

ALL S. F. TO UNMASK AT NOON TODAY

Influenza Epidemic Declared at
End by Board of Health;
Schools Reopen on Monday

Whistles Officially to Announce
Victory Over Disease; Warning
Against Travelers Is Issued

"Don't destroy your influenza
mask," urged Health Officer Hassler
last night.

"Gauze is costly and scarce,"
added the health officer, "and the
Red Cross needs all the gauze it can
get."

Hassler's request is that all per-
sons deliver their masks to con-
venient drug stores. These stores
will undertake to deliver the gauze
to the Red Cross and the Red Cross
will sterilize it and use it for sur-
gical dressings.

Do off your influenza masks today
at noon. The epidemic has sur-
rendered unconditionally.

Mayor Rolph has issued a procla-
mation which permits all San Fran-
ciscans to lay aside their masks at
noon. The hour will be heralded by
clangs of bells and the din of factory
sirens. The only restriction to re-
main in effect prohibits public dan-
cing until December 1.

The public schools will reopen on
Monday both here and in San Mateo
county. The mask ordinance be-
came effective on October 23.

Practically the epidemic ceased
yesterday. Only seven cases were
reported to Dr. Hassler at the Board
of Health, all by mail, and no cases
were reported as of yesterday's date.

After the health board's meeting
today Dr. Hassler, local physicians
and members of the Red Cross will
meet at luncheon in the Hotel St.
Francis to discuss the results of the
campaign against the epidemic.

A report submitted by Dr. Hassler
yesterday to the Supervisors shows
that the cost of battling the epidemic
from November 1 to November 15
was \$23,515. The greater part, \$13,965,
was expended for treatment of
patients at the San Francisco Hos-
pital. Estimates yesterday placed
the approximate cost of the cam-
paign against the plague at \$50,000.

As a final word on the influenza
situation the Board of Health made
a few recommendations.

"There are still some influenza
cases in the hospitals and we recom-
mend that persons entering the hos-
pitals wear masks.

"Convalescents should be careful
for five or six days more as a pro-
tection to the public as well as them-
selves.

"The disease exists elsewhere and
travelers entering the city may cause
a new infection. Therefore, we
recommend that employers see to it
that employees, especially those in
downtown stores and hotels, continue
to wear the masks."