

Need of Nurses At S. F. Hospital Declared Vital

**Health Officer and Superintendent
Appeal to Supervisors for Aid
in Caring for "Flu" Victims.**

So urgent has become the need for nursing help in local influenza cases that Health Officer Hassler and Superintendent Brodrick of the San Francisco Hospital made open appeal yesterday to the health committee of the Board of Supervisors.

Upon the representation made by the health officials, the committee voted to request the Mayor to call a conference of Red Cross and other officers whose organizations are in a position to supply emergency aid.

At a meeting of the Board of Health last evening it was decided to request the Board of Education to direct pupils in the public schools to wear masks. This action was taken after the board had been informed that the teachers and pupils of the San Francisco Normal School are to wear masks. The board also decided to urge upon the public that greater precaution be taken to avoid contracting influenza. Particular stress was laid upon the advisability of wearing warmer clothing during the present spell of cold weather.

During the day 459 new cases of influenza were reported in San Francisco, and there were twenty deaths.

It was pointed out to the health committee of the Supervisors by Hassler and Brodrick that the influenza situation in this city is far worse now than at the height of the epidemic several months ago. Then, it was said, the health officials had the medical and nursing help of hundreds of school teachers, an army of Red Cross volunteers, and a fully equipped medical and hospital unit from the Mare Island Navy Yard.

The Board of Health at its meeting last evening heard the latest official reports on the influenza situation and considered the question of again asking the Board of Supervisors to enact a general mask-wearing ordinance.