

DENIAL OF CHARGES

Passenger on Sherman Defends Captain Babcock.

SAYS HE DID HIS DUTY

Those Who Complained of Shameful Treatment Are Denounced by James Gill as Malicious and Unworthy of Belief.

QUARANTINE STATION, Astoria, June 20.—(To the Editor.)—In your issue of this date appears an article entitled "Serious Charge Against Babcock" meaning Captain Campbell E. Babcock, Quartermaster, U. S. A. and Quartermaster-in-charge of the United States Army transport Sherman.

The charges as published, as far as they refer to Captain Babcock personally, are absolutely false and I believe made with malicious intent by persons not worthy of the least consideration; and, if the undersigned is correctly informed, were prepared by five persons having transportation request furnished them by proper authority. The five persons in question were disgruntled by reason of the Quartermaster, Captain Babcock, being unable to comply with requests made upon him by one or more of the five above mentioned. It may be well before going too far into the matter to give the names of two of the five persons mentioned, the others I am unable to give. The first is F. Dougherty, an ex-soldier of the Twentieth Infantry, who was discharged for some reason unknown to the undersigned and later was a bartender in Manila before leaving for the United States.

As stated before, he was furnished a transportation request authorizing Captain Babcock to accommodate F. Dougherty with soldier's quarters on his ship. His wife was given second cabin quarters. If this hard and tried soldier took upon himself to sleep out of quarters, he no doubt did so for a purpose; was it to prepare himself for a future campaign, or to injure, or rather, try to injure the reputation of a tried and honest soldier?

J. Florez Is Denounced.

Second, we have one J. Florez, an indigent citizen, shipped out of Manila for the good of the Philippine Islands. This poor and penniless being was also furnished soldier's transportation of the same manner and kind as that given Dougherty. Transportation was furnished Florez because he was without means; yet we find he held money orders in his possession for \$200 or more, in addition to ready cash. The above is part of what is known of the two gentlemen whose names appear above and whom it is thought are the president and recorder of a self-appointed board of investigation. Grand men of truth and standing as an investigation of these charges would prove them to be. However, I will now try and answer the article referred to by paragraphs.

Paragraph 1.—Yes, many passengers left the ship to continue their journey home. Not being in Portland, I am unable to verify the statement of the vehemence exhibited by these upon their arrival in Portland, against Captain Babcock; but I am satisfied that a canvass of individuals would prove the statement to be malicious and false, except perhaps in the cases of the five persons before mentioned.

Paragraph 2.—The only answer necessary to this paragraph is to inform the unenlightened that the duty of a transport quartermaster is to obey the orders of his superiors; in other words to furnish transportation to any person or persons to whom a request for such has been furnished by the proper authority. The Quartermaster does not give transportation to any one unless so ordered. It would be folly to answer the last three lines of this paragraph, as it would be an insult to any man who had given 30 years of his life to his country to say he was guilty of thinking that he would be denied that which the regulations provide for him.

Crew Attended Services.

Paragraphs 3-4.—There is certainly a mistake in this statement, for the reason that the undersigned attended all but two of the Sunday services, and upon one occasion he got up from his seat and asked two sailors of our Navy to take seats beside him, which they did. The names of these two young men I have since learned to be Holmes and Stone. I believe, if approached, they will testify to the truth of this statement.

Paragraph 5.—Does not touch upon the subject and concerns only a statement of services of the First Infantry.

Paragraph 6.—The Sherman did not leave Manila May 28, as stated, but on May 14. It is true as to the statement of smallpox and the death of the unfortunate victim, which we all sincerely regret. I may add that too much credit cannot be given the ship's surgeon, Captain Malcoe, U. S. A., for his hard fight to save the young man in question; having gone voluntarily into isolation in order to be ever ready to do all that he possibly could to save the victim's life.

Paragraph 7.—The statement that after the death of the smallpox patient vaccinations were frequent is willfully false. It is true that all passengers were vaccinated by the ship's surgeon, assisted by Dr. Manning, Marine Hospital Service, and Contract Surgeons Jones and Cattermole, who were passengers, and of great assistance to the ship's surgeon, being at all times ready and willing to lend a helping hand. Every one was glad to be vaccinated; in fact, at first it was feared there would not be sufficient vaccine virus to permit the vaccination of all, and for this reason some who had been recently successfully vaccinated were not again vaccinated.

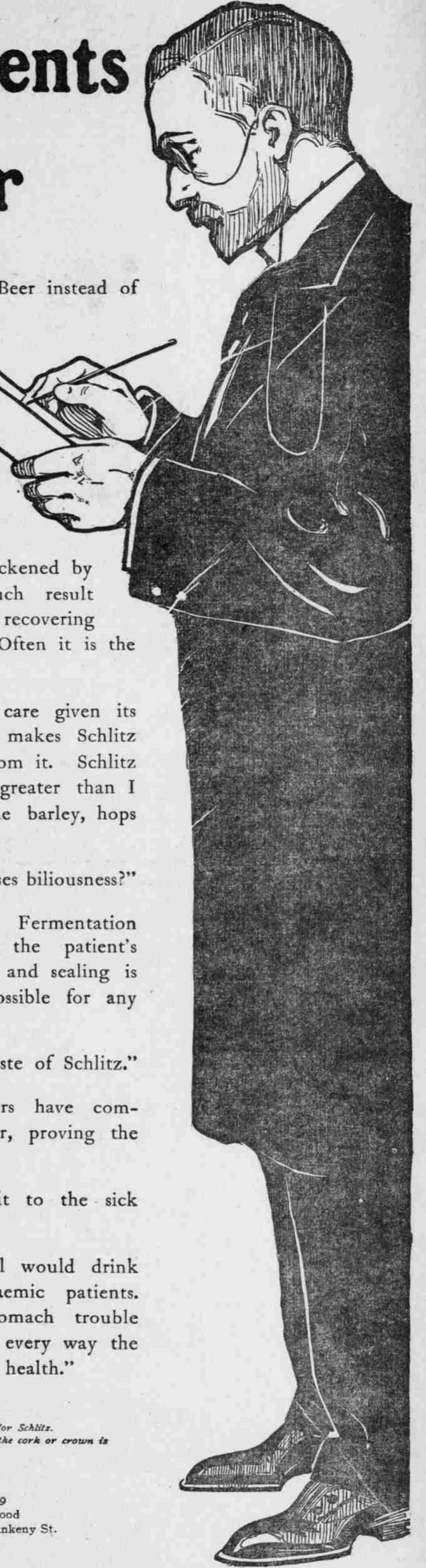
Paragraph 8.—Persons who, in the judgment of the quarantine officials, were considered to have been successfully vaccinated, were permitted to go free.

Marshall Given Privileges.

Paragraph 9.—If Mr. Marshall was selected to champion the cause of the old soldier and others, why did he not do so by making a report to the Quartermaster of the "shameful" treatment meted out to those who had placed themselves under his care? If the undersigned is not mistaken, this Mr. Marshall was given more privileges than others due to his being an old soldier of the Signal Corps. There is no one who would be more willing to listen to complaints and take means to rectify them than Captain Babcock, were they brought to his attention. I am very sure that Captain Babcock will welcome an investigation of his actions as Quartermaster of the transport Sherman, should proper authorities consider it necessary.

Paragraph 10.—It is quite true that the Sherman is a Government transport and did carry a full passenger list out of Manila on May 14. Of course, it is too bad that her capacity is not large enough to carry all who apply for passage. "Proper discharge papers" are not sufficient for a transport

Why the Doctor Gives His Patients Schlitz Beer



Nurse: "Why is it, Doctor, that you use Beer instead of malt extract?"

Doctor: "Schlitz Beer, Nurse. Because I have found that my patients assimilate it better and that there are no ill effects. Have you found anyone under your charge who did not benefit from it?"

Nurse: "No, Doctor. While some patients at the Hospital where I was before were sickened by malt extract, I have never noticed such result from Schlitz Beer here. Even those just recovering from an operation retain Schlitz Beer. Often it is the only food they can take."

Doctor: "It is the best nourishment. The care given its brewing, even to cooling it in filtered air, makes Schlitz Beer so pure that no harm can come from it. Schlitz Beer, too, has a richness in food value, greater than I have found in any other beer, due to the barley, hops and yeast used."

Nurse: "Why is it, Doctor, Schlitz never causes biliousness?"

Doctor: "Because Schlitz is thoroughly aged. Fermentation is completed at the brewery, not in the patient's stomach. The final step after bottling and sealing is the sterilization through which it is impossible for any germ to exist."

Nurse: "My patients seem to enjoy the taste of Schlitz."

Doctor: "Yes. Even old world brewmasters have complimented Schlitz on its full rich flavor, proving the goodness of all the materials."

Nurse: "If Schlitz Beer is such a benefit to the sick it ought to be good for the well."

Doctor: "It is. And if those who are well would drink more of it we would have fewer anaemic patients. We would have less stomach trouble and nerve disorder. In every way the use of Schlitz promotes health."

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Quartermaster to carry passengers. They should be presented to the proper authority, who, in turn, would issue a transportation request to the Quartermaster to furnish transportation. The statement as to soldiers not being allowed to sleep in a berth is misleading and false. Each passenger sailing on the Sherman was furnished transportation in kind, as called for by his request. The Quartermaster does not question the right of any person or persons to transportation on his ship, if those seeking passage are armed with the necessary authority.

Paragraph 11.—It is not required of

the quartermaster to look up the personal history of each passenger on his ship. All passengers embarking on the Sherman were provided with the necessary authority for their passage. I wonder how the antecedents of this investigating committee would look in The Oregonian.

Paragraph 12.—I understand the quartermaster did permit certain parties to eat in the second-class mess by payment of the difference between their transportation request and that of the mess mentioned. This is a matter entirely within his power, and the

two gentlemen mentioned were among them.

Paragraph 13.—Is answered in paragraph three.

Should Have Gone to Captain.

Paragraphs 14-15.—Does not concern the subject matter, but it shows Mr. Marshall to be very brave to rush to the aid of a poor yellow dog being given the "water cure." I wonder what could have been the crime committed by him. I think it would have been a manly act, if not a brave one, for him to have gone to Captain Bab-

cock instead of the press in this matter.

Paragraphs 16-17-18.—Mr. and Mrs. Miller were passengers on the Sherman. Mr. Miller may have been vaccinated 25 times in five years, but he was not vaccinated five times on the Sherman. No passenger was vaccinated more than twice, once after each case that appeared on the ship. This, I think, should be held up as a credit to the forethought of the ship's officers, rather than a discredit.

From personal observation while on this voyage I have found all the officers of the transport Sherman cour-

teous and obliging to all. As for Captain Babcock, he has put forth every effort to see to the comfort of all on board, yet strict in the enforcement of ship's rules.

It is the belief of all with whom I have talked upon this matter that this has been brought about by a few sneaks, who, if the truth were known, receive more than they were really entitled to.

JAMES GILL.
Pendleton Will Not Celebrate.
PENDLETON, Or., June 21.—(Special.)—

It has been decided that Pendleton will not celebrate the Fourth this year. The people will assist the other towns in the county to make the day a momentous one. All Pendleton business houses will be closed.

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