

following précis of a Brazilian Decree, relating to sanitary precautions against the introduction of infectious diseases.

(Partly in Précis.)

Translation of portions of the Brazilian Decree, No. 1558, of October 7, 1893, regulating the Sanitary Service of the ports of the Republic.

ART. 4. The Inspector-General shall . . . (11) in times of epidemics see to the berthing and movements of ships.

ART. 14.—Sec. 4. If the information furnished by the ship is not satisfactory, or if the ship comes from a suspected or infected port, the Sanitary Authority shall not go on board, but shall order the ship to the nearest quarantine station.

Sec. 5. If the information furnished is satisfactory, but if it appears on proceeding to carry out the "ordinary inspection" of the ship that the information was not exact, or that there was bad faith in respect of information given as to the health of the ship, the Sanitary Authority shall not proceed further with the inspection, and shall order the ship to undergo "rigorous inspection" at the quarantine station.

Sec. 6. If the information furnished was inexact only on points of secondary importance which did not concern the health of the ship, the Sanitary Authority shall proceed with the ordinary examination, shall visé the Bill of Health and return it to the master, who shall be fined in accordance with the provisions of these regulations.

ART. 20. No private medical practitioner may be on board a ship without obtaining the permission of the Sanitary Authority, and he shall report the nature of the illness from which his patient is suffering.

ART. 24. If a private doctor finds that his patient is suffering from any pestilential malady he shall so inform the authorities, and shall cease to attend such patient.

ART. 25.—Sec. 4. If the case on board is one of contagious sickness, but not pestilential, the ship shall not be sent to the quarantine anchorage unless the town and port are free from such sickness.

Sec. 5. If the case is pestilential, the ship shall at once be sent to the nearest quarantine station, if the port and town are free from such pestilential sickness.

Bills of Health.

ART. 26. The following ships must exhibit Bills of Health on entering a Brazilian port: (1) Ships from any foreign port; (2) Ships from a Brazilian port where there is a Health Inspector.

The following ships need not exhibit a Bill of Health: (1) Ships running regularly between ports in the same State; (2) Foreign ships of war stationed in Brazilian ports and making excursions to other ports in the Republic; (3) Cruisers; (4) Fishing vessels; (5) Ships entering under stress.

ART. 27. Every ship from abroad must be furnished with the following documents:—(1) A Bill of Health issued by the Local Authority and bearing the visa of the Brazilian Consul or of the consul of a nation in friendly relations with Brazil; (2) A Bill of Health, also with visa, from each port of call; (3) A Bill of Health from each Brazilian port touched at.

Measures by Sea.

ART. 40. Medical commissioners may be sent to places where pestilential maladies have appeared, and may be ordered to go on board vessels sailing for Brazil.

Quarantine.

ART. 44. Definitions:—

"Infected Port."—One where a pestilential epidemic has appeared.

"Suspected Port."—(1) One where isolated cases of pestilential sickness have occurred; (2) one maintaining easy and frequent communications with infected places; (3) one not taking sufficient precautions in accordance with sense of the present Decree against infected ports.

"Infected Ship."—One having had a case of pestilential sickness on board.

"Suspected Ship."—(1) One coming from an infected or suspected port, but not having had a case on board; (2) one coming from a clean port, but having touched at a suspected or infected port; (3) one having communicated with an infected or suspected ship, the ports of origin and call of which are not known; (4) one having had a death from an illness the nature of which is not known, or several deaths from one illness; (5) one not having the Bills of Health required by this Decree.

"Suspected Objects."—Those capable of retaining or transmitting contagion:—

(1) Cotton, hemp, wool, flax, silk, unmanufactured; (2) hair, horsehair, and feathers, raw; (3) letters, newspapers, closed papers, the sacks, &c., containing them, unless tarred, mails; (4) fresh or dried raw skins, skins with the hair tanned or not; (5) vegetable hair, hay, alfafa, herbs, "sumauma," pressed or in bales; (6) used furniture, carpets, and fixtures from rooms, articles stuffed, &c., with cotton, hemp, wool, flax, silk, or hair, old or new; (7) clothing of all kinds and personal luggage; (8) portions of animals, fresh; (9) fruit, fresh vegetables, and garden produce, and fresh milk products; (10) cuttings of all kinds and rags properly so called.

(11) Jerked meat.

The articles mentioned under (8), (9), (10), and (11) may not be imported when coming from infected or suspected places.

The Government declares what ports are "infected" or "suspected," the list thereof shall be published officially.

ART. 45. Ships sailing to Brazilian ports and wishing to enjoy the privileges granted to mail ships ("paquets") must submit to the provisions of the present Decree, which divides ships into three classes:—(1) Steamers carrying less than 100 steerage passengers; (2) emigrant ships, *i.e.*, ships carrying more than 100 steerage passengers, whether they enjoy the privileges of mail ships or not; (3) sailing ships.

Sec. 1.—Ships of the first and second classes must carry a doctor, and be provided with—

A disinfecting stove, using superheated steam under pressure.

Disinfectants, and disinfecting appliances as required by this Decree.

A drug book, showing those on board at the beginning of the voyage, and those procured during the voyage.

A prescription book.

A minutely-kept register of illnesses, and remedies administered.

A passenger list showing names, age, sex, nationality, profession, and whence travelling.

Crew list.

Cargo manifest.

Sec. 2.—The leaves of these books shall be opened, sealed, and initialled by the Brazilian Consul at the port of origin, and the leaves referring to each voyage cancelled by the Sanitary Authority of the port of arrival. The books shall be initialled, &c., without charge to