Supervisor Schmitz Expected to Propose Abandonment of Mask Law at Monday Meeting

Effort to rescind the ordinance compelling the use of influenza masks will be made at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors tomorrow afternoon. It was reported yesterday that Supervisor Schmitz will introduce a resolution asking that the mask law be revoked.

Opposition to this proposed action will be taken by Dr. William C. Hessler, city health officer, and other members of the Board of Health. While admitting that influenza is no longer epidemic in San Francisco, Dr. Hessler believes that it is still far from being over, and if the face coverings are worn until the disease is entirely stamped out.

26 CASES REPORTED

Only thirty-five new cases and ten deaths from influenza were reported yesterday. It was said that many of the deaths date back to the second invasion of the epidemic, and the official figures for the last eight days.

New Cases Deaths

January 15 519 11
January 16 419 12
January 17 419 13
January 18 419 14
January 19 349 15
January 20 349 10
January 21 349 4
January 22 349 2
January 23 349 1
January 24 349 1
January 25 349 2

"Masks on"

HASSLER MAKES PLEA

To guard against contraction of the disease from outside sources, Dr. Hessler urges that masks be worn for another two weeks. He said:

"Just because we have conquered the disease does not mean that caution should ever be thrown to the winds. If the people of the city are not careful, the danger will be passed in a short time. Every hour there is a chance of infection or of contracting the disease."

"The only certain way to avoid this is to be clean, keep clean, and destroy any insect or germs as they come into the city."

100 PER CENT DROP

With the drop in the number of influenza cases, the strain on the facilities of the hospital is being relieved. One week ago there were 946 patients in the hospital, and the total number was reduced by approximately 750.