

S. F. SCHOOLS TURNED INTO HOSPITALS

Buildings Pressed Into Service
by Health Department to Aid
in Fight Against Influenza

Lack of Accommodations for Epi-
demic Victims to Be Met by
Use of All Needed Facilities

School houses are being pressed into service in the struggle that is being made by the health department against the influenza.

One of the schools in the Mission will be designated today for the reception of patients, under Red Cross management.

The Daniel Webster school at Twentieth and Mission streets, is already a temporary hospital. The Bernal school, at Cortlandt avenue and Andover street, and the Laguna Honda school, at Seventh avenue, near Irving, are centers for the distribution of food and medicines.

A children's hospital has been located in the ungraded primary school located on Union street near Kearny. The Board of Education decided yesterday to meet all calls made on it.

75,000 Influenza Cases in State

SACRAMENTO, October 29.—The State Board of Health states that the influenza epidemic situation is unimproved and the crest of the wave has not yet passed. The cases in the State now exceed 75,000.

KEEP UP 'FLU' WAR, CITIZENS ARE WARNED

Ordinances Regarding Wearing
of Masks to Be Enforced;
Heavy Fines to Be Imposed

New Cases for 24 Hours Drop
to 837; Deaths for the
Same Period Are 124

There was a continued decrease in the number of new cases of Spanish influenza reported yesterday for the last twenty-four hours ending at 5 p. m., but the deaths for the same period continued at a high average.

The total number of new cases reported to the Board of Health amounted to 1,518, but 681 of these were cases bearing dates of last week. The difference between the two figures, according to Dr. W. C. Hassler, health officer, shows 837 new cases for the day.

The death toll for the last twenty-four hours was 124, bringing the total number of deaths from influenza in San Francisco to 801.

The gradual decrease in new cases has been due to wearing gauze masks, declared Dr. Hassler last night. "The slightest relaxation now would cause an increase in new cases and deaths. We must work hard to eradicate this epidemic before the winter rains, and the public must continue its co-operation or else we will have this influenza epidemic with us all winter. The citizens are in a position to stamp it out completely now or suffer the consequences for months."

WARNING ISSUED.

"I cannot impress upon the citizens too strongly the necessity of wearing the masks in the home where there are persons ill with the disease, and I desire to warn employers that workers returning to their offices or establishments are disease-carriers and are a source of great danger to all others with whom they come in contact."

Yesterday there were over 700 cases of pneumonia at the San Francisco hospital.

The United Railroads last night offered the Health Department the use of twenty-five beds for influenza cases in the railroad emergency hospital at the car barn at Sacramento and Presidio avenue. Dr. Coffey is in charge. The offer was accepted.

Archbishop Edward Hanna threw open St. Vincent's school with 60 beds for convalescents to the Health Board.

The naval medical unit from Yerba Buena station arrived here last night. The unit comes with a complete staff of doctors, interns, nurses, cooks and orderlies. It will take over the Red Cross Emergency

Hospital on the City Hall site. Admiral Jayne, in charge of this district, has been thanked by Mayor Rolph and John Britton of the Red Cross for his action.

YOU MUST WEAR MASK.

The city ordinance passed last Thursday regarding wearing masks went into effect yesterday. Many persons were arrested for disregarding the health regulation and were fined by the police judges. Chief White announced that beginning today a special detail of plain clothes men will carry on a systematic campaign to enforce the ordinance while the police judges announce they will impose the maximum fine for all offenders.

Five thousand persons were vaccinated with the Leary vaccine yesterday by the medical authorities. The supply was greater than the demand. Treatment is given free to the citizens. Dr. Hassler last night announced the following hospital stations where citizens could secure the vaccine:

Lane, University of California, Children's, Mount Zion, Fairmont and St. Francis.

Los Angeles Epidemic Conditions Improving

LOS ANGELES, October 29.—The fight against influenza in Los Angeles county was said today by health officers to be showing signs of success.

While there was an apparent increase in new cases yesterday and the largest number of deaths, 104, was recorded, they believed the situation would begin to show marked improvement, due to better and increased precaution.

The total number of new cases reported up to noon today was 650, while there were 12 deaths only reported at that hour, 5 from influenza and 7 from pneumonia.

More Cities Make Use Of Masks Compulsory

Dr. George Ebricht of the State Board of Health has sent out a circular to the boards of health of all towns in California advocating the wearing of the masks to prevent the spread of the disease.

From the reports received by the State Board of Health many of the towns are making the wearing of the masks compulsory.