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## UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

*No new cases of smallpox in Key West.*

KEY WEST, *August 18, 1896.*

Restrictions on travel removed yesterday. \* \* \* No deaths from smallpox. Dismissed 4 convalescents. Will discharge all save 1 case of variola and some suspects this week.

WHITE,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Reporting detention of immigrants at San Francisco Quarantine.*

ANGEL ISLAND, CAL., *August 7, 1896.*

SIR: The last of the passengers from the steamship *China* have been released from quarantine to-day, and I have the honor to report more in detail the recent quarantine operations at this station. Six cases of smallpox occurred in the steerage passengers of the steamship *China* on her last eastward trip; 1 case was taken in quarantine at Yokohama; 4 cases of varioloid broke out in the steerage passengers disembarked at Honolulu, while detained there awaiting developments, and 1 case was brought along into this port. After the passengers were bathed and their clothing disinfected, the 44 Japanese were separated from the 228 Chinese and no communication was allowed between them. The four additional guards employed by the Service, aided by a detail of soldiers from the First Infantry, U. S. A., maintained an efficient cordon. Most of the detained passengers were revaccinated and all the usual precautions were taken. No more cases of smallpox occurred, but 3 Chinamen were taken sick with the mumps. Two of the cases were complicated with orchitis and high fever.