

# EFFICACY OF 'FLU' MASK IS PROVEN

## White House Makes Its 700 Em- ployees Wear Gauze Protec- tor; Only Eight Sick

To the use of gauze masks for the last three weeks, according to a report made the White House management yesterday to Colonel George Elmer, in charge of the American Red Cross military relief, is attributed the fact that influenza is virtually non-existent among the 700 employees. Only eight cases have occurred in that time, at minimum, say the Red Cross authorities.

This, the Red Cross officials state, is one of the concrete evidences which have been exemplified during the course of the epidemic. It irrefutably proves, said Colonel Elmer, the efficacy of the gauze mask as a preventative, if such testimony were required outside of the expert medical view of all the civil, army and navy physicians who have had charge of the work.

The White House adopted the policy of releasing at the call of the Red Cross any employees for nursing, carrying them on the payroll during their absence at full pay. Under this arrangement 85 White House employees are now engaged in Red Cross relief work.