

GAUZE STOPS GERM RAVAGE, SAVO HASSLER SAYS HASSLER

More than fifty convalescent influenza cases were received yesterday at the Red Cross hospital in the Civic Center.

Two assistant naval surgeons, Drs. Arthur White and Arthur S. Judy, arrived yesterday morning from Mare Island and at once organized themselves into the medical staff of the hospital. They were appointed to the task by Commandant Harry George and Dr. John L. Nelson.

"Ideal for its purpose," was the verdict passed upon the new institution by the two doctors.

NEW CASES BARRED

Despite repeated and widespread announcement that no case could be admitted without a permit from the Board of Health, many sick people applied directly for entrance to the new hospital, some of them having just been attacked by the malady. The latter were referred to the Emergency Hospital and the convalescing patients were instructed to obtain the necessary order from the Health Board.

It was deemed advisable to admit no children under 3 years of age until such time as arrangements can be made for proper care of such little ones. Manager Wollenberg said that special means for the care of infant convalescents should be adopted as they require much more attention than adults. It now looks as if there will be enough juvenile patients over 3 years of age to tax the new hospital's capacity for their accommodation.

NEEDY VICTIMS AIDED

Mrs. James Rolph Jr. said yesterday that Red Cross influenza relief is provided and donations received for the Mission district at 1183 Valencia street, adjoining the Horace Mann School. Food, clothing, bedding and dainties for invalids are sent to families invaded by influenza who otherwise would suffer for the want of such things. Many philanthropic women are associated with Mrs. Rolph in this work.

Many hundreds of persons received the Leary serum vaccination yesterday and the health officers say that they hope that every person in the city will go to the hospitals that are giving the treatment free of charge, and protect themselves by taking the vaccine. In order to accommodate the growing number of women the Board of Health has arranged for a special clinic for 12 women patients, daily, at the Red Cross hospital.

Health Chief Offers Figures to Show Decrease in Tot Maladies Since Plague Began

Fewer New Cases of "Flu" Reported; Doctors Say Malady Will Soon Be Conquered Here

According to Health Officer William C. Hassler, the wearing of the Spanish influenza mask has practically obliterated diphtheria and whooping cough from among the juvenile population of San Francisco, and has reduced measles and scarlet fever to an absolute minimum.

"This remarkable showing," said Dr. Hassler yesterday, "has suggested to medical men the thought that in future the spread of all communicable diseases of children will be best prevented by the general use of the mask, and that tuberculosis also may be held within narrower bounds by the wearing of the mask."

COMPARATIVE FIGURES.

Comparative Health Department tables on the four principal communicable diseases of children for the months of October, 1917, and October, 1918, stand as follows:

	October, 1917.	October, 1918.
Diphtheria	40	30
Measles	9	32
Whooping Cough	59	24
Scarlet Fever	68	26

MARVELOUS RESULTS.

It is pointed out by Dr. Hassler, in respect to the figures for the whole month of October, 1918, that practically all the cases arose before October 19, the date of the wearing of the influenza mask.

"Since October 19," said Dr. Hassler, "not a single case of diphtheria or whooping cough has been reported, and only three cases of measles and two cases of scarlet fever."

HANG ONTO MASKS.

Continued improvement in the influenza situation was reported by Dr. Hassler. Only 530 new cases were reported yesterday, by telephone and by mail, and there were 95 deaths. This brings the grand total of San Francisco influenza cases up to 20,118 and the deaths up to 1,181.

"The health officials are now alarmed," said Dr. Hassler, "lest the people, mistaking the meaning of this marked improvement, will cause a re-appearance and new spread of the disease by failing to wear their masks at all times.

"The disease will take a new hold just as surely as the people remove their masks and expose fertile places for the influenza germ to lodge. Absolute safety will not come until there is an absolute ending of the disease in this city."