

NEWS ABOUT CHICAGO NEWSPAPERS

When the Chicago newspaper publishers organized their secret trust, the organization was very carefully thought out. Business, of course, was the main consideration. Sec. 1, of Article 6, read as follows:

"A special committee, known as the managers' committee, consisting of the business manager or other designated employe of each stockholder, shall hold monthly meetings, for the purpose of discussing matters of common interest and to take such action in specific matters as it shall, by **UNANIMOUS VOTE**, deem necessary.

Sec. 3 provided for monthly meetings of this managers' committee, and Sec. 4 provided that the luncheons at the meetings of the managers' committee should be paid by the association.

There were two sections to Article 7, which read as follows:

1. In case of disaster by fire, water, wind, lightning or explosion by which one of the stockholders of the Association shall be unable to issue his or its regular edition or editions, on time, that stockholder shall have the right to demand of any other stockholder that he or it shall furnish all reasonable facilities for the prompt issuing of said edition or editions.

2. Any disagreement as to payment for such service or as to anything else pertaining to the rendering of such assistance, shall be referred to the Association for settlement and **ITS DE-**

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Article 9 provided rules which were made part of the by-laws, and fixed a penalty of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 for each violation, the board of directors to fix the penalty.

The board of directors were to pass upon violations of the rules, but the stockholder was given the right to appeal within two days, in which case the directors were to request a judge of some court of record of Chicago to hear the appeal, and **"HIS DECISION SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING UPON ALL THE STOCKHOLDERS."**

This didn't mean any trial by jury or anything like that. The publishers were going to pick their own judge, have him hear the appeal privately and settle their dispute for them without the public knowing anything about it. Something the common people couldn't very well do.

Then followed more rules. One was that no advertising agent not "recognized" by the Association could get any commission on advertising. A list of such recognized agents was to be adopted by the board.

The discount to be allowed on charity advertising was fixed, and rules adopted governing carriers, train boys, newsboys, newsdealers "or any one else," and the penalty for violation was "it shall be the duty of all the stockholders to stop the sale of their newspapers to those who violate the rule until satisfactory assurance