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EGYPT.

Plague in Alexandria.

CAIRO, April 10, 1901.

The SECRETARY OF STATE, Washington, D. C.—Plague, Alexandria.—LONG.

ENGLAND.

Report from London—Further concerning the case of plague at Southampton.

LONDON, ENGLAND, March 23, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following weekly report: Confirming my cablegram of to-day, there has been 1 case of plague at Southampton. This is in the case of a Lascar steward on the transport *Simla* from Cape Town. He was taken sick on the voyage, but at Plymouth, where the vessel first touched, he was passed and the vessel given pratique.* As a result, on arrival at Southampton March 14, there was no medical visit, and the vessel proceeded to dock.

The case was, however, at once sent to the hospital ship and was decided on March 19 to be plague. The case is said to be of the bubonic type and mild, and it is hoped no further cases will occur. The vessel is being disinfected and all contacts kept under observation.

A case of plague is also reported to have occurred among the troops on the transport *Roslin Castle* at Durban. This case ended fatally.

The number of plague cases at Cape Town continues to increase. The official report for the week ended March 16 is as follows: Cases admitted, 81; deaths, 29; suspects, 17; contacts, 402. Cases are reported in about the same ratio for the past week by the lay press.

The smallpox epidemic at Glasgow continues to diminish, the number of new cases occurring daily being very much less and the officials take a more hopeful view of the situation. On March 15 there were 405 cases in hospital, while on March 22 there were only 380 cases. The improvement is attributed to revaccination, which has been urged upon the people, and it is asserted that no case has occurred among those who have been successfully revaccinated. No further cases have been reported in Edinburgh, so the total for that town remains at 5 cases and 1 death. There was 1 case of smallpox under treatment in the London fever hospital for the week ended March 16. During the same period there were 3 cases of typhus fever under treatment. The deaths from influenza in London for the same week fell to 39, as against 32, 35, and 39 in the three preceding weeks.

Respectfully,

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U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

* It is not stated whether or not the temperatures of the crew of the *Simla* were taken at the quarantine examination at Plymouth. If not, this case would seem to emphasize the necessity of taking temperatures at the quarantine inspection of vessels arriving from infected ports, which is now required by regulation in the United States.