

RED CROSS WORKERS SUCCEED IN MEETING HEAVY CALLS FOR AID IN BATTLE ON INFLUENZA

Women of Mother Kind Still Urgently Needed for Service in Stricken Homes; Mask Profiteers Scored; Street Expectoration to Be Severely Punished

IN the face of an increased number of cases reported yesterday, the Red Cross forces found themselves better equipped than on Tuesday, and the result was that after a day which was not to end till midnight brought around another, the heroic workers under the banner of the scarlet emblem had been able to give alleviation and help in every needed instance, though the cry is still for more assistants.

Particularly the need is for the help of women of the mother kind, who can step into stricken homes and carry on the household work just as though the poor mother of the family were not lying in bed, unable to provide the meals and tend to the babies.

Mrs. E. P. Stimpson, who is in charge with Mrs. Leone Phelps, of the "case assignment clerks," at Red Cross headquarters, wore a smile yesterday for the first time in twenty-four hours. The pressing need for mothers to take the place of mothers in stricken homes had been met by hundreds of women. All day long they were coming in an unbroken and gentle line to the assignment desks at the Montgomery-street headquarters.

WOMEN VOLUNTEER

"On Tuesday," said Mrs. Stimpson, "they all wanted pay. They knew such service was valuable and they would work among the sick families—for a consideration. Today they are volunteering. They realize the patriotic service they are called upon to give. They do not come for hire, but for humanity's sake.

"I know the reason why," she said. "They had read Miss Maude Meagher's story in Wednesday's Chronicle. It had touched them, as it touched me. I attribute the splendid response of the mothers of San Francisco to the cry of the Red Cross, to The Chronicle and its sympathetic, modest, little writer, who can exhibit heart without becoming a maudlin 'sob-sister.'"

Mrs. Stimpson continued, however, with a warning. "We need still more help of this most important nature," she said. "Owing to the increased number of cases, increased assistance is required. Tomorrow there will be a fresh lot of misfortune which must be helped by a fresh lot of volunteers. Please say that in The Chronicle and ask the women with mother hearts to sustain the reputation of motherhood as a blessing in times of sorrow and need."

Volunteers should apply at the Red

County Jail for anyone convicted of this offense. The present ordinance provides only for a ten days' term in jail and a fine of \$25. Either or both may be imposed. It was pointed out that the consequences of the misdemeanor were so much more grave now than ordinarily that a greater penalty should be provided to stop the evil.

Policeman William Kearney, in the Chief's office, said that much of the nuisance could be stamped out if the citizens themselves would lend a helping hand to the police by remonstrating with those caught in the offense. A case on a Valencia-street car last night he cited as one point. The conductor of the car rebuked a passenger for expectorating on the floor and ordered him to employ his handkerchief in obliterating the evidence of his vulgarity. The man refused, and the conductor stopped the car and threw him off.

"I'd like to see that lad's name," said Kearney. "I think he ought to be an honorary member of the force."

OFFICERS UNMASKED

Much comment was expressed concerning the frequency with which officers in the United States Army were seen unmasked on the streets.

At headquarters yesterday it was announced by Major-General J. F. Morrison's aid that no orders had been issued, but that the officers and men were more than disposed to respond to the request of the Mayor, both because he had asked it and as a matter of self-protection. By today, the opinion was ventured, all Army officers would be masked.

Rear-Admiral J. L. Jayne, commandant of the Twelfth naval district, issued the following order yesterday:

"All officers and enlisted personnel attached to the Twelfth naval district on duty where influenza is epidemic shall protect themselves by wearing gauze masks on the streets, in street cars, ferries, offices and places where people congregate."

PROFITEERS ASSAILED

"A rotten outrage," was the somewhat forceful but merited expression of Chairman E. H. L. Gregory of the Red Cross committee yesterday when his attention was called to the flagrant profiteering indulged in by unscrupulous and grasping merchants. Yesterday morning some