

BRINKMAN ACCUSED OF WAR ON HOME RULE BILL

Will Chicago get any real new power over the traction, light and phone corporations through the home rule bill now in the spotlight at Springfield?

Among those asking this question is William Taber, secretary of Div. 241 of the street car men's union. As head of the biggest labor union local in Chicago, with 11,000 members, Taber said to a Day Book reporter:

"One of the most active backers of the home rule bill is Rep. Brinkman from a South Side district. Brinkman was a leader in the fight against the street car men's ten-hour bill in committee. About everything that a legislative member could do to kill the bill shortening the long workday of street car men was done by Brinkman. We don't object to Rep. Brinkman attending a theater party in Springfield in company with street railway company lobbyists. But we do protest against his claim that he is representing the people while he is voting for everything the companies want."

Ald. Eugene Block, lately taken off the chairmanship of the local transportation committee over the protest of Ald. Merriam and others, says:

"I am suspicious of any home rule bill which has the enthusiastic support of the street railway companies. It may work out for better transportation. Yet in the past it never has. The vast majority of measures favored by the car companies, either in the state legislature or in the city council has only resulted in worse transportation, more crowded cars."

Ald. Captain of the council transportation committee is trying to steer the bill to victory. Captain is against jitney buses, is for the service standard ordinance and the subway plans advanced by Pres. Busby of the Chicago Surface lines and the traction officials. Captain and Busby made a personal call on Mayor Thompson

yesterday and sat in for an hour talking street cars. The mayor announced he will go easy and talk things over with the traction heads and get their views clearly before he will consider any drastic action.

By actual count of checkers employed by the Cook County Real Estate board to count cars and strap-hangers, all promises of better service on elevated lines have been broken. On all lines there were as many standing passengers on April 21 and 22 as on Jan. 18. On the Evanston branch of the Northwestern there is an increase of strap-hangers,

PREDICTS SUBMARINES WILL DECIDE WAR

Bridgeport, Conn., May 1.—Forecasting the end of the war as the result of the activity of the German subsersibles, Simon Lake, inventor and builder of the undersea warriors, defended submarine attacks without warning.

"It is impossible for a submarine commander to give warning to a vessel he is about to attack," he said. "To do so he would have to appear in the open and a rifle shot from any porthole of a vessel like the Lusitania would end his career."

"German submarines such as sank the Lusitania are going to end this war by stopping England's commerce. I learn that Germany is building 150 more. I think Admiral von Tirpitz will make his threat to starve out England good."

BITS OF NEWS

Jos. Korek, 14436 S. Ashland, was killed by Grand Trunk train at Blue Island.

Alex Johnson, 1103 N. Keeler av., found shot to death in room. Suicide theory. Out of work.

Manager of Criterion theater says yesterday's fire was not in theater but in nearby church.

Joseph Davidson's paint shop, 4823 Prairie av., wrecked by fire of mysterious origin.