

of the family. While they wanted a divorce they didn't want to frame up on the girl.

It is that story that is supposed to have reached Gleason's ears immediately after Mrs. Violet Phipps had gone to State's Att'y Hoyne and charged that to prevent her arrest she had given Steele \$50.

Even after that was told Funkhouser he refused to take action against Steele. And it was only after Gleason grew angry over the continued retention of Steele's name on the city of Chicago payroll that the explosion came.

Countess Yorke, divorced wife of George Mead, who is ill in Milwaukee after an overdose of veronal, also charged that her apartments were raided by Steele as a result of a frameup between the stool pigeon and her divorced husband.

Rumors that Mrs. Phipps and Countess Yorke were going further with their charges against Steele could not be verified today, as neither could be reached.

Judge Arnold Heap, who will have charge of the morals court for the next few months, today denounced the frameup methods of the Funkhouser vice chasers.

Last night Samuel Allis, a Funkhouser man, went to the Hotel Paris, 638 S. State. He assumed the role of a "live one" looking for a girl. Evidently his acting was good. The clerk proceeded to call girls. The first two didn't please the stool pigeon. Then he finally chose Ruby Schmidt. They had scarcely went to a room before another Funkhouser man, Andrew Covo, known in the underworld as "Frenchy," and two officers entered the hotel and raided the room.

Judge Heap immediately scored the work of the men.

"You have no right to encourage vice in that manner," he said. "You make it easy for these girls to break the law, then you proceed to arrest them. I won't tolerate such work."

After an argument by representatives of the city prosecutor's office, Judge Heap gave them a chance until March 18 to prove that the girl and not the men were in the wrong.

WHITE SLAVERS SELL FOUR GIRLS IN NEW YORK.

New York, March 18.—Four girls, not one of them out of their teens—have been bought outright by New York detectives in the latest crusade against white slavers, Police Commissioner Woods announced today. The price in each case was \$25.

Louis Abrams, a palefaced youth, went on trial today, charged with selling 19-year-old Lily Levine to a detective. Abe Levenson, fat, muscular dive-keeper, who pleaded guilty to the same charge, was to be sentenced today.

A. F. OF L. MAN TO PROBE HERE

T. J. Williams, president of the building trades department of the American Federation of Labor, will arrive in Chicago tomorrow to investigate the labor situation that has arisen over the refusal of unions to sign the joint agreement.

This agreement, which would in effect destroy every building trades' union is wanted by the Employers' and Erectors' Ass'n and by Simon O'Donnell of the Building Trades Council. It is the same which Sam'l Gompers referred to as the most pernicious agreement he had ever seen.

Williams will begin an investigation immediately and the coming of Sam'l Gompers to join in the inquiry is a possibility.

HOLDS CHILD FOR RENT

Cleveland.—George Platka told Police Prosecutor Reynant today that his landlord is holding his 7-year-old daughter for back rent and he can't move.

Three men arrested for beating Eli Trubovic, 2805 Allport, this morning. Trubovic has fractured skull.