

"FLU" RAPIDLY DECREASED BY S. F. VIGILANCE

Only 46.2 New Cases Reported Yesterday, With 83 Deaths; Fatalities Are Old Cases

Health Officer Urges Continuation of Mask; Mayor Rolph Issues Call for More Nurses

There were reported to the health office yesterday a total of 46.2 new cases of influenza.

Of this total 301 cases were reported by physicians as having developed since October 25. These cases were not here.

The new cases known to have developed in the past twenty-four hours are therefore 261.

Deaths totaled 83.

Constant improvement in the influenza situation is reported by Health Officer William C. Hassler.

ISSUES NEW WARNING

Because it is so, and because he fears that the public will grow careless in consequence, Dr. Hassler yesterday issued the following warning statement:

We are right at the turning point in controlling this epidemic. With the hearty co-operation of the public in observing the laws and with the assistance of the police we think we can stamp this disease out in short order. The people must wear their masks just as conscientiously as if the disease was right in your own house.

What is a little discomfort for the individual for a week or ten days or so compared to the enormous gain in bringing to an end this trying period of suffering and death? I know that the public need only to be told what to do and they will do it.

The influenza is practically stamped out in those sections of San Francisco where housing conditions are best, and where there is little over-crowding of people.

It is worst today in the Potrero, in the outer Mission District and on Telegraph Hill. There the struggle against the disease has been the fiercest. But its existence there is a menace to the entire city.

The authorities will not falter or waver with the present conditions, even though there is an improvement.

I urge every man and woman in San Francisco to realize this truth: That any letting down will just as surely result in an increase of the disease, exactly as it did in Los Angeles. Now is the time to fight all the harder, and end, once for all, this disease.

MAYOR ASKS FOR HELP

Mayor Rolph issued a proclamation yesterday calling attention to the fact that volunteer workers to assist in nursing influenza patients are urgently

Camps Show New Low Mark For Epidemic

(By Universal Service.)

WASHINGTON, November 2.—New cases of influenza reported in the past twenty-four hours in army camps was 1,557, against 2,078 yesterday. The new pneumonia cases were 292, an increase of 12 over yesterday. The deaths for the day were 103, equaling yesterday's total. These figures mark a new low record for the epidemic.

only needed. And in this connection he said:

There is still much suffering in our city and great need of volunteer help for those who cannot help themselves. Men and women who are available for a few days to serve in the name of pity and for the help of our fellow-citizens are asked to come forward and offer themselves for service in the homes of influenza and pneumonia victims.

There is some danger in this service. It is not as great, by any means, as may be generally supposed. Faithfully constant wearing of the mask gives almost, if not quite, positive protection.

So as to accommodate all persons desiring to be inoculated with the Leary serum, Louis Levy, manager of the Mt. Zion Hospital, has announced that the vaccination station at the hospital will be opened this morning at 10 o'clock and will remain open until noon.

'Flu' Mask Ordinance Passed in Oakdale

OAKDALE, November 2.—As a result of continued increase in the number of cases of Spanish influenza in Oakdale and vicinity, the city trustees appointed a board of health at a special meeting yesterday, and the board in turn adopted regulations for the control of the situation here. The regulations provide that all persons shall wear a mask during business hours, or while on the street. Children are prohibited from congregating on the streets, and all public places will continue to be closed.