

NEW RED CROSS HOSPITAL WILL OPEN FRIDAY

Finishing Touches Being Put
on Buildings; Convales-
cents to Be Received

MORE HELPERS WANTED

Civic Center Home Takes on
Businesslike Appearance;
Sailors Play Part

BY 5 o'clock yesterday evening the Red Cross building at the Civic Center bore every appearance of a great hospital, with rows on rows of cots as the salient furnishings. It will not be opened for influenza convalescents, however, until tomorrow morning. Today will be devoted to putting on the finishing touches—the gas people and the range people, as Superintendent C. M. Wollenberg said, are working overtime to make the necessary connections. That done, the building will be thrown open to the suffering public, and the first patient will be received tomorrow morning.

Chief Nurse Julia Hinkle wishes it made as plain as possible that cases unsponsored will not be received. All patients finding their way into the sun-lit, glass-roofed wards, converted from the industrial purposes of the Red Cross for which they were originally intended, must do so through the regular channels of the Board of Health and under Dr. Hassler's orders. This is a provision made necessary, says Miss Hinkle, by the multitude of cases and the need to follow some system to avoid a hopeless confusion and a dangerous congestion.

NURSES' HELPERS WANTED

The chief nurse likewise makes another appeal for volunteer nurses' helpers to work in the Red Cross hospital. She emphasizes the fact that all cases there will be convalescent, and says that experience as a nurse is not so necessary as natural qualifications of temperament and personality. She asks those who respond to this call to visit the Red Cross headquarters, 1026 Mission street, for registration and assignment to duty. Ten nurse-helpers are needed at once, says Miss Hinkle.

Mrs. J. B. Casserly, in charge of the women of the Red Cross, makes a special plea to the school teachers, whose time, she believes, ought to be taken advantage of in this emergency. She needs their help to answer telephone calls at headquarters, 1026 Mission, and to do clerical work, enrolling patients. School teachers are particularly desired in this work and

Death Rate in Troop Camps Shows Decline

WASHINGTON, October 30.—While new cases of influenza and pneumonia at Army camps in the United States showed a decline today, an outbreak of influenza at Camp Las Casas, Porto Rico, sent the total of new influenza cases above that of yesterday. Reports received by the Surgeon-General tonight for the twenty-four hours ending at noon today showed a total of 3015 new influenza cases, 562 being reported from Camp Las Casas. New cases of pneumonia, however, were only 398, against 619 yesterday, and deaths were 151, compared with 198 the day before.

are asked to apply at 1026 Mission street and do their badly needed bit.

The enrollment of nurses and housekeepers to be assigned to homes is proceeding under the charge of Bertha Kirsch, whose duty it is to discover the qualifications of applicants for positions. About 100 were passed yesterday. As many more will be needed today, she said.

Supplementing the hospital service of the city is the Seamen's Institute, which yesterday turned over its large recreation hall at 242 Steuart street to the Red Cross, the Civilian Relief Department of which provided the cots, bedding, linen and other necessary equipment. This move was decided upon by the directors of the institute on account of the tendency to carelessness revealed along the water front by sailors, longshoremen and others whose business in the world is to "go down to the sea in ships." Health officials and the police will exert unusual vigilance in the water-front zone to see that incipient cases are taken care of at once. These, to the limit of the accommodations at the place, will be cared for at the Seamen's Institute, where a physician of standing and volunteer nurses will be in attendance.

NO CHARGE TO BE MADE

Another room in the same building has been fitted up to take the place of the recreation hall while the latter is serving as a receiving and emergency hospital. No charge will be exacted for service here, but it is expected that those who can do so will donate sums sufficient to pay for the food consumed and the medicines needful to restore health.

Forty men from Mare Island, under the command of Chief Pharmacist Mate James A. Mahurin, comprise the medical corps which yesterday did much manual work in typical naval fashion—with speed, ginger, effectiveness and cheerfulness—and made the Red Cross convalescent hospital ship-shape and ready for Friday morning's "customers."

'BILLY' GIBSON, NOW A NURSE, FACING DEATH

Red Cross Volunteer Re-
vealed as the Woman Who
Convicted Jimmy Lawlor

WINS CITY'S ADMIRATION

One of First to Aid Fight
Against Influenza; Con-
tracts Disease

A Red Cross volunteer nurse, who won the admiration of her fellow workers for her tireless efforts on behalf of influenza sufferers, and who is now herself fighting for life at the City and County Hospital, was yesterday revealed as "Billie" Gibson, the young woman whose testimony sent Jimmy Lawlor, former Barbary Coast politician, to McNell island for two years for violating the Mann act.

When prison doors closed behind Lawlor for a second time as the result of his relations with the young woman, "Billie" Gibson told Federal officers she would never return to her former life. For months she had evaded agents of the Government who sought her as the main witness against Lawlor. She had donned men's attire and was discovered only after months of search. Reluctantly she testified against Lawlor, who was convicted. "Billie" Gibson, it was learned yesterday, volunteered to assist the Red Cross workers against influenza when the disease first appeared. Day and night she worked among the poor families of the city. She cloaked her identity under an assumed name. Two days ago she contracted the disease and is now in a serious condition at the San Francisco Hospital.

Influenza Claims Four in Vallejo

Mrs. Clifford Green, wife of a Government checker at the Georgetown Annex, died this morning as a result of influenza. George Barbagellette died of the same malady. Antone George of South Vallejo was another victim.

Walter Herbert Phillips, an employe of the Sperry Flour Mill at South Vallejo, was another who died of the influenza.

Four men suffering from influenza were admitted to the Vallejo Emergency Hospital today, making a total of 51.

S. O. S.—Save Our Schools! Vote "NO" on City Charter Amendment No. 57. San Francisco Welfare League.—Adv.