

TYPHUS EPIDEMIC IN FEZ.

**Natives Stricken in All Quarters—
Nobles Among the Victims.**

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FEZ, Morocco, May 17.—An epidemic of typhus, the extent of which is unknown, has broken out among the native population of Fez, it was learned today. Cases are reported from every quarter of the city.

The extreme privacy with which Moslems surround their home life makes the problem of checking the disease unusually difficult. Typhus has reached the homes of some of the noblest native families, among the victims being the son of Hadj Mohammed El-Mokri, the Sultan's Grand Vizier.

The Mokri family is one of the greatest in Morocco. An uncle of the sick youth was Sultan Mulay Hafid's trusted adviser. Among his duties was that of approving the women to be admitted to the Sultan's harem. Only the Sultan could see the beauties intended for his household, and all preliminaries of selection were entrusted to Mokri because he was blind. With his delicately trained fingers he explored the faces of the women and unerringly picked out the handsomest.

Medical officials here say there is no danger of the typhus spreading to Europeans. It is communicated by vermin, and the conditions under which the Europeans live precludes contamination.