

20,000 DOSES OF SERUM ARE BROUGHT HERE

Representative of Boston
Mayor Arrives in S. F.
to Fight Epidemic

NEEDS TO BE SUPPLIED

City Complimented for Work
Accomplished in War
on Influenza Germ

Edward E. Moore, private secretary to Mayor Andrew J. Peters of Boston, arrived in San Francisco last evening bringing 20,000 doses of the Leary influenza vaccine which stayed the ravages of the disease in the Eastern city. Moore made a record trip across the continent with the vaccine in two large packing cases that were never off the same train with him.

With the serum came a letter to Health Officer William C. Hassler from Professor Timothy Leary, who discovered the treatment, stating in emphatic terms that the vaccine would prevent pneumonia and do away almost entirely with the influenza death rate.

Dr. Hassler, after discussing the vaccine with Mayor Rolph, members of the Board of Health, Supervisors and physicians last night, said he had great faith in the message from Professor Leary, which he read as follows:

"In treatment (of influenza) it is most valuable in large doses (up to two cubic centimeters) in the beginning of the disease. Used in this way it should abort the disease and prevent pneumonia in all but a small percentage. It should do away with the death rate almost totally.

"The prophylactic use will not completely protect. The percentage of those coming down is small and pneumonia is prevented in great part.

TIMOTHY LEARY."

A dose of the Leary vaccine consists of three injections, one given every twenty-four hours for three days.

ENOUGH TO SUPPLY CITY

Last night Dr. Hassler stated that with the shipment brought by the Eastern man and the cultures being obtained through the University of California and other agencies, he had enough to supply the needs of San Francisco.

Professor Leary is head of the bacteriological department of Tufts Medical College, Boston. When the epidemic was at its height there, according to Moore, the professor announced his discovery and results of test treatments. It was immediately adopted by the city. The death rate was brought down to normal within a short while after its use, he stated.

Secretary Moore last night complimented San Francisco on its fight for eradication of the influenza. He said that the wearing of masks, which was not followed in Boston, would surely prove a great benefit here.

CLIMATE TO PLAY PART

He stated that Eastern medical men found that the influenza was no respecter of climate, being just as virulent in the cold and rain of the East as in the balmy days that preceded the storm period. But he predicted the psychological effect of California sunshine and air would have a great effect in stamping out the germs.