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There were inspected and passed 86 cabin and 655 steerage passengers, and 241 pieces of large and 823 pieces of small baggage. One hundred and eighty pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. There were also inspected 71 cabin and 139 steerage passengers from Genoa.

*Smallpox.*—Some time ago I reported the presence of smallpox in Sorrento. Since that time the spread of the disease has become general; it is now present in nearly all the seaports of the Sorrentine peninsula.

At the request of the vice-consul at Castellamare, all vessels that depart from that port for the United States will be inspected. The cargoes consist principally of lemons, nuts, oil, wine, and maccaroni.

The effects of the emigrants from the above-named districts are all disinfected before they go to the United States. Steam is used when the effects permit.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

JAPAN.

*Plague in Kobe.*

[Cablegram.]

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *October 23, 1900.*

Plague is now present in Kobe.

ELDRIDGE.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

MEXICO.

*Report from Vera Cruz.*

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *October 14, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended October 13:

Cases of yellow fever, 13; deaths, 8. Cases of smallpox, 2; deaths, 2. Deaths from all causes, 42. During the week 3 vessels were issued bills of health. One hundred and fifty-nine passengers were inspected and issued health certificates. Only 44 of these passengers were bound for Cuba and United States.

The health of the shipping continues good, and a norther during the week has bettered the atmospheric conditions considerably.

Respectfully,

SAML. H. HODGSON,  
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*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

NICARAGUA.

*Report from Bluefields—Fruit port.*

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *October 11, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit the following weekly report: Two steamships have been inspected and cleared—the *Sunniva* for New Orleans, with no passengers, and the *Alabama* for New Orleans, with 17 passengers, having 25 pieces of baggage disinfected under my