GAUZE STOPS GERM RAVAGE, SAYS HASLTER.

Health Chief Offers Figures to Show Decrease in Tot Maladies Since Plague Began Fewer New Cases of "Flu" Reported; Doctors Say Malady Will Soon Be Conquered Here.

According to Health Officer William W. Hasler, the wearing of the Spanish influenza mask has practically obliterated diphtheria and whooping cough from among the white population of San Francisco, and has reduced the case of scarlet fever to an absolute minimum.

This remarkable showing, said Dr. Hasler yesterday, has suggested to medical thought that in enteritis, scarlet fever, and many other communicable diseases of children will be prevented by the general use of the mask, and that tuberculosis also may be held within narrower bounds by the wearing of the mask.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES.

Comparative Health Department tables of the two principal communicable diseases of children for the months of October, 1917, and October, 1918, stand as follows:

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MARVELOUS RESULTS.

It is pointed out by Dr. Hasler, in his report for the month of October, 1918, that practically all the cases arose before October 12, when everyone was wearing the influenza mask.

"Since October 12," said Dr. Hasler, "only 32 new cases have been reported, and only three cases of measles, and only two cases of whooping cough have been reported in the last week of the month."

HANG UP MASKS.

Hanging up masks, and wearing them at all times, will prevent the spread of disease, and will hasten the recovery of those already infected.

The disease will take a new hold on the people who wear masks and expose fertile places for the influenza germ to lodge. An absolute wearing of masks in the city is imperative.

FIFTY IN NEW HOSPITAL.

More than fifty convalescent influenza cases were received yesterday in the Civil Hospital in the Civic Center.

Two assistant naval surgeons, Drs. Arthur White and Arthur S. Judy, arrived yesterday morning from Mare Island and at once organized themselves for the medical staff of the hospital. They were assisted by Dr. H. L. Wollman.

NEW CASES BARRLED.

Despite repeated and wide-spread announcement that no case could be admitted without a permit from the Board of Health, many sick people attempted to enter the hospital. Some of them have just been attacked by the malady. The latter were referred to the Emergency Hospital and the convalescent patients were instructed to obtain the necessary order from the Health Board.

Mr. James Rolfe, the secretary of the Enterprise Hospital, said that these arrangements are made for proper care of such sick persons. Mr. Rolfe added that special arrangements for the care of infant convalescents should be adopted, as they are of more importance to adults than to children. Mr. Rolfe stated that there will be enough juvenile patients over 4 years of age to tax the hospital's capacity for their accommodation.

NEEDED VICTIMS AIDED.

Mrs. James Rolfe, the secretary of the Enterprise Hospital, said that donations for the children's hospital district at 11443 Main Street, for the purchase of clothes, beds, and blankets, will be greatly appreciated. They are needed for invalids.