

## BUSINESS AND LABOR GRAPPLE OVER MAYOR NAMING JAKE LOEB TODAY

Though the nation is at war and its united resources called to the defense of the flag, the community forces of Chicago were split in two bitter divisions at the City Hall today. Religion, politics, business, the work war and union labor were all issues used for and against Mayor Thompson's re-appointment of Jake Loeb to be president of the school board. Early in the day both sides were sure of victory. At noon both were saying the result would be close and neither side was sure of the necessary 36 votes for its purpose.

In labor circles was resentment against the newspapers because of seven daily papers of the trust press, only one, The Examiner, had the nerve to print the statement issued by Sec'y Ed Nockels of the Chicago Federation of Labor Saturday.

Tribune and Daily News editorials endorsing Jake Loeb have been mailed in hundreds of copies to aldermen and their friends. The reply of the labor crowd is that these are the only two newspapers openly supporting Jake Loeb and they are also the only newspapers occupying school land. The Tribune's rental is estimated \$50,000 a year below what it would be under a revaluation clause in its lease. The Daily News profit of the same sort is estimated at \$25,000.

School land leases of the Boston Store, McVicker's theater, the North American bldg., Buck & Rayner's drug store, and the Crilly bldg. are all to be affected by the coming school board and friends and agents of them were busy lining up aldermen for the Loeb re-appointment.

"I have never seen such lobbying in my life," was the outburst of Ald. John Toman. "They've been after me three days and nights. Wherever I go I meet a labor man who wants me to vote against Loeb. And the next minute I meet a business man

who gives me an earful about how we need Jake Loeb because he's good for business."

William Rothmann, former member of the school board, and accused by the Teachers' Federation of attempts to take away pension fund control from the teachers, was in council lobby chambers today the first time in months. Lewis E. Larsen, secretary of the school board, arm in arm with John L. Lovett, secretary of the Chicago Public School "league," have been at the City Hall and in ward haunts of aldermen, smiling, talking and generally operating for the Loeb reappointment.

No salary attaches to the job of school board head so eagerly sought by Loeb. His regular business is fire insurance and real estate and among his clients and customers are leading firms and corporations of the Illinois Manufacturers' ass'n, the one organization most active against the Teachers' Federation.

Newspapers would have launched fierce attacks on Mayor Thompson for his anti-conscription and food embargo talk if the critical matter of the Loeb reappointment was not in the air now. Likewise, Jake Loeb has escaped censure for fathering and keeping the "kaiser speller" while summarily dismissing a high school teacher for utterances almost identical with those of Mayor Thompson.

### CONTINUE SALOON CASES

Hearings in the cases of 400 saloon men charged with violations of the Sunday and 1 a. m. closing ordinances laws were continued until May 14 by agreement in Municipal Judge Newcomber's court today.

There were so many defendants that it was hard work getting them all inside the courtroom, even when all spectators had been chased out to make room for the accused barkeeps,