# Millions

An Awful Condition of Affairs in India.

Plague Follows Close on the Heels of Famine.

Food Enough to Last Until April Must be Provided.

Mortality at Bombay Frightful - Europe in a State of Alarm.

Bombay, Jan. 16 .- Plague and famine are stalking arm in arm through densly populated portions of the British empire, thousands are dead or dying, and the outlook becomes more terrible every day. Millions of helpless men, women and children are starving, and the famine-stricken district, having a population of nearly 40,000,000 people, will have to depend upon the hand of charity for food enough to keep body and soul together until April or later. Other districts with a population numbering about 50,000,000 are already feeling the pangs of bitter privation from food, and this must be endured well on into spring before permanent relief will be afforded by nature. Funds for the relief of the sufferers are being raised on all sides; but a very large amount of money will be needed to provide food even for these unfortunate people who live on almost nothing, in comparison with Europeans and others, from one

end of the year to another. THE TERRIBLE PLAGUE.

This calamity, awful as it is in its intensity, is possible not much greater than the ravages of the dreadful bubonic plague here, which is threat-ening to spread, through the fright of the natives of this city, into other parts of India, and if it reaches the greatly weakened famine sufferers, the mortality may be enormous. The natives have been reduced by lack of food to little less than living skeletons in the most heavily stricken districts, and as such they cannot but fall victims by the thousand to the black plague, which threatens to in-vade Europe through the Mecca pilgrims and other sources for the spread

of contagion. The mortality here has quadrupled, without counting the deaths which have occurred among the hundreds of thousands of people who have fled in terror from Bombay, in may cases abandoning their all in the hurried flight from the pestilence.

BOMBAY DEPOPULATED.

Up to recently Bombay, with its population of about 850,000, enjoyed the reputation of being one of the healthiest cities in India, its sanitary works being equal to those of the European capitals. But all this has changed. More than half the population have disappeared, and those who remain are either helpless or cannot get away, or are crowding out of the city by rail, or else contemplate so doing unless there is a change for the better shortly. The Government officials are seriously alarmed, the native physicians have nearly all left the city, business is paralyzed, and mills are closed or closing, the streets are partly deserted, and on all sides are empty houses, boarded up, or wide open, the passage of funeral parties through the streets goes on day and night. The ghats light the skies with their reflections, and line after line of bodies there or at the paree burial spots await consignment to the

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### SPREADING.

sought safety, the plague has broken out in most threatening form. At Bandra, for instance, 129 deaths are recorded out of 180 cases of the plague, causing consternation, even among the

turn of deaths from intermittent fever are extraordinarily high, above the plague rate.

THE TROOPS IN DANGER.

The Government officials are dreading legs; Samuel Henderson, aged 10, the spread of the plague to the British troops in garrison here, and it is There were 147 boys and 100 girls in proposed to withdraw the European troops, and send them into the best place available on the other side of Bombay harbor. On the other hand, there are people who oppose this step being taken, on the ground that the

North Hastings' Oldest Inhabitant Halo and Hearty.

Josias Moore, of Bancroft, Ont., one of the oldest and best-known residents of Hastings county, can boast of wonderful health and vigor for his 'Although I am over 84 years of age," he says, "I feel as young as

ever I did." Mr. Moore, however, had a narrow escape from death about a year ago. was so bad with indigestion," writes, "that the doctors gave me up. I tried various alleged remedies, but found them no good. One day our popular druggist, F. C. Humphries, sent me a sample of Dr. Chase's Kidmey-Liver Pills, to try. The result was marvelous. After taking two I was able to get up. Then I sent for a box. I could soon eat anything. In a short time I was able to walk day, March 15; St. Thomas, non-jury, Tuesday, April 26. Rose, J.—London, jury, Monday, March 15; St. Thomas, non-jury, Tuesday, March 15; St. Thomas, non-jury, Monday, March 16; St. Thoma two miles, to Bancroft and back, with

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coughs, asthma, and consumption. It day, June 1.

a salutary effect upon the populace, WHITESIDE AT THE GRAND which might otherwise start rioting and looting. It is also suggested that the whole city should be isolated, and the exodus

be prevented by a strong cordon of troops and armed steamers.

There are people who go so far as to strongly advocate that the only radical cure is to drive the remaining natives from the quarter of the city inhabited by them, apply the torch to their habitations, and burn every place there to the ground. They point to the fact in support of this policy, that no amount of disinfecting work will wipe out the horrible scourge, as the rats and even the ants, it is claimed, are infected, and will carry the pestilence far and wide unless the fire cure is adopted. If this is done, and it does not seem unlikely, the whole of the remaining native population will be driven out by the troops to an immense camp, which will have been previously prepared for them. There the natives will be compelled to remain until the plague is stamped out or works its worst among the unfortunates.

The camp at Andheri is in a particularly unhealthy state, and an outbreak of cholera there seems certain, in addition to a visitation of the plague. Water is scarce, and what there is of it is filthy. Many of the refugees, alarmed by the deaths which have already occurred there, have fled

to other points. THE FAMINE DISTRICT.

Official reports show that the famine district in India already cludes a population of 81,000,000, and that the number of natives employed on relief works will soon exceed 3,000,-000. The prices of imported food in Bengal are high, traders taking advantage of the chance to make private fortunes.

EUROPE ALARMED.

From the European point of view, the plague is a matter of graver concern than the famine. All the con-tinental governments are adopting precautionary measures at the and imports from India of rags, linen and other articles capable of conveying germs are prohibited, and it is announced that an European conference will be held at Rome to consider the adoption of combined measures to prevent the plague from invading Europe. The Russian Government has sent doctors to Persia to watch the progress of the disease, and if it appears in either Persia, Afghanistan or Kash-gar, the Russian frontier will be immediately closed.

### Children Cremated.

Awful Results of a Fire in an Orphans' Home.

Fifteen Fatheriess Boys and Girls Lose Their Lives.

girls and boys are dead as a result of Friday night's fire at the Buckner Orphan Home, and nine others are seriously burned and crushed. Three of the injured, it is thought, cannot recover. The fire which commenced about 10 o'clock Friday night and raged until the boys' dormitory was destroyed, did not cool enough for a govern for the bodies in the asker. search for the bodies in the ashes until early on Saturday morning. At that time it was thought that only five children had been burned to death. When the ashes had cooled enough to admit of a search, scores of sympathizing friends and neighbors began the sad task of finding the bodies of the five whom it was known had perished, and during the day fifteen bodies were found.

THE DEAD.

Oscar Jackson, aged 13; Birdie Britton, aged 13; Marion Britton, Milton Britton; Carlos Jones, aged 5. of Hunt county; Willie Richards, aged 5, of Collins county; Grover Cleveland Yarspots await consignment to the flames or to mother earth.

PROGRESS OF DISEASE.

The number of deaths from the plague in this city is now estimated, unofficially, to be over 3,600, and there are about 10 additional victims daily, with this number increasing as time wears on. The Europeans, however, have been singularly free from contagion up to the present time, only three deaths.

Collins county; Grover Cleveland Yarborough, aged 13, of Smith county; Preston Cribbs, aged 14, of Fannin county; Eugene Black, aged 8, of Callahan county; Virgil Nelson, aged 10, of Marion county; Arthur Edwards, aged 10, of Denton county; Osear Howard, aged 5, of Cherokee county; Say King, aged 9, of the Indian Territory; Thomas O'Bannon, aged 6, died at 1 o'clock Saturday af-

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Dan Grace, aged 5, fatally burned over two-thirds of his body; Earl At Karachi, Poona and Bandra, over two-thirds of his body; Earl where large numbers of refugees have Doodle, aged 6, badly burned on back; Charles Boyd Friend, aged 10, seriously and brobably fatally burned on head, face, hands and arms, and injured on the head from jumping from the second story; Richard Zurmwaldt, physicians.
The mortality during the past week has been unprecedented, while the rea jump from the second story; Walter Blockington Yarborough, aged 8, both hands burned; Bennie Ware, aged 11, seriously injured, not expected to live; Jim Scott, aged 10, burned on both burned about face, hands and arms.

There were 147 boys and 100 girls in the home, but all are accounted for. presence of the British regiments has Britton's anxiety for the safety of the inmates that she forgot her own children, and despite her frantic efforts at rescue they were burned to

THE SPRING ASSIZES

The Sittings in Western Ontario - The Judges.

The judges will sit for the Spring Assizes at the following places and dates in Western Ontario: Boyd, C .- Woodstock, jury, Monday,

March 22. Armour, C. J .- Goderich, jury, Monday, March 8; Stratford, jury, Monday, March 22; Woodstock, non-jury, Monday, May 3; Walkerton, non-jury, Wednesday, June 2.

Ferguson, J.—Sandwich, jury, Mon-day, March 15; Guelph, jury, Monday, April 12; Chatham, non-jury, Tuesday,

Robertson, J.-Sarnia, jury, Monday, March 15; March 22; March 15; Chatham, jury, Monday, March 22; Brantford, jury, Monday, March 29; St. Thomas, jury, Monday, Falconbridge, J.-Walkerton, jury, pill a dose; one cent a dose; Edmanson, Bates & Co., manufacturers, Toronto.

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Monday, April 26.

The Clever Young Tragedian as Eugene Aram and Shylock.

The brilliant young tragedian, Walker Whiteside, paid his regular visit to London Saturday, appearing in two roles that he has not heretofore presented here. The matinee performance was a dramatization of "Eugene Aram" by Paul Kester and Mr. Whiteside himself. This thrilling story of real life, rendered immortal by Lytton, in prose, and Hood, in verse, has been admirably adapted to the stage, and makes a tragedy of absorbing, though melancholy, interest. Mr. Whiteside is to be commended upon this valuable addition to his repertoire, and upon his masterly conception of the title role. It is subtle and powerful, and has a cumulative intensity which bursts with splendid effect in the grewsome climax of the confession. In the evening, Mr. Whiteside es-sayed Shylock, and won the admiration of a most enthusiastic audience, who recalled him again and again. For a young man, the impersonation was the more remarkable. Mr. Whiteside takes the softer and more ideal interpretation of Shylock. He does not make him a fiend incarnate, but ra-ther an object of pity than of scorn, by accentuating the few redeeming traits of his character, and by laying his vengeance to the contumely heaped upon him and his race by his Christian adversaries. Mr. Whiteside received competent support. Miss Lucia Moore made a charming Portia—sprightly, tender, mandy and womanly. Mr. Hermin's Bassanio had the necessary dash and fire, and Mr. Tanner's Young Gobbo was an excellent bit of comedy. Mr. Whiteside and his company will always be welcomed to London.

AN EXETER SENSATION.

Mr. Richard Harrison Dies in His Seat in Church.

Exeter, Ont., Jan. 18.-Mr. Richard Harrison, a retired gentleman, living in town for many years, last night, af-ter tea, went to the James Street Methodist Church for service. After being in his seat about five minutes, he suddenly gave a gasp, and almost in-His body was carried home, and his

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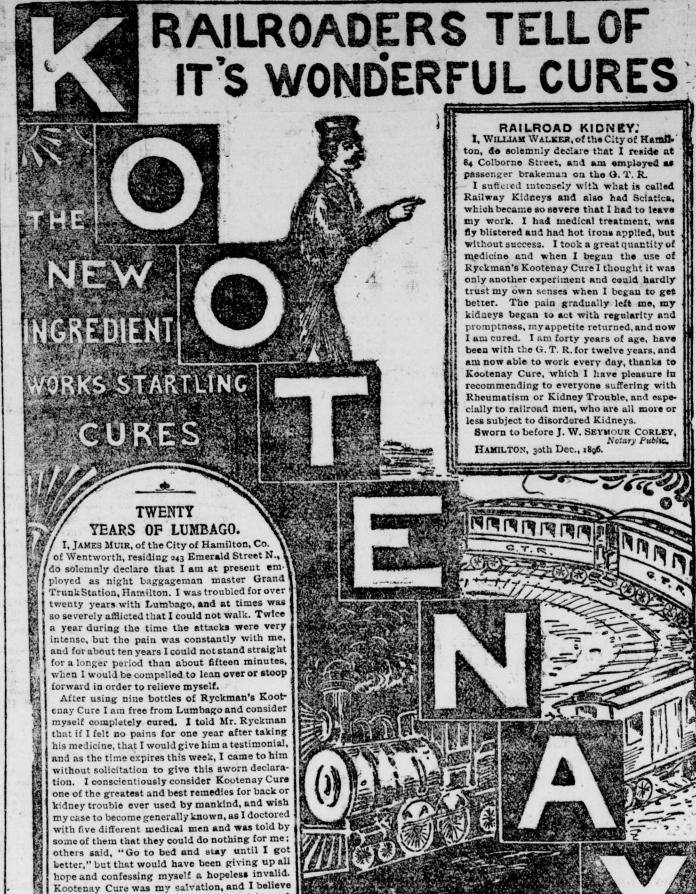
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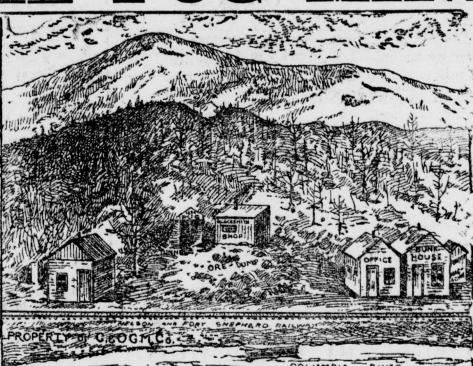
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