

# SACRAMENTO FAILS TO ACT ON MASK MEASURE

SACRAMENTO, January 10.—The Sacramento City Commissioners at a meeting today failed to act upon an ordinance introduced at the suggestion of the Retail Merchants' Association to make compulsory the wearing of gauze masks to prevent the spread of influenza.

D. W. Carmichael, at whose request action was postponed until tomorrow, said he would introduce a substitute ordinance to enforce wearing of masks in homes and where people gathered for amusement or work but containing no provision for wearing masks while on the streets.

SACRAMENTO, January 10.—The State Bureau of Vital Statistics reports that deaths from all causes for November totaled 9768, against 8721 for October. The corresponding totals in 1917 for deaths from all causes were: November, 3438, and October, 8215.

Total deaths from influenza and pneumonia combined were 6492 for November, against 5381 for October. The death total for influenza and pneumonia was somewhat less for leading cities as a class for November than for October. On the other hand, the totals for influenza and pneumonia were much greater in the smaller cities and rural districts for November than for October.