282 Influenza Cases, Report

Epidemic Shows Abatement Throughout State, Says U. S. Health Official

Two hundred and eighty-two new cases of influenza were reported to the Board of Health yesterday. Thirty-two were reported by telephone and the rest by letter. The number of deaths from pneumonia yesterday was twenty-four.

Influenza conditions throughout California, particularly in the southern part of the state, are "considerable improvement," according to Dr. W. C. Billings, surgeon of the United States Public Health Service for California.

The reported epidemics in Northern California were said by Dr. Billings to be mostly in the "rumor" stage. The $100,000 of the urgent necessary, which was expected by the Supervisors to pay all urgent bills of the city from June, 1918, to June, 1919, has sunk to low now of ten dollars yesterday to pay Health Officer Hasler's latest influenza bill of $951.50 out of it. There is only about $10,000 in the fund six months of the fiscal year unexpired.

Including the bill presented yesterday, the current influenza epidemic has cost the city approximately $60,000 up to November 30. Additional expenses are incurred daily for upkeep of patients in private hospitals and by other outlays of the Board.

Dr. Hasler informed the Finance Committee yesterday that he had received a report from the city's health department at 5 o'clock tonight for the preceding twenty-four hours. Total cases were 3693, a decrease of 426.

LOS ANGELES, December 29.—Continued rapid decline in the number of cases reported in the city, as indicated in the report issued by the health department at 5 o'clock tonight for the preceding twenty-four hours. There were 189 new cases compared with 282 reported yesterday. Deaths today numbered seventeen.

SACRAMENTO, December 29.—Action by the Supervisors and the Sanitary Board in the closing of the schools has not been announced, but in all probability they will reopen immediately after New Year's.