

CITY CONTINUES EPIDEMIC FIGHT

Theaters May Remain Closed Until December; No Church Services to Be Held

The number of influenza cases reported yesterday to the Health Board showed a slight increase over those of Wednesday. Per phone and through the mails 381 cases were registered, and there were forty-eight deaths. On Wednesday there were 298 cases reported. The total number for the period of the epidemic is now 22,546 and the total number of deaths 1473.

Dr. Hassler says that the increase of yesterday is due largely to the increased vigilance of health officials in recording cases, many of those located yesterday never having been reported and were in the stages of convalescence.

Health Officer William C. Hassler was visited by a delegation of theatrical managers yesterday afternoon, including representatives of the Orphum, Columbia, Alcazar and Curran theaters. They were advised not to look forward to a date of opening earlier than December 1.

The churches had importuned Dr. Hassler to permit reopening for brief services Sunday. This request, which was urged by the Health Officer, was turned down yesterday evening at the first meeting the Board of Health has held in more than a month, and he was advised to continue the energetic measures he had so successfully employed to fight the malady. He was given a vote of thanks and confidence by the members of the Board of Health for his success in achieving for San Francisco a record which is not equaled or even approached by any in the United States in the worldwide fight against influenza.

Dr. G. Shiroguchi, chief surgeon of the Singo Maru, presented himself at the Health Board headquarters yesterday to inform Dr. Hassler that after a study of local conditions for a period of more than a week he was persuaded that the early break in the strength of the epidemic was due to the enforced wearing of masks. He leaves for Japan today. "As soon as we are within wireless reach of Japan," said he, "I propose to send a message to my Government telling of San Francisco's great achievement with the masks and to advise the health officials of Japan to enforce mask wearing on every man, woman and child in my country until the malady is stamped out there. Its ravages continue in frightful power," said he.

Influenza Spreads Through Grass Valley

Special Dispatch to The Chronicle

GRASS VALLEY, November 7.—Cases of influenza here now number over 200 and the spread continues. Nine deaths have occurred. All of the hospitals are crowded. A Red Cross nurse has arrived from San Francisco to give aid and the State Board of Health has sent a special representative to deal with the situation.