

**JOINT AGREEMENT FOES MAY ASK OUSTING OF
BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL — JUDGE NEIL
ATTACKS CHARITIES—MINISTER IS OUSTED**

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FIREMEN'S UNION ISSUES PLEA FOR DOUBLE PLATOON SYSTEM

**In Formal Statement Union Answers Argument of Foes
—Explains Hardship of Chicago Firemen's
Condition Under Present System.**

Union firemen would go on strike sooner or later said a fireman opponent of the two platoon system at a business men's meeting. He tried to use this as an argument against the double platoon, not explaining why union firemen would be more likely to strike under the new system than under the present one.

This allegation has roused the ire of the Firemen's ass'n. "It is absurd to think such a thing possible," says the Firemen's ass'n in an official statement. "The firemen's union is associated with the Chicago Fed. of Labor by contract that prevents any labor trouble.

"Firemen are now sworn under oath to protect life and property and should they fail, individually or collectively, the consequences would be

dire. "Firemen have been affiliated with the A. F. of L. for eight years, therefore the trouble of 1871 cannot be laid against the union."

The Firemen's ass'n also declares that the two platoon system will mean a far more efficient department without the addition of another man or the expenditure of an additional dollar.

It cites that in all double platoon cities the system has worked out successfully.

Messages from officials in Kansas City and Omaha say that each city was saved from blazes that threatened destruction of the business district by having two trained departments on the job.

It has been said by the fire marshal that installation of the two pla-