

directly to Tampico, both to Col. Agapito Villegas, Commander of the Garrison as well as to the Mayor and the President of the Chamber of Commerce Mr. Felipe de J. Gonzalez, and as you will see from the copies of their respective answers which I enclose, there is no ground for the report that has been given to both yourself and Dr. Tabor, seeing that the case of Yellow Fever you refer to did not exist. There is therefore no reason for establishing a quarantine in Monterrey against persons coming from that Port.»

I have the honor to insert the above for your information and enclose one of the copies above referred to.»

I transcribe the above for your information and enclose the copy referred to.

Liberty and Constitution. Monterrey, 21st of May, 1904.—*Bernardo Reyes*.—*Ramon Chavarri*, Secretary.

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

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OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Mexico, 23rd of May, 1904.

D. Carlos Manuel Garcia, Delegate of the Supreme Board of Health in Commission, Tehuantepec.

From your message of yesterday I note the Sanitary report on the Yellow Fever in your town for the last 24 hours, and with greater satisfaction, that the «Casa de Salud» is now complete, and also the measures that you have adopted to avoid the spread of the disease. Please

send a Sanitary Agent to Niltpec to investigate the origin of the case of Yellow Fever reported by you and to carry out the disinfection and destruction of the larvae. Please also address a polite note to the local authorities of that town asking that they will adopt the same measures for cleanliness that you advise for Tehuantepec. —  
*Eduardo Liceaga*, President of the Board.

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OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Mexico, 24th of May, 1904.

Political Chief of the Canton of Veracruz.—Veracruz.

I answer your message of yesterday which contains the Sanitary Report on Yellow Fever in your Port for the last 24 hours and the work of the Special Service during the same period.

I beg you will obtain the necessary data from the Medical Officer of the District where the fresh case of Yellow Fever was found in order to know how many days the patient had been sick; whether the house he occupied has been disinfected; where he is being attended, and all other information that you may consider necessary, as it is our duty to prevent the re-appearance of the disease and it is indispensably necessary to investigate where the measures adopted in the struggle against Yellow Fever are not well applied, so as to apply the remedy.—*Eduardo Liceaga*, President of the Board.

## OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Coatzacoalcos, 24th of May, 1904.

President of the Supreme Board of Health.

The Master and Second Officer of the Russian vessel «Arcturus,» anchored in this Port from the 19th of April last, acquired the disease here, although it has been found impossible to prove the existence of a previous case of Yellow Fever that could be considered as the cause, in spite of the efforts made to discover it. I have consulted Dr. Stubbs who attended those patients, and up to this date he ignores the cause of the disease. The last case of Yellow Fever observed in the Port was in November last. I will give further details by mail.—*Victoriano Montalvo*, Delegate.

## OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Mexico, 25th of May, 1904.

Delegate of the Supreme Board of Health.—Coatzacoalcos.

I note your message of yesterday. I await the report you promise relating to the last cases of Yellow Fever, but I now point out to you that it is necessary to make a strict scientific investigation with the Master of the «Arcturus» and Second Officer of the ship, examining the places which they visited for five days before their sickness, for fear that some other case might exist and have passed unperceived, thus giving rise to the present cases. Better

than any other person, you will understand the scientific importance of determining the origin of the first cases so as to contribute to the etiological study of the disease, and the practical interest from a hygienic point of view of making this investigation so as to adopt the necessary measures.—*Eduardo Liceaga*, President of the Board.

## OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Veracruz, 25th of May, 1904.

President of the Supreme Board of Health.

The fresh case in the Hospital is that of a boy from the School ship «Yucatan,» who came from Mexico and has been two months in this Port. On the 13th inst. he was admitted in the Military Hospital suffering from pruritus. Seven days afterwards fever set in, which was diagnosed as Yellow Fever on the following day, and the patient isolated in the special ward. There can be no doubt that he took the infection in that Hospital, and died Monday afternoon. As the patient lived in no house here and had been in the Hospital a greater number of days than the period of incubation of the disease, there has been nothing to disinfect.—*F. Ortiz*, Political Chief,

## OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

(Urgent)

Mexico, 26th of May, 1904.

Governor of the State of Nuevo Leon, Monterrey.

I consider it important to inform you that I received a message yesterday from Dr. Matienzo, the Sanitary

Delegate in Tampico, informing me that he had received notice of the existence of two cases suspected of Yellow Fever. I communicate the above to Dr. Tabor and beg you will do me the favor to notify the American Consul in your city as well as the representative of the U. S. Marine Hospital Service and of said Dr. Tabor, in order that they may know the true facts.—*Eduardo Liceaga*, President of the Board.

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OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Mexico, 26th of May, 1904.

Delegate of the Supreme Board of Health.—Tampico.

With the greatest satisfaction I note from your message of yesterday that the suspected cases of Yellow Fever at La Barra have not been confirmed. In view of the knowledge we have of the longest duration of life in the «*Stegomya*» mosquito, and that the last case of Yellow Fever was observed there on the 3rd of November, 1903, there can be no autochthonic infection in the locality, and it therefore becomes necessary to take special precautions to prevent infected persons or mosquitos from arriving by sea from Veracruz or Progreso. In order to avoid this danger, and considering that you cannot neglect your other duties as Sanitary Delegate as well as those connected with the Special Service, I desire that you should propose a physician who will go and receive vessels arriving from those points at La Barra and who will be paid out of the monthly appropriation for Yellow Fever, the sum that he may consider desirable for every occasion he executes this duty. As regards those who may

come from Ozuluama, Tantoyuca or from the other side of the Panuco, please propose the method for establishing a service that will protect us from that side.—*Eduardo Liceaga*, President of the Board.

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OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Mexico, 26th of May, 1904.

Medical Sanitary Agent, Ciudad Porfirio Díaz.

I beg that by the most rapid method you will transmit the following message to Dr. George R. Tabor, President of the Board of Health of the State of Texas in Austin:

«The supposed suspected cases of Yellow Fever in La Barra, Tampico, were not confirmed.»—*Eduardo Liceaga*, President of the Board.

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OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Laredo, 26th of May, 1904.

President of the Supreme Board of Health.

Last night a heavy rain fell in this city that inundated all the low ground, forming large pools of water.

I am trying to avoid the breeding of mosquitos by draining the pools where possible and either filling up or spreading oil on the others.—*Juan F. de la Garza*, Delegate.

## OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

(Very Urgent.)

Mexico, 27th of May, 1904.

Delegate of the Supreme Board of Health.—Coatzacoalcos.

Your message of today received. After arranging with Dr. Stubbs, see if it is possible to transport the patient from Jaltipan to the Lazaret in your Port. If this is not practicable, proceed to that place at once, asking for the means from Pearson, and if there is no other way go in a hand car, as it is urgent to make the immediate isolation of the patient in a screened room. If you have no wire gauze use perforated paper or thin cloth that will at any cost prevent the patient from being stung by mosquitos.

Carefully investigate the origin of this case, as on your activity in this investigation depends the prevention of the formation of a new focus.

Report at once whatever happens in this matter.—  
*Eduardo Liceaga*, President of the Board.

## OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Mexico, 27th of May, 1904.

Dr. Walter Wyman, Surgeon General U. S. Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, Washington, D. C.

A case of Yellow Fever has appeared in Jaltipan near Coatzacoalcos.—*Eduardo Liceaga*, President of the Board.

Supreme Board of Health. Delegation in Coatzacoalcos.—No. 328.

I have the honor to inform you, that in spite of my persistent investigation of the origin or cause of the cases of Yellow Fever which have lately appeared in this Port, I have been unable to find any other than the following.

When the first cases appeared I was absent from this place in compliance with the commission that you entrusted to me. As soon as I arrived here I communicated with Dr. Stubbs, the Physician of the Railroad Hospital, with whom I had a long conference on the subject; but without our being able to reach a satisfactory result in our investigations.

Since the month of November last we had not observed any case of Yellow Fever up to the present, and the only inference we could reach is that the disease may have originated from two causes.

First: The mosquitos which produced the disease may have existed here as larvae from November last in a state of hibernation.

Second: It may have been brought from Veracruz in one of the steamers that constantly come from that Port.

There is no other way of easily explaining the origin; and it is to be noted that the two first cases were of Russian sailors on board of a vessel of that nationality which is here, whilst the third was a man from Oaxaca who had been in the Hospital for the past three months, where he contracted the disease without leaving the Institution.

This fresh consideration further confirms me in the opinion I have just expressed to you.

Notwithstanding the above, I will continue my work

of investigation and will in due time report any further information that I may be able to obtain.

Today we have no fresh case and I expect there will be none, in view of the work that we have undertaken in order to avoid the spread of the disease.

Liberty and Constitution. Coatzacoalcos, 27th of May, 1904.—*Victoriano Montalvo*, Delegate.

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

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OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Mexico, 27th of May, 1904.

Political Chief of the Canton of Veracruz.—Ver.

Many thanks for the report you have given me in your message of yesterday with respect to the sailor who died of Yellow Fever.

From that report it is evident that the infection originated in the ward where the patient was before entering the special Yellow Fever Ward, and which contains infected mosquitos and must be disinfected today without fail, whatever may be the difficulties to be overcome in transporting the patients to another ward, as if we do not take this step, the Hospital will become a real focus of infection.

I beg that you will communicate this to the Medical Officer in whose district the Hospital is.—*Eduardo Liccaga*, President of the Board.

Mexico, 27th of May, 1904.

Dr. Walter Wyman, Surgeon General of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service of the United States.—Washington, D. C.

My Distinguished Colleague:

In No. 20 of the *Public Health Reports* of the 13th inst., page 901, it is stated that «A Mexican who recently returned from Victoria, Mexico, and who was diagnosed as suffering from *Hematuria malarica* by the local physician, was and still is convalescent of Yellow Fever.»

I at once requested a report by wire from the Special Delegate of the Board, and he has answered me that he has made a very careful investigation, from which it appears that no case, either confirmed or suspected of Yellow Fever, has been observed in that locality.

I have the pleasure of communicating the above to you for your information and in order that you may give your orders for the rectification of the report I refer to, as there are no data to show that it was a case of Yellow Fever.

With the greatest esteem I remain, Yours sincerely,  
*Eduardo Liccaga*, President of the Board.

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OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Tampico, 28th of May, 1904.

Presidente of the Supreme Board of Health.

Referring again to your message relative to the appointment of a physician to board the vessels from Vera-

cruz and Progreso at La Barra, and by agreement with the second Medical Delegate, I beg to state that as the vessels arriving from those Ports are few, we have no objection to making those visits ourselves with the greatest care and minuteness, as well as all the other sanitary business. In compensation you might appoint an assistant with the salary of second Medical Officer so that he may be commissioned to board only those vessels that bring a clean bill of health.—*Antonio Matienzo*, Delegate.

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TEHUANTEPEC NATIONAL RAILROAD COMPANY.

Mexico, 28th of May, 1904.

To the Secretary General of the Supreme Board of Health.

Referring to your communication of the 21st inst., No. 2592, I have the honor to inform you that I have transcribed that communication to the General Manager of the Tehuantepec National R. R. in order that the request of your Honorable Board relative to the disinfection of the cars on that line may be complied with. I protest my respect, *Emilio Velasco*.

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OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Jaltipan, 28th of May, 1904.

President of the Supreme Board of Health.

In company with Dr. Stubbs, who is attending G. P.

Kratzer, a Yellow Fever patient, I visited him and we confirmed the diagnosis. The disease was acquired in this town where there are other cases that I am going to examine accompanied by the local authorities. Mr. Kratzer is in the seventh day and shows a tendency to mend. The *facies* are characteristic of Yellow Fever and there is a great quantity of albumen in the urine. The isolation has been completed with a wire guaze bed curtain and the room disinfected.—*V. Montalvo*, Delegate.

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OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.

Coatzacoalcos, 28th of May, 1904.

President of the Supreme Board of Health.

I refer to your message received last night. Today I establish myself in Jaltipan. The diagnosis of Yellow Fever in Mr. Kratzer is confirmed. He acquired the disease in this town. Hearing of another case in Juan Aparicio, native of the place, I made a careful examination and found him in the eleventh day of a serious attack of Yellow Fever, with albumen in the urine, well defined jaundice and was informed that he had vomited blood. On visiting this patient I was informed that twelve individuals had died in the neighbouring houses with similar symptoms. The disease presented itself in a violent and rapid form in several members of a family and subsequently in the neighbouring houses. The first case appeared in a woman of the lower class who had not left her house, where she was attacked by the disease that caused her death. J. Ansell, a young American, remained