

# HEALTH BOARD GIVING BATTLE TO INFLUENZA

## Three Hundred New Cases of Disease Reported in San Francisco During Day

Three hundred new influenza cases were reported to City Health Officer W. C. Hassler yesterday, bringing the total in the city to about 5000. Yesterday's death list from diseases superinduced by influenza was twenty-five, making this total 130 since the trouble started.

Orders issued Saturday permitting churches to hold half-hour services will be rescinded and no services will be permitted until further orders. Public funerals are affected in the same way and the ban now applies to all public gatherings of any kind.

"We have taken up the matter with Archbishop Hanna," said Dr. Hassler, "and he has agreed to discontinue services in Catholic churches until the trouble is over."

Masks for everyone will be on sale on downtown corners today from Red Cross booths at 10 cents each. Stations will be established first at the Ferry and at the Southern Pacific station. Third and Townsend streets. Every one dealing with the public is asked to wear a mask.

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### DIRECTIONS GIVEN

Brief directions for wearing the mask were given by Dr. Hassler yesterday. He said they should be worn dry and no effort made to use liquid antiseptic, which will irritate the throat. At night the mask should be dipped in alcohol or boiled five minutes and hung up to dry. The next morning it will be ready for use.

San Francisco physicians and nurses are greatly overworked in this crisis, and Dr. Hassler added his appeal to that of the Red Cross for volunteer nurses to report at Red Cross headquarters, 30 Montgomery street, for service. Little experience or none is necessary.

Many cases where poverty has prevented the needful medical care and some homes, even, where food is lacking, have been unearthed. Medical care and a nurse, if needed, are supplied in these instances, and food, too, is provided.

The Board of Health yesterday issued an order preventing taxicabs from hauling sick persons, both as a precaution against danger to the taxicab-employees and to the passengers who will ride later.