

WEARING MASK COMPULSORY IN OAKLAND

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Beginning today, every person must wear a mask or go to jail.

The cities of the east bay region, acting in unison, yesterday took drastic steps to curb further spread of the epidemic of influenza. Oakland and Berkeley lead in the communities enacting the most stringent precautionary measures.

Nineteen deaths and 534 new cases were reported for the day.

The urgency of precautionary measures is shown in the overcrowded condition of all of the hospitals of the east bay region, as well as the big municipal hospital which has been established in the Municipal Auditorium in Oakland. In the latter there are about 300 cases, in varying degrees of severity. Many of them are malignant and the patients are hovering between life and death.

Nurses are imperatively needed at the Auditorium Hospital. Captain Joseph E. Caine, chairman of the executive committee of the Citizens' Relief Committee of Alameda county, yesterday issued a plea to everyone who can assist in fighting the influenza epidemic to report at once to Miss Lyons at the Eleventh-street entrance of the auditorium, the southern side of the building.

CRYING NEED FOR NURSES.

There is a crying need for nurses to care for the men and women who are interned there, and to whom a little care may mean the saving of their lives.

Acting on motion of Commissioner of Public Health and Safety F. V. Morse, the Oakland City Council passed an ordinance which makes it mandatory for all residents of Oakland to wear gauze masks. Failure to comply entails a possible fine of \$100 or ten days in jail. The patrolmen were given orders to put the order into effect immediately, and the rule will be rigidly enforced.

In Berkeley even more drastic legislation was enacted. The City Council, without dissenting voice, voted an emergency ordinance which prescribes that all must wear masks. It went into effect immediately. The penalty for failure to observe is a fine of \$100 or ten days in jail, at the discretion of the court.

Oakland also enacted a mask ordinance. It will be enforced. No general is the spirit of compliance with the orders of the east bay authorities that the majority of the residents are already wearing the masks.

UNMASKED COURT PENALTY.

Any person without a mask today courts the penalty of a fine or jail sentence, or both. The patrolmen have orders to enforce the law. The health authorities are determined to check the epidemic.

The Oakland Board of Health yesterday turned over to the nurses and physicians bureau of the Oakland Red Cross Chapter full charge in the work of supplying all appeals for medical and nursing attention. Dr. Herbert J. Samuels is director of the bureau.

The calls for help have been so systematized that all volunteer workers are listed with their qualifications. They can be rapidly selected and detailed to the proper cases.

A motor corps has been organized as subsidiary to the bureau. The Boy Scouts and Naval Scouts are lending their assistance to this work wherever possible.

Out-of-town physicians have offered services to the bureau where their presence is not imperative at home. All Oakland doctors who are not entirely occupied are also listed for available open hours.

The city has been divided into districts by the bureau with a supervising nurse for each section. It is her duty to investigate the condition of homes where illness prevails, and to suggest the grade of treatment necessary or if a housekeeper or cook is needed.

AUTOS MUST USE MUFFLERS.

As an evidence of the stern manner in which Oakland is buckling down to the task of curbing the epidemic, President Joseph F. Wallman of the National Traffic Officers' Association issued orders to all traffic officers to arrest any and all persons who drive their automobiles with open mufflers.

"We have issued this order in order to safeguard the comfort of those who lie sick in bed," President Wallman said, "in order to spare them the noise and nervous jar which comes to a person who is seriously ill with this malady. The order will be enforced. Persons who violate the measure will be subject to a fine of \$10 or five days in jail for the first offense. There will be little leniency shown any person who appears before a judge on this charge."

Wallman has issued a call for volunteer traffic officers to assist the regular officers in seeing that the order is enforced. Not only motorists, but motorcycleists as well, come under the rule. All will have to obey.

558 CASES IN BERKELEY.

Berkeley now has a total of 558 cases of influenza, according to an official report of the health officer yesterday. A total of 73 new cases was reported for yesterday of which it was stated 34 were in Berkeley proper and the remainder at the University of California. This, it was stated, shows a decrease of 19 over Thursday and of 14 over the preceding day.

New deaths reported yesterday from influenza were those of William Merrill, 23 years old, 2141 McLee avenue; Mrs. Frank Angeloni, 23 years old, 1048 University avenue; Roy M. Newman, 77 years old, 2052 University avenue; William J. Martin, 1129 Lansing way; James Robb, 26 years old, 2071 Grove street.

TWO ALAMEDANS DEAD.

Two former Alamedans, Frank Messner, aged 42, for ten years a representative of the Crane company in Sacramento, and George H. Renner,

aged 38, head of the Renner Drying Company of San Francisco, have succumbed to Spanish influenza in Millbrae, friends learned yesterday.

Messner died in Sacramento. The remains were sent to Alameda, where the funeral was held last night. Surviving him are a sister, Mrs. Frank Brown, residing at 2236 Lincoln avenue, and a brother, Emilie, of the same address.

Renner was the son of Mrs. Katherine and the late George Renner, formerly of Buena Vista avenue, Alameda. Three sisters, Mrs. Grace Brooks, Mrs. Gertrude Bell and Miss Ada Renner; a brother, Fred J. Renner; the widow, Mrs. Florence Renner, and his mother, Mrs. George Renner, survive him.

ALAMEDA HOSPITAL.

Immediate establishment of an emergency hospital in Alameda was determined upon yesterday by the committee on influenza, in charge of the fight against the malady.

The new hospital is to be located at Adelphi Hall, Central avenue and Walnut street, and all cases where home care is not available will be admitted. A nurse has been placed in charge, and the Alameda Red Cross chapter is attending to the gathering of beds and bedding.

Seventy cases and four fatalities were reported in the city yesterday, indicating no abatement of the epidemic. The fatalities are:

Edward Anderson Popp, 26 years of age, died after an illness of four days' duration.

William H. Roth, a Neptune Beach concessionaire, died from pneumonia superinduced by an influenza attack. A widow, Mrs. Nina M. Roth, survives him.

Miss Mabel Wilmette Chappell, 37 years of age, a native of Wisconsin, died, following a brief attack.

Mrs. Esther C. Nelson, for many years a resident of the city, succumbed to the epidemic. She was 37 years of age. A husband survives.

MANY CASES IN RICHMOND.

RICHMOND (Cal.), October 25.—Opening of the Red Cross emergency hospital has gone far toward solving the epidemic problem in Richmond. The place is being filled up with the more serious cases as fast as they develop. Mrs. Kate Smith, president of the district Federation of Women's Clubs, is in charge of the hospital, assisted by Mrs. R. E. Redmond as head nurse.

Mrs. Anna E. Wills, school nurse, with several helpers, is scouring the city on a trip of inspection among the influenza cases.

Dr. C. R. Blake, city health officer, reports 150 new cases and nine deaths in the past twenty-four hours. The situation has remained practically the same for the past three days, and

physicians believe the epidemic is at its height.

MASK SLACKER ARRESTED.

RICHMOND (Cal.), October 25.—Mrs. R. M. Reeves, 1434 Macdonald avenue, was the first woman to be arrested today in the efforts of the Richmond health department to have all people on the streets and in public places wear gauze masks. Mrs. Reeves was stopped at the corner of Seventh street and Macdonald avenue by Constable Arthur Alstrom and Major Oscar Long of the home guard. She was wheeling a two-year-old baby.

When the officers insisted that she don a mask, Mrs. Reeves flayed them in strong language, whereupon she was handcuffed, put into an automobile and taken to the city hall.

When Constable Alstrom attempted to lift her from the car she scratched him on the arm. She was taken before Police Judge C. A. Odell and her case was continued until tomorrow.

Mrs. Reeves was taken to jail where she is being held under \$500 bail.