

Epidemic Reaches Height Outside Of San Francisco

Conditions regarding the Spanish influenza epidemic throughout the State were a trifle more favorable than the reports in San Francisco, according to Dr. George E. Bright, chief of the State Board of Health. He said last night:

In the districts outside of San Francisco there are evident indications that the epidemic has reached its height. It is imperative now that the citizens co-operate to the fullest extent with the regulations prescribed by their local Boards of Health so that the disease may be entirely eliminated.

Streets should and must be kept well flushed. It is advisable to do this work late at night. Likewise the gauze masks should be worn everywhere by everybody. These masks have proven the greatest aid in combating the spread of the epidemic in the Eastern cities and are a safe precaution.

The influenza first made its appearance in California down near Los Angeles and from figures from that section yesterday it appears that there is a marked decrease in new cases. A report I have just received indicates a falling off of 500 cases for the past 24 hours.

In the country districts, where health boards believed it compatible with local conditions, the idea of permitting the children to attend school has proven a wise step. At the schools the pupils have been carefully watched and have been kept in well-ventilated rooms. This has been far better than allowing the children to run about the streets.

36 GIRLS AID IN GRIPPE FIGHT

San Francisco Chapter of the Red Cross yesterday made further call for physicians, trained nurses, practical housekeeping women and automobiles to meet the urgent demand in the influenza epidemic.

Thirty-six girls, composing the Red Cross motor corps, with two ambulances and automobiles, went into service to handle cases and to supply rapid transport of patients, nurses and medical supplies.

Mrs. Philip Kamim, commander of the corps, said all other work would be set aside during the critical period.

Mrs. Cameron, former superintendent of Lane hospital, arrived yesterday from Sacramento to take charge of the nurses.

Mrs. J. B. Casserly, chairman of the Bureau of Production, reported that the city was districted. The clearing house for the work has been established at 30 Montgomery street, Garfield 669, with Miss Julia Hinkle and Mrs. Richard Jose in charge. It will be open from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Appeal for assistance in families where children require attention, parents being ill, in households calling for trained nursing, and in not a few cases actual want accentuating the epidemic is far in excess of the supply of help.

Call is made for school teachers and others to report to hospitals which are swamped with influenza patients. All volunteers should register at once at the Red Cross headquarters.

Man 3 Feet Tall Drafted.

WHEELING (W. Va.), October 20.—John Charles Zink, 51 years of age, 3 feet 3 inches in height and weighing fifty-four pounds, registered here for military service.

WARD OFF INFLUENZA BY WEARING MASKS ON STREET

Board of Health Asks Public Co-Operation in Its Fight Against Epidemic.

BY FAY KING

THE FLU MASK is no longer a JOKE.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH wants EVERY PERSON in San Francisco to wear a GAUZE MASK and it's up to YOU to get one at Red Cross Headquarters, 30 Montgomery street, and wear it.

It's up to YOU to send for enough masks so that every employee in your place of business has a mask.

This is no laughing matter. We've kidded about the "Flu Fence" and the "Gas Mask," but the influenza epidemic has reached the stage where not only for your own sake, but for EVERYBODY'S sake, you have to wear a mask and thereby help to check it.

And you must wear it on the STREET!

Oh, girls, you needn't pucker up your nose and giggle; you've taken to the noble skirt, barber-pole stockings, knee-length dress and backless gown without a blush—you needn't shy at the Flu Mask.

If Lady Duff Gordon had designed it, and Mrs. Vernon Castle had introduced it, you'd all be running around in them; but just because, for once, a "fad" has come in that HAS A REASON FOR BEING, you hesitate about appearing in public with it on.

Take it from me, it's just as becoming, as a thousand other freak fashions we have fallen for, and now it's up to US to do what the Board of Health requests.

If you are a REAL SAN FRANCISCAN—PROVE IT, by wearing a mask.

We should ridicule those who DON'T wear them, because it's a matter of life and death.

Every one in "The Examiner" office has his "flu fence" on.

One reporter pleaded exemption because he dipped his mustache in Dobell's solution, but that wasn't enough.

It's hard to tell the office boy from the boss, and we feel like a Kluck-Klan of Nite Writers on a morning paper; but, all kidding aside, you're not doing your bit in the war on influenza unless you go over the "top" with a Flu Mask!

Sure, I'm wearing one—ON THE STREET!

A tiny bit of black thread marks the outside side of the mask, and it must never be reversed. After taking your mask off and putting it in your pocket it must be scalded or boiled five minutes before putting it on again.

EVERYBODY—On with the MASK!