

EXPECTED NAVY HOSPITAL UNIT NOT AVAILABLE

Mare Island Corps Under Dr. J. H. Hogan Must Work at Vallejo

Dr. J. H. Hogan of the Mare Island hospital unit which was to have taken charge of the Red Cross hospital installed in the new Red Cross building in the Civic Center, notified Chairman John A. Britton yesterday that the coming of the unit to this city is indefinitely postponed on account of the increase of influenza in Vallejo. It is thought the epidemic is well in hand there, but an alarmingly increasing number of cases require the attention of all the medical forces of the navy yard.

The Red Cross building, which the unit was to occupy, is being fitted for use as a convalescent hospital to care for approximately 400 patients. The principal ward will occupy what was originally designed as the surgical dressing-room. The sewing-room, the wool department, the administration quarters and other sections of the structure were being provided yesterday with cots and mattresses. This work is being done by forty sailors sent from Mare Island to remain as a hospital corps during the period of the epidemic.

Q. M. STORES BEING USED

Cots, blankets and pillows were secured from the United States Quartermaster's Department at the Presidio but the bed linen was purchased. All the changes necessary to turn the building into a comfortable and sanitary convalescent hospital will be completed by Wednesday night and patients will begin to be received thereafter. A great deal of work is being done to make the quarters as comfortable as possible. The furniture of the hospital will be purchased and a further large amount of furniture for the hospital is being ordered. The hospital will be ready to receive patients by the first of next week.

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