

## CITY ADMINISTRATION ATTORNEY STALLS FOX TROT CLUB INVESTIGATION

Mayor Thompson yesterday denied that the city administration was protecting or had ever granted protection to any of the fox trot clubs which infest the loop and are often found quartered at hotels whose names are so respectable that it seems impossible that they would engage in such business.

But Chas. B. Miller, city prosecutor and member of the administration cabinet yesterday stopped the investigation which Judge Uhlir is conducting of the fox trotteries.

Judge Uhlir started the investigation against the night dance halls when it was decided that the police were not taking the action they should. Girl after girl came into the morals court and told of downfalls met at the early morning dances at loop hotels.

At the fox trotteries the reveling does not start until the a. m. time of day. If these places could not sell drinks after the legal closing hour for bars, they could not exist. It was to find out what places have been selling after the closing hour that Judge Uhlir called the investigation that started this morning.

Morals Inspector Hanna was in court with 1,000 pages of evidence against the fox trotteries under his arm. He took the stand and started recounting the experiences of Ruth Christ, Zanesville, Ohio, girl, who ran away from home, landed in the Chicago morals court and told the judge of things done to her at midnight hotel dances.

Here City Prosecutor Miller, whom all thought would naturally be in favor of getting the goods on law violators, interrupted and said he would rather hear the evidence direct from Hanna's prosecutors, instead of from the transcripts. Hanna was agreeable and said he could have his investigators in court by 1 p. m. today.

This seemed to surprise Miller and did not please him.

"I would like to have an opportunity to investigate this case at length," said Miller, and he asked for a continuance. This was granted and the investigation goes over until Jan. 19.

Before the investigation began today Judge Uhlir remarked that this was an executive and police rather than a judicial matter. Morals inspector objected to turning the investigation over to Chief Healey. "It would then be a police investigation of itself, and you know what that would mean," said Hanna.

Hanna remarked that when he on Dec. 1 made complaint to Capt. Morgan Collins of the Fox Trot club at the Morrison hotel, Collins said: "Young man, you ought to get up to the times and find out what is going on. This place operates as a club and has so operated for three or four years. The same thing is going on at the Sherman house, the Bismarck hotel, the Musicians' club, Illinois Athletic club and the Chicago athletic club."

Hanna said he questioned Capt. Collins about the athletic clubs violating the law and Collins replied: "They may not every night, but just you go up there some night when there's a gang around and they will sell drinks as long as there's any one buying."

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Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the recent federal industrial relations com'n, will talk at next Sunday's meeting of the Chi. Federation of Labor, 175 W. Washington. He will discuss plans for getting the industrial report published.

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New London, Conn.—\$25,000 fire of unknown origin threatened to destroy coaling station of U. S. submarine base.