

MASKS MAY GO BY THURSDAY

Victory Celebration Blamed for Slight Increase in Influenza Cases

Twenty new influenza cases were reported in this city yesterday. This slight "flare-up" is said by the health authorities to be the result of discarding precautions during the victory celebration last Monday. Nineteen deaths from influenza were reported yesterday, as against twenty-two the day before.

The Board of Health yesterday rescinded the order to keep the theaters and other places of amusements in the Mission and North Beach districts closed, and they will reopen this afternoon at the same time as the showhouses down town.

The Board of Health also removed the restrictions on the opening of schools in the Mission district. As far as the Board of Health is concerned, the schools in every section of the city may open Monday with the exception of North Beach. The Board of Education has the decision as to when the schools shall throw their doors open again. Superintendent Alfred Roncovieri said last night the public schools would not open Monday.

Dr. William C. Hassler, Health Officer, said the increased number of cases yesterday did not surprise him, as he had misgivings all along about the effect of the gathering of the crowds in restaurants and other public places last Monday.

Dr. Hassler said masks should be worn at least until next Thursday. He announced that the Children's Hospital has been cleared of influenza patients and is ready to receive private patients as prior to the epidemic.

Men's cast-off clothing is needed at the Civic Center Red Cross Hospital, where more than a score of male adults are detained because they have no garb for street wear. They were taken from lodging-houses to an emergency hospital, thence to the San Francisco Hospital and finally to where they are now perforce confined and during the several transfers the only outer raiment they possessed was lost or mislaid and cannot be traced.