

# INFLUENZA ON THE INCREASE

Twenty-Two Deaths and 345 New Cases in Oakland, 48-Hour Toll of Epidemic.

With 22 fatalities and 345 new quarantine cases during the last forty-eight hours, the highest point in Oakland's influenza epidemic was reached yesterday. The total number of cases reported is 1,591. No let-up was recorded in Alameda, where 17 new cases were reported, with three deaths.

All private hospitals have been closed against the contagion cases as a precaution. The Oakland Emergency Hospital and the Alameda County Infirmary are crowded with the cases and by today will be able to handle no more. Arroyo Sanitarium at Livermore is handling all other cases. Convention halls in the Oakland Municipal Auditorium will be turned into isolation wards this morning, all serious cases being sent there for treatment.

An emergency fund of \$1,499 for equipping the temporary hospital was appropriated yesterday by the Board of Supervisors and the Oakland City Council.

All street car windows were ordered opened by Dr. Daniel Crosby, city health officer. Crowds will be prevented from gathering in the downtown district by the police, acting under instructions from the health department. All meetings, including open-air church services, were ordered discontinued.

## DON MASKS. ORDER.

The gauze influenza mask yesterday made its appearance on the streets. Interested gazes soon turned to looks of concern, and before nightfall they were as common a sight as the gas mask during a trench raid. On orders from Dr. Crosby, all clerks in shops, elevator operators and ticket takers were forced to don the masks.

An increased force of attendants is on duty throughout the day at the health board's headquarters. All cases reported unattended are supplied with physicians and nurses where possible, the latter being furnished by a volunteer plan inaugurated by Harry East Miller, president Oakland Chapter, American Red Cross.

The shortage of nurses is so acute that the city authorities yesterday ordered the release of twenty women held for vagrancy and assigned them to duty as nurses. Further measures are contemplated by the city authorities today, Fred F. Morse, Commissioner of Public Health and Safety, announcing that all saloons would be requested to close for the duration of the epidemic.

Co-operation of civic and improvement organizations with the health authorities has been started. A canvass of the city will be made by the School Women's Club and the Oakland Women's Army. Information on prevention and care will be given and enlistments secured in a volunteer nursing corps.

## DEATH LIST GROWS.

Requests for supplies and the use of automobiles in transporting patients was yesterday requested of the public by Dr. A. Hieronymus, city health officer, Alameda.

The twenty-four hour toll in Alameda recorded the deaths of James Archibald McDowell Jr., J. P. Bruzzone, 1545 Third street, and Mrs. Bessie Frier Lutticken, 3528 Santa Clara avenue.

The deaths in Oakland during the past forty-eight hours were as follows:

Mrs. Anna E. Westmiller, 817 Prospect avenue.  
Angie V. Korasovich, 1706 Center street.  
Mrs. Alice J. Harris, 1327 Broadway.  
Mrs. Sadie Dralen, 1722 Grove street.  
L. Caperna, 1170 Fifth street.  
I. A. Swain, 2957 Howe street.  
Miss Irma L. Hickersen, 621 Fallon street.  
Theodore Lewis, 2427 Walnut street.  
John Kennedy, 821 Twenty-second street.  
William Rosenblom, 1616 Fifty-ninth street.  
A. W. Smith, Hotel Athens.  
W. S. Vante, Hotel Monro.  
M. J. Pruslow, 6714 Holmes avenue.

# How to Make Mask to Balk "Flu" Germs

THE Oakland Chapter of the Red Cross has issued the following instructions for the home construction of influenza masks:

- 1—Take a piece of gauze a yard square.
- 2—Cut this into strips 9 inches wide.
- 3—Fold each strip into halves, then into thirds, making six thicknesses of gauze.
- 4—Turn in raw edges and stitch all four sides to hold firm. Mask now measures seven inches by six.
- 5—Put three pleats in seven-inch ends, lower pleat deeper than other two, to allow room for chin.
- 6—Attach a tape 11 inches long to each of the two lower corners.
- 7—Attach a tape 13 inches long to each of the two upper corners.
- 7—Distinguish outside by a black thread.

Miss Carmo Gianini, 401 Aeger street.  
Dorothy G. Kelly, 770 Twenty-third avenue.  
Mrs. H. M. Peterson, 449 Fifty-first street.  
Mrs. Florence Ferrero, 528 Heavy street.  
Geoff Perata, 656 Portland street.  
Benjamin Cornell, 323 Elbert street.  
L. W. Pichetti, 673 Twenty-third street.  
Joseph Beahabo, 838 Twenty-eighth street.  
Mrs. Herman Taylor, 1003 Eighteenth street.  
Mrs. Matilda Hopkins, 2236 Tenth avenue.