

KING OF BANTAMS NOT AFRAID OF ANY OF 'EM



Kid Williams

The king of the bantams, Kid Williams, is not afraid of losing his title. He heard all this talk about Johnny Erile floating around and wired the Milwaukee promoters he is ready to meet Johnny any time they can arrange the match.

CAPT. McCAHILL ARGUES IN FAVOR OF DOUBLE PLATOON

A committee from the Chicago Federation of Labor has waited upon the fire chief to inquire why posters requesting voters to cast their ballots against the double platoon proposition are permitted to be displayed in windows of the fire houses in violation of a department ruling. Firemen supporting the double platoon plan told the federation that they were not permitted to display their posters about the firehouses.

Capt. Edmund D. McCahill, Engine House No. 21, Taylor and State, today took a fall out of firemen opponents of the proposed system.

"The points the opposing firemen parade in an anonymous circular have no foundation," said McCahill. "It is true that a vote of firemen showed a majority against the double platoon, but remember that vote was taken by men higher up personally.

There were probably many who registered their votes against the plan who are staunch supporters of it, only they feared to openly express their opinion. The backbone of the opposition is made up of those who wish to curry favor.

"The first three of the nine reasons they give for continuance of the present system are that they have 24 hours off in every third day, two meal hours on each working day, privilege of trading 'offs,' so getting off duty 48 to 72 hours at a time.

"In reply: The new system will be half-time off duty instead of third-time off, as at present, and officers will have as much right to permit trading of 'offs' as in past. At present men often do not get a single meal hour in a day, because that cannot be possibly arranged. I got out to no meal today. Here are two men who got out to no meals yesterday. The same is true every day for some one.

"Objections Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7: Men now get full pay when sick or injured, 15 days' vacation with pay, special time off for sickness or death in family, three days off with pay when being married. Answer: Notice the circular says these advantages are enjoyed under the present system without saying they will be eliminated under the proposed plan. It is a fact that these points are covered by ordinance or custom upon which the adoption of the new system could not have the slightest effect.

"In an appended argument the anti explain that no provisions are made under the new plan for sick benefits, furloughs, stability of salaries and special leaves. No provisions are made because the adoption of the plan cannot possibly affect any existing state law or city ordinance regarding furloughs or sick benefits. Officers will have the power to grant or refuse special leaves just as they now have. The salaries are fixed by the commission, which has not indicated intention to make a reduction.