

# STATE HEALTH BOARD CLOSES ALL THEATRES

## General Closing of Schools and Churches Not Included in Order of California Authorities

### New Epidemic Cases Reported in San Francisco; 20 Deaths City's Total for Day

Theatres and moving picture shows in California were ordered closed yesterday by the State Board of Health as precautionary against Spanish influenza epidemic.

The board opposed general closing of schools and churches except as local boards of health shall deem it wise to issue such action.

William C. Hassler, city health officer, in conference with the State Board of Health authorities, said he would have the schools reopened after vacation one at a time in order to bring the situation under control.

San Francisco reported 614 new cases of Spanish influenza yesterday, a total of 3,481 cases, with twenty deaths yesterday, making seventy deaths for the week.

A public library, and branches closed yesterday by order of the board of trustees.

A following order was issued yesterday by the Board of Education for the city:

Parents and teachers are hereby notified that the schools under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education remain closed until further notice on account of the spread of Spanish influenza. Teachers will be notified by the daily papers for the date of opening date.

GEORGE E. GALLAGHER,  
President Board of Education.

### THEATRE REGULATIONS.

The regulations issued yesterday by the chief of Police White said open-air athletic contests will not be held with under the Board of Health orders.

George Ebricht, president of the State Board of Health, said that public assemblies were not inimical to preventive measures which have been taken to meet the epidemic. He said, after a meeting of the board at the Palace Hotel, that the need was to avert hysteria among the people.

The board issued a statement urging persons attacked by the disease to follow a physician's advice, immediately repair to their beds and stay there until released.

The crowded condition of the San Francisco Hospital led to the city Board of Health demanding that patients not be sent there indiscriminately or without notice to the authorities.

Doctors were urged to notify the local Emergency Hospital before bringing persons to the hospital.

### TO RUN COURSE.

The State Board of Health is reporting to the State Board of Health that the epidemic is still on the up grade. "It will have to run its course," said Dr. Kellogg, State Health Officer. The authorities are taking all possible measures of protection and prevention. There should be the utmost care to heed the regulations. Persons being sent to every health department in the State.

They will be given widest circulation.

The State Board of Health is working in co-operation with the Federal authorities and the Red Cross. Public open-air assemblies are being themselves to be closed down, according to Dr. Ebricht. This refers to each local health department to handle. Public funerals are being stopped during the epidemic. The chief of Police White will enforce regulations as to the closing of places of assembly indicated in the Board of Health proclamation issued yesterday.

### RESOURCES NEEDED.

A call was made by the Pacific Division of the Red Cross for physicians and nurses, as well as all other who may be available for service at the base hospitals. George Ebricht, head of the Military Relief Commission, said there was extraordinary need for nurses at Camp Fremont particularly. Miss Lillian L. White, in charge of the Red Cross Building, telephone Douglas 1000, is in charge of the Red Cross Relief Bureau.

An appeal comes from San Francisco Chapter of the Red Cross, 30 Montgomery street, Garfield 669. They are urged to release nurses wherever possible for the Red Cross service. Employment is open in preference to practical women available for room duty.

### GAUZE MASKS WANTED.

Red Cross auxiliaries were urged to wear gauze masks. General Red Cross war work continues with preventive means taken to prevent spread of disease among the workers. One hundred cases were reported yesterday at Letterman General Hospital.

Annette Abbott Adams, United States Attorney, was taken ill with Spanish influenza yesterday. Percy Tramutolo, her assistant, died with it.

Boy Scout meetings were called off yesterday by Raymond O. Hanford executive.

Additional telephone operators were employed in the City Hall yesterday so that an all night service be maintained during the influenza epidemic. The calls for the telephone departments have increased so that immediate action was taken by the supervisors to provide additional telephone facilities.

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### WHITE HOUSE WORKERS WEAR GAUZE MASKS

Many employes of the White House appeared for duty in the various departments muffled in gauze. They were donned on the advice of the store's physician as a precaution against influenza, and he is not one of the store's assistants who has been stricken with the disease.

### DEAD IN SISKIYOU.

YAKA, October 18.—Mrs. Sherman Stanley, who died last night, was a Siskiyou county resident. She was a grandmother of Erma Stanley, the 4-year-old who died last week.

# Churches Close On Account of 'Flu' Epidemic

## Pastors Cheerfully Comply With Order Issued by Health Department.

Complying with the order of the Board of Health regarding public gatherings, the churches of the city will be closed tomorrow, although many of the Catholic congregations will gather in the open air for the regular 11 o'clock morning mass, and by permission of the health authorities the early masses seldom largely attended, will be held as usual, it being provided that the church windows be open to obtain good ventilation.

Catholic churches will probably remain open for visitors to the Blessed Sacrament and priests will continue to say masses as private devotions, following the rules adopted in the East.

### CHURCH FEDERATION ACTS.

At a meeting yesterday of the executive committee of the San Francisco Church Federation, representing the Protestant churches, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the San Francisco Church Federation recommends that all the churches comply with the action of the Board of Health with reference to the closing of churches and that no services or Sunday school meetings be held during the growing prevalence of Spanish influenza in our midst. The action of the Health Board in this matter in our judgment should be cheerfully and patriotically complied with. In taking this action we urge upon the people the prompt reporting of all cases of influenza and remaining away from other persons when infected with colds or influenza, and the cultivation of a wholesome and optimistic spirit and a sense of God's nearness. This is not a time for panic or fear, but for faith, care and courage. Living in this spirit it is safe to feel that no plague shall come night thy dwelling.

### OPEN AIR MASS.

The Rev. Father J. W. Brockhage, pastor of Holy Cross Parish, announces an open-air mass to be held at noon tomorrow in Calvary Cemetery, Ellis and Devisadero streets. "For the Welfare of our Boys in the Service." Father John J. Merlehan will be celebrant and an appropriate sermon will be preached by the Rev. Francis M. Harvey of St. Patrick's Seminary.

There will be an open air gathering in front of Old St. Mary's, at which the Rev. Father O. A. Welsh will preach the regular morning sermon and the noon mass will be celebrated by the Rev. Father H. I. Strong. There will be no evening service.

Mass will be celebrated in the open air on the steps of St. Mary's Cathedral, and in the garden of Old Mission Dolores at 11 o'clock.

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### GENERAL VACCINATION ORDERED IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, October 18.—Dr. John Dill Robertson, health commissioner of Chicago, is going to vaccinate everybody in Chicago against pneumonia following influenza.

He made the announcement to-day in connection with the arrival of the first allotment of 500,000 doses of vaccine from Rochester, Minn. He plans that 100,000 persons shall receive the preventive each day until all are immune. Those who have had the influenza are excepted from the order.

Back yards must be the refuge of Chicago children at play as the result of a police order issued to-day as another step in checking the spread of influenza.

Reports received to-day for twenty-four hours showed an increase in death and a decrease in new cases of influenza and pneumonia. The figures were: New cases, influenza, 1,917; pneumonia, 402; decrease, 76. Deaths, influenza, 244; pneumonia, 127; increase, 10.

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