

Colonists Eagerly Await Command to Board Ship

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Seattle, Wash.—The 600 Matanuska valley pioneers from Wisconsin and Michigan waited impatiently Saturday for the cry, "Board ship."

Some time between 4 and 6 p. m. (Pacific time) the United States

but the entire balcony of a theater was opened to them.

Many, however, preferred to rest in their comfortable hotel rooms. They went out only to eat.

Much Joy in Eating

Their eating is a sight to behold. In groups of 20 or 30 they walk a block to the trolley line, whence special cars take them to the transient relief dining hall. This is said to be the best in the country, capable of seating 1,800 persons.

The pioneers enter the ground floor, wind up a long flight of stairs and file into the immense dining room. There transient workers seat them before wooden tables, on wooden benches stretching row on row for half a block.

All food is served family style. They pour milk and coffee from gallon cans. Big platters hold the meat and potatoes. Bread is stacked a foot high on clean plates. Butter comes in big chunks.

There is no limit to what a man can eat, except his own capacity, and the food is good. At breakfast, for instance, the colonists had half an orange, oatmeal, scrambled eggs, potatoes, bread and coffee. The colonists enjoy the plain but substantial service given them here.

"This is the way I like to eat," said Henry Larose, jr., of Phillips. "I'm used to stretching for my food instead of having it handed to me like on the dining cars on the train."

Mumps Join Measles

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Seattle, Wash.—Three cases of measles and two of mumps were added Friday to one old case of measles among Michigan-Wisconsin colonists. Two children of Arthur Nelson, Shell Lake; Ray Puhl, 7, Rice Lake, and Aloha Hoelt, 4, Morrison, Mich., have measles. Mrs. Emil Larsh, 20, and a daughter have mumps. Relief nurses said that quarantine probably would prevent their sailing Saturday. The victims are isolated in another hotel. They will sail June 5 on the North Star, which is taking horses, cows and more supplies to the colonists.

army transport St. Mihiel will begin taking them to Seward, Alaska, where they will disembark for a 180-mile railroad journey to new Matanuska valley homes planned for them by FERA.

Rain Friday afternoon washed out a picnic planned for the pioneers