RED CROSS RUSHES QUARTERS AT CIVIC CENTER FOR USE AS HOSPITAL TO FIGHT INFLUENZA

Leaders Expect Conversion of Structure Will Be Completed by Monday, With 300 Cots and Mare Island Unit in Charge; Nurses Responding to Appeals

Mrs. Ezra P. Stimpson’s eyes flashed with pleasure yesterday. Graduate nurses were beginning to respond in something like adequate numbers to the cry of the Red Cross for experienced, scientific help in the hour of the city’s need.

Mrs. Stimpson, herself a graduate nurse, married, and, until this malady struck San Francisco, members only of her family, now in charge of the nurses registering at 30 Montgomery street, where they find themselves at once in the midst of the biggest, most appealing and most necessary job they ever undertook.

Yesterday Mrs. Stimpson told of this incident:

“A pitiful case had come to notice. The mother was dying. Her baby was uncared for. She needed at once an experienced graduate nurse competent to administer hypodermic injections. She would die without such help and the baby would die, too, no doubt. I had none to send. I looked up and was a nurse at the desk waiting to register. She seemed to have been sent from heaven.”

CASE IS SAVED

She was bundled into one of the waiting automobiles, a dainty girl in the uniform of a Red Cross motor girl took the wheel, and away they went. Mrs. Stimpson later said the case had been saved.

“But, oh for more of these graduate nurses to give that aid and take care of the case until the practical nurse can arrive,” she said.

For that is the system at Red Cross headquarters.

A case is reported in. The graduate nurse is hurried to the place to do what she can and stay there until her own home is needied, who will remain. By that time another call in a remote section of the city will call the scientific nurse on a new round of mercy, driven there by a Red Cross motor girl whose principal action since the war brought forth the need was to shine at functions and display her countenance in society columns.

MORE VESSELS NEEDED

“We have but twenty of these graduate nurses and we need more, please Mrs. Stimpson. Let those who are pressed more but who have their...