

HEALTH OFFICER READY TO GAUZE MASKS

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Be Necessary

SUPPLY IS EXHAUSTED

Epidemic Expected to Run
Its Course Here in Customary
Two Months

Yesterday's reports on influenza cases in San Francisco reached the highest point since the visitation. There were 1261 new cases and fifty-eight deaths. This is also the record number of deaths yet reported for a single day. With yesterday's totals for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 o'clock, the total for the epidemic period to date is 7505 cases and 229 deaths.

ACCORDING to Health Officer Dr. William C. Haasler, there will be no need to make the wearing of gauze masks obligatory. San Francisco showed a willingness to cooperate in this measure, which renders the wearers 80 per cent immune, by exhausting three supplies of masks distributed yesterday morning, afternoon and evening at the headquarters of the Red Cross on Montgomery street. At 11 o'clock there were 5000 masks on hand; at noon there was posted a sign "No more masks till 2 o'clock." At that hour there were 10,000, and this supply was soon taken up by a line of applicants as long as a string of buyers on a Saturday night. In the evening another supply was on hand.

Dr. Haasler said yesterday he saw no reason why the experience of San Francisco would be different from Eastern cities. A two months period may be expected from the beginning of the epidemic to its close. For about three weeks the malady gains in scope, a week or so it proceeds at the maximum and then it subsides until it disappears. The only thing to do meanwhile is a matter of individual concern—to take all precautions possible and keep cheerful.

NO CHURCH MEETINGS

There will be no indoor church meetings of any description Sunday. This order emphatically made by Dr. Haasler was emphatically reasserted by Chief of Police White in yesterday's orders to police company commanders. Moreover, services of a religious nature will be permitted out of doors only on the condition that those participating wear masks. This order will be subject to no exceptions for any creed whatever, said Chief of Police White yesterday.

The police were instructed to visit all places of business on their beats and notify the proprietors that they and their employees must wear masks while on duty and on the streets.

The policemen of the city were provided with masks until the supply ran out. By today all will be supplied, for every emergency is being expected by the Red Cross and its auxiliaries to meet the overwhelming demand. The police were also instructed to watch for violations of the ordinance against expectorating in sidewalks.

The Red Cross requests all housewives to provide masks for themselves and their families and thus take part of the burden off the Red Cross. Another urgent appeal is made for volunteer women to go into the stricken homes as helpers. Nursing experience is not necessary, but merely housekeeping ability sufficient to keep the household going, the home clean and to prepare proper food. Food for the sick and convalescent is also urgently solicited for impecunious families where malnutrition threatens to add its dangerous influence to the ravages of influenza. A receiving department under Mrs. Harry Wolfst was opened yesterday for such contributions at 332 Stockton street.

VACCINE FROM BOSTON

Dr. Haasler received yesterday from Dr. Leary of Boston 1000 doses of vaccine to be used in the treatment of the influenza. The shipment was the smallest fraction of what had been hoped for. An order for 100,000 doses had been placed, but New York could not fill it. The shipment from Boston was a personal courtesy between workers in the same cause, and was divided between the Letterman, University of California, Lane and San Francisco hospitals.

Dr. Haasler said a supply is being prepared here and would be ready for use in the course of a few days. It is a recent preparation that is indorsed by Eastern medical men.

Nine relief bureaus were opened yesterday by the Red Cross, to which application should be made if the emergency rises. This is the list:

- No. 1, San Bruno district—Captain, Mrs. Matilda Seberg; Randolph 2044.
- No. 2, Mission district—Captain, Mrs. L. Strubbaum; Market 5244.
- No. 3, Potrero district—Captain, Mrs. H. A. Williams; Market 9215. Jackson Playgrounds, Greenleaf and Arkansas streets.
- No. 4, Richmond district—Captain, Mrs. James Kerrigan; Pacific 4911.
- No. 5, Telegraph Hill district—Captain, Miss Alice Griffith; Kearny 2511. Headquarters, Telegraph Hill Settlement.
- No. 6, Western Addition—Captain, Mrs.

Gov. Stephens Calls on All People to Wear Gauze Masks

SACRAMENTO, October 22.—Governor William D. Stephens issued the following request to the people of California late tonight:

"As an aid in winning the war it is a patriotic duty for every American citizen to assist in preserving the health of himself and his fellow citizens.

"The health of our people and of our Nation is essential and vital, to the end that we may have men and money to give to preserve the principles to which our Nation stands committed.

"An unfortunate epidemic has attacked the health of the people of this and other states. It will not be disastrous. It will be overcome. It must not be ignored. It must be fought.

"Strict observance of the rules prescribed by our health authorities is essential to the speedy eradication of the influenza. Unless the people of this State support our authorities in their efforts to suppress this epidemic they are not doing their full duty, either as citizens or as loyal Americans.

"Our health authorities advise it is imperative that all persons wear a gauze mask over the nose and mouth, thus preventing the spread of this disease. Compliance with this temporary edict means but little discomfort and means a service rendered to our fellow men and to our country. It is most essential to the health of our State.

"As a duty which each citizen can easily perform to our country and our State I therefore earnestly request that this precaution and protection be followed immediately.

"WILLIAM D. STEPHENS, Governor."

- Milnes W. Rosenblatt; Fillmore 1699. California and Webster streets.
- No. 7, St. Andrew's Church district—Captain, Mrs. John Jamieson; Sunset 462.
- No. 8, Red Cross shop district—Captain, Mrs. Metcalf; Market 458. 532 Stockton street.
- No. 9, Parkside district—Captain, Mrs. Dillon; Market 5932. 1922 Page street.

CONTROLLED IN ARMY

Colonel L. Mervin Maus, department surgeon, announced yesterday that the epidemic is well under control in all posts of the Western Department of the Army.

"There has been no appreciable increase in the number of deaths due to the malady," he said. "We were warned in plenty of time and precautionary measures have reduced its ravages to a minimum of damage, though the situation in San Francisco remains unimproved."

The prevailing damp, cool weather is believed by Colonel Maus to be partly responsible for the stubbornness of the influenza in this city.

The meeting of the mining and oil operators, scheduled to open here October 23, has been indefinitely postponed, while the International Live Stock Show, which was dated for November 2, will be opened, its promoters believe, November 16.

Dr. W. C. Billings of the United States Health Service said yesterday that favorable and unfavorable reports about balance throughout the state, with a tendency to show a general average of slight improvement. Needles and Linton, points widely separated, he said, showed great advance in checking the epidemic. Many other districts show the crest of the epidemic has been passed.

APPEAL FOR AUTOS IS ISSUED BY RED CROSS

The Red Cross makes an appeal for all the automobiles it can get to help in carrying nurses and patients to physicians who are assisting in combating the influenza. Those who answer the appeal will find B. Stern at Red Cross headquarters, 30 Montgomery street, assigning all volunteers in the automobile section.

38,575 INFLUENZA CASES IN STATE, EXPERT SAYS

The number of influenza cases throughout the State is 38,575, according to a statement last night by Dr. W. C. Billings of the United States Health Service, who placed the number of new cases reported at 4642. According to Dr. Billings progress of influenza must be judged by the number of new cases, not by the number of deaths.

Dr. Billings' statement of new cases and deaths reported follows:

City	Cases	Deaths
San Francisco	1261	58
San Diego	85	6
Sacramento	153	None
Pasadena	188	5
Oakland	362	27
Los Angeles	929	64
Long Beach	213	1
Alameda	230	5
Berkeley	129	3
Camp Fremont	162	5
Camp Kearny	154	2
Eureka	125	2
San Leandro	150	None
Stockton	299	4

INFLUENZA PATIENTS ASSISTED BY MISSION

The San Francisco Fruit and Flower Mission began yesterday to supply soup and delicacies to influenza patients in households unable to prepare them. Headquarters of the mission at 1312 Jackson street will be open daily from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Gifts of fruits and vegetables, for this purpose may be made by the public. The work has been undertaken at the request of the Red Cross.