

FLU FIGURES ARE UP AGAIN.

Holiday Crowds Responsible, Says Health Head.

Epidemic in General is on the Wane, However.

Observance of Quarantine will do the Trick.

Over-crowding during the Christmas shopping period began to show its effect upon the influenza figure, yesterday, when 345 cases of influenza were reported to the health department. This is the largest number of cases for one day since the 18th inst. Health Commissioner Powers stated yesterday that Christmas shopping is to be blamed nearly exclusively for the increase.

Eighteen deaths were reported yesterday, this being about the usual number where cases have ranged higher than 200 per day. The number of influenza cases this week, by days, follows: Friday, 345; Thursday, 297; Wednesday, 160; Tuesday, 174. Dr. Powers urges that precautions be taken during the next week to prevent further spreading of the disease, which is now on the decrease.

So far in the campaign against

COLD-STORAGE TURKS OKEH.

Buyers Complain and the Investigators Eat the Samples.

Dozens of persons who bought cold storage turkey for Christmas dinners reported to the Health Department the day after that the turkeys were unfit for human consumption. No less than fifty samples of holiday turkey were examined by City Chemist Miller and John S. Nelson, chief meat inspector for the city. Their report yesterday was that only one sample was found to be bad, and that they made some excellent turkey sandwiches out of the other samples which were submitted.

 influenza 5487 cases of "flu" and pneumonia have been quarantined. Of that number 2647 cases have been released, leaving 2790 still in quarantine.

No special uneasiness may be felt over the increase in the number of cases—in fact the local health authorities predicted it and are pleased that it is no larger. After Thanksgiving, before the quarantine law went into effect, the cases, nearly doubled for a few days. The quarantine has shown its effectiveness in controlling the situation here and a strict observance of its rules will soon bring the bugs to time again.

"BORAX" SMITH IS A WITNESS.

Tells of Loss of Mine Deeds in San Francisco Fire.

Was Once Head of Company Involved in Suit Here.

No Guess Made at Value of Property at Stake.

Francis Marion Smith, who is known wherever mining is carried on as "Borax" Smith, the man who accumulated millions of money in exploiting and developing borax mines in Inyo county, was a brief witness yesterday in United States District Judge Trippet's court. He appeared for the plaintiff in the action brought by the United States Borax Company, of which corporation Mr. Smith was once president, but which is owned now by a big English syndicate, against J. P. Hughes and others, to quiet title to a dozen valuable borax ore mining claims in Inyo county.

Mr. Smith was on the stand but a few minutes, and the substance of his testimony was that the deeds transferring the property involved from the original locaters had been burned in the fire in San Francisco, in April, 1906. The deeds had been recorded in the Death Valley mining district, and as soon as secured had been sent to San Francisco, the principal office of the United States Borax Company, by which corporation it was intended that they should be placed on record in Inyo county.

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