

FLU MASK OR JAIL IS CHOICE INS. F. TODAY

Police Officers Are Ordered by Chief to Arrest All Without Gauze Protectors Properly Worn

Hassler Says Epidemic Will Decline With Compulsory Protection; Mortality Rate Decreases

| Date. | New Cases. | Deaths. |
|-----------------|------------|---------|
| January 10..... | 612 | 37 |
| January 11..... | 365 | 48 |
| January 12..... | 520 | 26 |
| January 13..... | 363 | 40 |
| January 14..... | 469 | 41 |
| January 15..... | 510 | 50 |
| January 16..... | 538 | 46 |
| January 17..... | 519 | 39 |
| January 18..... | 504 | 26 |
| January 19..... | 490 | 16 |

Don't forget to wear your flu mask when you start for work this morning. The police have orders to arrest all who are without the gauze protector.

The deaths from influenza showed a decided falling off yesterday, there being only 16 reported to the Board of Health and 490 new cases. The steady reduction in the mortality figures, according to Louis Monaco, statistician for the Board of Health, looks decidedly reassuring.

"With the compulsory wearing of the masks tomorrow I think we can safely predict that the duration of the epidemic will be short lived," said Dr. William C. Hassler.

The police yesterday commenced the warning of all unmasked persons and today they will start making arrests of the violators of the ordinance. Chief White announced also that the police will be instructed today to arrest not only those who are not wearing the masks, but also those who are wearing their masks improperly.

The wet and rainy weather, according to the board, is a bad element in the fight, as it causes the people to seek the indoors, thereby bringing them in close contact with each other. The officials hope, however, that the enforced wearing of the masks today may offset any disadvantage which might arise.