

THREE SHOT IN STRUGGLE WITH MASK SLACKER

Blacksmith Strikes Health Inspector Striving to Enforce Order

Two men and a woman were shot yesterday at Powell and Market streets when Henry B. Miller, an inspector in the city Health Department, discharged his revolver in a battle with James Wisser, a blacksmith, who refused to don a gauze influenza mask at the order of the health officer.

Wisser was one of the wounded being shot in the arm and leg. Henry Appleton, 63 years old, 124 Belvedere street, was shot in the leg by one of the four bullets fired by Miller, as was a woman whose name could not be learned by the police, she having gone at once to her home after learning her wound was slight.

The police report that Miller found Wisser standing at the corner waving his arms and urging a crowd to dispense with the masks. "They are the bunk," he is reported to have said.

Miller led him toward the drug store, insisting he purchase a mask. At the door of the store the blacksmith struck Miller with a sack containing a large number of silver dollars, and then knocked him to the ground. While being pummeled, Miller drew his revolver, and four shots rang out.

Wisser and Appleton were treated at the Central Emergency Hospital. The blacksmith was then charged with disturbing the peace, resisting an officer, and assault. The police learned he had been arrested on Sunday night and locked up at the Potrero station on a charge of being drunk, and released yesterday shortly before the shooting.

Miller was taken to the central station and a charge of assault with a deadly weapon filed. He is 62 years old and has been in the city Health Department for a number of years. He is suffering from a badly bruised eye and cuts about the head from the attack by Wisser. He lives at 523 Anza street.

Wisser gave his address as 202 Third street.

Mask Wearing Checks Richmond Epidemic

RICHMOND, October 28.—By the enforced wearing of masks, with the aid of the police and the home guards, City Health Officer C. R. Blake believes he has the epidemic of influenza checked. In the last twenty-four hours there has been a marked decrease in the number of cases reported, and the deaths have decreased in the same manner. The Health Officer said that masks would have to be worn for the next three weeks. The number of deaths reported for the last forty-eight hours is eight.