

# INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC IS LOSING FAST

## Masks Defeating Malady in San Francisco; Few Cases Reported

### SATURDAY TOLL HALVED

## Reasonable Precautions in Future Will Complete the Work, Says Hassler

ON THE face of the reports to the Health Board yesterday it would appear that the bottom has dropped out of the influenza epidemic as completely as it has from beneath Austria's feet.

There were only 212 cases reported up to 5 o'clock yesterday, as against 462 on Saturday.

There were forty-five deaths reported, as against ninety-seven on Saturday.

Dr. William C. Hassler, Health Officer, while rejoicing in the evidence that "we have got this malady where we want it," as he said, warned the public against making too much of the figures. It being Sunday, many of the day's cases would not be reported, he explained, until today, and those of Sunday reported by mail would not reach the Health Office, perhaps, until Tuesday.

Of yesterday's 212 cases 127 were reported through the mails, leaving only eighty-five cases actually contracted and reported yesterday. The total number of cases to date, including yesterday's, is 20,819, and the total number of deaths from influenza and its accompanying maladies, including pneumonia, is 1309.

### SCHOOLS COULD OPEN

Dr. Hassler said as far as his judgment went he felt it would be perfectly safe to reopen the churches, schools and class A theaters of San Francisco tomorrow, provided the persons attending wore masks, but the difficulty is that the dance halls, the cabarets, poolrooms and other similar places of resort where many assemble in a limited area and mingle freely together would demand their "rights," in which case the bars would be down to another and probably a much more ravaging visitation of the malady.

If the situation appears improved at the headquarters of the Board of Health it still remains in a somewhat desperate state at the Red Cross headquarters, 1026 Mission street, where the urgent appeal to housekeepers published in Sunday's papers elicited but a meager response.

E. H. L. Gregory, chairman of the Red Cross committee on influenza, after serving energetically for three weeks, tendered his resignation yesterday to John A. Britton, chairman of the San Francisco Chapter of the Red Cross. Harry R. Bogart has been appointed to his place, and will continue at the Red Cross headquarters on Mission street.

Nine of the twelve Red Cross stations have been completely organized under Mrs. J. B. Casserly's direction. She says that by tomorrow the complete list will be ready for publication.

These are the stations now prepared for action in every line of Red Cross activities.

District No. 1, which is designated as Telegraph Hill district, and is bounded by Broadway to Hyde and Hyde to the bay shore, is located in the headquarters of the Telegraph Hill Association, Garfield 917 and Kearny 2511 are the telephone numbers.

District No. 2 is called Golden Gate Valley district. It is bounded by Hyde, Broadway, Gough, Washington, Fillmore, Presidio and the bay shore. The station is located at 2524 Lombard street, and the telephone numbers are West 6721 and West 7010.

District No. 3 covers the Western Addition. Its boundaries are marked by Gough to Fulton, to Arcuella boulevard, to the Presidio, to Broadway, to Fillmore, to Washington. The headquarters are at California and Webster streets. Fillmore 1490 is the telephone number.

District No. 4 covers the Mission, and is bounded by Mission, Market, Seventeenth, Corbett boulevard, Fowler avenue and Thirtieth. The center is at 1183 Valencia st., and the telephone numbers are Mission 1530, Mission 7341 and Mission 7382.

District No. 5 has its center at the Red Cross Shop, 332 Stockton street, and embraces an area bounded by Market, Gough, Broadway and the bay. The telephone numbers are Sutter 598, Garfield 871, 872 and 873. This district includes Chinatown, which is given a sub-district, reached through the same headquarters.

District No. 6 is south of Market street, and is bounded by Channel street, Division, Twelfth street, Market and the bay shore. Its center is at 150 Third street, and its phone address is Park 8500, Local 91.

District No. 7 centers in Bernal Heights at the Bernal Heights school, Anderson and Andover streets, and is bounded by San Bruno avenue, Crescent street, Mission street and Army street. The telephone address is Mission 7231 or Mission 7232.

District No. 8 is designated "San Bruno," and is bounded by the county line, La Grande avenue, Crescent street, San Bruno avenue, Army street and the bay shore. The telephone is Randolph 186 and the station is located in the Portola school, Girard and Bacon streets.

### DIRECTORY USEFUL

The Red Cross suggests that this directory be clipped and saved for reference against an emergency which might arise where there was urgent need for help.

Up to late yesterday evening there had been received at the Red Cross hospital for convalescent patients forty-four children and fifty adults. Manager Charles M. Wollenberg explains that the apparent slowness of the hospital at the Civic Center to fill up with patients is due to the fact that as it takes only the convalescent there have as yet been too few of these to be ready to make the journey from their present quarters in one of the many hospitals to the Civic Center.

Every day adds to the number in increasing ratio, and by Tuesday or Wednesday the improvised and beautiful sanatorium will be completely occupied in all its 300 cots. The forty-five youngsters yesterday showed no desire to go home. That was because they were having too fine a time. J. B. Casserly sent around a case of brand new toys and Karl Wolbach donated four dozen great jars of jellies; the nurses and the members of the Mars Island hospital corps kept the little folks interested, and Chief Nurse Julia Hinkle saw that their little "tummies" were provided with the best of food; so they gurgled and laughed in the sunshine that streamed through the glass roof, and neither Martha nor "Brother" Drake, aged 4 and 3, respectively, dreamed that they wouldn't ever see their mother or their father again, because the influenza left the children when it struck their parents mortally.