

THREE SHOT IN ROW OVER "FLU" MASK

Two Men and Woman Wounded as
Inspector of Health Department
Fires at Man Who Attacks Him

Official Attempts to Enforce Order
of Dr. Hassler; Is Knocked
Down and Shoots His Assailant

The refusal of one man to wear a gauze mask led to a near-tragedy at Powell and Market streets yesterday morning. As a result of the trouble three persons were shot and an inspector for the Board of Health was badly beaten.

Henry D. Miller, 525 Anza street, was the inspector.

Those who were shot are:

James Weisser, 2012 Third street, a horseshoer, who was shot in the right leg and the left hand.

Henry Appleton, 1240A Belvedere street, shot in the right leg.

An unidentified woman who was treated in The Owl drug store for a slight wound in the calf of the leg.

Weisser had been arrested the night before in the Potrero for drunkenness. On being released yesterday morning from jail he went to Powell and Market streets, where he started to upbraid the authorities for ordering everyone to wear gauze masks. A crowd gathered around him.

Miller edged his way into the crowd and said to Weisser:

"You will have to get a mask and wear it. There is a place to buy one."

He took Weisser out of the crowd by the arm and pointed to the drug store. Weisser reached into his pocket and pulled out a purse and then suddenly struck Miller and knocked him to the pavement. He struck the inspector several times while the latter was down.

Miller got up, drew a revolver from his pocket and fired four times at Weisser. Two bullets took effect in Weisser. One of the other struck Appleton and the fourth grazed the leg of the woman.

The crowd scattered. Detectives Richards and Kalmbach were dispatched to the place. They arrested Miller and took Weisser and Appleton to the hospital. The woman had left the drug store by the time the officers reached the scene.

'Mask Slackers' Given Jail Sentences, Fines

The penalty for failing to wear a gauze mask has not yet been settled by the police courts. It ranges somewhere between a fine of \$5 and being sent to jail for twenty or sixty days.

Out of more than a hundred men arrested Sunday for the offense, forty-eight appeared before Police Judge Brady yesterday morning and were fined \$5 each.

But nine others who appeared before Police Judge Oppenheim were sentenced to jail. These seven were sentenced to thirty days: Aeryl Basch, M. Vanderhelt, John Collins, William McCormick, Joseph Jennings, Henry Brown, Oscar Adams. These two were sentenced to ten days each: William Virses and Carl Storm.