

CITY TO DOFF MASKS TONIGHT

Special Meeting of Board of Health May Be Called to Lift Ban

San Francisco will unmask tonight. The signal for throwing away the gauze coverings will be given this afternoon, according to Dr. William C. Hassler, health officer. The influenza has been stamped out, and no further facial protection from the germ that caused so much trouble is necessary.

Only four new cases of influenza were reported yesterday to the Board of Health, which is considered normal for this season of the year. Nine deaths were reported, extending over a period of four days.

"I think I'll have the Board of Health summoned to a special meeting tomorrow," said Dr. Hassler yesterday. "Then the Board will make its report that the epidemic is over, and the proclamation revoking the mask-wearing ordinance can be issued. Tomorrow will be the last day for the compulsory wearing of masks if the special meeting is held. The regular meeting of the Board is Thursday. If the special meeting is not held, we must postpone taking off the gauze protectors one day."

After having escaped without a single case of influenza, according to the medical officers, the San Francisco Naval Training Station on Goat Island in San Francisco bay is to be released on Thursday from the influenza quarantine established September 22. According to Captain E. H. Durell, commandant, the station is the only Army or Navy post in the country to have been entirely free of the epidemic.

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