

## EIGHT-YEAR BOARD BILL IS CONTESTED POINT IN McCORMICK-EDWARDS MESS

A bill for eight years' board and lodging, which Edward S. Adams, the Board of Trade man, alleges is owed him by Robert R. McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune, is a contested point in the federal court action now on between those two parties.

Frank L. Wean, referee in bankruptcy, today fixed 10 o'clock next Monday as the time McCormick's attorney can put Edward S. Adams on the stand for a special examination on assets and liabilities.

Edward S. Adams, in affidavits filed today, states: "For a period of eight years said petitioner (Robert R. McCormick) resided at the home of this respondent (Adams) at Lake Forest, Ill., and at Tower Court, Chicago, with the family of this respondent; during said entire period he, the said Robert R. McCormick, paid no compensation to your petitioner for his board or lodging; it was during said period of time that the notes described in said petition in bankruptcy were executed."

Adams' statement then goes on with allegations of what was happening a few days before and a few days after the date on which Mrs. Amie Irwin Adams was granted a divorce. The statement:

"During the latter part of February, 1914, or early March, 1914, the respondent had a conversation with Morrill Dunn, who stated he had talked with Robert R. McCormick concerning his cancellation of said obligation and made the request that McCormick cancel said obligations in consideration of the fact that he, the said McCormick, had for a long time lived at the home of the said respondent, a period of about ten years, without any contribution on the part of his, the said McCormick's, for board and lodging."

"McCormick stated he then and there cancelled the obligation and

would return the notes. Early in March this respondent (Adams) received from McCormick a pencil communication on the letterhead of Shepard, McCormick & Thomasson, 934 Tribune Bldg., reading:

"Dear Ed:—I had a bad night last night due to the trip to the country, perhaps. Hence I have not been able to get to the bank. Don't let that bother you. I will send the notes as soon as I get back. Yours as ever, Bert."

"The notes were not returned pursuant to promise in the said pencil note."

Talks with Cyrus H. Adams and Morrill Dunn held with Robert R. McCormick are reported, both claiming McCormick told them he had destroyed the notes.

"The relationship sustained by said petitioner (McCormick) to the wife of this respondent (E. S. Adams)" is given as the cause of a "controversy" which has been existing between the two men since July 6, 1914, and the petition in bankruptcy, it is claimed, "has been brought for the purpose of seeking evidence in possession of the respondent relating to the controversy so pending in the Superior Court."

McCormick's side of the case will come out more fully when he is summoned to testify in Judge Landis' court next week following the examination Monday of Edward S. Adams before the bankruptcy referee.

Mrs. H. C. Newton, 2454 Indiana av., has quit 21 clubs, to which she belongs, to take care of home.

Mt. Clemens, Mich.—Village of New Haven, near here, destroyed by fire. Two missing.

Weeping Water, Neb.—Town gone crazy over game of horseshoes. Collection taken up to install playing grounds with electric light for night playing.