

HASSLER SAYS MASKS PROVE THEIR VALUE

700 Fewer Cases Reported and Corresponding Falling Off in Deaths Recorded Yesterday

Convalescents Urged to Continue Wearing Gauze; Housewives Urged to Start House Cleaning

Marked decrease was shown yesterday in the new influenza cases reported in San Francisco.

That was due, according to Dr. William C. Hassler, Health Officer, to the wearing of gauze masks by the greater portion of the people.

Reports yesterday at 5 o'clock at the Health department gave 1,300 new cases, as against 2,006 for the previous day at a corresponding hour.

Eighty deaths against 94 Friday, had been reported yesterday at that hour, a total of 557. The total cases to the same hour were 13,528.

The Health authorities urged the wearing of masks at home, as well as in public.

URGED TO KEEP THEM ON.

See to it that the convalescents wear them, urged Dr. Hassler. That, he said, was very important.

He likewise stressed upon the value of getting out into the sunshine and fresh air.

Soap and water are another most effective aid, said the Health authorities.

They called upon the housewives to get busy and clean house.

REPORTS ARE ENCOURAGING.

Based upon the comparative reports before him, Dr. Hassler said:

With 700 less new cases reported today than Friday I feel that we are accomplishing much toward checking the epidemic. That this is due to the wearing of the masks is an outstanding fact.

If the people will continue to heed this regulation I am sure that San Francisco will make a great record in the cities of the United States in bringing the epidemic to a head and successfully combating it in record time. That cannot be made too strong.

Doctors today reporting to the health department were unanimous in voicing the expression that there had been a diminishing of cases.

This, coupled with the totals for the day as compared to those of Friday, gave us most satisfactory basis upon which to feel that perhaps the peak has been reached.

We are trying to impress with all of the force possible the need for the wearing continuously of the gauze protective masks. They are accomplishing excellent results. The people should realize this and be patient.

San Francisco responded in splendid fashion to this call. It is the belief of the men and the women who are fighting to conquer the epidemic that this co-operation is of first importance.

ACCINE BEING USED.

With the utmost being done by the health authorities in every particular, the main line of operations in the campaign yesterday centered upon arrangements for vaccination.

This was begun in many of the hospitals and emergency institutions. The city laboratories provided the first 1,000 anti-influenza serum vaccines, while from the University of California and private laboratories other supplies were obtained.

The health authorities will have the vaccination under full swing tomorrow, with the expected arrival from Boston of 17,000 vaccines. This will be supplemented from day to day with the outputs of the local laboratories, estimated yesterday at 5,000 a day or more.

EXPECTS TO VACCINATE 200,000.

Dr. Hassler said that he expected to use 200,000 before the demand had abated.

This will be continued until the first call shall have been made from the people.

The shipbuilding plants will begin vaccination today.

Private hospitals will open their vaccination clinics immediately. Lane hospital will begin tomorrow at 4 o'clock. Others will be at work as fast as the serum can be supplied.

First vaccination has been done among the hospitals and others who are in direct contact with the epidemic.

Police, firemen and others, charged with the security of the city, will next be treated and so on until the city shall have been covered.

This work will entail the services of many physicians who have volunteered for the duty.

Chico Refreshment Places Are Closed

CHICO, October 26.—All saloons, ice cream parlors and poolrooms in Chico will be closed at midnight tonight for an indefinite period, under an order issued this morning by City Health Officer W. H. Marshall, as a step to combat the spread of Spanish influenza. This action followed the voluntary closing of the churches, decided on at a meeting of ministers last night. The pastors petitioned Marshall to close the saloons. Eunice Johnson, 19 years old, died of the disease last night.

12,000 Die of 100,000 Cases in New York

NEW YORK, October 26.—More than 100,000 persons in this city have been ill from Spanish influenza or pneumonia within the past six weeks and more than 12,000 have died. It is estimated that the majority of the