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November 13th, 1918

Mrs Geo. A. Ashley,
Hotel Riverside,
Colusa, Cal.

Dear Mrs Ashley:

Your letter of November 10th, suggesting that San Francisco remove its gauze masks during the celebration of the victory in Europe, reached me after the festivities had begun.

San Francisco has taken very readily to the gauze mask idea, and the Board of Health and the Medical Fraternity generally feel that this has played an important part in cutting down the ravages of Spanish Influenza in this city. It could not be noticed that the wearing of the masks had any dampening effect on the celebration of armistice, in fact it was a record crowd which congregated to give voice to its feelings.

I deeply appreciate your sentiments in regard to the recent campaign for Governor, and thank you for the interest you displayed therein.

Very sincerely yours,

MAYOR

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