WARNING AND APPEAL! WEAR
MASKS AND HELP NURSE SICK

Increased Vigilance Will Check Influenza, Which Is
Now at Its Worst, Chairman Britton Says

The Red Cross issues a warning
to the public and an appeal. The
vital concern increased
vigilance at this the climax period of
the influenza epidemic, which, accor-
ding to Chairman John A. Britton, has
reached the apex of its malignity and
will begin to decline definitely within
a few days, provided the people wear
their masks and observe all the regula-
tions framed for their protection.

The Red Cross cry is for more
nurses and still more nurses. Up to
early last evening about 250 applica-
tions had been filed with Miss Bertha
Kirsch, the examining nurse who
determines the fitness of the applicant
for the service to which they aspire.
Graduate nurses, trained nurses, ex-
perienced nurses are included in the
60 accepted applications which were
usually half the number which the
Red Cross hoped to receive
twenty-five dollars a week is being
aid by the Red Cross to nurses, and
is hoped that today will bring
sufficient of this sort of helpful
work.

VISITOR HELPS 152 CASES

On account of the lack of adequate
numbers of nurses many of those en-
rolled are nearing collapse from over-
work. Dr. Margaret Van Prag of the
United States Health Service, who
happened to be in San Francisco when
the influenza arrived, volunteered her
services to the Red Cross in this
emergency. She attended 152 cases
during the twenty-four hours ending
yesterday morning, of which sixty-
eight were pneumonia patients.
Dr. John Seymour of Chicago, who also
happened to be in the city, volun-
teated his expert services. For three
days and nights ending Saturday
night he took no sleep and very little
food. He collapsed and was taken to
his apartments, but was on hand yest-
erday and in the thickest of the
fight again.

These facts are cited by the Red
Cross as evidence of the strain under
which the forces are fighting and
are referred to in the hope of stimu-
lating the emulation of others skilled
in the care and treatment of the sick.

FOURTEEN SUB-STATIONS

Mrs. John B. Cressley, at the head
of the women workers of the Red
Cross, spent yesterday in char-
iteles and selecting the units
will preside over the fourteen
stations to be establish-
ted throughout the city, where we
state the influence of the Red
doctors and nurses who are
quarters as a center. This
will be operative by to-
other, believed, and the locations and
phone numbers will then be pub-
lished.

CATHOLIC LEADER BE

Rev. P. L. Ryan, director
Affiliated Catholic charities,
in cooperation with the Red
Cross, was sufficiently recovered
from lack of influenza to resume his
work yesterday at headquarters
Hewes building, Sixth and
streets. Rev. Richard Colli
represents Archbishop Hanna.
work, was stricken with the
but was able to be out a few
yesterday. As at Red Cross
quarters, so in the
there is urgent need for more
workers. More volunteer
are required to cover the forty
of the Affiliated Catholic
humanitarian efforts.