

'FLU' MASKS BANISHED BY ROLPH EDICT

New Reports Drop to Lowest Record Since Second Epidemic Broke; Board Favors Action

Total of Victims Since February 10 Amounts to 6,043; 522 Cases of Malady Fatal

Mayor Rolph's proclamation banishing the "flu" masks for the second time was given out at 11 o'clock yesterday morning.

The official order followed a meeting of the Board of Health, at which time it was decided the masks were no longer necessary.

Up to 4 o'clock yesterday the number of new cases reported were 22, with but 2 deaths. This is the least number since more than a month ago, when the second wave of the disease invaded the city.

The total number of cases since January 10, when the second wave was recognized as a return of the epidemic, by days is as follows:

Date.	New Cases.	Deaths.
January 10	612	37
January 11	365	43
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	28
January 19	490	16
January 20	366	41
January 21	170	19
January 22	162	11
January 23	118	11
January 24	83	20
January 25	35	9
January 26	12	4
January 27	54	13
January 28	41	9
January 29	31	8
January 30	38	3
January 31	21	8
Total	6,021	520
February 1	22	2
Total	6,043	522

*Mask law became effective.

The Mayor's proclamation banishing the mask is as follows:

"In accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 4758, passed by the Honorable Board of Supervisors of this City and County on January 17, 1919, the people of San Francisco have been wearing gauze masks as a means for combating the then prevalent epidemic of Spanish influenza.

"The Board of Public Health having this day determined that said epidemic has ceased to exist, I, as Mayor, acting upon such information from the Board of Health, do hereby declare the necessity for the wearing of the mask to have ceased, and by this proclamation hereby nullify said ordinance No. 4758, under which it has been required that masks be worn."