

BROLASKI, REFORMED GAMBLER AND 'FIXER' GIVES TESTIMONY BEFORE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Charges That An Agreement Between Gamblers and Politician Was Made Before McWeeny Was Made Chief of Police.

Scale of protection prices:

Saloons open all night.....	\$ 50
All night saloons with music	75
Crap games	50
Poker games	25
Resorts selling liquor.....	100
Apartments, liquor selling..	15

Harry Brolaski, reformed gambler, "fixer" and go-between, took the stand yesterday afternoon before the police civil service commission, and directly charged two aldermen, the chief of police, the chief inspector, and many lesser political and police lights with collecting protection money and other forms of graft on members of the underworld.

The most sensational charge of Brolaski was that before McWeeny was made chief of police an agreement was reached between McWeeny, Inspector Hunt, Ben Hyman, member of the gambling trust; Tom Costello, associate of Hyman, and Tom Carey, South Side politician, with Brolaski, that the latter was to come to Chicago after McWeeny's selection, and take the lecture stand in a crusade against vice.

But he was to touch none of the friends of the chief or his backers. The scheme was to assail the members of the "Out" club, those not in the vice trust, and drive

them from town. This would leave the field clearer for the members of the trust.

Brolaski says he was to be furnished with a list of places the chief wanted closed, and was to talk to church and civic societies about these places. But he was not to attack a place that was on the lists of Hyman and Costello, said by him to be paying tribute to the chief and other members of the vice trust.

This artistic scheme failed of success only because, at the first exposures, the civil service commission took hold of the matter, and started the present investigation.

Brolaski named Aldermen Kenna and Coughlin as the bosses of the South Side levee district, and told of their operations.

"The whisky sale in this district is controlled by Coughlin," he said, "and Kenna controls the beer sale. In disorderly houses along Dearborn St. and Armour avenue, the inmates are compelled to wear costly kimonas that they buy on time at \$60, while other clothes cost proportionately. And police are present to see that the buyers pay. What proportion of the money goes to the heads of the 'trust' is known only to the silk house that enjoys the monopoly."

Brolaski said that Freiberg's dance hall, in which a bomb was exploded Thursday night, was owned by Alderman Coughlin,