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Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: October 19, steamship *Syria*; crew, 44; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, 2; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. October 24, steamship *Bergenserren*; crew, 16; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none; steamship *Esperanza*; crew, 14; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

W. K. FORT,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

*Vessels touching at Honolulu to file a copy of their bills of health.*

HONOLULU, H. I., *October 19, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Department letter dated the 30th ultimo (E. B. S.), relative to the matter of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha filing a copy of their bills of health at this office.

In reply I have to state that since the matter of the British steamers *Miovera* and *Moana* (Fine Cases 106 and 109), I deemed it advisable to request the masters of all vessels touching at this port, en route to and from foreign ports, to file a copy of their bills of health, and, as they are usually issued in triplicate by the United States consul, I did not consider it would be any hardship for the masters to comply with this request and it would furnish this office with a proper record.

I beg to thank you for supporting me in this matter.

Respectfully,

E. R. STACKABLE,

*Collector of Customs.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Influenza and dysentery.*

HONOLULU, H. I., *October 25, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that there were 37 cases of influenza and 88 cases of dysentery occurring in the Hawaiian Islands for this month up to date, this information having been furnished to this office by the Hawaiian Territorial board of health.

Respectfully,

L. E. COFER,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,*

*Chief Quarantine Officer, Hawaiian Islands.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Further concerning plague-infected rats on the steamship Waialeale.*

HONOLULU, H. I., *October 29, 1901.*

SIR: Referring to my letter of the 14th instant relative to the finding of rats dead of plague on board the steamship *Waialeale* at this port, I have the honor to inform you that up to this date there have been no further developments from this focus.

On opening the hold after the preliminary sulphur disinfection we found 12 more dead rats; 1 of them, selected at random, was examined

and found to have died of plague, the plague bacillus showing up plentifully in the smears. This vessel was given a most thorough disinfection, the whole process occupying five days. Article XV and article XVI of Department Circular No. 6 were followed strictly to the letter, with the result that the *Waialeale* is at the present time absolutely clean and free from infection.

Respectfully,

L. E. COFER,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,  
Chief Quarantine Officer, Hawaiian Islands.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Steam chambers installed at the Channel Wharf.*

HONOLULU, H. I., *October 29, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that 2 of the steam chambers lately forwarded here for service at this station have been installed in a most thorough and practical manner by the station force under Superintendent J. D. McVeigh. The only expense attending their installation was that for necessary lumber, extra pipe, bolts, and paint, all of which we bought from the regular station contracts.

It is believed that with the prices charged for labor here, fully \$700 has been saved our allotment by having the chambers installed as just stated. We are now well equipped on the Channel Wharf for outgoing quarantine work, and it will be the policy of this office, unless otherwise ordered, to encourage the performance of this work here should quarantinable disease again appear in Honolulu.

Respectfully,

L. E. COFER,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,  
Chief Quarantine Officer, Hawaiian Islands.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

HONDURAS.

*Reports from La Ceiba—Fruit port.*

LA CEIBA, HONDURAS, *October 26, 1901.*

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended October 26, 1901:

Present officially estimated population, about 3,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, none. Prevailing disease, malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: October 23, steamship *Ely*; crew, 20; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. October 24, steamship *Breifond*; crew, 15; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. October 26, steam-