

## EFFICIENCY BUREAU HEAD GETS CLOSED DOOR FROM CONNERY

By Carl Sandburg

"Harris Keeler Waits." That's the name of the sketch. Keeler wants to get into Joe Connery's office of county recorder, search the place and report to the circuit judges as to whether Connery is on the job proper.

According to a polite letter Connery sent yesterday to Keeler the said Keeler is keeping the "fish" in efficiency and the "con" in economy. To use words of street speech instead of the court language of Connery, this is what the county recorder says:

"Your bureau of public efficiency came in my office last year, mused up the place, kicked up a stew, wasted everybody's time, and when you made your report to the judges you got a turndown. I'm ready to let anybody frisk this office, but I want 'em to come with a clean record. No snoops wanted."

The Torrens system of title registration is the biggest thing in the recorder's office, Connery holds. If Keeler could have had his way last year he would have cut down Connery's office staff so the Torrens work would have been crippled.

Whatever else might be said about Connery there's no kicking from any quarter about service his office is giving the people. Reporters, real estate, men and lawyers by the dozen have looked into the workings of Connery's office and there's no grumbling.

Why doesn't Keeler and his bureau go look into the board of assessors and the board of review offices?

If there's a jungle of darkness where efficiency is nil and economy nix it's those tax offices.

For high cost and low service it's hard to beat those tax offices. They need experts and reorganization more than any county office.

State's Att'y Hoyne has waked 'em up a little. But only on their morale and decency. Not on their efficiency.

If Harris Keeler thirsts for an in-

vestigation job let him leave Joe Connery and the ground floor of the county building, take the elevator three flights and open the doors on where the tax dodgers make merry and the taxfixers sing in unison.

## PRESIDENT WILSON ASKED TO SAVE HILLSTROM

Washington, Oct. 16. — Strong pressure was brought upon President Wilson today to ask the state pardon board of Utah to commute the death sentence of Joseph Hillstrom, labor leader, convicted of murder. The president obtained a stay of execution for Hillstrom several weeks ago to allow time for the presentation of more evidence. The state pardon board is hearing Hillstrom's case today.

## FATAL TRAIN WRECK IN KANSAS

Beatrice, Neb., Oct. 16. — Several passengers reported drowned when a Union Pacific motor car ran into a washout near Randolph, Kan. Reports from Randolph say nearly every passenger was injured. A bridge had been washed out and the car plunged into the stream. The bodies of two unidentified men were recovered. About 15 are reported to have been injured. The washout was caused by a 3½-inch rain in this vicinity last night.

## SPRENGEL BLAMED, NOT ROSE

H. H. Sprengel, Jr., was fined \$50 and costs in Desplaines st. court following a fight with Charles Rose, 920 N. Kedvale av. Sprengel was paroled on condition that he remain away from Rose's divorced wife, with whom he was at the time of the fight.

Rose, who intended to remarry the woman, was on his way to see her when he found her walking with Sprengel. The fight followed. Rose was not blamed by the court.

Baltimore.—Mrs. Galt, future bride of Pres. Wilson, is having large part of trousseau made here.