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"It is not probable that a vessel with cholera on board will arrive at this station, as all vessels arriving outside the entrance of the port upon which any contagious, infectious or pestilential disease occurred during the voyage are sent to Ship Island, the pilot co-operating with the local authorities in directing them to that station. Should, however, a vessel get to this station with cholera on board, and in such a condition that she could not be sent to Ship Island, the sick would, if possible, be cared for in hospital, and the vessel put in best sanitary condition, and such bedding, clothing, etc., as could not be disinfected would be destroyed."

Dr. Alexander, Port Physician at St. Augustine, writes that the quarantine flag for that port "stands about one and three-fourths miles from the city, where all vessels from a distance are inspected. Coasting vessels, or those plying between this and near ports, are allowed to come to the wharf for inspection, provided there is no sickness on board; if there is, then they share the quarantine ground as all others. Even upon coming to the wharf, no communication is allowed until inspected. Our pilots are required to learn from the captain, before boarding a vessel, whether she is from a suspected port, or has on board a suspected case. In the first case, she is brought with as little contact as possible inside the harbor, there anchored and report made to port physician and board of health. If sickness is on board, she is directed to proceed directly to Sapelo Sound refuge station without boarding or entering harbor here.

"Should necessity demand the treatment of a vessel, we would use the disinfectants recommended by the National Board of Health and adopted generally, viz: sulphur, sulphate of iron, carbolic acid, etc., subjecting cargo, clothing, bed-clothes, etc., to the same, and burn what might endanger after-disinfection.

"A vessel entering with contagious disease would not be allowed to remain one hour, as the condition of our harbor would subject the whole city to immediate infection; even should a vessel coming from foreign ports be in perfect health and condition, she must stop at quarantine ground, and all circumstances connected with her trip be well considered by the board of health before allowing her to come up.

"The coast map will show our unfortunate position as far as receiving or entertaining a vessel with disease on board. Our proximity to the high seas, the short and extremely narrow inlet, could but endanger us under the most favorable circumstances, as the small craft or pleasure boat would pass less than one hundred yards from the anchorage."

No responses have been received to repeated requests for information from Key West and elsewhere.

Alabama:

The coast quarantine of Alabama is limited to one port of entry—Mobile, and concerning this, Dr. Jerome Cochran, the State Health Officer, has kindly furnished, in response to my questions, the following succinct replies, which fully cover all the important points:

1. The Mobile quarantine station is chiefly an inspection station, but has the ordinary appliances of disinfection.
2. The entrance from the Gulf of Mexico into the Bay of Mobile is thirty (30) miles from the city, and vessels are boarded for inspection at this entrance.
3. Vessels from infected ports with no sickness on board are disinfected anyhow before they are allowed to approach the wharfs.
4. Vessels with any infectious sickness on board, or having had any cases during the voyage, are sent at once to Ship Island. Such vessels are not allowed to enter the Bay at all until released from quarantine by the Ship Island officials.
5. Mobile is thoroughly in earnest about her quarantines, and no infectious disease has been introduced through the quarantine into the city since the war. Such outbreaks as we have had have been the result of infection brought overland from New Orleans.