

⊗ **THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.** 📄

**KARACHI, July 18.**

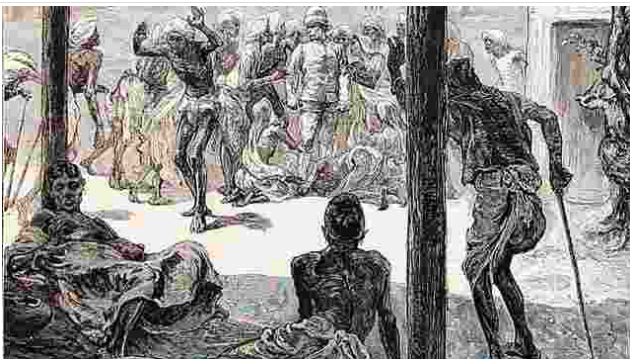
The influenza epidemic in Karachi is apparently less severe in type than in Bombay or Calcutta. So far as can be ascertained no European has been affected and no deaths have been reported. About fifteen per cent. of the office staff of business establishments throughout the city are absent. Telegraph and post office are little affected and service is in no way disturbed. Most of the victims hitherto have arrived by sea or come in contact with them. The Port Trust has suffered little but over hundred coolies working at Keamari are ill.

**MADRAS, July 18.**

The influenza epidemic has reached here. Hundreds of cases are treated at the hospitals, and there is hardly any household which has not caught the infection.

**ALLAHABAD, July 18.**

The new epidemic has arrived at Allahabad, one of the first to fall a victim being an employee of Messrs. G. F. Kellner and Co. A number of the staff of the firm are down.



Nearly every house in Bombay has some of its inmates down with fever and every office is bewailing the absence of clerks and others through the same cause. We know of one workshop in the city which had over three hundred absentees yesterday morning and of one large office from which everybody except one was away ill. Fortunately, there is no need for the belief which seems to have possessed most people that this is some new mysterious disease. The Health Department, in response to our inquiries, inform us that it is a form of influenza, which generally sweeps over the city and the whole countryside about August. The chief symptoms are high temperature and pains in the back and the complaint lasts three days and leaves its victims feeling rather "flat." Like all forms of influenza, it is very infectious and therefore the most susceptible people are those living under conditions of overcrowding and the close intimacies of family life, while the least susceptible are those whose houses are well ventilated and who spend a good deal of time in the open air. The main remedy is to go to bed and not worry. Perhaps the medical men in the Municipal Corporation will bring in a measure for the prevention of epidemics of the kind in future. It would be a great benefit to the city.

