

"FIFTY-ONE DEATHS, TOLL OF INFLUENZA

Municipal Hospital Established at Auditorium Aids in Fighting Ravages of Epidemic

Persons Appearing on Streets in Public Places Must Wear Masks, Edict of Mayor

Facilities for handling cases and strict enforcement of the police regulations have prevented any increase in the influenza death rate, in Oakland in the past twenty-four hours and increased the number of cases released as cured, according to the figures of the Oakland Board of Health. Up to last night the total deaths during the epidemic amounted to 100, 21 of which were reported in the past twenty-four hours.

Every person appearing on the streets today must obey the health authorities' request to wear gauze masks, according to a proclamation issued last night by Mayor John L. Davis. The Police Department has been instructed to rigidly enforce the regulation. Failure to comply will mean a denial of the privilege to appear in public.

Indications of better conditions are seen by Dr. Daniel Crosby, health officer, with the opening yesterday of the emergency isolation wards at the Oakland Municipal Auditorium. By eightfall last night it was reported that 3,018 cases were being held under quarantine, 470 having been released during the preceding twenty-four hours.

SEVEN DEATHS REPORTED.

The toll yesterday included four children under the age of twelve, Israel Okno, a veteran of the Russian army, James K. Hannan, 33 years old, 2775 Manila avenue, and his wife, Mrs. Jessie K. Hannan, aged 32. The children were Antone Simas, aged 1 year, 3713 Thirty-eighth avenue; Alredo Baepine, aged 5, 969 Third street, and Ruth E. Bentley, aged 12, 150 Broadway.

Co-operation of Oakland and Alameda county authorities to stamp out the epidemic was perfected yesterday at a meeting at the Oakland Chamber of Commerce. Arrangements were made for operating the emergency wards at the Auditorium, medicines and supplies being furnished by the Red Cross.

The committee included Joseph E. Taine, managing director, Oakland Chamber of Commerce; Dr. S. H. Buteau, president Merritt Hospital Association; D. J. Murphy, supervisor; Wells Drury, secretary Berkeley Chamber of Commerce; E. K. Taylor, Alameda; Mrs. Horatio Bonnell, Piedmont; P. F. Morse; Harry Williams, and Charles H. J. Truitt.

20 CASES CARED FOR.

The emergency wards on the opening day cared for 120 cases and arrangements were being made last night to furnish additional accommodations. Two deaths were recorded at the auditorium.

The emergency service the Red Cross divided the city into five districts, to be supervised by a corps of nurses from the National League of Women's Service. The work is being headed on by Mrs. C. E. Wilson, center district; Mrs. C. H. East Oakland; Mrs. O. at Piedmont and central Oakland; Mrs. D. Haines, North Oakland; Mrs. Horace four in Mrs. T. P. Mogan, the center in Twenty-second street.

ASKS PLEA.

Dr. Wood's plea was the influenza situation in Oakland and is getting extremely serious," said Dr. Wood's plea to the city commission to establish an influenza hospital, established at the Auditorium, yesterday.

Dr. Hutchinson said the influenza being received here is of a lighter nature than that which prevailed in the San Francisco epidemic, but the results so far are serious," he continued. "I

Mrs. Wood said Dr. Hassler to see if anything could be done so that San Francisco might have the benefit of her experience."

Dr. Hutchinson also urged that all persons wear a mask during the epidemic.

Dr. Hutchinson said that masks need not be so tight as those worn in the lower part may be free to breathe.

Mrs. Wood covers the mouth and nose with a gauze mask.

"There is no such thing as pneumonia in connection with influenza," Dr. Hutchinson told the city commissioners. "The condition which is called pneumonia is merely the advance of the influenza germs to the lungs."

FRESH AIR VITAL.

In regard to the treatment of the disease, Dr. Hutchinson said that patients should be at rest; in bed; in the open air with a good sensible attendant are all that could be done.

"Fresh air is the one vital necessity," he said. "Patients should stay in bed for at least four days after they feel all right. This is because the three days following the dissipation of the fever are the most dangerous. The work that has been done here in three days is wonderful. Dr. Buteau, who has charge of the hospital, has accomplished much with this great hall that has not been accomplished elsewhere with great expensive hospitals." Dr. Hutchinson will address an open-air meeting of the students of the University of California Saturday afternoon.