

# MASK WEARING INCREASES FAST

## Six Factories of Red Cross Unable to Supply Demand for Protectors

The Board of Health received reports of forty-five additional deaths and 363 new cases yesterday. Dr. William C. Hassler said that the doctors are so overworked that they are unable to report every case that has come to their attention.

About twenty-five per cent of the people in San Francisco appeared on the streets wearing masks yesterday. It is predicted that the number will increase each day up to Friday, when the wearing of gauze will become compulsory.

So heavy has been the public demand for masks during the last two days that the local Red Cross chapter, with six factories at work, is unable to supply all orders received at the distributing stations scattered throughout the downtown district.

Mrs. E. H. Wobber, directing the distribution, estimated that at least 10,000 masks were sold during the day by the Red Cross alone. She predicted an increased demand today and tomorrow.

The Board of Supervisors yesterday adopted a resolution extending the thanks of the city to the United States Public Health Service through Dr. W. C. Billings, in charge of the local district, for its aid during the last influenza epidemic, and asking that it be continued. At one time, according to the resolution, the service provided nineteen physicians for a period of six weeks.

The Board adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, at which time the mask ordinance will be finally adopted and made effective.

### 745 NEW CASES IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES (Cal.), January 13.—Seven hundred and forty-five new cases of influenza were reported to the Health Department here for the twenty-four-hour period ending at 5 o'clock tonight. Deaths from the disease today numbered twenty-six.