

PNEUMONIC PLAGUE
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mention of plague has struck terro to the hearts of mankind in practical
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began. No other disease of man ha ever assumed the alarming propor
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take certann essential precautions
plague will continue to exist. It
only on the actual eve of an out
break that the publie will demand ac tive measures of prevention.
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along the Pacifle Coast for a number along the Pacifle Coast for a number
of years. The present outbreak of pneumonle plague in Los Angeles em
phasizes the fact that plague stllt ex ists in this country. The relation be
tween bubonle piague presumably de pendent on the variation in the char
acteristics of the race of bacillt conceath of the Middle Ages is to
regarded as plague pneumonia. it highty contagious. The specitic cau
is the Bacillus pestis. Infection produced by tnoculation, inhalation. ingestlon or slight mechanical abra:
sion. Rodents are the natural reser
votr votrs of plague. Infection spreads from
rat to rat ty means of the fles. The Infection is caused by the fiea bte.
Plague. aikays oeceurs Frisyt as an toprzoote nmong ratto bo other rotents
and it is usually only as the rat popplation is dectmated by the ravages of the disease that the rat flea is
forced to bite man to obtain food. rbe ground squirrel acts as a reser.
voir for the rural spread of tnfec. toon, whlch may then be transmiltted Sanitary control of plague, like tha of most other communicabie diseases
is concerned first with infected buis concerned first with infected hu
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