

INFLUENZA, AS WELL AS HUNS, IS DEFEATED

Slight Increase in Number of Fatalities and New Cases Reported, but Many Are "Holdovers".

Health Authorities Pleased by Almost Universal Observance of Rules During Big Celebration

An armistice has been signed with the Spanish influenza, according to Dr. W. C. Hassler, city health officer, and the foe has been specified a limited time to evacuate the territory of San Francisco.

"We can rejoice both in the great and overwhelming news from Foch's headquarters because of the 'unconditional surrender' of the Hun armies and because San Francisco has mastered the influenza," declared Dr. Hassler yesterday.

New cases of the influenza reported to the Board of Health until 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon for the past day numbered 106, a slight increase over the previous day. This was due to the failure of many physicians to report on Sunday, and really showed an accumulation of cases. Deaths yesterday until 2 o'clock likewise showed an increase, 28 fatalities being reported.

Despite their exaltation in the allied victory of arms, the citizens of San Francisco thoroughly maintained the health regulation of wearing gauze masks all during the celebration yesterday, and Dr. Hassler expressed his pleasure over this fact as he explained that utmost caution should be continued.

"There was a certain amount of danger in the assemblage of such vast thousands of people early Monday morning, but we had to take that chance," said Dr. Hassler. "The temperament of the citizens could not be curbed in such joyous times, but they were mindful of the misery of the past few weeks, and 90 per cent wore masks."

No indication was made by the health authorities as to the date for permitting reopening of theatres, churches, schools and other assemblages. It will be necessary to continue with all present precautions for some time as yet.