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75 PER CENT
DROP IS NOTED

83 New Cases and Ten Deaths
Yesterday's Sharp Contrast
With 366 and 41 on Jan. 20

Cities Where Mask Wearing Is
Made Compulsory Show a Cor-
responding Epidemic Decrease

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*Mask law became effective.

Spanish influenza continued to de-
cline rapidly yesterday, not alone in
San Francisco but in seven other
Northern California communities
where the wearing of the gauze mask
is compulsory.

In this city there were only 83 new
cases reported for the past 24 hours
up until 4 o'clock yesterday after-
noon, of this total 31 were by tele-
phone and 52 by mail.

Deaths reported here yesterday to-
taled 20.

This is in sharp contrast to the
number of new cases and deaths re-
ported five days ago, when the mask-
wearing ordinance actually became
enforced by the police. On that date,
last Monday, there were 366 cases
and 41 deaths.

DOWNED IN OTHER TOWNS.

Reports received by the Board of
Health show a rapid improvement
in the epidemic situation in the fol-
lowing cities, where the citizens
have been compelled by law to wear
masks: San Rafael, Sacramento,
Stockton, San Jose, Berkeley, Al-
meda and Redwood City.

"Laxity in continuing the preven-
tive measures against the influen-
a would cause an immediate flareup," was the warning of Dr. W. C. Has-
lter, health officer, last night. "With
the steady arrival of citizens in this
city daily from Southern California,
where the disease continues, we must
be cautious for some time. San Fran-
cisco's health rapidly is returning
to normal, due to the masks, and to
keep our health we must continue
wearing them."

Not alone has the wearing of
masks routed "Old Man Flu," but
records at the Board of Health show
a falling off in other communicable
diseases, which records show are
generally prevalent at this season of
the year.

POLICE MAKE ARRESTS.

The police continued their en-
forcement of the mask ordinance yester-
day with many arrests, and the police
judges impressed fines on those citi-
zens who were neglectful.

At the San Francisco Hospital,
after removing all the old patients
back to the institution from the Rel-
ief Home, where they were taken to
make room for influenza sufferers,
there were still vacant beds, with no
new cases booked. For the past two
months the hospital has been crowded
to capacity with influenza pa-
ients.

The Anti-Mask League announces
a meeting at 8 o'clock this evening at
Dreamland Rink. The title of the
organization explains the object of
the meeting and Mrs. E. C. Harring-
ton is announced as presiding officer.

Among the speakers announced are
Dr. C. F. Buckley, Eugene E. Schmitz,
Dr. J. P. Rehn, Dr. Margaret Ma-
honey, the Rev. Thomas Parker Ro-
yd, C. F. Welsh, W. S. Scott and Mme.
C. E. Grosjean.