

SPREAD OF PLAGUE

STARTED IN YUNNAN,
CHINA, IN YEAR 1894

The Terrible Disease Has Now Made Its Appearance in America—Over Four Million Victims Died So Far—Will It Become General in This Country?—Doctors Worried.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Surgeon General Wyman of the public health and marine service, has issued in pamphlet form a paper prepared by assistant Surgeon General J. M. Edgar, giving a history of the spread of bubonic plague during the last 14 years. No study presents more important and difficult sanitary problems, Dr. Eager says, than the lines of march taken by the bubonic plague during the period mentioned, in its advances from the remote endemic focus of the disease in the province of Yunnan, China, to the numerous countries in all parts of the globe where in many instances it has established itself in defiance of the most carefully planned preventive measures. The revival of the plague, Dr. Eager says, dates from 1894, when, escaping from the western Chinese province of Yunnan, it reached Canton. It appears to be established that there are two distinct "strains" of plague, different in the location of their permanent homes and in their facility for spreading outside them. One "strain" lodged in western Asia does not possess the same power of diffusion as the Indo-Chinese "strain." It was the latter variety which escaping from its center in Yunnan, gave rise to the present pandemic. From 1879 to 1894 not a single year passed without the appearance of plague in some locality, in some plague center. Between the months of March and August, 1894, the number of deaths from plague in Canton is estimated at 120,000. All classes among the population suffered and rats were found to be effected, but in the foreign quarter of Canton, with a population of about 300, not a single case occurred. During the next year cases of plague were reported in Hong Kong, Amoy, Macao and Foo Choo, and in 1896 sanitary attention throughout the world was focused on the threatening epidemic by its appearance in Bombay. Starting in August, the disease spread throughout the whole territory of Bombay presidency and before the end of the year, showed a total of 2890 cases and 2288 deaths. During that year plague reappeared in Hong Kong, where it has been epidemic ever since.

In 1897 the number of cases in India were more than 73,000, with over 55,000 deaths. In China there were epidemics at Amoy and Swatow, with many deaths in other sections of the empire and in the following year there were over 150,000 cases in India, with a mortality of 117,000. In 1897 an international plague conference was held at Venice, Italy, and in the year following others were held at Alexandria and Constantinople. But through religious prejudice efforts to stem the tide were only partly successful.

All Over World.

In 1900 plague was present in every quarter of the world, the deaths in India alone amounting to 92,000 during the year. The Philippines were included in the march of the disease, 150 deaths occurred at Manila.

The most notable fact in the history of plague in the western world was the occurrence of 22 fatalities in San Francisco. In 1904 plague caused the death of over 1,000,000 persons in India alone, and epidemics prevailed to a greater or less degree in nearly all parts of the world.

Many Deaths in 1907.

India suffered terribly in the year of 1907, but in the year 1906 there was a great decrease, the number of deaths being about 322,000, but again in 1907, there was a great increase, the deaths numbering 1,200,000. For nine years, Dr. Eager says, Hawaii, since 1897, has not been free from plague, but the Philippines seems to be clear of the disease. During 1907, 156 cases of plague with 76 deaths, occurred at San Francisco. There were also a few cases at Oakland and other close neighbors of San Francisco. At Seattle, the report says, three fatal cases occurred last October.

Eucharist Congress.

London, Sept. 9.—The most distinguished assemblage of Catholic clergy that London has seen in 300 years is here today for the opening of the Eucharist congress. This is the nineteenth convention of its kind held under the direction of the Church of Rome and promises to be the most important. Westminster Cathedral will be the scene of all the principal

religious sessions. Cardinals from Italy, France, the United States and other countries are here and hundreds of bishops and distinguished clergymen. Cardinal Gibbons, archbishop of Baltimore, will be one of the speakers and he will be accorded unusual honors by the British clergy.

The papers and discussions in the halls will for the most part be doctrinal, and the central theme will—as the name of the congress signifies—deal with the holy eucharist considered as a sacrament and as a sacrifice in the celebration of the mass.

A general committee has been formed, and among the vice presidents are the Duke of Norfolk and the Marquis of Ripon, while on the reception and hospitality subcommittee are, in addition to the two peers mentioned, the Earl of Denbigh, the Earl of Abington, Lord Herries, Lord Howard of Glossop, Admiral Lord Walter Kerr and Viscount Llandaff.

The Westminster Cathedral itself will be the center of all the religious ceremonies, while the Albert hall, the Cathedral hall and the Horticultural hall have been engaged for the speeches and the reading of the various papers. For the benefit of those unacquainted with English there will be a section in some hall where papers will be read in French.

Many visitors of eminence will be the guests of metropolitan Catholics. The cassock will be worn generally by clerics during the sitting of the congress, and the unusual sight may be witnessed of priests of both the Latin and the oriental rites in the London streets dressed in the Roman garb.

LOAD TOO HEAVY.

Wife Could Not Bear Up Under Accumulation of Trouble.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 8.—Unable to borrow money enough to carry her to her home in Georgia, where her mother lies dead, and her father dying, Mrs. Sylvia Stokes this afternoon drank poison within the shadow of the penitentiary walls where her husband is confined. She will die.

The case is one of the saddest ever brought under the notice of the local authorities. William Stokes is doing three years for grand larceny and will be liberated in a few weeks. His faithful wife has been starving outside the walls, waiting only to be able to see him on visitors' day. This morning she got a message from Milledgeville, Ga., their former home, reading:

"Mother dead; father dying. Come home at once."

It was in vain that the distracted woman appealed to the neighbors and carried the telegram from door to door along some of the more fashionable streets, asking only enough carfare to carry her to Georgia.

One woman gave her 10 cents for a cup of coffee, but finding that she could not get enough for the carfare south, Mrs. Stokes bought 10 cents worth of acid in a drug store and, going near the prison where her husband is confined, drank it.

Stokes, the prisoner, became so frantic when he heard of his wife's deed that he had to be placed in the prison dungeon.

Propose to Married Woman.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 9.—Although she has a husband, Mrs. Anna Rowe has recently received over 500 proposals of marriage, and more are coming from all over the country in every mail. Mrs. Rowe's popularity as a matrimonial partner is due to the fact that she holds a good place in line for the Fond du Lac reservation land opening. Through the error of a reporter, it was stated in an article published in papers all over the country that the lady was unmarried, and this led to the deluge of proposals. Mr. Rowe takes the incident in good part and is having the time of his life reading the letters from amorous swains who hope to acquire a wife and a good farm at the same time.

How to Get Strong.

P. J. Daly, of 1247 W. Congress St., Chicago, tells of a way to become strong. He says: "My mother, who is old and very feeble, is deriving so much benefit from Electric Bitters, that I feel it is my duty to tell those who need a tonic and strengthening medicine about it. In my mother's case a marked gain in flesh has resulted, insomnia has been overcome, and she is steadily growing stronger." Electric Bitters quickly remedy stomach, liver and kidney complaints. Sold under guarantee at Tallman & Co.'s and Pendleton Drug Co., 50c.

Admission Day.

San Francisco, Sept. 9.—Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West are celebrating Admission Day with the usual festivities in towns and cities throughout California. The principal sporting event of the day here will be the Nelson-Gans fight, which will be witnessed by one of the largest crowds ever gathered at a ringside in this city.

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To Try Chelsea Builders.

Boston, Sept. 9.—Morris Gordon and Morris Segal, heads of a contracting firm, will be placed on trial tomorrow for manslaughter. The men are charged with criminal negligence in connection with the collapse of the walls of the Academy of Music at Chelsea, whereby eight men were killed and several injured. Gordon and Segal had the contract for rebuilding the edifice and the work was in progress under their direction at the time of the fatal accident. At a preliminary hearing, the contractors were held in \$5000 bond on eight counts charging manslaughter.

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Hoosier Veterans.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 9.—Survivors of the Forty-first Indiana regiment from many states are gathering today at their old camping ground for the twenty-second annual reunion. Novel souvenirs will be given the veterans, being copies of a letter written in 1863 by General A. D. Streigh, while he was a prisoner in Libby prison, and smuggled out to of the barricade in a plug of navy tobacco.

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