INFLUENZA MASKS PLAY BIG PART IN CURBING EPIDEMIC

A marked drop in new cases is observed. Pneumonia only barrier to successful fight against spread here.

HUNDREDS INOCULATED Entire state looks to S.F. for vaccine: Supplies of serum sent out.

Scenes at the San Francisco Hospital yesterday afternoon when nurses, stewards and sailors joined in helping to bring the children recovering from pneumonia and influenzas from the wards at the automobiles that were to convey them to the children's hospital.

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False Statements as To Epidemic Made by Mayor Are Refuted

Let the gilded jades witces. Simply because the Chronicle has asked that our $1,000,000 salt water pressure plant be used to purify our sewer and prevent other possible diseases besides the influenza, Mayor Ralph has seen fit to fly into a rage and indulge in personal abuses of Mr. de Young.

We do not find any fault with this—he is welcome to do so—but eat only to statements that are false. Mayor Ralph says that Mr. de Young voted against the expenditure of $10,000 by the Red Cross to fight influenza.

Such a resolution never came up in the Red Cross business meetings, and Mr. de Young never voted against anything that never came up.

This great organization took up the matter of threatened influenza before the Mayor seemed to know it existed. The Red Cross appropriated $12,000 to fight it. Mr. de Young voted for that, and he was placed on the influenza committee, which immediately met twice a day, including Sundays, to do all possible to prevent the epidemic and keep it within bounds.

Accurate narrative of proceedings taken with reference to $80,000 appropriation by red cross.

The following week, at a meeting of the Red Cross, the matter was taken up of appropriating $30,000, to be used exclusively for buildings and necessary equipment for the infectious-boat ward of the San Francisco Hospital, which the Supervisors, propping up, would have voted for. There were two meetings on this subject, and Mr. de Young simply inquired why it was necessary to spend so much money on furniture with a few hundred beds and the equipment needed. The answer was that they were buying expensive furniture. Because they thought the city would ultimately pay back the money to the Red Cross if it were the same as the rest of the city's furniture, although there was no evidence that this would be done. At the second meeting, held at 14's stuck on the same day, Mr. de Young induced Ralph McLean, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Supervisors, to attend, and McLean said there was no assurance that the Red Cross would ever get back the profits, but that he, personally, would recommend it.