

# FLUENZA EPIDEMIC IN CITY ROPE SLIGHTLY

SCENES IN THE RED CROSS BUILDING, WHICH HAS BEEN CONVERTED INTO AN UP-TO-DATE CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL in three days. The upper picture shows ward in the hospital, with its waiting nurses in the foreground and Uncle Sam's hospital. The nurses, from left to right, are: Miss R. Palmer, Mrs. J. Franzier, Miss Julia G. H. Bohring, Miss Marie Balm, Mrs. Norma Hartwell and Miss Frank Towler.



## ABATEMENT OF CONTAGION SHOWN HERE

Sensible Decrease Noticed; Number of Cases of Pneumonia Also Falls

SYSTEM IS REORGANIZED  
Health Board and Red Cross Adopt New Plans for Aiding Stricken People

A BENEVOLENT abatement of the influenza epidemic in this city appeared yesterday. The total number of cases reported during the twenty-four hours ending at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon was 128, of which 907 were treated in 611 beds and represented care from one to six days only.

Even the rate of deaths, which yesterday numbered 128, fell considerably below that of yesterday, when the total of 124 were taken by the epidemic. At the same time the number of pneumonia cases handled by the emergency service dropped down to 122 for Tuesday after the high mark of 124 on Monday. But an equally more worrisome feature of the epidemic was the fact that yesterday, there was a few patients in the number of pneumonia cases was 128.

William C. Hawley, city health officer, admitted yesterday afternoon that there is a noticeable lessening expressed a far less relaxation of precautions might result in a dangerous reinfection. The danger, he said, is as great as ever.

"PRECAUTIONS ENDED"  
The public, he said, should avoid every precaution. The masks should be worn continuously, coughing should be avoided, and every person should keep up the use of antiseptic mouth and nose washes.

"The wearing of the mask is the big thing. It is the real protection, and it must be worn continuously. It must be remembered, also, that patients who have the infection are still capable of giving the disease to others for two weeks after they have left their beds.

The use of the Lacey vaccine in another direction, that should be generally taken. The department is against influenza. This vaccine has proven that this vaccine does prevent influenza. Even if it were not effective in every case it could do no harm. Any person who wishes may receive the vaccine treatment free of charge at any one of a number of hospitals.

## NEW RED CROSS HOSPITAL WILL OPEN FRIDAY

Finishing Touches Being Put on Buildings; Convalescents to Be Received

### MORE HELPERS WANTED

Civic Center Home Takes on Businesslike Appearance; Sailors Play Part

BY 6 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 feature. 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 change people, as Superintendent C. M. Wulfsberg said, and working overtime to make the necessary completion. That done, the building will be thrown open to the suffering received tomorrow morning.

Chief Nurse Julia Hinkley wishes it made as plain as possible that cases received will not be received. All patients find their way into the small, glass-roofed wards connected 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. Hinkley's orders. This is a provision made necessary, says Miss Hinkley, by the multitude of cases and the need to follow some system to avoid hospital confusion and a dangerous congestion.

**WOMEN HELPERS WANTED**  
The chief nurse likewise makes another appeal for volunteer nurses to help to work in the Red Cross hospital. She emphasizes the fact that all cases there will be convalescing and says that experience as a nurse is not so necessary as nature, health, freedom of temperament and personality. Any woman who responds to the call to visit the Red Cross headquarters, 128 Mission street, registration and assignment to duty. The manufacturer's name needed at once, says Miss Hinkley.

Mrs. J. M. Charters, in charge of the women of the Red Cross, makes a plea for the help of the women whom they, she believes, ought to be the medical corps of the emergency. She says their help is needed to help the sick, to help the suffering, to help to do clerical work, and to help in the kitchen, and 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 month of October show an increase today showed a total of 3015 new influenza cases, 362 being reported from Camp Las Casas. New cases of pneumonia, however, were only 206, against 619 yesterday, and deaths were 151, compared with 158 the day before.

## BILLY GIBSON, NOW A NURSE, FACING DEATH

Red Cross Volunteer Revealed as the Woman Who Convicted Jimmy Walker

### WINS CITY'S ADMIRATION

One of First to Aid Fight Against Influenza; Contracts Disease

A Red Cross volunteer nurse, who won the admiration of her fellow workers for her tireless efforts on behalf of influenza sufferers, and was now herself fighting for her life in city and county hospital, was yesterday revealed as "Billy" Gibson, the young woman whose testimony sent Jimmy Lawler, former Barbary Coast politician, to the Wall Island for two years for violating the Mann act. When Gibson's illness was discovered, she was taken to the County Hospital, where she was nursed by the Red Cross workers against death. She and her mother, who were both sick, and the mother of the city, who was also sick, were all in the city hospital. She was the first to contract the disease, and she was the first to die. She was the first to die, and she was the first to die.

are asked to apply at 1288 Mission street and do their best to help. The enrollment of nurses, age and housekeeper to be assigned to homes is proceeding under the charge of Herbert Kirch, whose duty it is to discover the qualifications of applicants for positions. About 100 were issued yesterday. As many more will be needed today, she said. Supplementing the hospital service, which yesterday turned over its large recreation hall at 342 Bryant street to the Red Cross, the civic life department of the city is the Seaman's Institute, which yesterday turned over its large recreation hall at 342 Bryant street to the Red Cross. The move was made necessary by the fact that the city's own equipment, which provided the necessary care of the sick, was not sufficient on account of the tendency of the water front by sailors, longshoremen and other workers. The Seaman's Institute is to go down to the sea in a ship. Health officials and the police will exert unusual vigilance in the water-front zone to see that incipient cases are taken care of as soon as possible, to the limit of the accommodations at the place, will be cared for at the Seaman's Institute, where a physician of standing and well-versed nursing will be in attendance.

### NO CHANGE TO BE MADE

Another room in the same building has been filled up to take the place of the recreation hall. The move is being so a leveling and planing of the floor is being done. The move is being so a leveling and planing of the floor is being done. The move is being so a leveling and planing of the floor is being done.

## Influenza Claims Four in Vallejo

Mrs. Clifford Gibson, wife of the prominent checker at the Geographical Institute, died yesterday of influenza. George Hargreaves, a member of the same household, and George of South Vallejo, was another victim of the disease. Walter Herbert Phillips, an employee of the Board of Floor Mill at South Vallejo, was another who died. Four men suffering from influenza were hospitalized today, making a total of 11.