

50,000 DOSES REACH S. F. FROM BOSTON

INFLUENZA ON DECLINE IN THIS CITY

E. E. Moore Keeps Careful Watch Over Vaccine Until It Is Safely Delivered Here

Local Officials Meet Easterger, Who Declares the Serum Is Used Successfully in Boston

Fifty thousand doses of serum arrived in San Francisco last night under the watchful eye of Edward E. Moore, private secretary of Mayor Peters of Boston.

Moore's trip across the country was taken on 48 hours' notice at the earnest solicitation of both Mayor Peters and Dr. Leary, the inventor of the serum used in the prevention of Spanish influenza.

Last week Mayor Rolph telegraphed to Mayor Peters, asking that a quantity of the Leary serum be sent to this city. Mayor Peters at once put the matter in the hands of Dr. Leary, who called Moore on the phone that evening and told him that he had 50,000 injections on hand.

Coming over on the ferry early last night from the Oakland mole, where he had been met by Edward Rainey, Mayor Rolph's secretary, and some old-time friends, Moore told of the events that led to his taking the transcontinental trip.

At the ferry building Moore was met by Mayor Rolph, Dr. William C. Hassler, Arthur H. Barendt, president of the Board of Health; Chief of Police D. A. White and T. P. Keating, assistant manager of the Hotel St. Francis.

After the delivery of a letter to Dr. Hassler, specifying the quantities of serum to be used per injection, Moore was whisked away to his hotel to prepare for a scheduled talk at the Board of Health meeting.

Moore claims that the vaccine has met every test in Boston and that too much cannot be said for the Leary invention.

The Board of Health yesterday approved establishment of a station at Mount Zion Hospital for anti-influenza inoculation with the Leary vaccine. Hours are between 10 and 12 mornings. No charge is made for the treatment, according to an announcement by Louis C. Levy, superintendent of the hospital. Dr. Dorn-Hammer, the hospital pathologist, is giving her personal supervision of the treatment.

No Material Change In Flue in California

SACRAMENTO, October 23.—There has been no material change, generally, in the Spanish influenza epidemic of California, according to the State Board of Health. Reports received Sunday and today showed the number of cases since the outbreak of the epidemic had reached a total of 67,350.

Some of the districts in the extreme northern and southern parts of the State showed improved conditions, but this was offset by increased number of cases reported from other parts of the State, it was stated at the Board of Health office.

Representatives of the board stated that its staffs for rendering emergency aid in various cities and towns have assisted thirty-five places.

Cases Becoming Fewer Daily, Due to Use of Mask, According to Health Officer Hassler

New Red Cross Hospital to Open Tomorrow; Women Workers Are Urgently Needed

Proof that the Spanish influenza epidemic had reached its crest and was slowly turning on the receding movement was found yesterday in the decline in the number of new cases.

New cases for yesterday recorded with the Board of Health until 5 o'clock p. m. totaled 1243. The deaths for yesterday totaled 77, a decrease of one from the Sunday total. Total cases to date in San Francisco since the epidemic first appeared here register 16,021, with a total of 712 deaths.

There has been a gradual decline in new cases since Friday; when 2,005 cases were reported.

Dr. W. C. Hassler, the health officer, said last night:

"We pointed out to the citizens that if the masks were worn there would be a lessening in the number of new cases. Masks began to be adopted generally by the citizens last Thursday. The four-day period of incubation ended Sunday. The figures ran true to form, as the record shows."

TO ENFORCE LAW.

Masks must be worn for some time yet, was the verdict of the health officer yesterday. So as to make his decision more emphatic, Dr. Hassler called attention to the fact that the city ordinance making the wearing of the gauze mask compulsory goes into effect to-day. He held a conference with Chief of Police White and orders were issued for the arrest of all persons found not wearing the masks.

Practically all the new cases, according to Dr. Hassler, were persons who had not taken proper precautions.

Announcement was made yesterday that the Children's Hospital had been opened as an influenza "pay" hospital for the care of women and children, so as to relieve the strain on the other hospitals.

WORKERS ARE NEEDED.

Women volunteers are urgently needed for relief work in the homes of the stricken. Many suffering from the disease are without food or medical attention.

Father Collins, in charge of the parish Red Cross activity for the Catholic non-sectarian auxiliaries, appealed yesterday for the use of many automobiles for the forty district headquarters. Those who desire to give their machines for this work should apply to 1,100 Franklin street.

Dr. W. C. Billings of the United States Public Health Service was called upon yesterday to send physicians to Dorris, Shasta county; Roseville, Placer county, and Rodeo, Contra Costa county. "Some of the interior towns show a slight betterment, but others are again appealing for aid," declared Dr. Billings.