

## LABOR CENTERS EFFORTS IN ALDERMANIC ELECTION ON CERTAIN WARDS

With election three days away there is much talk that gas and traction crowds will land a majority of aldermen in next council. The gas case involving over \$10,000,000 of gas users' money, proposed gas rate-making and proposed traction mergers with enormous amounts involved are quiet issues that have run deep in this campaign.

"I'd like to see Frank H. Ray elected in the 13th ward," said John Fitzpatrick, president Chicago Federation of Labor, today. "There isn't a blot on his record. He's been at the front for the people. On the automatic phone issue, the anti-strike-breaker ordinance, the Mandel sub-basement, any issue where human rights were involved, Ray was there."

A mass meeting in Lowell school tonight, Hirsch and Leavitt sts., will hear Harriet Vittum, Mary McDowell, Grace Abbott, Mrs. James E. W. Quan and Agnes Nestor tell why Rodriguez should go back to the council.

Agnes Nestor, president Woman's Trade Union league, and appointee of President Wilson to federal vocational education board, said today that Ellen Gates Starr is better equipped than most of the present aldermen and would be a record-breaker as a builder and worker in the city council. Miss Starr is 19th ward Socialist, running against James Bowler, Democrat.

A photograph which will be turned over to the C. F. of L. Sunday is of a billboard at Wood and Lake sts., on which is an appeal for votes for Jos. H. Smith, Democratic candidate in 14th ward, and under his name the legend, "Indorsed by the Chicago Federation of Labor."

Smith asked for C. F. of L. indorsement and was told he could have it if he voted against the automatic telephone sale ordinance. He voted the other way.

Part of a four-page circular distributed through 14th ward reads:

"Are the labor men of the 14th ward so blind to the importance of labor keeping its indorsements that it will willfully allow a candidate who has willfully incurred the condemnation of organized labor to deliberately placard the ward with posters and circulars announcing he is 'Indorsed by the Chicago Federation of Labor.'"

"If such deliberate falsification of labor's official utterances is to go unrebuked, how can labor expect its future demands to be taken seriously?"

Ald. Eugene Block, Democrat, bitter enemy of the traction trust, is running for re-election out in the 9th ward. It looks as though he is going to have a walkaway.

Since his arrival in the council six years ago he has established a 5-cent fare for the people of the 8th, 9th and 32d wards. When chairman of the local transportation committee he compelled the street car company to live up to its franchises and to build extensions into portion of the city which have since developed.

As head of the small parks com'n he has built 48 small playgrounds in connection with schools. He wants schools turned into neighborhood social centers.

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Vienna jewelers, milliners, dress-makers and tailors, as well as automobile manufacturers, are doing excellent business despite the war, according to U. S. Consul General Halstead of Vienna. Some of the purchases of jewelry were made by individuals who think it a good investment in these times.

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The French railroad in the Sahara has built locomotives and cars especially designed for passage through sandstorms to offer a minimum of resistance to the metal-cutting sand.