

WARNING AND APPEAL! WEAR MASKS AND HELP NURSE SICK

Increased Vigilance Will Check Influenza, Which Is Now at Its Worst, Chairman Britton Says

THE Red Cross issues a warning to the public and an appeal. The warning concerns increased vigilance at this the climax period of the influenza epidemic, which, according to Chairman John A. Britton, has reached the apex of its malignity and will begin to decline definitely within a few days, provided the people wear their masks and observe all the regulations framed for their protection.

The Red Cross cry is for more nurses and still more nurses. Up to early last evening about 250 applications had been filed with Miss Bertha Kirsch, the examining nurse who determines the fitness of the applicant for the service to which they aspire. Graduate nurses, trained nurses, experienced nurses are included in the 20 accepted applications which were only about half the number which the Red Cross hoped to receive. Twenty-five dollars a week is being paid by the Red Cross to nurses, and it is hoped that today will bring forth sufficient of this sort of highly expert service.

VISITOR HELPS 152 CASES

On account of the lack of adequate numbers of nurses many of those enrolled are nearing collapse from overwork. Dr. Margaret Van Prag of the United States Health Service, who happened to be in San Francisco when the influenza arrived, volunteered her services to the Red Cross in this emergency. She attended 152 cases during the twenty-four hours ending yesterday morning, of which sixty-eight were pneumonia patients. Dr. John Seymour of Chicago, who also happened to be in the city, volunteered his expert services. For three days and nights ending Saturday night he took no sleep and very little food. He collapsed and was taken to his apartments, but was on hand yesterday and in the thickest of the fight again.

These facts are cited by the Red Cross as evidence of the strain under which their forces are fighting and are referred to in the hope of stimulating the emulation of others skilled in the care and treatment of the sick.

that more donations are urgently asked of jellies, port wine and other delicacies which add much to the comfort of convalescents and subtract much from the period of their invalidism. These supplies are at the call of the nurses and doctors on the various cases and are distributed with care that those who have most need have most service.

The willingness of the public to wear masks in their own protection is demonstrated, says Chairman Britton, in the fact that the Red Cross alone has distributed in the neighborhood of 200,000 of the gauze protectors.

FOURTEEN SUB-STATIONS

Mrs. John B. Casserly, at the head of the women workers of the Red Cross, spent yesterday in choosing sites and selecting the units which will preside over the fourteen sub-stations to be established throughout the city, whence will radiate the influence of the Red Cross doctors and nurses who are

working from the downtown quarters as a center. This will be operative by tomorrow believed, and the locations and phone numbers will then be published.

CATHOLIC LEADER B

Rev. P. L. Ryan, director of Affiliated Catholic charities, in co-operation with the Red Cross was sufficiently recovered from lack of influenza to resume his work yesterday at headquarters in the Hewes building, Sixth and Broadway streets. Rev. Richard Collins represents Archbishop Hanna and was stricken with the influenza but was able to be out a few days yesterday. As at Red Cross headquarters, so in the Hewes building there is urgent need for more workers. More automobiles are required to cover the forty miles of the Affiliated Catholic Club's humane efforts.