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DISARM THOSE HIRED THUGS!

Ever since the trouble between the trust newspapers and the pressmen, stereotypers, newsboys, drivers and circulators began, fink drivers, newsboys and circulators have been sworn in as deputies by either Chief McWeeny or Sheriff Zimmer.

This carried with it the right to go armed. And ex-convicts, thugs and sluggers were sworn in as deputies and have been shooting up the town periodically. Feeling that they have a legal right to use the guns they are permitted to carry, these ruffians have used them freely. Two men have already been murdered by these hired newspaper thugs.

Tuesday evening a crowd of these non-union newsboys, while fooling around the Hearst building, at the corner of Madison and Franklin, got to playing with their revolvers. Harry Muffins, an Examiner newsboy, accidentally pulled the trigger of his gun, and shot John Thelan, 15 years old, in the left knee. The wounded boy was taken to the Iroquois hospital, and he may be crippled for life.

The control of the police department and sheriff's office by Andy Lawrence, Hearst's manager in Chicago, is directly responsible for these outrages.

Lawrence appears to be the real mayor of Chicago. He had the business manager of the Examiner, Harlan Campbell, made president of the civil service commission, and Campbell is drawing two salaries, one from Hearst and the other from the city.

Another Hearst employe was made private secretary of Mayor Harrison.

And when the trouble with newspaper employes began, the newspaper trust, through Lawrence, had Paddy Lavin put in charge of the strike squad, so that the police could be used as the publishers wanted them used in the fight to crush unionism.

It was expected that the people of Chicago would not find out what outrages were committed in the interest of the newspapers, as the big newspapers carefully suppressed the news. But there has been publicity by papers not in the trust, and Chicago now knows what is going on.

One of the results of the publicity has been a court decision which made Chief McWeeny back down on his policy of trying to