

EMERGENCY MEASURE HITS ALL PERSONS

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Approved by Board**

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**Health Board May Quarantine
People Uncovering Faces
on Street in Interim**

WEAR your mask! is now not a request, but an order.

With 1407 new cases of influenza reported yesterday and 83 deaths for the day, the Board of Supervisors passed an emergency ordinance requiring all persons to wear gauze masks until the danger is past.

The ordinance, which becomes effective in five days, applies to all persons on the street or where two or more persons are together. With the exception of necessary time at meals, masks must be worn continuously. The ordinance prescribes that the masks must be made of four thicknesses of material and be not less than five inches in width and seven inches long.

Pending effectiveness of the new measure, a resolution passed by the Supervisors calls upon every person appearing in public to wear a mask. Those who do not comply may be quarantined by the Board of Health, according to Dr. William C. Hassler, city Health Officer, who said such action would be taken if deemed necessary.

FINE OR IMPRISONMENT

Failure to wear the mask makes every person liable to a fine of from \$5 to \$100 or imprisonment for ten days.

While the number of new cases yesterday is the largest yet reported, Health Officer William C. Hassler pointed out that the proportional increase is much less than on Wednesday. Wednesday's total of 1371 was 205 greater than Tuesday's total of 1166, but was only thirty-six less than the total yesterday. At the same time Dr. Hassler said he was not optimistic that the peak of the epidemic has been reached. Several days must elapse, he said, before the wearing of masks will begin to show results.

Enough Leary vaccine for 50,000 doses, or enough to treat 17,000 persons, is on the way from the East, and will be here Sunday, according to Dr. Hassler. And by that time, said the Health Officer, the University of California laboratories will be able to supply from 5000 to 10,000 doses a day. This is the influenza serum discovered by Dr. Timothy J. Leary of Tufts Medical School.

The total number of cases so far reported in San Francisco is 10,174 and the number of deaths has reached 385.

Observation of the fact that very few cases of influenza were being reported from Chinatown led Health Officer Hassler to make an investigation yesterday, with the discovery that many cases existed in that quarter, but had not been reported.

Dr. Hassler issued last night a recommendation that all persons who employ Chinese or Japanese servants will do well to keep them at home and not permit them to visit Chinatown.

Reports from other parts of the State indicate an improvement, according to Dr. C. W. Billings, chief of the United States Public Health Service. Dunsmuir and Needles reported decided improvement, but physicians had to be sent to South San Francisco and points in Riverside county.

"Most of the small towns are reporting improved conditions," said Dr. Billings, "while the epidemic remains unchecked in the larger centers."

ALL CALLS ANSWERED

In this city officials of the Board of Health said they were handling the situation for the first time yesterday. All calls, they said, are now being responded to. The Sacramento street car barn has been opened as a temporary hospital, an open-air school on Telegraph Hill is to be turned into a hospital, and the Red Cross building on the Civic Center is to be ready Monday with 300 beds.

The city firemen yesterday offered their services in the campaign against the influenza, saying that they would devote to this purpose the time they have been taking from off-duty hours for propaganda for the amendment proposing an increase of pay.

The public pound reported yesterday that it is rushed to keep up with the calls of persons who want cats and dogs removed from the homes of victims of the disease, or from others who are afraid of taking the contagion from their pets. The authorities of the pound stated, however, that there is slight danger of contracting influenza from animals.

Dr. Hassler told the Supervisors that the Board of Health was preparing to relax restrictions toward well ventilated theaters and would also permit resumption of band concerts in Golden Gate Park shortly. He said, however, that no theater restrictions would be lifted before next week. Vells, as a substitute for masks, will not be tolerated under the new ordinance, according to Dr. Hassler.