

INFLUENZA CLAIMS 1,101 MORE; 32 DIE

al Stricken by Epidemic in
San Francisco 4,824, With
19 Fatalities From Disease

With Authorities Believe That
Sickness Is Checked and That
Peak in Suffering Is Passed

A total of 1,101 new cases of Spanish influenza and thirty-two deaths were reported to the Board of Health yesterday, making the total number of cases in this city to date 4,824 and total deaths 99.

The orders of the Board of Health closing all places of amusement and holding all gatherings were rigidly obeyed yesterday and the absence of people in the streets was noticeable.

Also it was noticeable that every man was carefully watching everybody else to guard against coming into contact with the disease.

William C. Hassler issued a warning yesterday against persons congregating in the parks and other places of amusement today. Dr. Hassler said that no ban had been placed upon the ocean beaches because they are healthy places today. He warned against them, however, on crowded beach cars.

COOL ORDER STANDS.

Dr. Hassler denied reports which have gained currency that the public schools will be permitted to reopen in some districts of the city at the beginning of the present vacation. He said all public schools will be closed without discrimination.

In conformity with a resolution passed by the Board of Health yesterday, all employes in stores, banks, barber shops and all other places where they come into direct contact with the public must wear masks beginning today. Also all hotel proprietors were requested to make it mandatory upon their employes, particularly chambermaids and bedmakers, to wear these masks while doing their work. These masks should be disinfected either by boiling or dipping in alcohol.

GENERAL PERSHING MEETING.

The Board of Health received a communication yesterday from the San Francisco Advertising Club stating that they had canceled all meetings, including the one which was to have been addressed by James P. Pershing, brother of General John Pershing, pending notice by the board. The danger of infection has

been the opinion of medical men yesterday that epidemic had about reached its climax in this city and that the number of cases will decrease from now on until the epidemic has run its course. Every possible precaution has been taken to prevent its spreading and aided by unusually fine weather now prevailing, it is believed San Francisco will be a light sufferer.

CHURCHES IN OPEN AIR.

In many of the churches, particularly Catholic churches, will hold open air services today. The Board of Health having given permission for such gatherings not to exceed thirty people. One of the most impressive services will be that of Old Mission church, which will be held in the open air adjoining the church at 11 a. m.

Mass will be celebrated at the same time on the steps of St. Mary's Cathedral and also Old St. Mary's. Mass will be celebrated by the Holy Cross Parish in Calvary Cemetery, Ellis and Divisadero streets, at 11 a. m.

By special permission of the city health authorities, service will be held tomorrow morning at the First Church of Christ Scientist at California and Franklin.

The service will commence at 11 a. m. and will terminate in half an hour.

The authorities issued a request yesterday requesting automobilists to close the mufflers on their automobiles at all times because of the numbers of sick persons in all parts of the city. Automobilists, however, in many instances, open their mufflers while going up hills at night and thus disturb the rest of the invalids.

APPLIANTS WANTED.

The registration of doctors, medical assistants, graduate and practical nurses to assist in combating the influenza epidemic will be continued by the Red Cross today between 9 a. m. and 6 p. m. Thus far the appeal for medical and nursing aid is 50 per cent below the demand. Special appeals have been made for people to help children whose mothers have been stricken.

It was decided at a special meeting of the chapter's influenza committee yesterday to assist the Associated Charities and kindred organizations in furnishing food and medical aid to destitute persons suffering from the influenza.

Several of the chapter's uniformed boys and girls are acting as ambulance drivers, and as fast as vehicles can be procured they are added to the list.

Chairman E. H. L. Gregory yesterday sent a communication to the 240 auxiliary chairmen of the San Francisco chapter, instructing them to

discontinue all activities excepting those agreed upon by the Board of Health and Red Cross committee.

Employees of the Board of Works under the direction of Superintendent of Streets McElroy, are flushing streets and sewers in many parts of the city where it is seen that dirt has collected.

Efforts are being made to supplement the work being done by the street sweepers in washing down and cleaning as many blocks of pavement as possible without too great a waste of water.

Bishop W. F. Nichols will officiate at brief open air services on the lawn at Grace Cathedral.

PLACES MUST CLEAN UP.

NEW YORK, October 19.—The Health Department today passed a resolution giving the City Sanitary superintendents and his assistants arbitrary power to order the alteration or closing of all stores selling food or drink for human consumption where conditions are found tending to augment the spread of Spanish influenza.

2,136 NEW CASES.

CHICAGO, October 19.—In Chicago 2,136 new influenza cases were reported in the past twenty-four hours. The deaths totaled 345, a slight decrease from Friday.