

# Thousands Attend Protest Meeting

## Mask Opponents Denounce City Ordinance

An audience that filled Dreamland Rink last night at a protest meeting against the compulsory wearing of influenza masks declared its intention of appearing en masse before the Board of Supervisors tomorrow to demand that the ordinance be repealed immediately.

Speakers were loudly cheered as they voiced their disapproval of mask-wearing. Mrs. E. C. Harrington, who presided, urged those present to exert their rights and "not submit to the domination of a few politicians and political doctors." The other speakers, almost without exception, devoted themselves to criticism of public officials from the Mayor down. Hissing followed mention of the Mayor's name on one occasion.

Brief statistics were quoted by one or two doctors in an attempt to disprove the efficacy of the mask. Those who spoke included Mrs. C. E. Grosjean, C. E. Grosjean, Dr. H. R. Smith of Oakland, Dr. Margaret Mahoney, Dr. J. P. Bien, Miss Charlotte Jones, William Robinson, president of the Waiters' Union; C. F. Welch, president of the Culinary Workers' Union, and John C. Lesser.

Supervisor E. E. Schmitz, who was to have led the debate, did not attend.

## LOS ANGELES REPORTS DECREASE OF INFLUENZA

LOS ANGELES, January 25.—Only ten deaths and 114 new cases of influenza were reported to the Board of Health here in the twenty-four-hour period ended at 5 o'clock tonight, compared with seventeen deaths and 169 new cases yesterday.