

teachers of Chicago. If the spoils politicians don't happen to like a teacher, if she's not strong politically, she'll lose her job.

"The gang politicians are quietly raising false issues so their real game will be hidden. The most popular one is the religious issue. I do not think the religious issue is a factor in this. I believe it to be merely a scheme to throw the school system into politics and to provide more jobs for the politicians."

The Rev. Frederick A. Moore said: "The action of the school board is not only unfair to the school teachers, but to the pupils. It is to the best interest of Chicago to have a democratic school board. To obtain that we should reduce the number of trustees and have an elective board. The teachers should fight this Loeb rule in the court as soon as the first teacher is discharged. I believe they would win a court fight to have Loeb restrained from carrying out his scheme."

Rebellion against the high-handed scheme of Jake Loeb to disrupt the school system was voiced by the audience. They denounced his action in throwing out the merit rule as the most outrageous blow ever struck at the school system.

Plans for the following reforms were to be discussed at the meeting:

A general overhauling and reconstructing of the teaching system of the city's public schools.

Placing of effective curbs on the autocratic powers of the school board.

Early reinstatement of the "merit clause" in the rules of the board.

Ald. Robert M. Buck, who is a member of the citizens' committee promoting today's meeting, is preparing to fight the appointment of seven new school board members soon to be made by Mayor Thompson until the appointees give assurance they are not ready to sacrifice the public school system for the benefit of Jake Loeb. Buck says they can

only give this assurance by a promise to vote for the reinstatement of the merit rule.

It is reported among the teachers that the story given out at the school board rooms that Jake Loeb has gone to New York is false. They say he is now in hiding, working on a list of teachers who are to walk the plank because they won't "go along with Jake."

Trustee John W. Eckhart, one of the eleven members who dance to the tune of Jake's whip, is now making apologies for his action in helping throw the school system into discord. He says he understands that not more than 50 teachers are to be dropped. The Tribune, ancient enemy of the school teachers, which has been quietly playing the Loeb game, made a feature of his statement this morning.

Mrs. Helen Hefferan, who is to speak at today's meeting, is working on plans for a bill to provide election of school board members, which it is hoped will be presented to the legislature during the coming session.

The names of today's speakers and their subjects are: Mrs. Helen Hefferan, "The Community and the School"; Max Loeb, "Teachers and School Administration"; Mrs. John MacMahon, "The Real Problem"; Prof. Geo. H. Mead, "Going Ahead"; Victor Olander, "A Father's Point of View"; Chas. Stillman, "The Effect on the Teachers' Work"; Prof. Chas. Judd, "Teachers' Tenure of Office and Merit"; Rev. Fred'k A. Moore, "The Citizens' Responsibility," and Ald. Rob't M. Buck, "City Government and the Public Schools."

The following resolutions were presented:

1—Enactment of state law for civil service designed to fit the needs of the public school system urged.

2—Number of school trustees should be reduced to 11 or 15.

3—Trustees should be selected solely for their ability and public