

THEATRES AND CHURCHES ARE TO BE CLOSED

Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda
Schools and Dance Halls Under
Ban as Spreaders of Influenza

Orders Issued to All Hotels and
Restaurants to Sterilize All
Glasses and Eating Utensils

All public and private schools in Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda were ordered closed yesterday afternoon by the school authorities as a means of preventing the spread of the influenza epidemic in the east bay district. This was followed last night in Oakland and Alameda by the placing of a ban on all public gatherings with the closing of theatres, churches and dance halls. Berkeley took action earlier in the week.

Dr. Daniel Crosby of Oakland was made health officer and given complete control of the situation in Oakland. Orders were issued to all hotels, restaurants and cafes to sterilize all glasses and eating utensils and to use paper cups wherever possible. The telephone company received instructions to disinfect the mouthpieces on all public telephones.

Care of quarantine cases will be placed in the hands of a volunteer corps of nurses. Harry East Miller, president of the Oakland Chapter, American Red Cross, yesterday tendered to the city officials the assistance of the organization. A call was issued to all practical nurses to report at Red Cross headquarters this morning.

Chief danger, according to the health authorities, lies in the spread among different members of a family and the inability to obtain nurses. Adequate care cannot be given to the afflicted by other members of a family who are stricken.

One thousand influenza masks have been prepared by the Red Cross workers to prevent the contagion's spread among the volunteer nurses.

No letup in the spread was indicated in Oakland yesterday. With the addition of 77 new cases the number was increased to 951, but no fatalities were reported. The toll in Berkeley yesterday amounted to three.

The deaths were: Miss Eugenia Thayer, University of California, student, Hotel Claremont; Carl G. Petsch, University of California senior, 2604 Dana street, Berkeley; Mrs. Frank Matzler, 1326 Peralta avenue, Berkeley.

The resolution passed in Oakland provides:

1. That all public and private schools and kindergartens be closed.

2. All places of amusement, including theaters, moving picture theaters, concert halls, dance halls, dance and cabaret in cafe and hotel and all forms of public entertainment be immediately discontinued.

3. That all lodges and fraternal meetings and gatherings including dances and social gatherings of whatsoever nature and kind, in clubs and homes be also discontinued.

4. Penny arcades, merry-go-rounds and other forms of public amusement including poolrooms are included in this order.

5. Saloons, restaurants, cafes and all public eating and drinking places must use paper cups for drinking purposes or sterilize their eating and drinking utensils.

6. Community singing must likewise be discontinued.

7. On account of the great importance of certain Red Cross work this activity will be continued with the restrictions that the workers must use masks.

8. All church services and socials are to be discontinued under this order.

9. Before any public meetings or exceptions to this order be held a permit must first be secured from the Health Officer of this city.

10. All those willing to give volunteer service in the way of nursing and all doctors who can attend to more cases are urgently requested to give their names to the Health Officer.

11. The Chief of Police is hereby directed to enforce the orders of this proclamation and the people of this city are earnestly requested to give their hearty co-operation in the suppression of the present epidemic.

12. This order takes effect midnight tonight, October 18, 1918.