

MASKS WILL BE PUT IN DISCARD AT NOON TODAY

San Francisco to Throw
Away Facial Devices After
Long Period En Masque

SIRENS TO GIVE SIGNAL

Noises of All Kinds Will Be
Ready to Sound Death
Knell for Coverings

INFLUENZA masks will be discarded at 12 o'clock (noon) today. The shrieking of every siren in San Francisco, blowing of whistles, clanging of gongs and the ringing of bells will be the signal for throwing away the gauze face coverings.

The men, women and children of San Francisco, with the exception of the few who did not take the Supervisors in earnest in the enactment of the masking ordinance, have been wearing the masks since October 24.

Dr. William C. Hassler, health officer, said yesterday the influenza epidemic had been stamped out and the wearing of masks was no longer necessary. The proclamation revoking the masking ordinance was drawn up yesterday, to go into effect at noon today.

Dr. Hassler said there is no guarantee that visitors from the south and the Eastern part of the United States, where the disease is widespread, will not start a new infection here, and advises precautionary measures for the next few weeks. He advises visitors to hospitals to wear masks and persons who have been attacked by the influenza to wear masks five or six days following recovery. He notified managers of department stores and hotels that employes should wear masks while on duty.