

HORRORS OF YELLOW FEVER

A MISSISSIPPI TOWN DEPOPULATED.

RAVAGES OF THE FEARFUL DISEASE IN GRENADA, MISS.—ONLY 700 WHITE PEOPLE LEFT — THE FEVER SPREADING WITH DEADLY EFFECT—ITS MALIGNANT FORM—PHYSICIANS AND NURSES FROM MEMPHIS AND NEW-ORLEANS STRIVING TO CONQUER THE PLAGUE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

GRENADA, Miss., Aug. 14.—The yellow fever was declared to be epidemic here on Sunday morning. The Board of Health telegraphed at once to the Howard Association of Memphis for 25 nurses and competent yellow fever physicians. The physicians arriving pronounced the fever to be of a malignant type. The authorities had postponed action for five or six days, hoping it would prove to be nothing more than a severe malarial fever; but at last they became convinced of its true character. Seven nurses and the Secretary of the Memphis Board of Health arrived at 11 P. M. Sunday, on a special train, and quickly went to work. The Secretary at once pronounced the prevailing disease yellow fever of the most stubborn kind, and orders were promptly sent for more nurses. Col. Burke, Superintendent of the Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad, sent another special train with 25 more nurses. In the meantime, new cases developed rapidly, and a call was made on the Howard Association of New-Orleans, which was responded to, and at 6 o'clock this morning Drs. Mandeville and Veazie arrived, with 16 experienced nurses. The train was held two hours at New-Orleans to await the arrival of Dr. Mandeville from Port Eads, where he had been directing the treatment of the patients there. They were assigned to-day, and an organization was effected by the Howard Association people and the city officials. Four districts were formed, with a Superintendent for each, whose duty it is to report all deaths, new cases, the condition of the patients, the success of the nurses, &c., to the Secretary of the Board of Health. To-night, consequently, everything is systematized and in perfect working order.

The New-Orleans doctors pronounce the fever to be of a very malignant character. It is spreading throughout the town. At first it was confined to one locality, and its cause is generally believed to have been the opening of a sewer in which were found the carcasses of several dead animals. Garbage in the alleys and streets also had an influence in causing the outbreak of the scourge. The first person taken sick was Mrs. Field, who had ordered a dress from New-Orleans, and the disease is thought by some to have been brought with it. Various opinions are expressed, but the most plausible seems to be the first mentioned. Whatever may have been the origin of the plague, it is here in its most terrible form. Not one of the earlier sufferers have recovered, nor are they expected to recover by the physicians.

All the business houses are closed excepting the drug stores and undertakers' shops, and the town presents the appearance of a deserted grave-yard. No trains on either road are allowed to stop here, and the town is completely quarantined. The jail has been opened, and the prisoners liberated. In one house there are eight patients and one corpse. Four persons suffering from the black vomit died last night. The resident physicians are completely worn out by their long and self-sacrificing services and untiring devotion to the afflicted. Many of their own families are sick and are only receiving regular calls, the same as other patients. Gen. W. J. Smith and Col. Butler P. Anderson, of the Howard Association of Memphis, are in charge, and are working night and day.

The population of the town is estimated to have been reduced to 700 whites. There has been only one death and one case among the colored population, which is double that of the white. The total number of deaths, so far, is 34; number of cases, 130. Nine deaths have occurred and 15 new cases reported since last night. The disease is spreading throughout the town, and it now seems as though there was little hope of an abatement in its severity. The weather is unfavorable and the outlook gloomy indeed for the stricken people. God only knows where it will end.

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