

SAN FRANCISCO FREE FROM DANGER OF CONTAGION

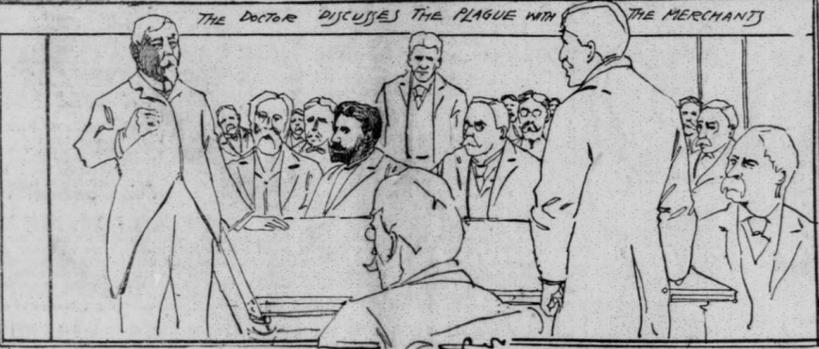
Dr. George F. Shradly, the famous physician, who was brought to this city by the New York Herald and The Call, has concluded his important mission.

Having concluded my mission I shall return to New York on Sunday; and in conclusion I wish to say that while I am assured that the plague has been in San Francisco, I am also thoroughly convinced that it was nothing more than a sporadic instance, and that any measure of quarantine which may be taken by outside cities is unjust and unwarranted.

Merchants Meet and Subscribe Thousands of Dollars to Assist the Health Authorities in their Plan to Cleanse the Chinese District of Its Menacing Elements.

The excitement in this city occasioned by the discovery of a sporadic case of bubonic plague has ended. Local, State and Federal officials are firmly convinced that there is not the slightest occasion for alarm, and that the precautions now being taken in the Chinese quarter are more than ample to prevent a reappearance of the dread disease.

plague, but failed to be gratified. The only case I have seen was that of a corpse of plague infection. The local and Federal authorities extended to me so many courtesies that I am persuaded that they believe that the conclusions which I reached were true.



THE DOCTOR DISCUSSES THE PLAGUE WITH THE MERCHANTS

Dr. Shradly says that he came here with the thought that bubonic plague existed in this city. He says he is gratified to announce that it is not here and that any quarantine which may be instituted by other cities or States is absolutely unwarranted.

At a meeting of the State Board of Trade held yesterday merchants, railroad men and physicians discussed the situation at length. They were unanimous in their opinion that while every health authority in the local, State and Federal service had declared the plague does not exist in San Francisco, everything should be done to cleanse the Chinese district and convince the world that San Francisco is thoroughly on its guard and intends to remove the fifth menace which has been for so many years a disgrace to the city.

Advertisement in Chinese characters for a fund to cleanse Chinatown, signed by Dr. Shradly.

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to see every case presented if it was one or one thousand. I failed to see a single case of live plague and saw only one in a corpse. From this standpoint it would seem that the rumor that plague threatens San Francisco is ridiculous and unwarranted. From this standpoint it would seem that the rumor that plague threatens San Francisco is ridiculous and unwarranted.

DR. SHRADY FINISHES HIS INVESTIGATION He Has Come to the Conclusion That the Plague Scare is Unwarranted. In discussing the alleged plague situation in San Francisco last night Dr. Shradly declared that he found nothing to warrant a further investigation of the affair.

There is no necessity for further discussion on my part of the so-called plague scare. I have covered the ground thoroughly and have received the assistance and hearty co-operation of every Federal, State and local official and am convinced that the only duty remaining for the people of San Francisco is to cleanse Chinatown, the plague spot which they have created and which they are maintaining and have no doubts as to the conclusion that independent of any present excitement Chinatown must be cleansed of its filth.

DR. SHRADY'S WORDS OF COUNSEL TO THE CHINESE.

THE Chinese should consider that this movement is for their good; that the white man is a friend to the Oriental, in spite of what is said to the contrary. I am convinced that the citizens of San Francisco are doing what they can to cleanse the Chinese quarter, and that the inhabitants of that quarter will appreciate their efforts.

"In passing I feel called upon again to refer to the New York Board of Health. If the officers of that board were here and the policy which they have adopted were followed I am firmly convinced that a very few days' activity would remove the slightest shadow of doubt in reference to the situation in this city. I have no doubt the duty of the authorities here is plain. They must leave nothing undone to convince every community in America that not only is the bubonic plague not in San Francisco, but that the health authorities of the city have reached the conclusion that they must remove at once, and by any measure which is found necessary, the only menace to their health which exists in their midst.

MERCHANTS RESPOND TO A CALL FOR FUNDS Business Men Advocate the Cleansing of Chinatown and Subscribe Readily for That Purpose.

THE merchants of this city have decided that, plague or no plague, something must be done to remove the effects of the widespread publications circulated throughout the country that San Francisco is a victim of an epidemic. Much as some of them believe that the bubonic plague does not or never did exist in this city, still they are unanimous in their opinion that prompt and vigorous action is the only available weapon with which to combat the conditions which have done so much harm to the trade of San Francisco.

A number of merchants and business men attended a conference at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday and discussed the situation. The one idea of the meeting was to devise some means for the raising of a fund which would be placed against the city to the great detriment of its trade and business. The session lasted until about 10 o'clock, and a resolution was made that it be made more public and general.

- List of names and amounts contributed to the fund for cleaning Chinatown, including names like Schwinn, L. A. Watkins, and others.