

Papers of Mayor James Rolph

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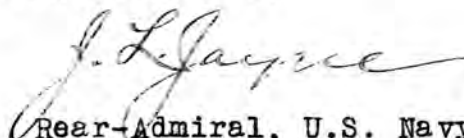
HEADQUARTERS
TWELFTH NAVAL DISTRICT
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

October 23, 1918.

My dear Mr. Mayor:-

After my visit to you yesterday, I issued an order requiring all personnel of the Twelfth Naval District to wear masks, and have today given this information to the Associated Press, with the hope that it will support you in your efforts to protect the public.

Very sincerely,



Rear-Admiral, U.S. Navy,
Commandant, Twelfth Naval District.

Hon. James Rolph Jr.,
Mayor of San Francisco,
San Francisco, California.

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Orders to wear masks have been issued to the whole personnel of the Twelfth Naval District, according to a letter received by Mayor Rolph yesterday from Rear Admiral J.L. Jayne, Commandant of the District.

"After my visit to you yesterday," writes the Admiral, "I issued an order requiring all personnel of the Twelfth Naval District to wear masks, with the hope that this will support you in your efforts to ~~protect~~ protect the public."

The order applies to all places within the District where Influenza is epidemic, and the Officers and Men are ordered "to protect themselves" by wearing masks in the streets, in street cars, ferries, offices and places where people congregata."

A similar sweeping order has been issued by General Morrison of the Western Department of the Army who yesterday informed the Mayor's Office that his order is now in effect at all posts in the vicinity of which Influenza has made its appearance.

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