

HEALTH OFFICER CHARGES MORELL WITH NEGLIGENCE

Condemned Dairy Cows Spirited Away From Quarantine Are Sold Outside State as Beef, Alleges Dr. Wheeler.

"Hundreds of dairy cows condemned through the tuberculin test administered by city inspectors have been spirited away from quarantine and sold outside the state as beef," declares Dr. C. H. Wheeler, city health officer.

"As a result, the government has threatened to withdraw the supply of tuberculin used in testing dairy cows for tuberculosis. The execution of this threat would mean suspension of the work of weeding tubercular cows out from among those that are used in connection with the city's milk supply.

"The law makes it the duty of the state veterinarian to prevent these cows being taken from quarantine. There is no evidence that the state veterinarian has made the slightest effort to keep cows in quarantine or to prevent their being taken from quarantine as a result of badly diseased animals in herds, whose owners gave the most trouble during the most vigorous part of the pure milk campaign, have disappeared and there is no accounting for them.

Stamping Work

"Report of cows condemned is rendered to the government bureau of animal industry. Government inspectors check this report. When they do not find the cows in quarantine the responsibility comes back on us. The government has been furnishing tuberculin, which is quite valuable and must be produced with rigid care, free of cost to the city. It will not continue to do so under existing conditions. The state authorities must do their duty in this case or greatly hamper the work for pure milk free from the taint of disease in Portland.

"When cows that are condemned are not kept in quarantine as is thought the work had never been done and it is very discouraging."

Dr. J. F. Morell, state veterinarian, whose offices are in the Sweetland building, is held responsible by Dr. Wheeler for failure to enforce the quarantine law. The statement made by Dr. Wheeler was based on his personal observations and by reports made him by Dr. Herbert Silverwood, city inspector.

Dr. Morell said in answer to the charge yesterday morning that he had only assumed office two months ago, and that he had not secured records of quarantines made. He said that he sent Dr. Lytle, ex-state veterinarian, five days ago for the record of quarantines. He said that the city inspectors had reported some cases where quarantines had been broken, the tags taken from the condemned animals' ears and then they were sold for beef, but he added that he had not attempted any prosecutions or inspections on his own account because he has no assistant.

CHINESE COMMERCIAL MEN MAY VISIT HERE

There is strong probability after all that the Chinese chambers of commerce will send a large delegation to the states next summer for a tour of the country, in response to an invitation that will be issued by the Associated Chambers of the Pacific Coast, of which H. M. Haller, of this city, is president.

Secretary of State P. T. Knox has requested a few days ago by the secretary of the associated chambers to extend an invitation to the Chinese chambers through Wei Wu Pu, the foreign department of the Flowery Kingdom, but the official notified the coast organization that this cannot well be done until the Chinese chambers have signified their intention to accept the invitation. There was some doubt about this a couple of weeks ago owing to the revolution, but recent developments will probably make the trip possible.

The intention is to entertain the Chinese royally, for this treatment was accorded the Pacific coast delegation that visited China about 18 months ago upon invitation from the Chinese chambers of commerce.

COUNTY ASKED TO AID LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION

An appeal was made to the county court yesterday by a committee from the Pacific Northwest Live Stock show for an appropriation to the annual exhibition March 18-20. The committee asked for \$2000, which the county had donated to the live stock fair, but never used. The request was taken under advisement.

The committee consisted of D. O. Lively, C. C. Chapman, Phil Bates, O. H. Plummer, John Sharkey and W. T. Buchanan. Talks were made by each member of the committee. It was promised the county court that the committee by this season would present one of the best stock shows ever given west of Chicago. The stock men are looking forward to the show with much interest, and attention has been given the last 12 months to preparing stock for the annual event. The show will be held at the stock yards.

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British Steamer Is Heavily Fined for Mistreatment of Steerage Passengers.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—Charged with the worst case of neglect of steerage passengers on record under the passenger act of 1882, the owners of the British steamer Orteric have been fined \$7,960 by Acting Secretary Cable of the department of commerce and labor.

Among 1,542 passengers there were in the eight weeks of her voyage 88 deaths, 57 being children, the births numbered 14; the sexes were not properly segregated during the large part of the time; the ventilation of the ship was inadequate and greatly increased the mortality rate; the hospital facilities were ill ventilated and without proper equipment; while the sanitary conditions of the vessel were almost beyond belief. Acting Secretary Cable, after giving ample opportunity for the ship's agents to make a defense, directed that the full penalties be imposed.

The case has been pending before the department since the arrival of the Orteric at Honolulu, April 13th last, where the collector of customs discovered the unlawful conditions. The vessel is not regularly engaged in the steerage business but was specially employed to carry Portuguese and Spanish immigrants through Magellan Straits to Honolulu. The ship was allowed to clear upon depositing a bond for \$15,000.

Owing to the great number of deaths, the grand jury which was in session at the time went on board and made exhaustive examination of the vessel.

No Conveniences Provided.

On the lower deck on which passengers were berthed neither latrines or conveniences were provided for the passengers, in many instances empty meat cans being used, all of the latrines were on the upper deck and could be used only by passengers able or willing to climb there, and they were flushed but twice a day. No proper method was adopted to protect the vessel against the filthy conditions which were thus necessarily created; the decks were not washed and the filth apparently was permitted to remain. No conveniences were originally provided for the use of children and such as were provided were improvised after the vessel commenced her voyage, and were wholly unfit from all standpoints. Although the vessel crossed the equator twice on the voyage, no bath rooms were provided, and up to within a few weeks of the completion of the voyage the only way in which a bath of any kind could be taken was in the public wash room a short time before the vessel arrived at Honolulu a water pipe was fixed up in such a way that something resembling a shower bath could be taken, but there was little privacy even as to this. When the vessel arrived at Honolulu it became necessary to burn all the mattresses.

Says Riot Occurred.

The master of the vessel, James Findlay, attempted to explain the existing conditions by stating that about ten days after leaving Gibraltar there was a riot between the Portuguese and Spanish male passengers, resulting in a pitched battle with knives, clubs, cleavers, and pistols. To prevent further trouble the Portuguese passengers were placed aft, while the Spanish passengers were put in the forward part of the vessel. This resulted in the commingling of the sexes.

The passenger act of 1882 aims to safeguard on steerage ships the comfort and health both moral and physical of future American citizens and to prevent their being landed in a weakened and perhaps disease-infected condition because of improper ventilation or sanitation on the voyage. When a vessel enters a port of the United States with steerage passengers she is boarded by customs officers, under the direction of the bureau of navigation. Before the passengers are landed every portion of the steerage is examined; the space allotted each person is noted; the number and size of the berths; the manner and extent of ventilation, lighting and the amount and quality of food furnished; the size and equipment of hospital spaces and that a doctor is on board; that reasonable privacy and the separation of the sexes from each other, and also from the officers and crew, has been secured and that the officers have maintained discipline and cleanliness of the vessel throughout the voyage. These examinations have brought about great improvements in steerage conditions, and on Transatlantic liners violations are rare.

RENEW NEGOTIATIONS FOR RIVER FRONTAGE

Late information from New York is to the effect that negotiations have been renewed by the Hamburg-American Steamship company for the purchase of the 400 acres of Willamette river frontage known as "Mock's bottom." Several months ago a representative of the Hamburg-American company made an offer for the purchase of this property, presumably with the intention of using it for docks and warehouse purposes for the ships of a line to be established between the Atlantic and Pacific via the Panama canal. The offer for the property was much lower than the price demanded by the owners—Pitcock & Leadbetter, J. Frank Kierman and associates.

Nothing came of these negotiations, although from time to time correspondence has been carried on between the officials of the steamship company and the representatives of the owners of the property in this city. Within the past few days one of the owners of the property received the information from New York that the steamship company had renewed its offer for the land, and it is believed that this turn in the deal indicates that a sale is nearer consummation than it has ever been.

While nothing definite has ever been given out as to the sum of money offered by the Hamburg-American Steamship company for the "Mock bottom" property, it is known that the owners held it at about \$1,000,000, or \$2500 an acre.

MOTHER TURNS TO KISS BABY, FINDS IT DEAD

Gathering her infant daughter in her arms to greet the babe with a morning kiss last Saturday, Mrs. Henry Rutschmann of 311 East Fifty-third street was almost paralyzed with grief to find the little one had died during the night. Accidental suffocation was the verdict returned by County Coroner Norden. The baby was born December 31 last.

POSTAL DEPARTMENT MAY ADD WIRE SERVICE

Washington, Jan. 10.—What may prove to be the entering wedge for control of all wire communications in the country by the postoffice department is found in the proposition to transfer all the duties of the signal corps of the army in Alaska to the postmaster general's department.

In Alaska the signal corps operates an elaborate system of telephone, telegraph and wireless communications. There are about 75 stations, cables, land wires and wireless, with a mileage of 1125 on land and 2833 by cable. There are nine wireless stations. These stations handle not only the government traffic but the commercial and press as well. The receipts of the Alaskan stations amounted during the last year to more than \$215,000. The enlisted men of the signal corps handled all this money without the loss of a cent, according to Brigadier General James Allen, who describes the system in his annual report.

Owing to the shortage of men in the signal corps it is proposed to turn this entire business over to the postoffice department. Congress will be asked to authorize the change.

Progressive Is Elected.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 10.—The Rev. Herbert Bigelow, a Cincinnati progressive, was yesterday elected president of the Fourth Ohio congressional convention on the eleventh ballot. Bigelow favors the initiative.

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