

INFLUENZA IS BEING FOUGHT BY RED CROSS

Stringent Methods Taken to Curb Spread of Epidemic in San Francisco.

MOTOR CORPS IS ACTIVE Entire Organization Aiding Patients and Furnishing Food and Clothing

To the people of San Francisco:—
San Francisco Chapter, American Red
Cross, owes to you, its subscribers, a
statement of the measures it is pur-
suing to curb the prevailing influenza
and to afford such relief as it is
qualified to render.

When the malady first threatened
to assume alarming proportions the
chapter's executive committee was
prompt to act by appointing the fol-
lowing special committee on Spanish
influenza:

E. H. Lestock Gregory (chairman),
Charles W. Fay, William H. Crocker,
M. H. de Young, Jesse W. Lillenthal,
O. K. Cushing, Arthur H. Barendt, Dr.
W. C. Hassler, Dr. T. W. Huntington,
Dr. W. C. Willings, Major J. Wilson
Shiels, Harry R. Bogart, Mrs. M. C.
Bloss, Miss Julia Hinkle and Miss
Mary Sweeney.

\$50,000 PROVIDED

This committee, whose personnel
shows that it is working in perfect
accord with the local, State and Fed-
eral health authorities, was equipped
with an emergency fund of \$50,000,
and by unanimous vote of his fellow
members the chairman was given
authority to use it as his judgment
dictates when confronted by calls for
immediate expenditure.

As fast as they can be obtained,
500 beds for influenza patients are
being placed in the San Francisco
Hospital and other city institutions.

A corps of graduate nurses has
been organized to inspect homes
where help is wanted and to deter-
mine how such aid can be most ex-
pediently given.

A registration bureau has been es-
tablished to secure graduate nurses,
practical nurses and housekeepers,
hundreds of whom are still needed;
also a bureau for registering medical
students to supplement the work of
graduated physicians.

MOTOR SERVICE FORMED

Members of the chapter's motor
corps have been assigned to special
duty as ambulance drivers, and the
service is being augmented as fast as
extra vehicles can be procured.

To relieve the extra strain on the
Associated Charities and kindred or-
ganizations, the chapter is furnish-
ing food, medical and nursing care
and all other needed aid to destitute
families and individuals stricken by
influenza.

Overcharging for drugs intended to
prevent or cure influenza is being
thwarted by every means at the chap-
ter's command.

All of these activities are directed
from the committee's headquarters, 30
Montgomery street, where offers of
service and applications for aid are
received between 9 A. M. and 6 P. M.
daily, Sundays included.

In this emergency the American Red
Cross is sustaining its fame as the
world's most thoroughly equipped re-
lief agency, and San Francisco Chap-
ter will ever be ready to quickly re-
spond when called on to succor the
needy and afflicted.

JOHN A. BRITTON,

Chairman San Francisco Chapter,
American Red Cross.