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*Board of Trade (Fisheries Department),
London, May 12, 1896.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the following copy of a Quarantine Proclamation for the State of Louisiana, viz. :—

QUARANTINE PROCLAMATION.

State of Louisiana, Executive Department,
Baton Rouge, April 7, 1896.

At the request of the Board of Health of the State of Louisiana, embodied in a resolution adopted by that body at a regular meeting held on March 12, 1896, and by virtue of the authority in me vested by law, I, Murphy J. Foster, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby issue this my Proclamation, to take effect from and after the 15th day of April, A.D. 1896, that all vessels, together with their crews, passengers, baggage, and cargoes, arriving at the several quarantine stations of Louisiana, from and after that date shall be subjected to inspection and sanitation according to the following schedule, to wit :—

First Class—All vessels not included in the three following classes :

Second Class—Vessels arriving from suspected ports. (Intertropical American and West Indian and Brazilian ports, which in the absence of satisfactory evidence to the contrary are considered suspicious, and other ports which may be declared suspicious by the Board of Health.)

Third Class—Vessels arriving from ports known to be infected.

Fourth Class—Vessels which, without regard to port of departure, are infected; that is to say, vessels which have yellow fever, cholera, or other contagious or infectious disease on board, at the time of arrival, or have had same on voyage.

Vessels of the first class to be subjected to necessary maritime sanitation without detention of either vessels or persons, longer than may be necessary to place such vessels in good sanitary condition.

Vessels of the second class to undergo the same treatment as those of the first class, until May 1, 1896, on and after which date vessels of the second class shall be subjected to full sanitation at the Mississippi River Quarantine Station, together with detention of vessels and persons for such length of time as the Board of Health may determine.

Vessels of the third class to be subjected to full sanitation at the Mississippi River Quarantine Station, without detention of either vessels or persons after disinfection, until May 1, 1896, on and after which date vessels of this class shall be detained for observation, together with their crews, cargoes, and passengers, for such length of time after completion of disinfection, as the Board of Health may determine.

Vessels of the fourth class arriving at Port Eads, with sickness on board, shall proceed direct to the Lazaretto, from whence, after landing the sick, they shall proceed to the Mississippi River Quarantine Station, there to undergo thorough disinfection. Vessels of the fourth class with no sickness on board, shall proceed direct to the Mississippi River Quarantine Station for disinfection. All vessels of the fourth class, after completion of disinfection, shall be detained for such length of time as the Board of Health may determine.

All vessels arriving from ports known or suspected to be infected with cholera, shall be subjected to maritime sanitation and such detention as the Board of Health may determine.

Vessels arriving from ports and places belonging to the second, third, and fourth classes, as set forth in the above schedule, shall not be allowed to pass Rigolets, the Atchafalya or Lake Charles Quarantine Stations, or other quarantine stations which may hereafter be established, without having undergone proper maritime sanitation at the Mississippi River Quarantine Station.

Vessels engaged in the tropical fruit trade, whose sanitary condition and health record are satisfactory, may be allowed to pass the Mississippi River Quarantine Station after inspection, subject, however, to such regulations and sanitary treatment as the Board of Health may prescribe.

Quarantine officers at the several stations in this State are specially charged and required to strictly enforce the execution of this Proclamation, and the Board of Health in the city of New Orleans is requested to prosecute vigorously all violators of the same, as well as of the quarantine laws and regulations of this State.

Given under my signature and the seal of the State of Louisiana, at the city of Baton Rouge, this 26th day of March, A.D. 1896.

MURPHY J. FOSTER,

By the Governor, Governor of Louisiana.
T. S. ADAMS, Secretary of State.

At a meeting of the Board of Health of the State of Louisiana, held April 23, 1896, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted :—

Resolved—That in accordance with the Governor's Proclamation of Quarantine, the period of detention of vessels from infected or suspected ports having no sickness on board shall be three (3) full days from time of completion of disinfection.

This regulation to apply to all vessels not otherwise provided for and continue in full force during the quarantine season, unless modified by action of this Board.

Resolved—That hereafter full quarantine restrictions will be imposed on all vessels whose officers wilfully attempt deception in regard to any case of sickness, or material capable of carrying infection, or wilfully disregard the rules and regulations of the Board of Health; and such detention will be imposed thereafter on every vessel on which any officer who has previously attempted to practise deception is found in any official capacity.

Resolved—That vessels from tropical quarantined ports, where a United States medical officer is stationed, such vessels carrying a crew, each of which is acclimated—i.e., has had yellow fever, may be given pratique to come to New Orleans immediately after disinfection at the Mississippi River Quarantine Station, under the following additional conditions :—They shall bring no passengers from such ports. They shall not be moored at any wharf in any quarantined port, but lie in the open bay; cargoes to be lightered. Only the captain and purser, or officer necessary to enter and clear the vessel, shall be allowed to go on shore at quarantined ports. Crews shall not be allowed to sleep on deck while in such ports. They must bring certificates from the United States medical officer that there has been no unnecessary communication between the ship's crew and the shore, and that they leave such port in perfect sanitary condition. No bedding or household effects will be allowed to be brought from any infected port at any season of the year.

Special Instructions to Owners, Agents, Masters of Vessels, and Passengers.

The Louisiana State Board of Health recommends the following suggestions to agents,