service during the last forty-eight hours. As according to reports by Dr. N. del Río, a house was found with sixteen apartments, in which there were many larvae in the cistern and mosquitoes in the rooms, a search must be made for others that might be in a similar condition, as it is the intention not to leave a single infected mosquito in the whole town.—*Eduardo Liceaga*, Presidente of the Board.

Section 1st Number 1520 to 1523.—Under the authority which the Department of Communications and public Works granted to this Supreme Board of Health on the 26th of June, 1899, to establish measures relating to

public hygiene on the railroads, it has been arranged that the staff of the Special Sanitary Service in Veracruz shall daily disinfect the Pullman cars, passenger coaches and box cars of all the trains that enter the port, in view of the fact that the cases of Yellow Fever which have lately been observed in that town arrived by railroad from the different places which were invaded last year by that disease.

I think it necessary to inform you that the disinfection does not cause any injury whatever to the cars, as it is made by means of sulphureous acid vapor and its only object is to destroy the mosquitoes that may be inside the cars, and the operation will be made every day at the moment the trains reach the city, leaving the cars closed until they are again brought into service, so as to prevent the entrance of mosquitoes that might be infected.

As the company which you so worthily represent will understand, it is to its own interest to accept these measures, as the persons who travel on the line will have, up to a certain point, a guarantee that they will not contract the Yellow Fever through traveling in the cars that enter or leave the places in which that disease has existed. I do not doubt that for the sake of public health and the convenience of your company, you will issue the respective orders to the proper officers, so that the measure decided on will be executed without any difficulty, and I have the pleasure at the same time of repeating the assurances of my distinguished consideration.

Liberty and Constitution. Mexico, 24th of March, 1904.
—*Eduardo Liceaga*, President of the Board.

To Mr. O'Gorman, Representative of the Mexican Railroad Company.—To Lic. Pablo Martinez del Río, Representative of the Interoceanic Railway Company.—To

Lic. Pablo Martínez del Río, Representative of the Veracruz & Pacific Railroad Company.—To Lic. Emilio Velasco, Representative of the Veracruz & Alvarado Railroad Company.

OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Mexico, 26th of March, 1904.

Delegate of the Supreme Board of Health, Veracruz.
The President of the Board has charged me to inform you, as Inow dc, that in order to inconvenience the railroad companies as little as possible, the box cars must be disinfected on the wharf; the disinfection will last for two hours in the box cars and three in the passenger coaches. In the mixed train to Orizaba, this operation will last an hour and a half, and you will do everything possible to conciliate the sanitary rules with the interests of the railroad companies.
—*J. Huici*, General Secretary.

Supreme Board of Health, Mexico.—Section 1.—Number 1645.—By orders of the President of the Board, I have the honor to address you in order to inform you that it is absolutely indispensable to undertake a campaign in proper form, as has been done in other parts of the Republic, to combat the Yellow Fever that exists in Tehuantepec, according to information supplied by the Political Chief of that District.

As you will remember, the Department of the interior addressed a circular to the Government under your worthy charge, informing it of a new plan of campaign

against Yellow Fever and its reappearance, which you were pleased to accept. As I have already stated, cases of this disease have appeared in Tehuantepec, probably in greater number than that shown by the official data, according to private reports, and this doubtless is due to the fact that the cases are hidden and that some of the foreign physicians do not report those cases to the authorities in spite of the fact that the law obliges them to do so.

The pamphlets which the Board has published to combat the fever I refer to and to give practical effect to the measures which hygiene advises in order to avoid its reappearance, contain full and detailed instructions on these points. I forward you five copies of these pamphlets and call your attention to the special points treated therein, and which are: the strict isolation of the diseased or suspected persons from the moment that the fever commences, thus preventing the mosquitoes which might be infected from entering the dwelling and carrying the infection elsewhere; the destruction of the mosquitoes and their larvae and the disinfection of the rooms occupied by the patients, the principal object of which is to kill off the infected mosquitoes. By way of complement to these radical measures, we must think of the sanitation of the localities in which the disease appears, so as to place them under the best hygienic conditions, and not allow any water to stand in the streets, because that is where the mosquitoes deposit their eggs through which the species is propagated, and also make a general cleaning of the streets, squares, dwelling, markets, slaughter houses, etc.

According to the reports sent to the Board by the Political Chief of the District of Tehuantepec, there is no Lazaret in that town which is adapted to receive the Yellow Fever patients, and there is only a small ward avail-

lable in the Civil Hospital, which is barely sufficient to admit four patients, and in which the doors and windows are not screened. As the conditions required in the isolation wards are so simple, only requiring that they shall be whitewashed with lime, the floor made impermeable by any simple process and that the doors and windows be provided with wire screens in order to prevent the mosquitoes penetrating and becoming infected by biting the patients, it will be easy to improvise such isolating wards. The Board is ready to furnish the necessary wire cloth.

In order to procure uniformity in the operations which are detailed in the plan I have referred to, the expeditionary brigade will shortly proceed to Tehuantepec (provided you approve), to carry out those measures, as is now being done in Veracruz, Tampico and Victoria, and as will be done in all places where Yellow Fever cases have appeared.

The Board begs that you will give your valuable assistance in the prompt extinguishing of that focus of epidemics, which, if not at once stamped out will spread over the whole Isthmus and afterwards to the principal ports on both coasts, thus rendering it almost impossible to carry out the intentions of the General Government and the President of this corporation, to finally stamp out Yellow Fever from the National territory.

I protest to you my distinguished considerations.

Liberty and Constitution. Mexico, 31st of March, 1904—*J. Huici*, General Secretary.

To the Governor of the State of Oaxaca.

OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Mexico, 6th of April, 1904.

Dr. C. Guerra Espinosa, Special Delegate of the Supreme Board of Health.—Ciudad Victoria.

Please leave some person in charge of the Sanitary Service of your city and proceed with two of your most experienced agents to Monclova, Coahuila, and there establish a service similar to those existing in Veracruz, Tampico and Ciudad Victoria. Beg Dr. Juan C. Fernández in my name to take charge of the continuation of the service, under the same conditions as it has been organized in other places, in the event of your not being able to personally attend to, and direct the disinfection of the few houses in which there were sick people in that locality.

Please answer by wire.—*Eduardo Liceaga*, President of the Board.

OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Mexico, 7th of April, 1904.

Dr. Pedro Argüelles, Governor of the State of Tamaulipas, C. Victoria.

My esteemed friend:

As I fear that on commencing to carry out the disinfection in the centre of the city, some persons will refuse to allow the Sanitary Agents to pass into the interior of

their dwellings, I beg to suggest that your Government should publish a Police ordinance obliging the inhabitants to permit the domiciliary visits. In that ordinance you might say that the Supreme Board of Health has assumed the direction of the campaign against Yellow Fever, and that the Ordinance is issued at the request of this Board. You know better than anybody else, that the point of greatest interest is, that no infested mosquitoes that might later on reproduce the epidemic, should remain and that in order to destroy them it is necessary to disinfect as well as to watch that they do not deposit their larvae in the clean water cisterns that exist in the interior of the houses. I likewise beg that you will give the orders that you may consider necessary in order that the local authorities, far from opposing the execution of these measures, should give all personal support to the Sanitary Staff in the execution of the same.

I anticipate to you my most sincere thanks for the attention that you may be pleased to give to my suggestion, and remain, very sincerely yours,—*Eduardo Liceaga*, President of the Board.

OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Mexico, 7th of April, 1904.

Sanitary Agent.—Laredo, Tamaulipas.

With the object of giving uniformity to the work of the campaign against Yellow Fever in those parts of the Republic that last year were invaded by the disease, a Sanitary Brigade has been formed which visits all the infected

towns. Dr. Narciso del Rio is the Chief of that Brigade and will shortly reach your city. I tell you this for your information.—*Eduardo Liceaga*, President of the Board.

OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Mexico, 9th of April, 1904.

Mr. Manuel M. Hinojosa, President of the Sanitary Board.—Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas.

Received your message of yesterday with thanks, in which you report the work done by the Yellow Fever Staff in your city during the same day.

Would it not be possible to increase the daily number of disinfections? Because the season is now approaching when the Yellow Fever might spread.

I beg you will give orders to exercise a strict oversight, so as to discover the first person sick or suspected of Yellow Fever, and isolate him so as to prevent his infecting the mosquitoes that propagate the disease.—*Eduardo Liceaga*, President of the Board.

OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Mexico, 11th of April, 1904.

Sanitary Agent.—Laredo.

I note your messages of the 7th and 8th inst.

I have written to the Managers of the National Railroad asking them to order that a disinfection be made of

the Pullman and passenger coaches in the form established by yourself under agreement with Dr. del Rio. I wish you to organize a service on the railroad that will allow of an inspection of the passengers before their arrival in your city, with the object of isolating those who may appear sick or even be suspected of Yellow Fever or Small-pox, as it is my desire to take away every reasonable pretext for the imposition of quarantine in Texas.—*Eduardo Liceaga*, Presidente of the Board.

OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Mexico, 12th of April, 1904.

Dr. Narciso del Rio, Delegate of the Supreme Board of Health in Commission.—Laredo.

Your message of today noted.

If you believe that the Staff in your city, dedicated to domiciliary visits, disinfection of houses and destruction of larvae is sufficiently well organized for you to feel certain that Yellow Fever will not be reproduced there and to inspire the same certainty in the Sanitary authorities of Texas, please request a conference on behalf of the Board with Dr. Mc Knight, and show him the work which is being done in Veracruz, Tampico, Ciudad Victoria Linares, Monterey and your own town, as well as those that are about to be commenced in Valles, Antiguo Morelos, Ozuluama, Tantoyuca and Huejutla, as I wish them to be convinced that the quarantine which they have imposed is absolutely unnecessary.

If you think it desirable, invite Dr. McKnight to see what has been done.

After doing this and again revising the local work, you can come here, as I need you.—*Eduardo Liceaga*, President of the Board.

Government of the Free and Sovereign State of Oaxaca.

This Government is very grateful to your Hon. Corporation for its praiseworthy zeal in fighting Yellow Fever in the City of Tehuantepec, and I have the pleasure of informing you that this Government approved in September of last year, the estimate presented by the Political Chief of that District, who at that time was Major Manuel Fuentesvilla, for the reconstruction of the Lazaret in that city, situated on the side of the «Cerro de Guieveche,» the amount which has been appropriated covering the wire cloth which is so necessary for the doors and windows of the wards.

On this point, an inquiry has been addressed to the present Political Chief of that District, as to the actual condition of the Lazaret and what work was executed there under the appropriation of September of last year. At the same time, the pamphlets which you forwarded together with your esteemed note of the 31st of March last, are being forwarded to that officer, with a recommendation to do everything that depends upon himself in accordance with the instructions therein contained,

It only remains for me to inform you, that this Government not only approves the passing of the expeditionary Brigade to Tehuantepec to take the measures against Ye-

llow Fever, but also would be obliged by its being promptly sent there, in view of the frequent cases of the disease that have been observed in that town.

I take this opportunity to repeat to you the expression of my distinguished consideration.

Liberty and Constitution. Oaxaca de Juárez, 13th of April, 1904.—*Emilio Pimentel*.

To the President of the Supreme Board of Health.—Mexico.

Supreme Board of Health, Mexico,—Section 1st.—Number 1902.

Under the authority which the Department of Communications and Public Works granted to this Supreme Board of Health on the 26th of June, 1899, for arranging measures relative to public hygiene on the railroads, it has been arranged that the employes of the Sanitary Staff in Laredo, will make a daily disinfection of the Pullman and passenger coaches and box cars of all the trains entering the city,

I think it desirable to inform you, that the disinfection will cause no injury whatever to the cars, as it will be carried out by means of sulphureous acid vapors and with the sole purpose of destroying the mosquitoes in the interior of the coaches, and that the operation will be carried out every day on the arrival of the trains in the city, after which the coaches will remain closed till they again come into service.

As the Company which you represent will understand, it is to its own interest to accept this measure, as the per-

sons who may travel over its line will have, up to a certain point, a guarantee that they will not contract Yellow Fever through travelling in the cars that arrive at or leave the places where the above disease prevailed during the previous year.

I do not doubt that for the good of the public health and in the interest of your Company, you will issue the proper orders so that the measure decided on may be carried out without any difficulty. I have the pleasure of repeating the assurances of my distinguished consideration.

Liberty and Constitution. Mexico, 16th of April, 1904.—*Eduardo Liceaga*, President of the Board.

To Mr. Robert B. Gorsuch, Representative of the International Railroad.

OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Dr. Liceaga, Mexico.

I am in some apprehension as regards Laredo, Mexico.

The disinfection there has been made and inspection in carried out with regularity; but the cases of fever are not enclosed with mosquito screens and systematic methods are not put in force for the destruction of the mosquitoes. Could you not order the immediate use of mosquito screens in all cases of fever until there is proof that they are not Yellow Fever, and at the same time require the destruction of the mosquitoes and their larvae? These measures have been in operation in Laredo, Texas for over a month and will be continued; and it is to be desired that the same