

## DOUBLE ATTACK ON M. V. L. PUT OFF

Mayor and Council Delay Bolts  
They Threaten to Hurl at  
Citywide League.

### CALL FOR INVESTIGATION.

Ald. Schaeffer Demands Infor-  
mation, but Puts Own Res-  
olution in Committee.

Two threatened attacks on the Municipal Voters' league were scheduled last night "for the future." Mayor Harrison said an assault from his pen would be made "in due time." A proposed investigation by the city council was sidetracked to a committee for at least three weeks.

The condition of Mayor Harrison's health played an important part in the delays. Because he was planning a trip to the east coast of Florida, to down a severe cold with which he has been battling, the council adjourned until March 2. He expects to leave Chicago tomorrow and probably will be gone at least two weeks. He will be able to do but little work before his departure.

#### Council May Delay.

Ald. Victor J. Schaeffer's resolution for an investigation of the league was sent to the judiciary committee on his own motion. If the committee should report favorably upon it on March 2, two aldermen could compel the postponement of council action until March 9. If favorable action were taken then it probably would be another week before the investigation would get under way.

The mayor appeared at the city hall for the first time since the council session a week ago. Another early adjournment because of his condition was discussed, but a flood of necessary business appeared, and he expressed a willingness to hold the chair to the finish. After the adjournment at 10 o'clock he was asked whether he would reply to the voters' league answer to his statement attacking its motives.

"I'll have something to say," he said. "It took the whole league of two members a full six days to answer my statement, so I feel that I'm entitled to a few days, but I'll answer in due time."

The mayor said he would not be at the city hall today, but that he might spend a short time there tomorrow before leaving for Florida.

#### League on Schaeffer.

Ald. Schaeffer was the only member of the council to speak on his resolution. The league's finding on his record a year ago follows:

"Finishing first year with fair record. Likely to improve with experience. Voted against Kuntz's building violation ordinance for milk ordinance; for civil service appropriation to investigate police department; for United Police investigation; but added opposition to police reorganization ordinance except on last roll call."

His resolution was drawn in the city law department and did not mention the Municipal Voters' league by name, although he previously had announced it was directed at that organization. It directed the judiciary committee to investigate all "civil and reform organizations and other associations and persons that request hearings before the city council or any of the committees thereof."

#### Objects of Search.

The information the committee was directed to obtain was described in this language: "The constitution, by-laws, and rules of such organizations. The names, addresses and residence addresses of the officers and directors of such bodies from the time of their organization to the present time. A list of their committees and their membership. A membership list of the organization. A list of their contributors with amounts and addresses of contributors. An itemized statement of the disbursement of their funds. Do any newspapers control such organizations or contribute to their funds? Do newspaper employees act upon committees of such organization and assist in formulating their policies? Do members of the city council act upon the committees of such organizations and assist in formulating their policies? What community of interest or interlocking directorship exists between such organizations?"

"And as to individuals, whenever a person appears before a committee of the council as attorney, engineer, or in other capacity, whether such person is retained and paid for his services in such appearance or whether he appears without compensation, and if upon retainer, by whom retained and by whom paid?"

#### Ald. Schaeffer Brief.

Ald. Schaeffer's speech was brief. "I think the council is entitled to this information," he said. Ald. Charles E. Merriam, Ald. Willis O. Nance, Ald. T. K. Long, and others called for the reference of the resolution to the finance committee. Schaeffer insisted it go to the judiciary committee. Under the rules the mayor was required to ask for a vote on the reference to the committee first called for. In this instance the judiciary committee. He called for the "yeas" and the "nays" and ruled the "nays" had won. There was no criticism of the decision.

As the resolution was drafted its language was said to include three-fourths of the organizations in Chicago as scheduled for investigation.

### CITY'S RIGHT TO REGULATE CAR HEAT IS QUESTIONED.

Traction Attorney Says Only New  
State Public Utilities Commission  
Has Jurisdiction.

Traction companies of Chicago yesterday threatened to attack the city's right to order regulation of the heating of street cars. John W. Walsh, attorney for the surface lines, objected to the hearing of the "heating" cases before Municipal Judge Robinson.

"The grounds for this objection will be the entire incompetency of the city to act in the matter of regulating public utility corporations," he said. Only the public utilities commission can act on the heating question.

Attorney Walsh promised to file a brief of his arguments by Feb. 24, the day set for the trials.

Everett Jennings, attorney for the utilities commission, said the matter undoubtedly could come before the commission. "Any one can bring complaints before our body," he said. "I am not prepared to say whether the utilities law deprives the Municipal court of powers in such matters. The city, of course, may complain to us of the overheating of cars."

#### Murder Trial Opens.

Lorenzo Fragasso, a grocer, was placed on trial yesterday before Judge Adair J. Pettit for the murder of James Acqua, a restaurant owner. Acqua was shot and killed on July 14, 1913, in the basement of a house at 4913 South Dearborn street.

## Election Attorney Says "Go Ahead and Lie."



### ADVICE TO CONCEAL AGES ROUSES STORM OF PROTEST.

Commissioner Czarnecki Disavows the  
Board Attorney's Remarks and  
Women's Leaders Are Indignant.

Charles H. Mitchell, attorney for the board of election commissioners, drew lightning bolts about his head yesterday on account of his suggestion to members of the Woman's party that women might safely perjure themselves regarding their age when registering.

Mitchell told the women to select "a good probable age—one that would fit your face and figure."

Election Commissioner Anthony Czarnecki exploded when he read the advice credited to the board's legal adviser. His indignation increased when he learned that Mitchell had admitted he had been correctly quoted. The attorney, however, said he spoke "rather, jocularly."

"I cannot believe that any lawyer would advise women to tell an untruth while they are registering their names as voters in a precinct, because I understand that lawyers take an oath themselves to support and insist upon enforcing the laws," declared the commissioner.

"To advise people to disregard the solemn oath administered to every person who appears for registration and to make a false answer with reference to the age is to preach violation of law, to sow seeds of disrespect of law, and is most dangerous."

"Any such advice certainly would not be authorized by the election board nor by County Judge Owens. I do not believe the people in this city are in favor of violating the election law or disregarding the oath."

Mrs. Charlotte Rhodus, president of the Woman's Party of Cook county, said she was not at the meeting when Mr. Mitchell spoke. She disapproved of the suggestion that women should commit perjury to conceal their age.

Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout, president of the Illinois Suffrage association, and Mrs. John F. Bass also resented the suggestion.

#### Dietz Trial Postponed.

The trial of Mrs. Augusta Dietz and George Nurnberg, under indictment for the murder of the woman's husband, George Dietz, was again postponed in Judge Kersten's court yesterday.

### WOMAN LEADS ALIENS' FIGHT ROUSES STORM OF PROTEST.

Mrs. M. B. Spencer Wants East  
Chicago Heights Improved.

SAYS THEY'RE NEGLECTED.  
Tells Meeting Most of Taxes Go to the  
West Side of Town.

After years of slothfulness in the poorer half of town while most of the tax money, it is said, went to the improvement of the better half, the "east side" of Chicago Heights rose yesterday and announced a fight program to obtain its due.

The insurrection was led by a woman, Mrs. Mary B. Spencer, wife of Dr. R. V. Spencer.

A rousing meeting was held in the afternoon at the East Side theater, with 250 present, representing the Polish, Greek, Italian, Slavic, and Lithuanian residents. More than half were women.

Mrs. Spencer and Miss Harriet Vittum of the Woman's City Club of Chicago were the principal speakers. Leaders of the different foreign factions spoke to their cohorts in their own language, and out of the meeting evolved the East Side Civic league.

Mrs. Spencer was the unanimous choice for president.

Mrs. Spencer's Speech.  
"There's a natural division here which works great hardship on us," said Mrs. Spencer. "We have all the foreign population and all the manufacturing plants. The west side gets all the improvements, while our children sicken and die through the wretchedly insanitary conditions which have obtained on our side of town."

"We have the larger population. Our political strength as men and women thoroughly organized would enable us to go to the polls and elect officials who will lift us from the slough and give us our share of public improvements."

### THREE DIE FROM INJURIES IN CAR AND MOTOR ACCIDENTS

Four Others Hurt in Trolley and Au-  
tomobile Mishaps in Various Parts  
of the City.

Three died yesterday from injuries incurred lately in street car and automobile accidents about Chicago. The day's casualties follow:

Charles L. Seeds of 3515 Westworth avenue died at the county hospital from injuries incurred when struck by the automobile of S. M. Lovelace of 1475 West Seventy-first street. No arrests.

August Hartman of 8445 North Lincoln street died at the German hospital; hurt a week ago in trying to board a car at Robey street and Roscoe boulevard.

Raymond Pronger, 15 years old, died at his residence in Blue Island; struck Saturday night by Kankakee Electric railway car.

John Constantino, messenger boy, living at 629 South Racine avenue, run down by George Well Express company wagon at Clark and Washington streets; internally hurt.

P. O. Sullivan, superintendent of South Chicago postoffice; struck by street car at Ninety-second street and Commercial avenue; internally hurt.

Walter Fernoski, 10 years old, 2500 East Eighty-eighth street; struck by automobile of Dr. E. C. Wrightman, 8015 Exchange avenue, when boy dropped from a wagon in front of automobile.

SCHOOL BOY TURNS ROBBER.  
Student Tries to Hold Up Elevated  
Station Cashier, but Is  
Arrested.

The monotony of attending high school every day and returning home every night made a highwayman out of Harold Kaufman, 15 years old, whose parents live at 6043 Ellis avenue. He was a student at the Hyde Park High school.

About 10 o'clock last night a boy pointed a revolver at Mrs. Ella Whitehouse, cashier at the Lombard station on the Oak Park elevated line. He asked for money.

Mrs. Whitehouse reached for her revolver and the boy fired, but missed the woman. Kaufman boarded a train.

Detectives met the train at Western avenue and arrested him.

## CITY BOND ISSUES CUT \$2,370,000

Proposed Loans to Be Voted  
On at Next Election Re-  
duced to \$4,700,000.

### CENSOR BOARD IS URGED.

"Bathhouse John" Proposes Sub-  
stitute for Present Police  
Critics of Movies.

A reduction of \$2,370,000 in the bond issues to be submitted to the voters at the April election was approved by the city council last night. The total of the proposed issues now is \$4,700,000. It was feared the former figure of \$7,070,000 was so large it would lead the voters to record themselves against all of the several issues.

The list as it now stands follows:  
Police stations and sites..... \$2,500,000  
Fire stations and sites..... 1,000,000  
Health department, isolation hos-  
pital \$250,000, municipal baths,  
\$120,000, and municipal lodging  
house, \$100,000..... 470,000  
Bathing beaches (Rocky Lodge site,  
\$200,000, and Clarendon avenue  
buildings, \$150,000)..... 350,000  
Judgment funding bonds..... 380,000  
Total..... \$4,700,000

#### Big Cut on Fire Stations.

The finance committee in conference with Controller Traeger and Corporation Counsel Sexton during the afternoon agreed upon the advisability of reducing the total figure. For this purpose they chopped the amount for fire stations and sites from \$2,500,000 to \$1,000,000, lowered the amount for the contagious disease hospital extension from \$1,000,000 to \$250,000, and reduced the judgment funding issue from \$500,000 to \$380,000.

The conference also approved the bond ordinances' provision for the issuance of all the bonds in denominations of \$500 except \$500,000 in \$100 denominations. Previously all city securities have been in \$1,000 denominations, a factor said to have interfered with their sale "over the counter."

#### Merriam Opposes One Cut.

The ordinances as drafted in committee were passed with only one dissenting voice. Ald. Charles E. Merriam asked to be recorded as voting "no" on the police station issue.

"During the consideration of the budget," he said, "I moved to reduce the total by striking out \$500,000 from each of the issues for the police and fire department. You have gone one better on the total, but I cannot vote for the police issue as it now stands. I would like to see part of it stricken out."

"You cannot cut that," said Mayor Harrison, "without cutting out the amount for the central station and headquarters, which is the principal item."

Ald. Merriam also voted "no" on the tax ordinance providing for a levy of \$38,733.019, which will be scaled down under the Juul law to about \$23,000,000. He did not explain his vote. Others recorded in the negative were Ald. E. F. Culbert and Ald. Henry Uptal.

#### Ten Questions for Voters.

The passage of the bond ordinances added five more questions to the four public policy

### Council News in Brief.

Five bond ordinances to be submitted to voters at April election.  
Referendum ordered on four year terms for aldermen, treasurer, and clerk.  
Resolution presented for investigation of Municipal Voters' league.  
Ordinance presented for creation of board of moving picture censors.  
Ordinance presented for creation of department of public welfare.  
Extension of fire limits to city limits proposed by order.  
Theater ventilation ordinance again attacked as unfair.

questions—the two subway plans and the home rule proposition, and the Clero annexation question upon which the voters must pass in April.

Still another ordinance passed, with Merriam and Ald. G. H. Bradshaw voting "no," because it carries with it no recall provision, brought the total of referenda for this election up to ten. This was the ordinance to submit to the people the question whether the state law extending to four years the terms of aldermen, city treasurer, and city clerk shall become effective in Chicago.

#### Coughlin Attacks Censorship.

A long expected attack upon the moving picture censorship of the police department came from an unexpected source. Ald. John Coughlin presented an ordinance creating a board of censorship of three members to be appointed by the mayor. It was sent to the judiciary committee. The same alderman presented an order directing the health and building departments to stop all enforcement of the theater ventilation ordinance until the building committee has passed on the provisions of the ordinance. It went to the building committee.

Ald. Merriam had sent to the judiciary committee an ordinance creating a department of public welfare in the city government.

Ald. James H. Lawley had an order passed directing the preparation of an ordinance making the fire limits coextensive with the city limits. This action was urged by the Board of Fire Insurance Underwriters several months ago.

### 'JAY WALKER' LAW PUT TO REST BY UNANIMOUS COUNCIL VOTE.

Subcommittee Reports First Measure  
Fathered by Public Safety Board  
Without Recommendation.

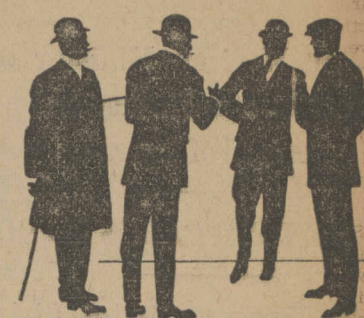
The "jay walker" ordinance was put to rest yesterday by the council committee on streets and alleys. It was filed by unanimous vote.

This was the first ordinance actively fathered by the public safety commission. It provided that pedestrians must not cross streets in the central section of the city except at the established corner crossings. Similar laws are in effect in other cities, but the Chicago aldermen held it objectionable for several reasons.

"The subcommittee reports it back without recommendation," said Ald. James F. Burns, "although it recognizes the benefits from the humanitarian standpoint. I am convinced that if we passed it the street car companies and owners of other vehicles which run down pedestrians between crossings could put up a successful defense that the violations were guilty of contributory negligence."

### MOSSLER CO.

19 Jackson Blvd., East  
(Between State and Wabash)



Today! and All  
Week  
FINAL CLEARANCE  
SALE!

It is our defined policy  
"not to carry goods from  
one season to another"—  
hence, our Final Clear-  
ance—a complete sacri-  
fice of the entire present  
stock.

ANY SUIT To \$30  
or Overcoat Value \$15  
ANY SUIT To \$40  
or Overcoat Value \$20

Fur Lined Overcoats and Per-  
sian Lamb and Seal Collar  
Silk Lined Overcoats—all at  
33% off regular prices. Make  
your own deduction from  
ticket price.

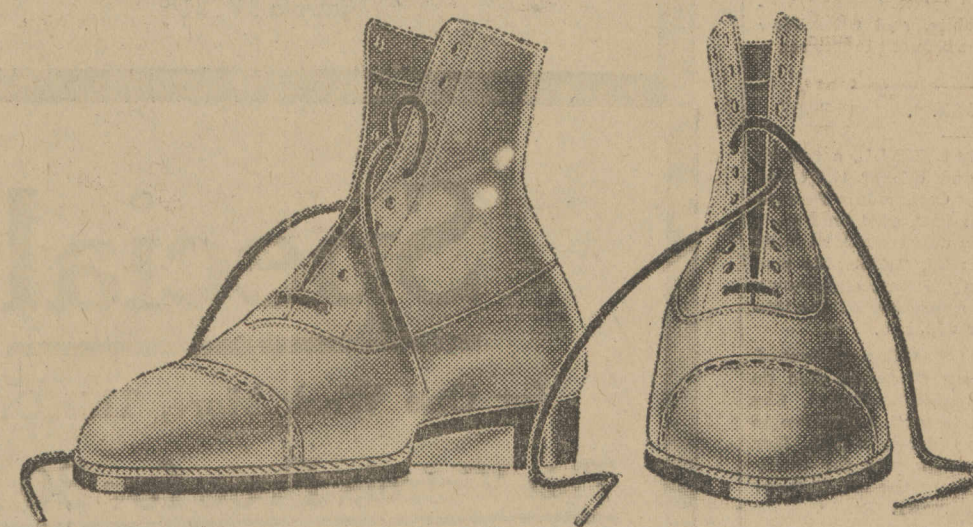
Street, Dinner and Dress  
Waistcoats to \$8 val., \$2.65  
Odd Trousers in English  
stripes..... \$3.50

All evening Dress Clothes;  
Tuxedos and Dinner Suits;  
Afternoon Frocks; Dress  
Overcoats (spring and  
medium weights); and all  
staple lines are offered at  
25% off regular prices. Many  
new English Spring Models.  
You never bought fine clothes  
at such ridiculous prices.  
Come today.

### MOSSLER CO.

19 Jackson Blvd., East  
(Between State and Wabash)

These were \$10; now they're \$5.85



No finer ready-to-wear shoes than these can possibly  
be produced; you must accept this as an absolute fact.

You've never worn any made-to-order shoes that had better  
leather or workmanship. Yet they cost you \$5.85 instead of \$12 or  
\$15; and, besides, they're guaranteed to fit and to wear.

During our twice-a-year sale you can buy any of our \$10, \$9, \$8  
and \$7 custom-style shoes for \$5.85. We've included 2000 pairs of  
advance spring styles just from the manufacturer.

You can prove the extraordinary  
value of these shoes in many ways;  
we'll show you how.

They're made by the one best boot  
maker in America; we'll give you his  
name.

Only the finest imported leathers are  
used; French calfskin and Russia tan  
from Moscow.

The details and workmanship, the  
hand-sewn soles, the general lines and  
style, are just what the highest priced  
custom boot makers of London and  
Paris would give you. Your own ex-  
perience will tell you this, when you see  
these really wonderful shoes.

Sent on approval to out of town customers

We'll send these shoes anywhere in the U. S., parcel post prepaid. Use the  
coupon below. If the shoes are unsatisfactory in any way send them back. We  
refund your \$5.85, and what you paid for return postage.

HASSEL'S

Northwest Cor. Van Buren and Dearborn Streets  
Monadnock Block, Chicago

Enclosed find check for \$\_\_\_\_\_. Send me \_\_\_\_\_ pairs of the above shoes at \$5.85.

Size \_\_\_\_\_ General style details: \_\_\_\_\_

Width \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tan or Black \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_