

American Rids Vera Cruz of Bubonic Plague

Dr. Michel, Sent by Wilson to Prevent Disease Spreading to U. S., Takes Charge of Fight for Mexicans

Collects Infected Rats

Physician Is Now Engaged in Mapping Out Campaign Against Yellow Fever

By George E. Hyde
MEXICO CITY, Aug. 6.—An American destroyer crept slowly into the harbor of Vera Cruz on July 13 and dropped anchor outside the breakwater. A boat was lowered over the side and pulled away for the wharf sitting in the stern sheets, dressed in an old Palm Beach suit much the worse for wear, sat Dr. Carl Michel, of the United States Public Health Service, coming to Mexico without credentials and without official recognition to protect American ports from infection from the bubonic plague and to assist as best he could to stamp the disease out in Mexico.

He arrived in a city intensely hostile to American official interference. It had been treated to a taste of American sanitation under the iron rule of military occupation in 1914 and was not keen for a repetition of the dose. Mexican health officials considered themselves able to handle the situation and were asking for no help. In fact, President de la Huerta had officially refused the proffer of American aid from Washington and the Mexicans took their cue from his action.

Invited to Take Charge
Dr. Michel spent a week in Vera Cruz, drifting around the town unobtrusively; eating in little places along the waterfront and digging into suspicious looking holes around the docks. Soon questions began to be asked and a few days later he was invited to take charge. This he refused to do until he was virtually in full control, with unlimited money, and all the other assistance needed.

The diplomacy and tact of Dr. Michel will be commented on by Mexicans for some time to come. Gradually he was able to win the confidence of high and low alike until no official pressure was necessary to persuade Mexicans to carry out at their own expense any sanitary changes which were suggested to them by the American. When Dr. Michel arrived at Vera Cruz it was a question of whether he would be able to stay there or not. Now it is a question whether or not he will be able to get away again.

The fight against the plague as conducted by the Mexicans followed European lines and was devoted principally to isolating the individuals who were attacked and of surrounding the city with a sanitary cordon through which individuals passed almost at will. Little or no attention was paid to the task of cleaning up the sources of the infection and of getting rid of the plague-bearing rats. It was to this end of the fight that Dr. Michel devoted his attention. From the United States he brought trained rat trappers. He asked for one and three were sent.

Efficient Force Organized
The spirit in which his fight was carried out was indicated by his action in this matter. Two of the rat trappers were Americans and one a Spaniard. He kept the Spaniard to train Mexicans and sent the two Americans, neither of whom spoke Spanish, back to the United States. The Spaniard worked in well with the Mexicans and in short order had an efficient force out in the field.

There was no adequate laboratory in Vera Cruz when Dr. Michel arrived, but he soon had one going. To this all rats trapped were taken and dissected. When a rat showed indications of the plague, a disinfecting crew went to the house where it had been caught and cleaned up the place.

In addition to his reputation as a scientist and a diplomat, Dr. Michel acquired fame as a clairvoyant. From time to time he ventured predictions relating to the course of the plague, which were invariably fulfilled, and when he finally announced, some days in advance, the day when the plague would be over, the inhabitants of Vera Cruz began their preparations to resume business as usual. His prediction came true.

Unfortunately the fame of Dr. Michel had been lost on Vera Cruz and the health authorities in Mexico City were not aware of his powers, so the people of Vera Cruz sent him to Mexico City to get their port open again. He held a short interview with President de la Huerta, after which plans were drawn up to reopen Vera Cruz to traffic. Furthermore, two Mexican doctors will leave for the United States to study health preservation and epidemic fighting in its native element.

Considers Inoculation Valueless
Dr. Michel states that as a result of his experience at Vera Cruz he is convinced that the inoculation against the bubonic plague is valueless. While his work was not particularly connected with this end of the matter, he makes the assertion emphatically, and the people of Vera Cruz, at least, will take his word for it.

With the disappearance of the plague at Vera Cruz came an outbreak of yellow fever, as virulent, more terrible to the Mexican than any other disease because of its terrible manifestation and its sudden work, and Dr. Michel was asked to take charge of this fight also. This he has refused to do on the grounds that it is the task of the Mexican Federal authorities and that he would not interfere unasked. He has been asked and has just drawn up a complete plan of campaign, including not only yellow fever but malaria as well. He even went so far as to suggest the men to carry out the work, and his suggestions have been adopted.

Order in Bankruptcy Issued Against Lady Decies

LONDON, Aug. 14.—A receiving order in bankruptcy was made in court yesterday against Lady Maria Gertrude Decies, widow of the fourth Baron Decies. She was the daughter of Sir John Pollard Willoughby, and married the late Baron Decies in 1901. He died nine years later.

The baron, who led in 1910, had residences in Scotswood, Sunningdale and Ascot, England.

Mail Plane Breaks Propeller

TUCSON, Ariz., Aug. 14.—E. E. All-yan, pilot of the all-metal mail plane returning to New York from San Francisco, which broke a propeller landing in a patch of mesquite here yesterday, said today he would be unable to resume flight for El Paso before tomorrow.

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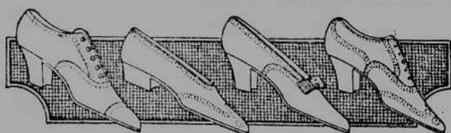
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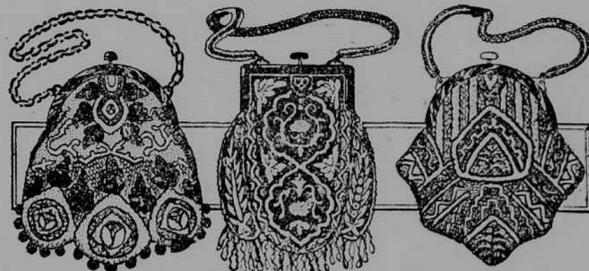
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