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SAN FRANCISCO,

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TO THE PEOPLE OF SAN FRANCISCO:

Spanish Influenza, the recent onslaught of which this City fought so successfully, is again epidemic in San Francisco.

Cases coming into the City from the outside have spread the disease, and, while the situation is not alarming, the Board of Health feels it necessary to resume the wearing of masks, and I, as Mayor of San Francisco, hereby respectfully ask you to do so, beginning immediately.

It was at the ~~Mayor's~~ Board of Health's request, followed later by an ordinance, that masks were adopted shortly after the malady first made its appearance here. By proclamation of the Mayor, on the advice of the Board of Health, masks were discarded Thursday, November 21st. As soon as the present danger has passed and it is safe to do so, masks will again be done away with.

The cooperation of the people of San Francisco in the fight against Influenza, has won the admiration of other cities in all parts of the country, many of which have followed our lead in the wearing of the protective gauze. I feel confident that in making this new request of our citizens, they will respond gladly and at once, acting on the old adage that "An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure."

Respectfully,

JAMES ROLPH, JR.,

MAYOR.

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