INSPECTORS REPORTED CARSON-PIRIE-SCOTT DEATH ELEVATOR O. K. NOV. 15.

Report Says Nothing of Open Violations of Law Which Caused Lusch's Death—Ericsson's Aides Undisturbed by Evidence of Fatal Negligence

The negligence of the city building department and state factory inspector's office is costing human lives in Chicago every day.

The complicity of the coroner's office is allowing these two departments of the government to get away with this negligence and hide its resultant toll of human life from the public.

A man was killed in the Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co. store last Thursday. His crushed, mutilated body was found in the pit of a freight elevator shaft.

The man was operator of the elevator. There is only one tenable theory as to how he came to his death. That theory is that he fell from the elevator into the shaft.

There were two conditions in regard to the elevator from which the man fell which were contributory to such an accident.

The first is: For a depth of 36 feet from the selling basement of the store on down, there is a space of two feet between the front edge of the elevator floor and the elevator shafting and basement platforms.

The second is: The only guard on the front of the elevator at the time this man fell to his death was a number of chains strung across, the highest of these chains being only four feet from the floor of the elevator.

These two conditions combined meant that there was a space of two feet wide practically unprotected through which any person who slipped might fall.

It seemed extraordinary to The Day Book that such conditions should be permitted under the law in this day and age. The Day Book went to the city building department seeking light, since the Carson-Pirie-Scott building is of the class that must be inspected annually by the department,