

# FIRST VACCINE IS DISTRIBUTED

State Health Board Ready to Supply Physicians With 10,000 Daily From Now On.

SACRAMENTO, October 26.—Four thousand doses of influenza vaccine were distributed today among physicians throughout California, under the supervision of the State Board of Health.

Between 5,000 and 10,000 will be available daily next week, Dr. W. H. Kellogg, secretary of the board, said.

Use of the serum, especially as a preventive, will prove beneficial, according to Dr. Kellogg, but its value as a means of relieving those suffering with influenza has not been fully determined.

Reports of approximately 4,500 new cases in the State were received today, making the total reported to date more than 60,000.

An appeal for medical assistance at Tracy, where 259 cases and two deaths were reported, was received today.

Riverside, where open air hospitals have been established, reported considerable improvement in conditions there.

George H. Hecke, State Horticultural Commissioner, announced the indefinite postponement of a series of conventions and conferences, planned for November 11 to November 16, Horticultural Week at Riverside. This included the interstate plant quarantine conference.

## *Firemen Driving Flu Ambulances*

San Francisco firemen are throwing every ounce of their energy into the battle against influenza.

The Board of Health has eagerly accepted the offer made by the members of the department to devote their time off duty to relief work in behalf of those stricken with the epidemic and for the last 48 hours they have been acting as drivers of ambulances, first-aid men, messengers, distributors of warning posters and even on occasions they have acted as nurses until womanly aid could be summoned.

The firemen had originally pledged themselves to spend their time off duty campaigning for amendment 48, which calls for an increase of \$20 per month in their wages, which are now from \$100 to \$120 per month.