

may accept and wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Royal Siamese Order of the White Elephant, conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of Siam, in recognition of his services in connection with the construction of State Railways in Siam.

(F. & H. 11,602.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, August 14, 1900.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at St. Petersburg, intimating that British India has been declared infected with cholera.

(F. & H. 11,678.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, August 14, 1900.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at Athens, intimating that severe medical inspection is imposed on arrivals from Hamburg after 30th July.

(F. & H. 11,679.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, August 14, 1900.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the following Telegram from Her Majesty's Representative at Constantinople, viz.:—"Quarantine reduced to 48 hours against Port Said. Observation suppressed against other Egyptian ports, except Alexandria, regarding which no change made. Quarantine reduced to 48 hours' observation against Smyrna and coast between Dikili and Gironde."

(F. & H. 11,703.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, August 16, 1900.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Representative at Guatemala, enclosing the following Quarantine Notice, viz.:—

Sanitary Dispositions.  
Palace of the Executive Power.  
July 5, 1900.

Considering that it is the duty of the Government to dictate such measures as may tend to prevent any alteration of the public health, occasioned by any of the pests prevalent in other countries of America and Europe, therefore the Constitutional President of the Republic decrees the observance of the following dispositions:—

1. Every vessel arriving at the ports of the Republic will present a bill of health from port of departure and from those at which it may have called en route, unless the arrival should be extraordinary and caused by stress of weather.

2. Said bills of health must be certified by the Consular Agent of this Republic in the place from which the vessel sails, or in the port or ports of call.

3. A vessel shall be considered as having a foul bill of health in event of proceeding from infected ports, or if it fails to bring bills of health under the conditions indicated. Vessels will merit the same treatment when they may proceed from ports where the existence of any contagious disease that might become epidemic is suspected, from ports where no sanitary precautions exist, or existing are insufficient in relation to infected ports.

4. No vessel will be allowed free communication before being visited by the Sanitary Authorities, and they may have investigated what interests the public health. The doctor of the port will constitute himself the Sanitary Authority for the effects of this measure, and in this capacity will ask as many questions and make as many investigations as he may consider opportune to inform himself as to the hygienic conditions of the ship.

5. Said faculty, in unison with the Commandante of the Porte, will order no communication with the vessel in cases where there is reason for even suspicion that sickness exists at any of the ports of call, or should it bring sickness of a contagious character. The mail matter shall be fumigated, a sanitary guard shall be placed on board, and a yellow flag shall be placed on foremast, as a signal that no communication is allowed with shore or other vessels, and for this, at night, will be substituted a red light.

6. In doubtful cases or those which give rise to suspicion, the vessel will be placed in "Observation Quarantine" outside the usual anchorage while the truth is being ascertained; and in case of arrival from an infected port, bringing germs of infection, she will immediately be denied free communication and will be compelled to abandon the territorial waters of the Republic.

7. If it should only be suspected that the vessel brings germs that might compromise the public health, although there may be no sickness aboard, she will be subjected to sanitary observation during all the time necessary for disinfection in the judgment of the authorities.

8. According to the conditions of healthfulness, the authority of the port may exact that the bathing, washing, fumigating, destruction of substances, whitening, and opportune disinfection to destroy any germs of infection, be done on board to make efficacious these measures.

Let it be communicated. ESTRADA C.  
The Secretary of State in Department of Home Office and Justice.  
JUAN J. AIGUETA.

(F. & H. 11,754.)

*Board of Trade (Fisheries and Harbour Department), London, August 16, 1900.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Representative at Montevideo, enclosing the following Quarantine Notices, viz.:—

National Board of Health.  
Ordinance No. 59.

Montevideo, July 12, 1900.

The National Board of Health, in view of the measures adopted by the Brazilian Sanitary Authorities in the ports situated on the north and south of Rio Janeiro, to avoid the introduction of bubonic pest which prevails in that city, duly authorized, do resolve:—

ART. 1. With the exception of Rio Janeiro and Santos, the above referred to ports are hereby declared clean.

ART. 2. Cargo proceeding therefrom shall be freely admitted, though it should arrive in bags, excepting that coming from Rio Janeiro and Santos, from which ports the introduction of the following articles is prohibited:—fresh hides, fresh animal remains, wool, bristles, feathers, personal effects, rags and textile fabrics, whenever their disinfection should not be practicable.

ART. 3. The Ordinance Number 51, which deals with the sanitary treatment imposed on