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Editorial.

THE PLAGUE IN EUROPE.

THE news that bubonic plague has obtained a foothold in Europe is grave indeed, but there unfortunately seems to be no room to doubt that this dreaded disease has made its appearance at Oporto. It appears that for the last two months suspicious cases have been observed at Oporto, and that nine Spanish workmen who had been discharging a ship, were seized with a mysterious disease which in seven cases terminated fatally. The opinion was expressed by medical men who attended these cases that they were suffering from bubonic plague, but the press was officially requested to abstain from mentioning the fact. The disease has now become epidemic, and Dr. Refoios, Professor of Medicine at the University of Coimbra, has pronounced it to be bubonic plague. There is no doubt that there are now a number of cases of the disease in the hospital of the Misericordia, and rumour is rife concerning those prevalent in the city. According to the *Daily Mail*, the plague has been brought into Oporto in packages from Bombay, landed by the steamer *City of Cork*. The situation is especially grave, because it would appear that the sanitation of the city is very bad, and that the quarter of the city where the first cases appeared is overcrowded, and

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