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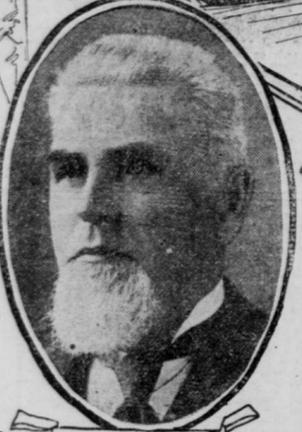
## BOARD OF HEALTH CONFESSES TO A FAMOUS EXPERT WHO CROSSED THE CONTINENT AT THE INSTANCE OF THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE CALL THAT THERE IS NO BUBONIC PLAGUE IN THIS CITY

### Dr. George F. Shrady Begins an Investigation of the Sensational Rumors Which Have Injured San Francisco.

### State Board of Health Issues Orders That the Chinese Quarter Be Quarantined to Satisfy the Demands of Other Excited Communities.

THE people of San Francisco have reason for the deepest congratulation. One of the most expert bacteriologists in the world and a physician famed for his ability is in the city at the instance of the New York Herald and The Call, to make a thorough and absolutely impartial investigation of the facts which have led to the sensational reports that bubonic plague is in this city. He is Dr. George F. Shrady of New York and he has crossed the continent for the highly important duty of making a complete inquiry. He has already far enough advanced in his investigation to announce

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DR. GEORGE F. SHRADY THE EMINENT NEW YORK PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

### Local Health Officials Called Upon to Resign Their Positions or Submit to Summary Removal by the Mayor.

### Federal Judges Have Joined National and Local Authorities From Refusing to Asiatics Their Right to Enter and Leave the City.

they proved themselves to me. He agreed that such a course would commend itself to the citizens of San Francisco and he appeared only too glad to further such an end. I am pleased to say also that the Marine Hospital service, through its chief medical officer, Dr. J. J. Kinyoun, was kind enough to offer me facilities for seeing cases which might present themselves at quarantine. In order to get a good preliminary view of the situation I had the privilege of visiting Chinatown this morning in company with the president of the Health Board of San Francisco, and while on this journey thoroughly discussed the situation with him. To such as had never visited Chinatown the scenes which can be witnessed there would be a revelation, but of the details in this regard I will state later when further opportunities are offered for a more complete examination. I might say in passing that the appellation "dirty" from Chinatown's viewpoint requires a new interpretation of its dreadful meaning. Owing to the recent troubles among the Chinese connected with the infection of the protective lymph, of which also I shall speak later, most of the stores in Chinatown have been closed. This morning there was an encouraging prospect of remaining business in the shape of the majority of the better stores being opened for customers, but there was the conveyed impression throughout the whole district of something unusual having happened. There was an idea as of something like an air of desolation about the place and the Chinese who were in view had the appearance of apathetic apprehension. I gave one the idea that there was a forced holiday as the result of some unusual calamity in the community, but back of it all was a smothered feeling of vengeance in the expression of almost every

JUDGE W. W. MORROW, READING THE DECISION.

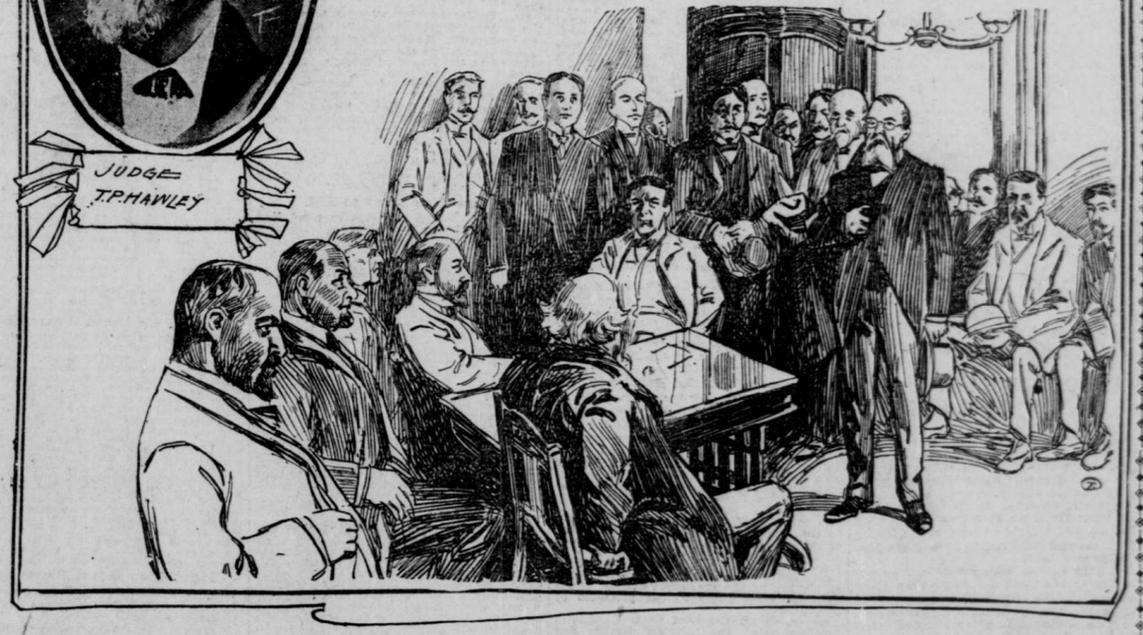


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ing the decision of the Federal judges the State Board of Health decided first to warn officers of neighboring counties not to allow Chinese or Japanese to enter the different counties. The injustice of this measure was manifest and it was withdrawn. In order, however, that the crusade against San Francisco might be stopped and that wiser councils might prevail, the State board instructed the local board to quarantine Chinatown. Under the decision of the Federal judges the Board of Health of this city has no authority to quarantine a district, the power being vested, under the charter, in the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Health adopted a resolution therefore declaring that plague had existed in Chinatown and that to prevent its recurrence the district should be quarantined. This resolution was submitted to the Supervisors for adoption, but after a long discussion the board postponed definite action until this morning at 11 o'clock. At the same time a resolution denouncing the Board of Health for its unwarranted actions in the entire matter and calling upon the members to resign their positions was introduced and referred to the Health and Police Committee. If the Health Board refuses to resign the Mayor is called upon to remove them.

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### Merchants Appeal to the State Board of Health Not to Injure California by Unwarranted Action.

that most of the people do not think such procedures are necessary, but it is also apparent that the public is in a very uncertain state as to whether the plague in the first place ever appeared at all; that there were ever any well authenticated cases upon which legitimate conclusions could be based, and that the expectation that any plague will make its appearance in the future is without foundation. One citizen whom I asked in a casual way appeared to speak the mind of the community when he said that no one knew what to believe; and that the public mind was in a deplorably chaotic condition in regard to reconciling directly conflicting facts. He remarked that the doctors were not apparently sure of their diagnoses. Others said the plague was hidden in certain sections of Chinatown and its existence, although known to the authorities, was not published. Altogether it would be very amusing if some one in whom confidence could be placed should state positively what is the actual condition of affairs, irrespective of party. Health Board or any other consideration whatever. In fact, San Francisco at present is in great doubt in which direction to move—whether it is best to take precaution which the recent scare might seem to indicate, or to be resigned to that desirable tranquillity of mind which a sense of absolute safety would seemingly guarantee. In my conversation with Dr. Williamson this morning I was pleased to hear that not only in his professional but in his official capacity he would do everything in his power to assist in the proper line of investigation. I also understood from him that the Federal quarantine officers worked in accord with the Board of Health, and there was a promising condition of harmony of purpose which was in every way encouraging in the efforts to arrive at the real truth. I took occasion to remark to the Health Officer that it was of the utmost importance to state one way or the other whether or not there was a single case of the plague in San Francisco at the present time, and that he was in his official capacity capable of answering that question directly. He gave me to understand that it was not possible for a case of plague to exist in this city and he not know it. Willing to Assist Cases. In answer to a suggestion from him I signified my willingness to visit any plague case which might show itself or even meet any of the physicians in consultation on private cases that might be suspected as such, whether in hospital or in Chinatown, and to state the facts of the existence or not of the scourge as Chairman you would meet. This was decidedly noticeable and made one feel most uncomfortable. I was not surprised to see this in view of the former attempts on the part of the Chinese residents to resist the authority of the Health Board in enforcing the sanitary regulations; hence it was considered advisable that an attendant from the office of the Chief of Police should quietly accompany us on our rounds, and when the doctor remarked that there was another reason for wearing an overcoat it was understood to be for the purpose of carrying a weapon to be used for protection. In fact, care was taken in the course of our stroll not to excite undue attention on the part of the Chinese, who were to be found, scattered everywhere over the densely populated blocks. It appears customary among these Orientals to gather about the officials while at their work and very often the sanitary inspectors in attempting to enforce health orders are quickly surrounded by a dangerous and threatening mob. It was to avoid this kind of force that it was necessary to appear as if we were only mere visitors bent on an errand of ordinary curiosity. Dodging Serum Injectors. Being attracted by a store that had