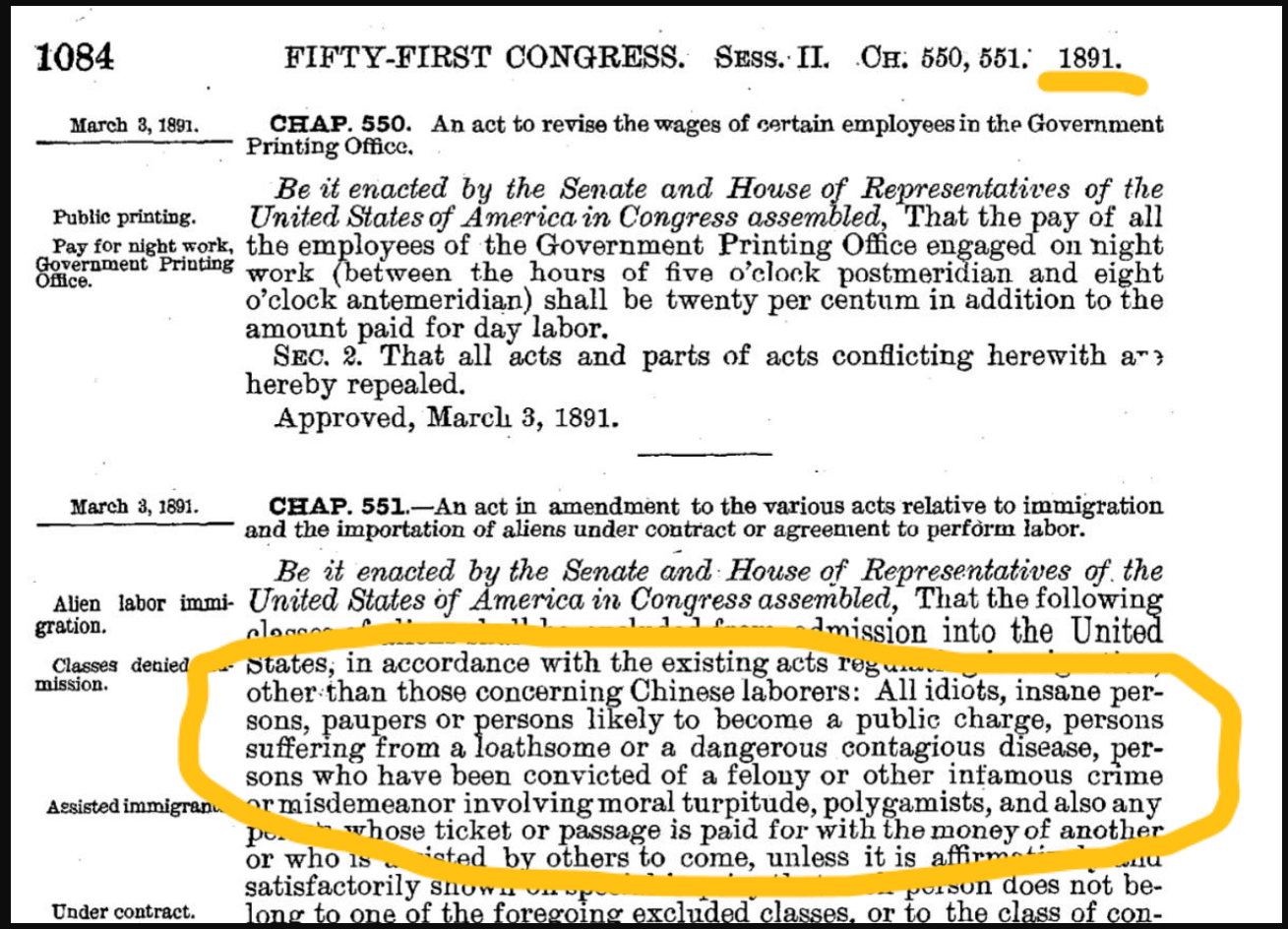
Ellis Island Hospital



Key Dates

- 1819: Passenger lists required
- 1855: New York State Castle Garden founded
- 1875-1907: Federal law bars bar immigration by prostitutes, convicts, contract laborers, lunatics, idiots, persons likely to become a public charge or "suffering from a loathsome or dangerous contagious disease"
- 1882: Chinese Exclusion Act
- 1891: Immigration placed under federal control
- 1892: Ellis Island Opens



1084 FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS. SESS. II. CH. 550, 551. 1891.

March 3, 1891.

CHAP. 550. An act to revise the wages of certain employees in the Government Printing Office.

Public printing.

Pay for night work, Government Printing Office.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the pay of all the employees of the Government Printing Office engaged on night work (between the hours of five o'clock postmeridian and eight o'clock antemeridian) shall be twenty per centum in addition to the amount paid for day labor.

SEC. 2. That all acts and parts of acts conflicting herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved, March 3, 1891.

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CHAP. 551.—An act in amendment to the various acts relative to immigration and the importation of aliens under contract or agreement to perform labor.

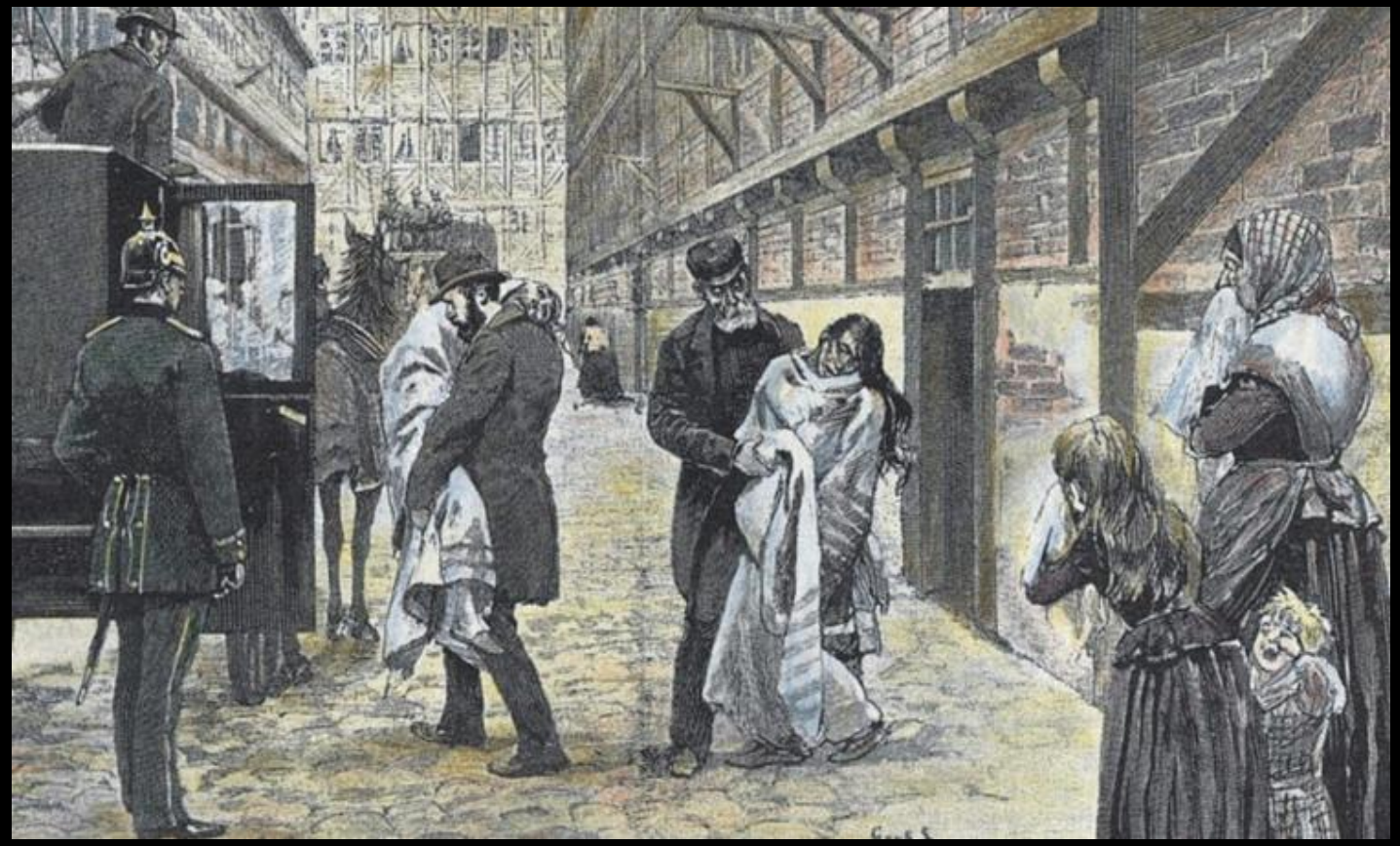
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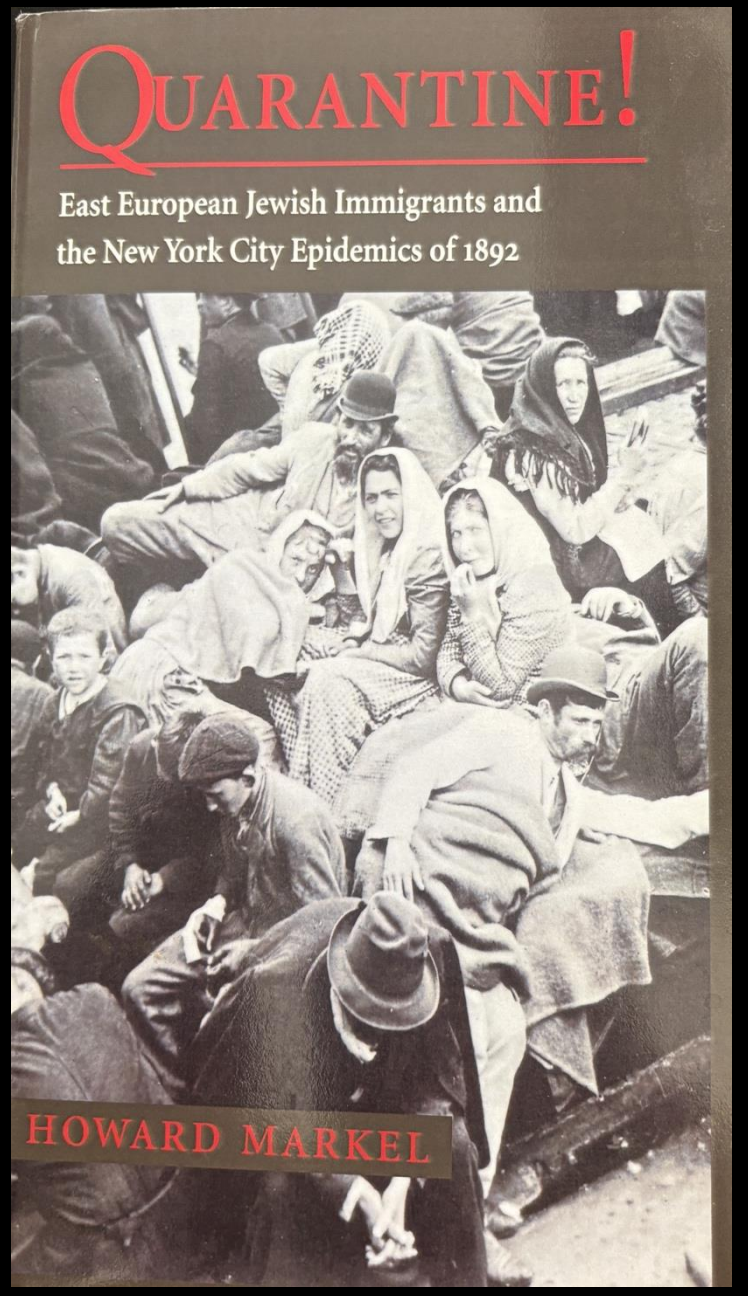
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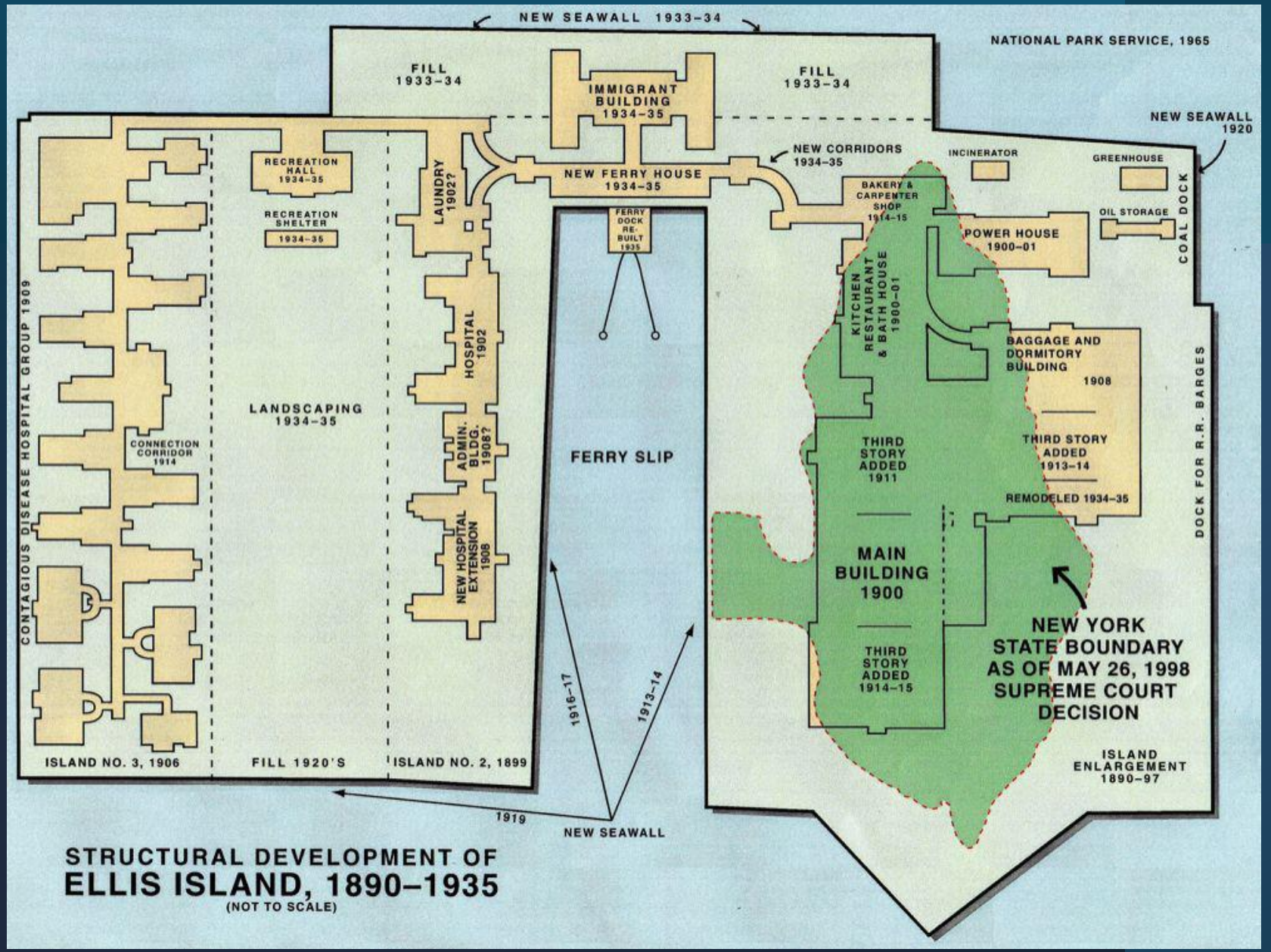
Assisted immigrants.

Under contract.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following classes of aliens shall be excluded from admission into the United States, in accordance with the existing acts regulating immigration, other than those concerning Chinese laborers: All idiots, insane persons, paupers or persons likely to become a public charge, persons suffering from a loathsome or a dangerous contagious disease, persons who have been convicted of a felony or other infamous crime or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, polygamists, and also any person whose ticket or passage is paid for with the money of another or who is assisted by others to come, unless it is affirmatively and satisfactorily shown on special inquiry that such person does not belong to one of the foregoing excluded classes, or to the class of con-




QUARANTINE!
East European Jewish Immigrants and
the New York City Epidemics of 1892
HOWARD MARKEL


NEW SEAWALL 1933–34
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, 1965
FILL 1933–34
IMMIGRANT BUILDING 1934–35
FILL 1933–34
NEW SEAWALL 1920
NEW CORRIDORS 1934–35
INCINERATOR
GREENHOUSE
RECREATION HALL 1934–35
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LAUNDRY 1902?
NEW FERRY HOUSE 1934–35
FERRY DOCK RE-BUILT 1935
BAKERY & CARPENTER SHOP 1914–15
OIL STORAGE
POWER HOUSE 1900–01
COAL DOCK
CONTAGIOUS DISEASE HOSPITAL GROUP 1909
HOSPITAL 1902
KITCHEN RESTAURANT & BATH HOUSE 1900–01
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LANDSCAPING 1934–35
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(NOT TO SCALE)



THE FIRE DEMON'S FURY.

Wrought On Uncle Sam's Property.

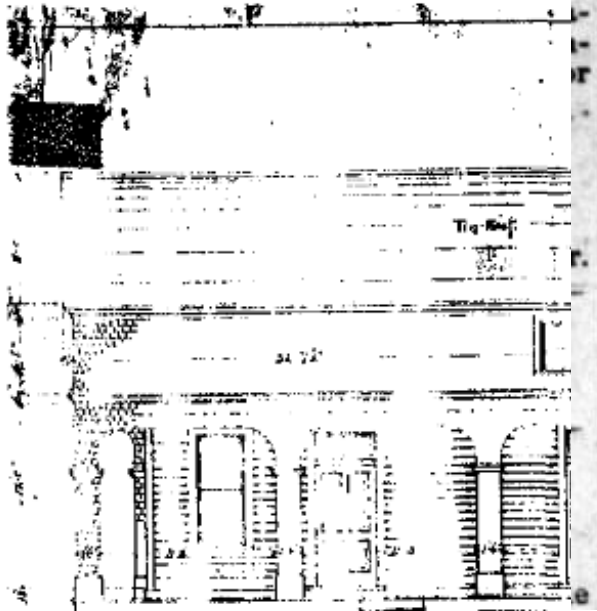
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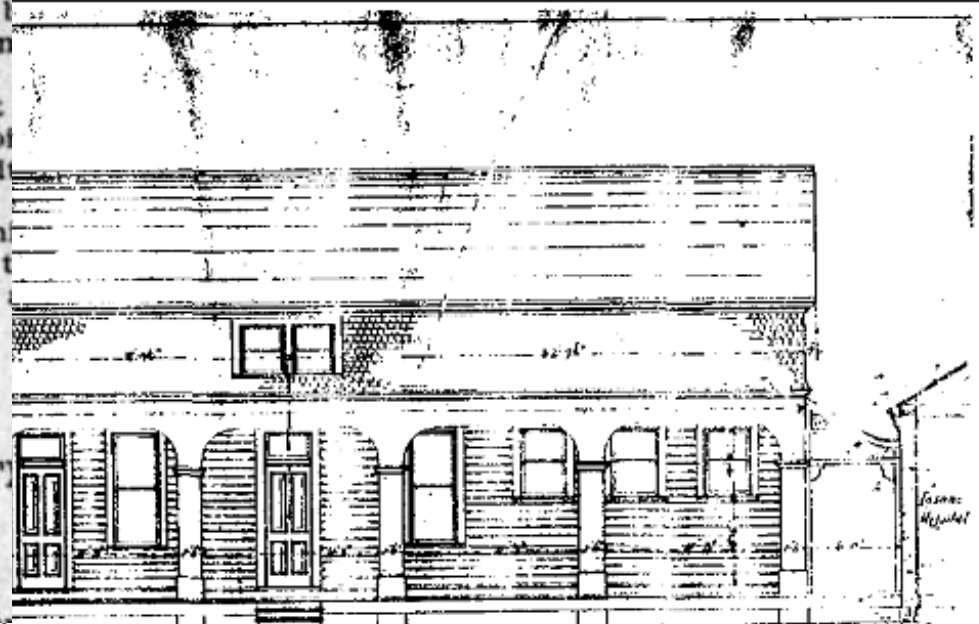
The Government Loss Will Reach $780,000. Beside That Of The Immigrants--The Scenes During The Blaze Were Very Exciting.

New York, June 15.—At an early hour this morning fire destroyed the immigrant landing station that covered almost all of Ellis island, causing a property loss of about $780,000 to the United States government. All of the government records and the baggage burned. Two hundred and fifty immi-

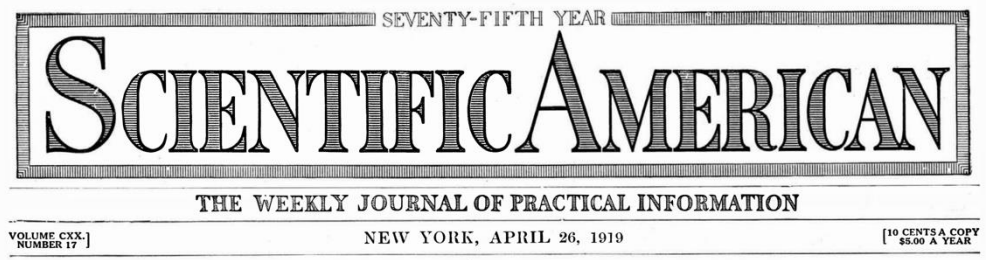
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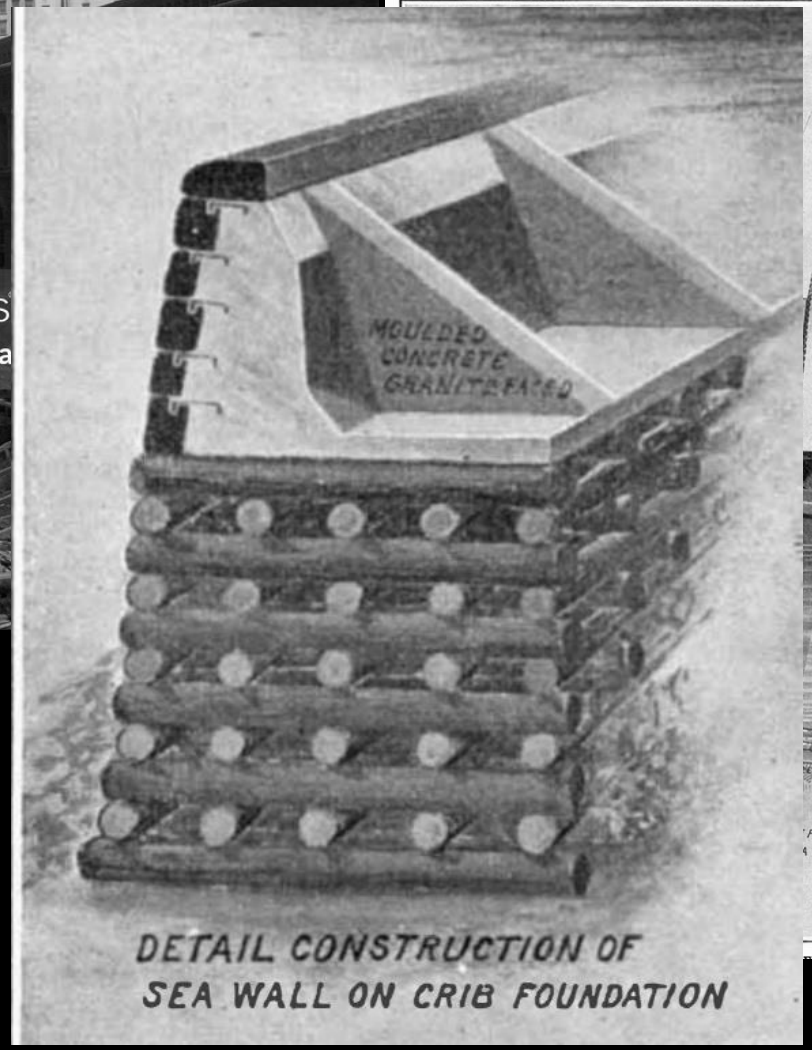


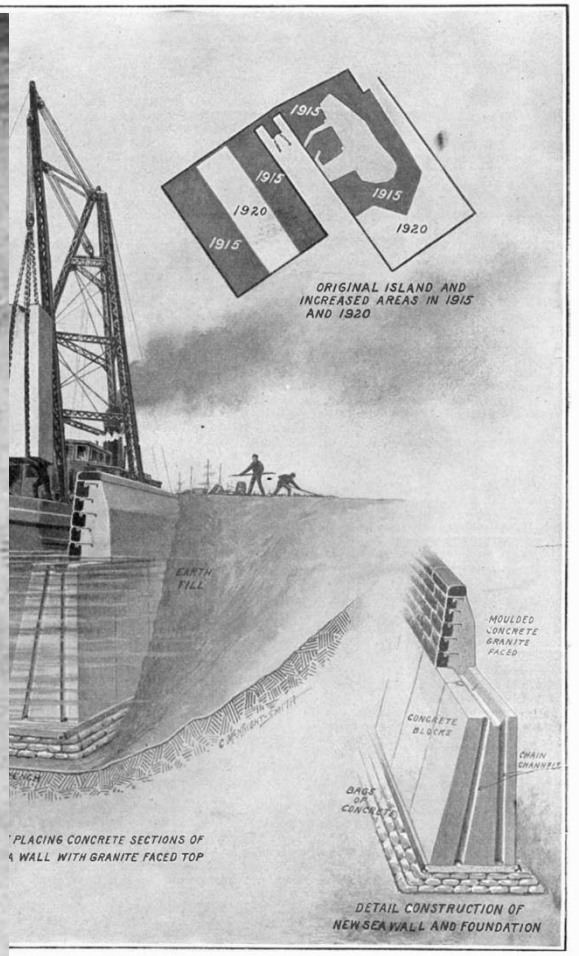










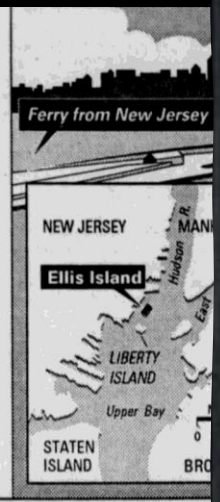


Ellis Island Gets an Island





1902—Modern Hospital Opens



1. ELLIS ISLAND MUS

Ellis Island originally was a three-
for its colonial owner, Samuel Ellis.
expanded it with landfill to 10 acres
1892 as an immigration facility. Unt
was handled by the states.

In 1897, the wooden structures on
The Main Building was constructed
expanded by immigration officials



Processing and Medical Inspection

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

List 13

LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED

ALL ALIENS arriving at a port of continental United States from a foreign port or a port of the insular possessions of the United States, and all aliens arriving at a port of said insular possessions from a foreign port, a port of continental United
This (yellow) sheet is for the listing of

S. S. Ryndam ... Passengers sailing from BOULOGNE-SUR-MER, ON SEPTEMBER 26TH, 19 23.

1	2	3		4		5	6	7	8			9	10	11		12	13	
No. on List.	HEAD-TAX STATUS. (This column for use of Government officials only.)	NAME IN FULL. Family name.	Given name.	Age. Yrs.	Mos.	Sex.	Married or single.	Calling or occupation.	Able to— Read.	Read what language [or, if exemption claimed, on what ground].	Write.	Nationality. (Country of which citizen or subject.)	†Race or people.	*Last permanent residence. Country.	City or town.	The name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came.	Final destination. (*Intended future permanent residence.) State.	City or town.
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Patients

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In the matter of
Tcholakian Yervent
Arrived S.S. Rochambeau,
September 20, 1920.

Ellis Island N.Y.H.
October 1, 1920.

PETITION FOR HOSPITAL TREATMENT

To the Honorable
Secretary of Labor,
Washington D.C.

Thro' the Honorable
Commissioner of Immigration,
Ellis Island N.Y.H

Sir:

In behalf of the above named alian, excluded as a person afflicted with trachoma. We respectfully submit this pettition for treatment in the Ellis Island hospital.

Garahed Tcholakian, of 716 South Spring Rd. Syracuse N.Y. his father has deposited with the treasurer at Ellis Island, the sum of ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY FIVE ($165.00.) Dollars, receipt is hereby attached, in advance payment for treatment, and pleages to pay himself any and all further hospital bills that shall be incurred in this treatment.

Garahed Tcholakian the pettitioner is a self-respecting resident of the State of New York. Has been about 8 years in U.S.A. He is working in a factory and earns $35.00. per week. Besides the money he have sent to his wife, he has saved $3000.00. in cash and Liberty Bonds, and also has $400.00 in a Real Estate Corp. He has many friends, rich Armenian merchants who are willing to back him up both financialy and moraly.

The above alians, subjects of TUrkey, suffered very much becouse of their christian religion. Their relatives and friends are all masacred, including the pettitioners 10 year old dougther.

The alians own statement: "We have no place to go", would justify your honorable Department to authorize hospital treatment for his child and admit the wife, that they may share the hapiness of a christian home once more.

Respectfully yours, Charles A. Carol.
Member Ellis Island Visitation Committee.

ADMITTED

Yervent Tcholakian, Age 13

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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

At Oswego, N. Y.
October 7, 1920.

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2 - Tcholakian, J.

Hon. Louis F. Post,
Assistant Secretary of Labor,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary,

One Yerevant or Jesvent Tcholakian, a Syrian, and his mother, Haazant Tcholakian, are at present held on Ellis Island and refused admission to this country for the reason that the boy, Jesvent Tcholakian, is suffering from some eye disease. I have had the matter up with the Commissioner of Immigration, Ellis Island, for some time and am informed today that the case will be referred to you within a few days for appropriate decision.

Haazant Tcholakian has living in this city two brothers, who are American citizens and business men of good financial standing. These brothers have deposited with Charles A. Carol, a missionary at Ellis Island, $160 as an expression of their desire to provide the best hospital treatment for the alien boy. They are also prepared to make any reasonable bond or furnish any desired guarantees that neither this boy or his mother will become a burden to the Government if they are admitted.

I therefore strongly urge that this alien boy be admitted to hospital treatment, said treatment to be paid for by the brothers of the boy's mother, and that following his discharge from the hospital, he and his mother be admitted to this country. I am very strongly interested in this case and will certainly appreciate your favorable action at the time the papers in the matter reach you.

Yours sincerely,
Luther W. Mott

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Alien Ruben Blonst

"Main" September 8, 190

There has been no

trachoma.

DEPORTED

IN ANSWERING REFER TO

No. 57807

Department of Commerce and Labor

IMMIGRATION SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

NEW YORK, N. Y.

January 8, 1909

Hon. Daniel J. Keefe,

Commissioner-General of Immigration,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report, in reference to Bureau letter of the 5th ultimo, No.51881/143, that the alien Ruben Blonstein was deported on the SS "Scharnhorst", which sailed December 24th. At the time of deportation there was due, for care and treatment of this alien, the sum of $28.75.

Respectfully,

Robert Watchorn

Commissioner.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
NATURALIZATION SERVICE

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UNITED STATES OF AMERIC

PETITION FOR NATURALIZA

To the Honorable the U.S. DISTRICT COURT SOUTH[illegible] District of GEORGIA, AUGUSTA, GA.

The petition of Ruben Bloomstein

First. My place of residence is 64 Company, M. T. D. Camp, H[illegible]
(Give number, street, city or town, s

Second. My occupation is Swedish

Third. I was born on the 15 day of June, anno Domini 1894, at [illegible]

Fourth. I emigrated to the United States from [illegible], on or

anno Domini 1[illegible], and arrived in the United States, at the port of [illegible]

anno Domini 1[illegible], on the vessel [illegible]
(If the alien arrived otherwise than by vessel, the character of conveyance

Fifth. I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on the [illegible] day of [illegible]

at [illegible], in the [illegible] Court

Sixth. I am not married. My wife's name is [illegible]; she was born on the

at [illegible], and now resides at [illegible]
(Give

I have [illegible] children, and the name, date and place of birth, and place of residence of each of said children is a

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MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
NO MUTILATED CERTIFICATE WILL BE RECEIVED

THE CITY OF NEW YORK.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

STATE OF NEW YORK.

No. of Certific 4347

CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF MARRIAGE

OF

(Groom) Ruben Blomstein and (Bride) Mabel Webe

	Groom		Bride
Residence	2-4 Suffolk St		228 Henry Stre
Age	28		23
Color	White		White
Single, Widowed or Divorced	Single		Single
Occupation	Woolen dealer	Maiden Name, if a Widow	-
Birthplace	Russia		Russia
Father's Name	Lippman		May
Mother's Maiden Name	Ida Liebmann		Lillie Rosenberg
Number of Groom's / Bride's Marriage	First		First

FEB 10 1925 BOARD OF HEALTH CITY OF NEW YORK REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

I hereby certify that the above-named groom and bride were joined in Marriage by me, in accordance with the Laws of t

State of New York, at Municipal Building (Street / Church), in t

Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, this JAN 3- 1925 19

Signature of person performing the Ceremony [signature]

Witnesses to the Marriage: T. E. Waterman, Thos. J. Douglas

Official Station

Residence

DEPUTY CITY CLERK
3675 BROADWAY


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postponement of the visit here was caused by a devotion of more time to inspection of power plants in the northern part of the state.

LOCAL NURSE A HEROINE

Anna Olsen, Amboy Hospital Graduate, Rescues Survivor of the Ill-Fated Volturno.

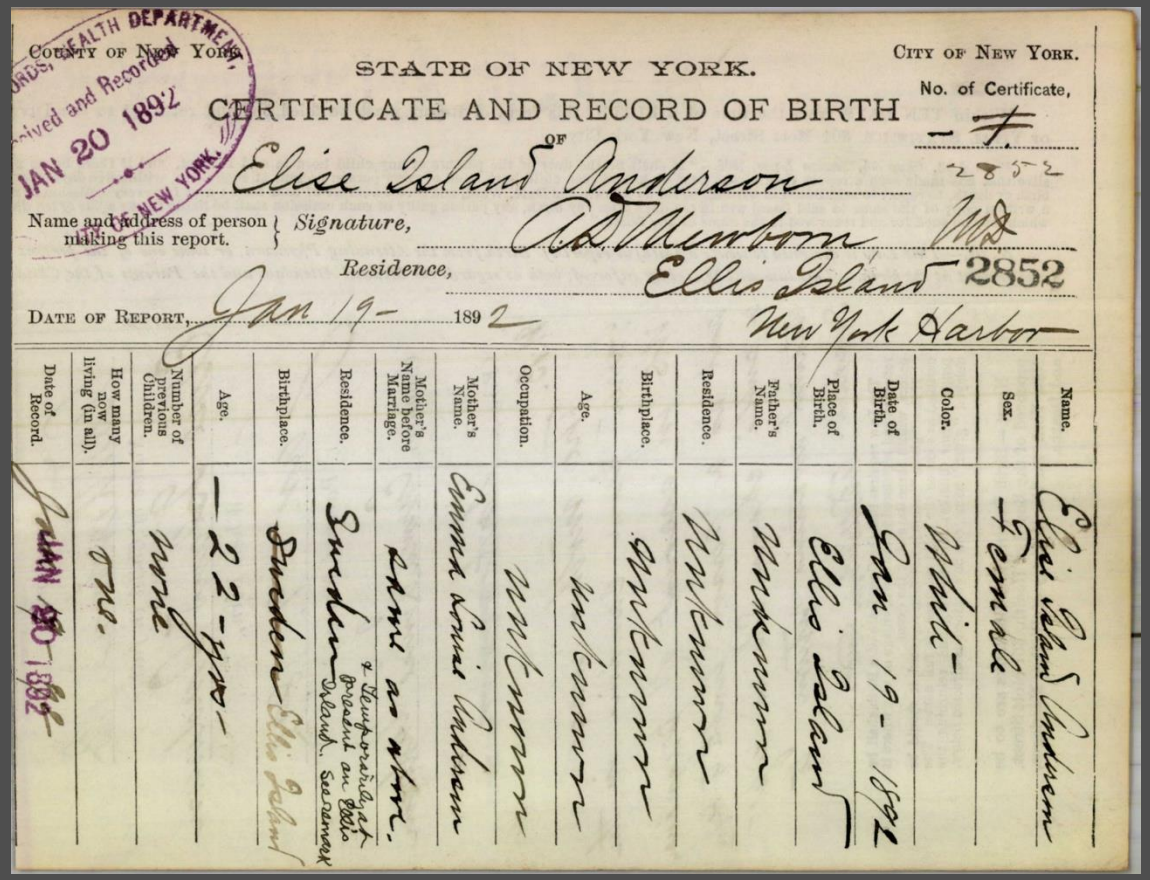
AT ELLIS ISLAND HOSPITAL

Miss Anna Olsen, of 173 State street, a nurse in the contagious ward of the Ellis Island Hospital, made a daring rescue yesterday afternoon, when Martha Novik, nineteen years old, a survivor of the ill-fated steamer Volturno, attempted to commit suicide by throwing herself in New York bay, after escaping from the hospital ward, which is within thirty feet of the water. The Novik girl was brought in several days ago on the steamship Carmania. She was taken from the burning Volturno by the Devonian, and transferred to the Carmania in England.

The day she arrived here on the Carmania she developed scarlet fever and was sent to the contagious ward


Jo Johnson 2016





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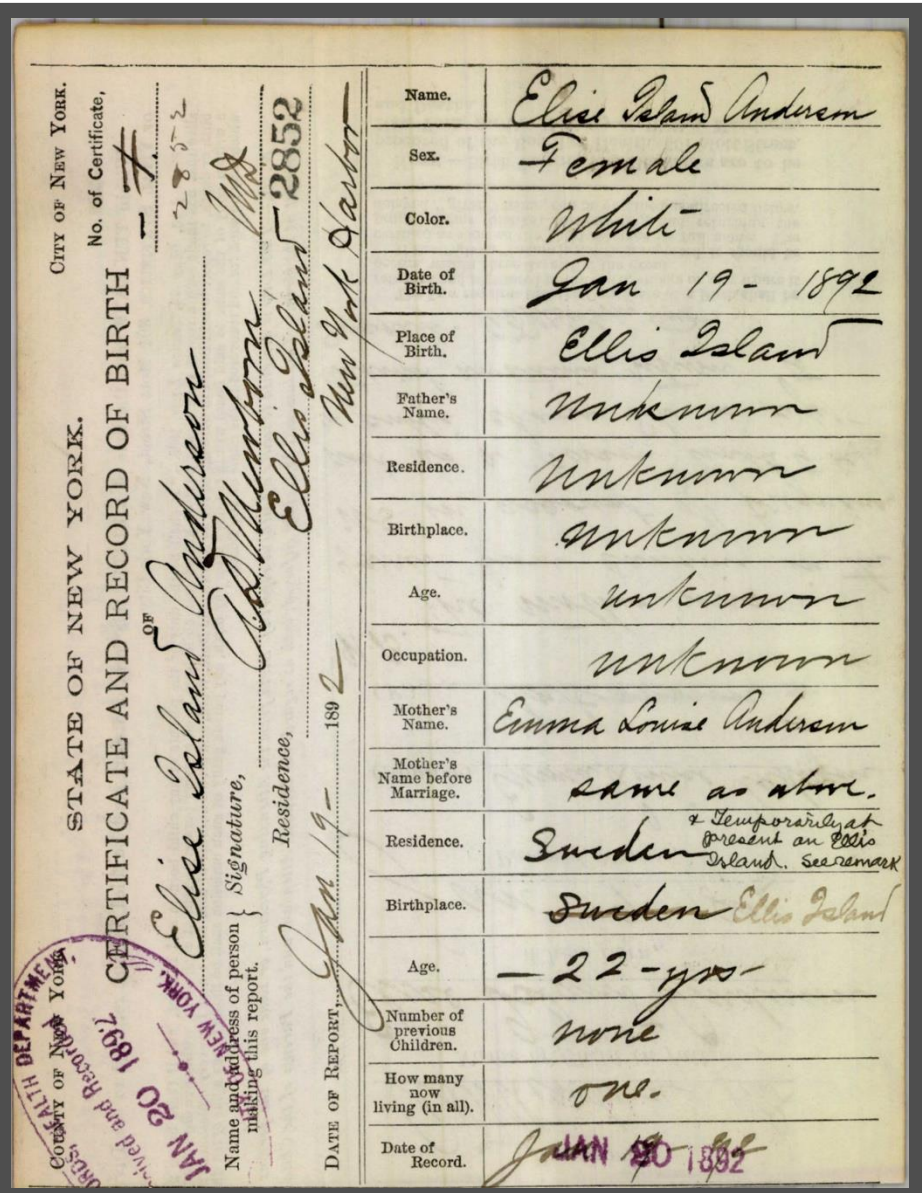
OF Elise Island Anderson

Name and address of person making this report. } Signature, A. D. Mumbrun M.D.

Residence, Ellis Island 2852

DATE OF REPORT, Jan 19- 1892 New York Harbor

Name.	Elise Island Anderson
Sex.	Female
Color.	White
Date of Birth.	Jan 19- 1892
Place of Birth.	Ellis Island
Father's Name.	Unknown
Residence.	Unknown
Birthplace.	Unknown
Age.	Unknown
Occupation.	Unknown
Mother's Name.	Emma Louis Anderson
Mother's Name before Marriage.	same as above.
Residence.	Sweden * Temporarily at present on Ellis Island. See remark
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How many now living (in all).	one.
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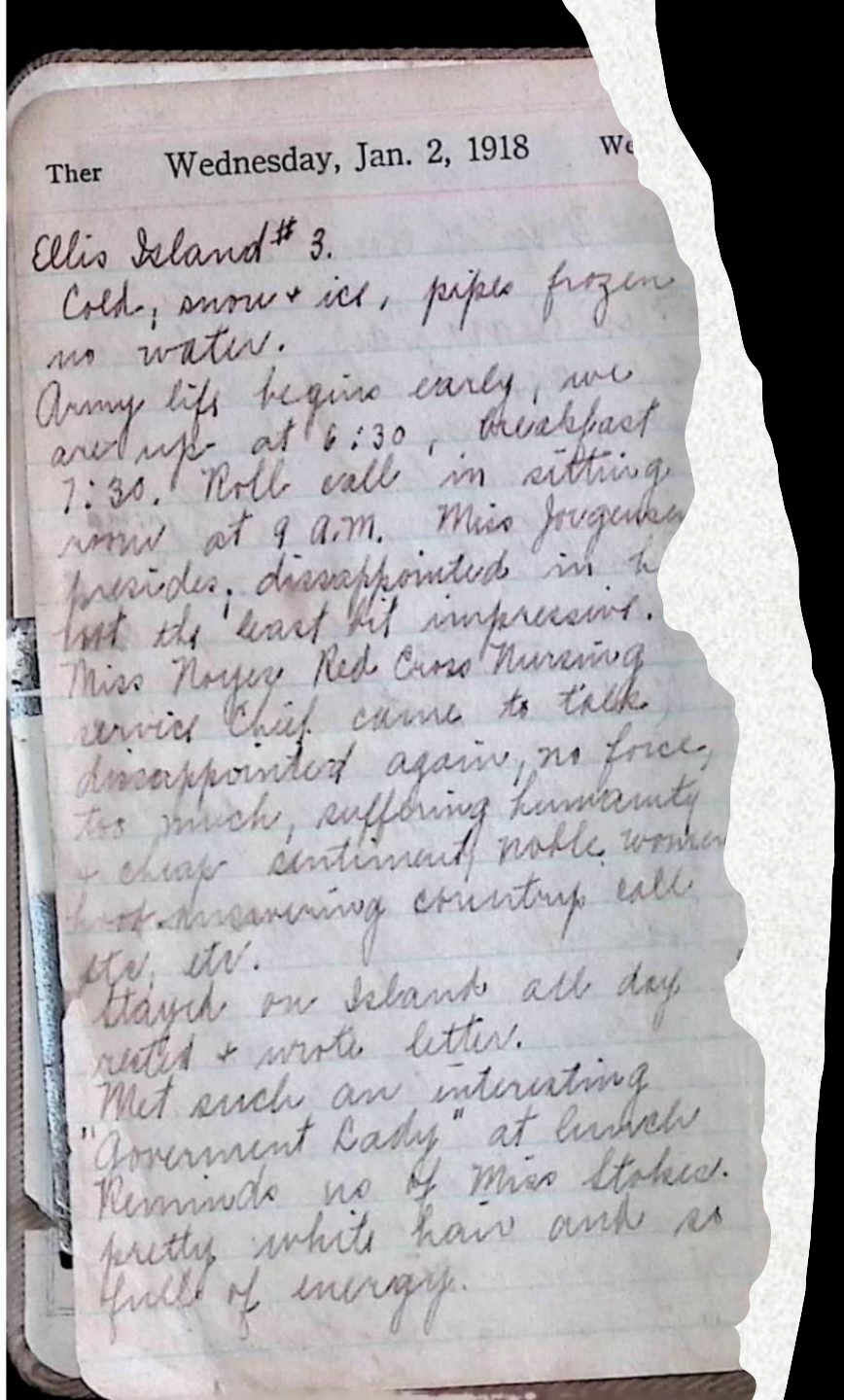
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1907-1910



LaGuardia was there then - an excellent interpreter - he would give you exactly what the immigrant said - he later became an inspector - much better than the other interpreters, who were monosyllabic in their translations -


Ther Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1918 We

Ellis Island # 3.

Cold, snow + ice, pipes frozen no water.

Army life begins early, we are up at 6:30, breakfast 7:30. Roll call in sitting room at 9 a.m. Miss Jorgensen presides, disappointed in her not the least bit impressive. Miss Noyes Red Cross Nursing service Chief came to talk, disappointed again, no force, too much suffering humanity + cheap sentiment noble woman hood answering countrys call etc, etc.

Stayed on Island all day rested + wrote letter.

Met such an interesting "Government Lady" at lunch Reminds me of Miss Stokes. pretty white hair and as full of energy.

World War I Minerva Wightman

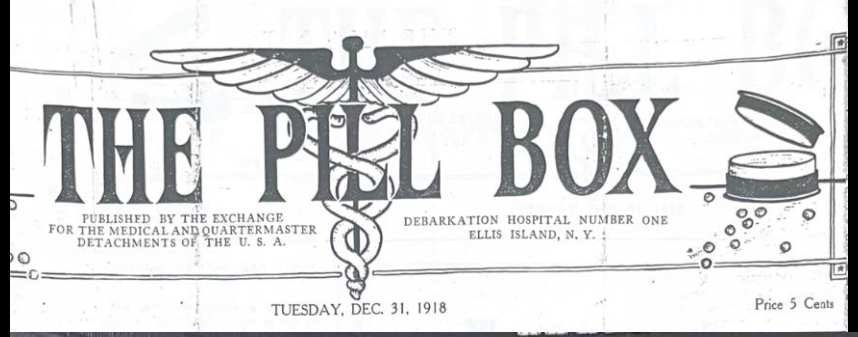
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World War I
Thomas W. Salmon, MD
(1876- 1927)



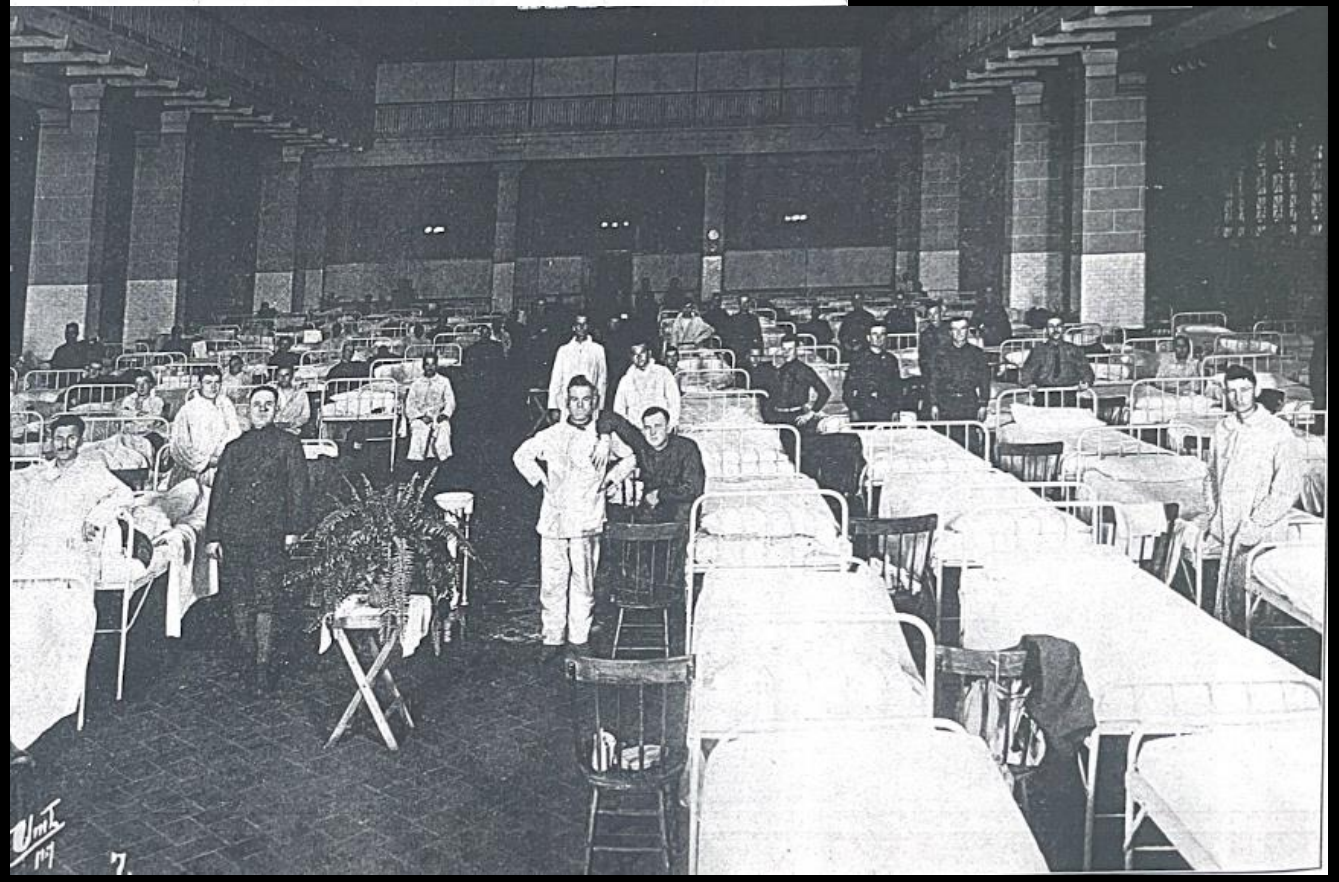
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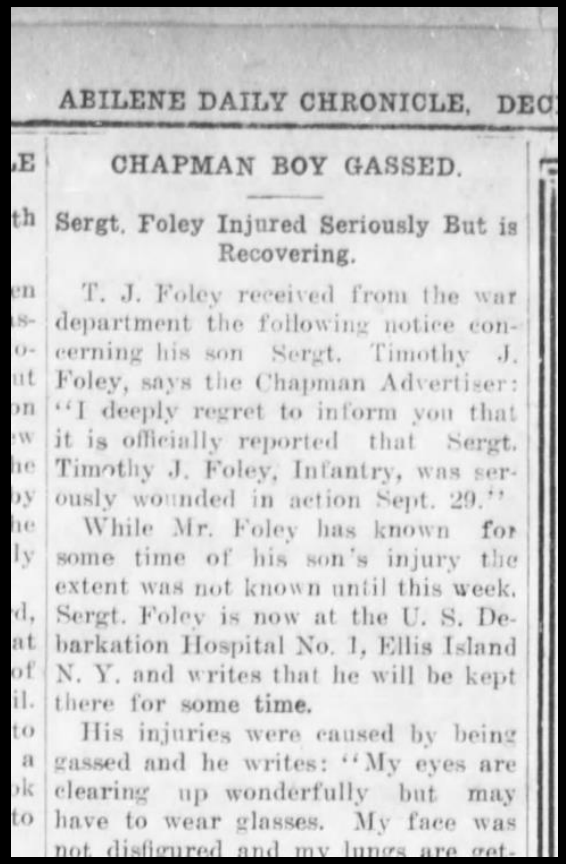
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Price 5 Cents





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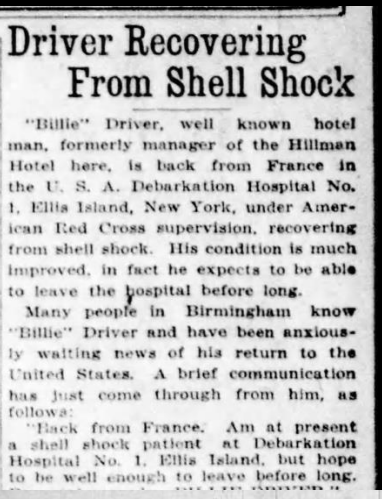
CHAPMAN BOY GASSED.

Sergt. Foley Injured Seriously But is Recovering.

T. J. Foley received from the war department the following notice concerning his son Sergt. Timothy J. Foley, says the Chapman Advertiser: "I deeply regret to inform you that it is officially reported that Sergt. Timothy J. Foley, Infantry, was seriously wounded in action Sept. 29."

While Mr. Foley has known for some time of his son's injury the extent was not known until this week. Sergt. Foley is now at the U. S. Debarkation Hospital No. 1, Ellis Island N. Y. and writes that he will be kept there for some time.

His injuries were caused by being gassed and he writes: "My eyes are clearing up wonderfully but may have to wear glasses. My face was not disfigured and my lungs are get-



Driver Recovering From Shell Shock

"Billie" Driver, well known hotel man, formerly manager of the Hillman Hotel here, is back from France in the U. S. A. Debarkation Hospital No. 1, Ellis Island, New York, under American Red Cross supervision, recovering from shell shock. His condition is much improved, in fact he expects to be able to leave the hospital before long.

Many people in Birmingham know "Billie" Driver and have been anxiously waiting news of his return to the United States. A brief communication has just come through from him, as follows:

"Back from France. Am at present a shell shock patient at Debarkation Hospital No. 1, Ellis Island, but hope to be well enough to leave before long.



Maj. Nuno, Buffalo Nurse, One of Few With Military Rank

ELLIS ISLAND, N. Y., Dec. 13.—A former Buffalo woman who has been doing magnificent warwork during the last two years, has been given a promotion which few of her sex have been able to achieve and one which all of Erie county people can be well proud of.

Miss Christine Nuno, or to be perfectly correct, Major Christine Nuno, chief nurse of Debarkation Hospital No. 1, Ellis Island, will have full charge of the Grand Central Palace Hospital at East 42nd street, New York city, beginning January 1st.

Miss Nuno is one of the few nurses who has been awarded the rank of major, but she really objects to the title. She prefers to be called plain "Miss Nuno," according to her own statement in an interview.

With the exception of one or two recent short visits, Miss Nuno hasn't resided in Buffalo for over twelve

Philadelphia to await orders from the government. She was first stationed at Camp Meade, Maryland, where she assisted in regular hospital work and did her bit to keep the soldiers smiling. In July of the same year Miss Nuno, because of her remarkable ability to handle men, was placed in charge of the Debarkation Hospital here where she has remained.

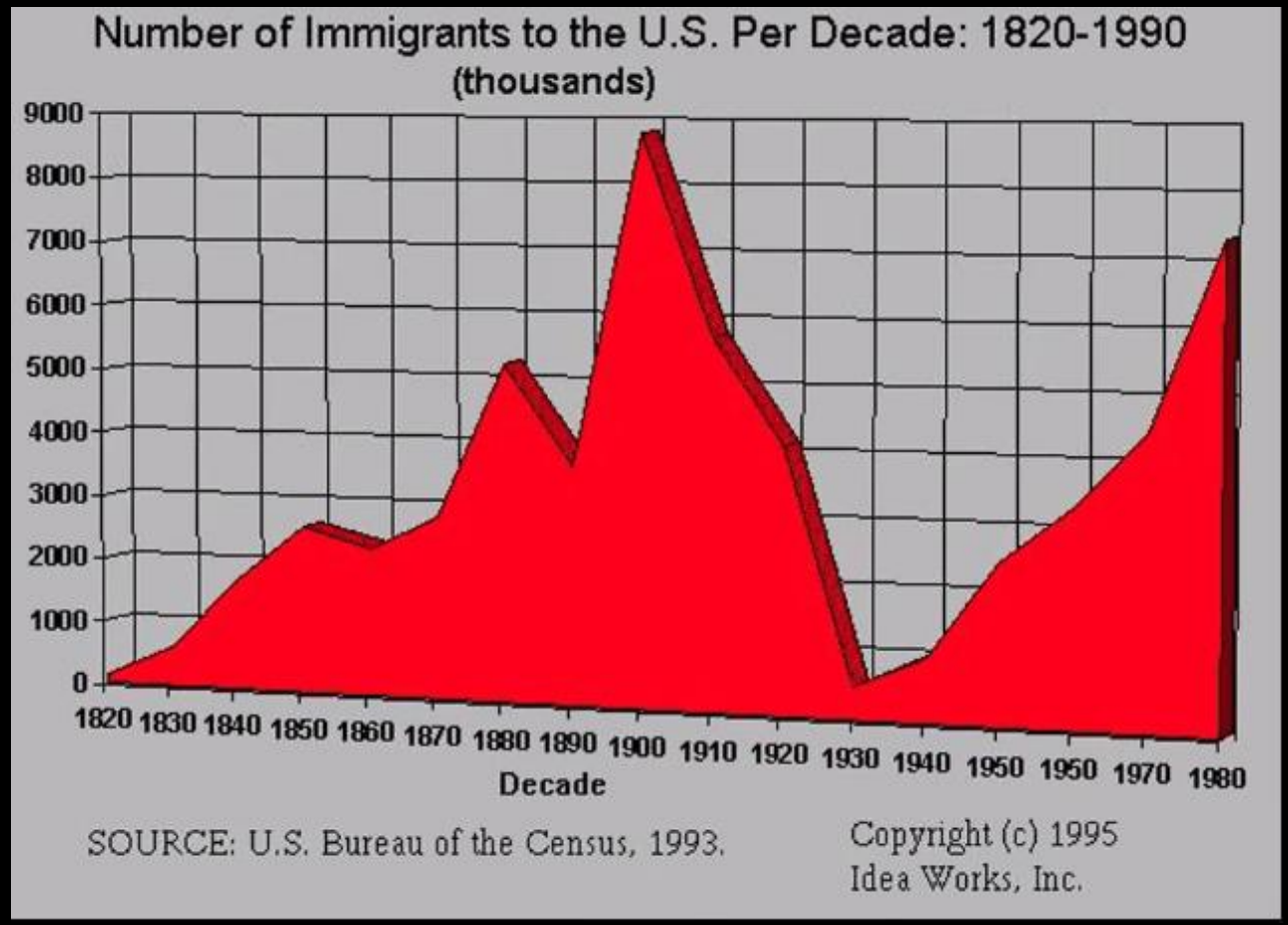
On Ellis Island there are 1,200 patients, and 100 nurses. In the hospital at the Grand Central Palace, there will be 3,500 patients and 300 nurses.

According to Miss Nuno, the hospital will be used as a reconstruction center as soon as the debarkation of troops is ended.

Miss Nuno spends busy hours on Ellis Island and has many things to attend to. In spite of the fact that she is frequently interrupted by visitors and callers, she accomplishes much. This is probably due to her pleasing disposition She always has a smile for everyone and is ready to listen to all complaints. She is on the job at 6.30 in the morning and rarely finishes before the same hour at night. Miss Nuno sees to it that supplies and clothing are properly distributed and she also tries to meet

World War I Debarkation Hospital 1

Quota Acts of 1921 and 1924—end of mass immigration



World War II—Hospital, Coast Guard Training Center



Daughters of the American Revolution

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The Wall Street Journal
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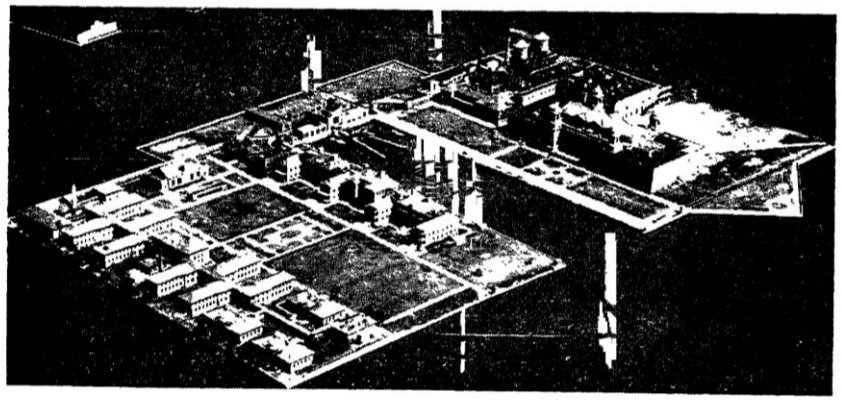
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

IS PRIVILEGED TO ANNOUNCE THAT IT IS NOW AUTHORIZED TO OFFER

ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS LANDMARKS IN THE WORLD

Ellis Island

FOR PRIVATE COMMERCIAL USE



SEALED BID SALE

Government Owned Island and Improvements, New York Harbor, N. Y.

Perfect location and facilities for Oil Storage Depot, Import and Export Processing, Warehousing, Manufacturing, Private Institutions, etc.

Bids are invited for the purchase of the Government's right, title and interest in the following described property located at the above site.

The property offered for sale is known as "ELLIS ISLAND" and is located in upper New York Harbor, approximately one mile from the south tip of Manhattan Island and approximately one-fifth of a mile from New Jersey. The land area consists of approximately 27.5 acres and is impr with 35 buildings, containing approximately 513,000 sq. ft., divided into the following categories; 14 office buildings, 11 storage buildings, an others consisting of Greenhouse, Laundry, Power House, Incinerators, Canteen, Library, Infirmary, Cafeteria, Kitchen, Dining Room, Post O Day Room, Dormitories, Baggage Room and School. Other improvements on the island consist of wharves and docks, 6135 lin. ft. of masonry seaw water system 2 miles of main and 2,250,000 gal. overhead tank, 610 lin. ft. sewage system, incinerators—three units, fuel oil storage 1-130,000 tank, 1-75,000 gal. tank, electric distribution 6000 lin. ft. of main feeders, 88,000 sq. ft. cement sidewalks, 7000 lin. ft. chain link fence (10 ft. hi Also included in the offering is the ferryboat "Ellis Island" which was used for transportation between Manhattan and the Island, miscellan items of machinery and equipment, furniture and cafeteria equipment.

HOW, WHEN AND WHERE TO BUY

All bids must be submitted on Bid Form 2PS-202, which describes the property, states the terms and conditions of sale and provides instruct on how to bid. Bids will be received by the General Service Administration, Bid Opening Room, Business Service Center, 250 Hudson Street, N York 13, New York until 2:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, Monday, November 19, 1956, at which time they will be publicly opened and r Copies of the Invitation and Bid Forms may be obtained at the Business Service Center.

You are urged to inspect the property before submitting your bid. Property can be inspected by arrangement with the office listed below.

The property has been screened against the known defense and other requirements of the Federal Government.

What was the highest initial bid the government got for Ellis Island?

1) $201,000

2) $599,000

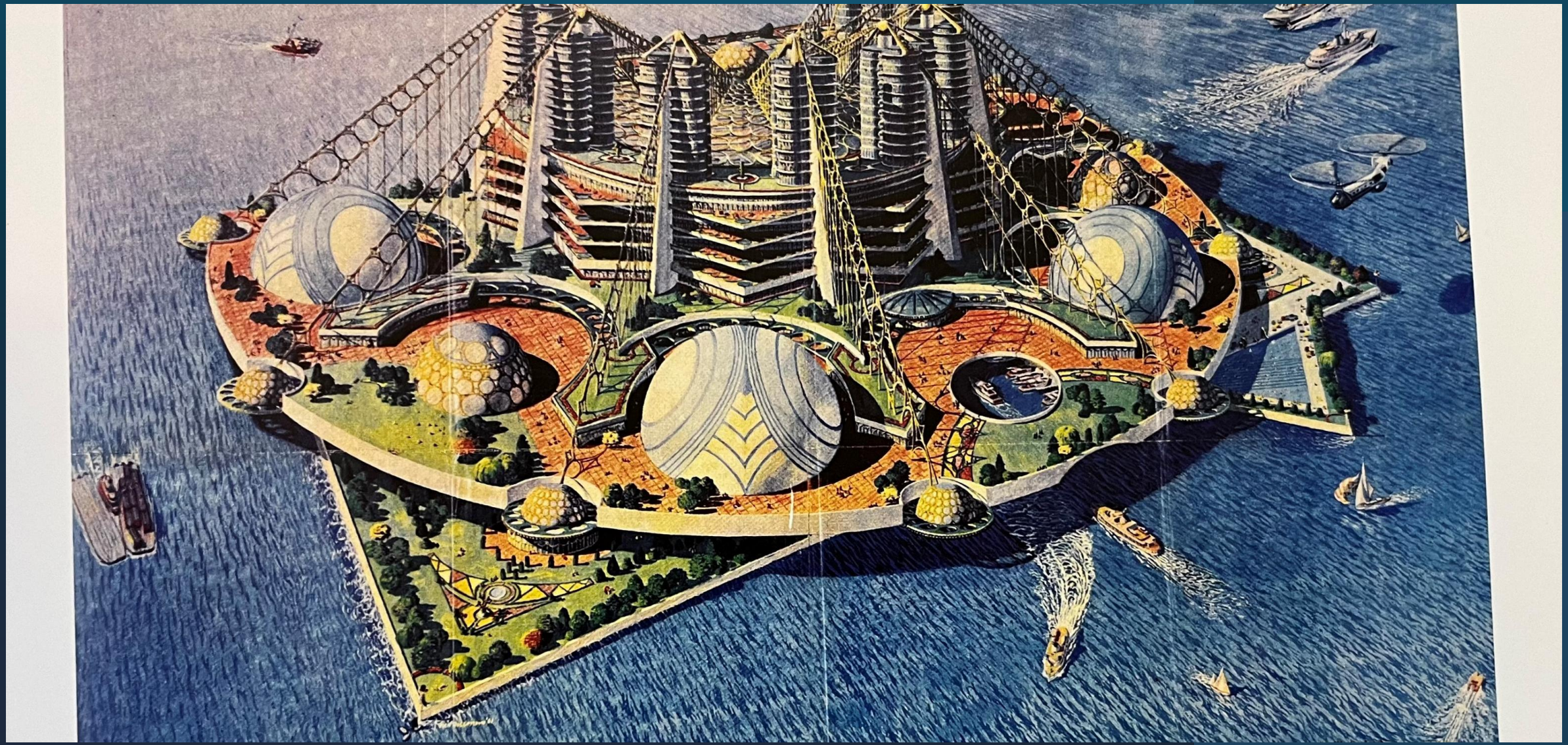
3) $2,000,000

4) $3,399,000

5) $6,000,000



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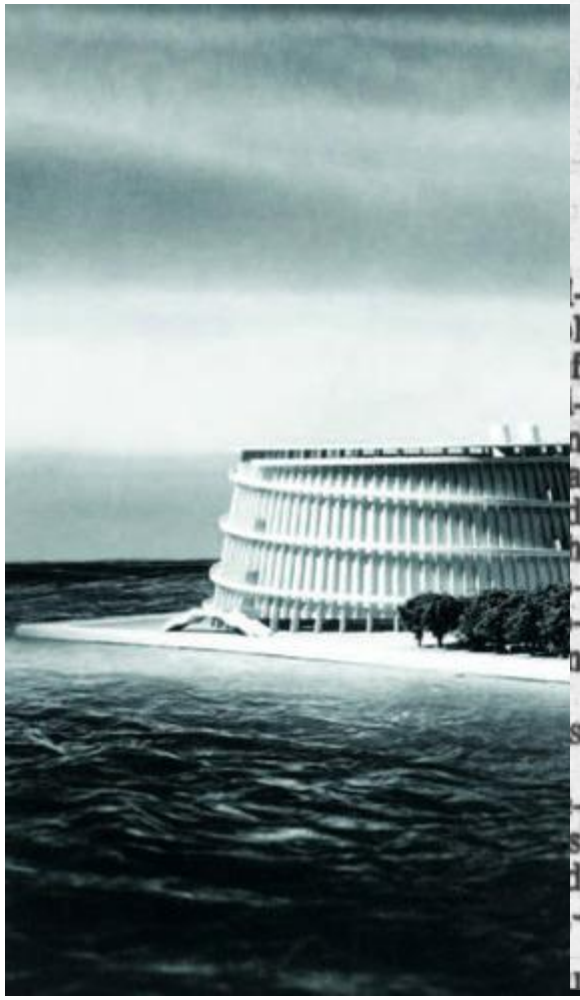


Which of the following were suggestions for the future of Ellis Island?

1. a luxury housing development
2. an atomic research center
3. a nuclear power plant
4. a hotel and conference center (with a heliport)
5. a treatment facility for drug addicts
6. a nondenominational religious site
7. an oil storage depot

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Ellis Island Hospital Plan Has Wyckoff Vets Backing

WYCKOFF — Although the House of Representatives has now approved spending $6 million to develop historic Ellis Island as a national shrine, Wyckoff's VFW Post 6761 and its publicity chairman are still fighting to save the old immigration depot for a veterans' center.

Edward Van Riper of 121 C lona St. began the fight in April 1964 with a petition to the government urging the island be turned over to the Veterans Administration and its 32 buildings renovated for veterans' care.

His petition — circulated among local VFW, World War I and American Legion posts was endorsed a year ago by the Bergen County and State VFW Departments and later given support by the national VFW body at Chicago. Senators Clifford Case and Harrison Williams also indicated their support.

But the movement died a slow death as the General Services Administration failed to de-

1,300 feet from the Jersey City waterfront. Passed by the House and sent to the Senate last Monday, the bill now comes to the Senate floor afte committee okay.

Van Riper said that a Worl War I Veterans' representativ Michael Dwyer, had visited t island and appraised it as a "ideal place" for a veteran nursing and rehabilitation site. The National Park Servi plans to tear down all but t main immigration building. landscape the 27-acre islan and turn the main building int a museum.

Backed by the Wyckoff VF Post, Van Riper again is a pealing for public support of l plan to provide a place where veterans "could live outside of hospital walls in the free air and sunshine which they need so much."

Fearing the $6 million appropriation for park use would become a "pork-barrel" project, he maintains that "No one

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The Fight over the Future of the Hospital and Failed Preservation





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The unrestored buildings on Ellis Island’s south side hold “those quieter, more fragile moments of our national story, moments of fear, resilience, compassion and extraordinary hope. If we lose the hospital, we lose the most intimate chapter of Ellis Island’s history, and with it, a fuller understanding of who we are as a nation.”

--Janice Calella, Save Ellis Island