

And I do know that Hoyne has been talking about a Chicago crime trust and the relation between it and politicians and police officers in a way that no man should talk unless he has facts on which to base his talk.

Hoyne says today that the uncovering of the real ringleaders in the crime trust may take months. I shouldn't be a bit surprised. The primary election is some months off yet.

The case against Barney Bertsche, which started Hoyne off on his wild talk about a crime trust, doesn't amount to a hill of beans.

Barney Bertsche never was anything but a cheap politician, and he once was a felon. The only time he ever had any "drag" in Chicago was for a short period during the Busse shirt-sleeve reign.

I don't see that the discovery that Barney Bertsche has returned to his old paths of wickedness is anything so wonderful.

As to the Hearst-Harrison talk about crooked police officials. It seems plain that that is aimed at Captain of Detectives John J. Halpin.

Just as I never have met Billy Skidmore, so I never have met Captain Halpin. But I always have heard that Halpin was a square policeman.

On the other hand, while I never met Police Captain Paddy Lavin, I never heard that Lavin was on the square, and I do remember that Lavin helped break the stockyards strike of 1904, the newspaper strike of last summer, and was fired bodily by Mayor Dunne for taking part in a dirty frame-up.

So from what I know of the two men, I'd hate to see Halpin fired by the Hearst-business manager-managed civil service commission and Lavin put in his place.

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Pedestrian—Madam, a boy who I am told is your son has just thrown a stone at me, causing a wound that is very painful. What are you going to do about it? Mother—I don't know; have you tried arnica?

SALARIES AND EXPENSE EAT UP CHARITY DONATIONS

The Curran legislative committee yesterday forced Eugene T. Lies, superintendent of the United Charities, to admit that 53 per cent of the money donated to the United Charities is used to pay the salaries and expenses of United Charities officials.

Lies, on the stand, denied that the United Charities controlled the Juvenile Court in cases brought up under the Mothers' Pension Law.

Only a few weeks ago, Joel D. Hunter, chief probation officer of the Juvenile Court, told a Day Book reporter that "We never interfere with cases which the United Charities is taking care of."

Lies said he thought the Mothers' Pension Law a good law if properly administered.

Lies accordingly must think it very badly administered at present. The United Charities has prevented the granting of a Mothers' Pension to an overburdened woman many times, and now is lobbying for a bill which would limit the pension of any one mother to \$50 a month, no matter how many children she might have to care for.

The present law, as it stands, leaves the amount of the pension entirely in the hands of the Juvenile Court.

Lies also admitted yesterday that the United Charities tries to prevent anyone donating money to any charitable institution not controlled by it.

It is possible that Julius Rosenwald, the real head of the United Charities, may be called to the stand when the Curran commission returns to Chicago from Springfield at the end of the week.

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"And now, my dear General, come and sit by me and tell me all the scandal that's happened while I've been away." "Well, really, Mrs. Mallesho, er—you see—er—the fact is that while you've been away there's been no scandal!"