

at Auckland, New Zealand, plague was reported present. In this year Glasgow, Scotland, developed 32 cases, with 8 deaths within two months. Four cases and two deaths were reported at London, England, and a single case at Cardiff, Wales. A case also occurred in Germany. The Government of Astrakhan, Russia, afflicted the previous year, was again the seat of an epidemic. There was an epidemic in the Government of Samare, and the most notable fact in the history of plague in the western world was the appearance of 22 fatal cases in San Francisco, Cal. In South America there occurred in Brazil about 600 cases at Rio de Janeiro, and the disease was present at Sao Paulo, Santos, Nictheroy, and Petropolis. In Argentina epidemics prevailed at Buenos Ayres and Rosario, and there were cases at Paraguay, at Assumption and Conception.

Plague having established an abode in every continent, the future history of the pandemic is largely a chronicle of intra-continental expansion. We will, therefore, not follow the lines of advance further, but merely pass over the next six years and state something of the more recent prevalence of the disease.

Last year 1,400,000 cases, with 1,200,000 deaths, are reported for India, and plague has been present in a more or less epidemic form in China; is scattered widely in Japan; present also in Persia, Arabia, Siam, and Straits Settlements; in Egypt, at Alexandria, Ismailia, Port Said, Suez, and nine provinces. African territory is invaded, Tunis, Algeria, British East Africa, and the epidemic in Mauritius has completed its tenth year and an epidemic is prevailing in Zanzibar. Plague is still present in Australia, with epidemics in Sydney, Brisbane, Cairns, and Port Douglas. New Zealand still lodges the disease at Auckland, and an epidemic of small proportions has occurred at Honolulu. Plague is still present in the Astrakhan Government, Russia. Two more cases in 1907 appeared in Glasgow and many epidemics in different parts of South America. Two deaths from plague in Trinidad. In May, 1907, a case from a tug-boat died at the Marine Hospital at San Francisco, Cal., and during the calendar year of 1907, 156 cases with 76 deaths occurred at San Francisco. There were also a few cases at Oakland, Point Richmond, Berkeley, and at Seattle, Washington, three fatal cases occurred in October. During the present year, 1908, Ecuador and Venezuela, in South America, and now the disease has extended to Peru, and in Africa to the British Gold Coast, and in the Azores to the island of Terceiria. These four countries, added to our list, make a total of fifty-three countries infected since the primary outbreak in China in 1894. Such is a brief outline of the present pandemic of plague.

In the long history of plague pestilences we find that plague