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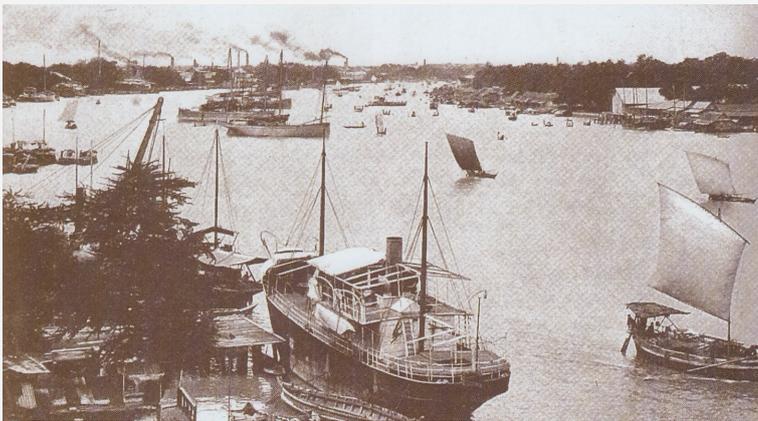
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Siam and the third plague pandemic during the reign of King Rama V (1868 – 1910)

The third plague pandemic had its origin in Yunnan province, China, in the mid-nineteenth century. It spread to the port city of Hong Kong which had a severe epidemic in 1894. From there, it spread to the rest of the world.



*Maritime trading during the reign of King Rama V
was also a means of transporting diseases*

Upon hearing the news, Thailand, known as Siam at that time, tried its best to prevent the disease from entering the country by using public health measures such as the quarantining of ships, sanitary improvement, etc.

But eventually, plague broke out in Phuket in 1901 and then in Bangkok in 1904. Numerous measures were taken to control the disease, which succeeded to some degree. Even though the disease eventually spread to other provinces and continued to exist for a long time afterwards, the infected cases and mortality rate were still controllable.

According to the compiled report from the WHO, plague during that time caused “comparatively little havoc” in Thailand even though its medicine and public health were underdeveloped. This is similar to how Thailand is recognized as one of the countries that has succeeded in dealing with COVID-19 in the present day. So, by studying its history of dealing with the plague, it might reflect some factors that led to its effectiveness in this matter.

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