

## TRIAL OF BARRETT'S AND FRIEDMAN, HEARST SLUGGERS, PUT OVER UNTIL FALL TERM

The trial of Charles and Edward Barrett and Arthur Friedman, Hearst sluggers, indicted for the murder of street car conductor Frank Witt, June 15, 1912, today was put over to the fall term of the Criminal Court by Judge Kersten.

Before this action was taken, however, two extraordinary things occurred in connection with the case.

John J. Healy, attorney for the newspaper trust and also for the indicted sluggers, laid before the court an affidavit which set forth that Jacob Le Bosky and Assistant State's Attorney Everett Jennings had agreed that the case should not be tried until September.

To fully understand the significance of this it must be understood that "Jake" Le Bosky was retained by the Witt family as a special prosecutor of the murderers of Frank Witt and was accepted as such by the state's attorney's office.

The second extraordinary thing happened when Assistant State's Attorney Fleming objected to a continuance being granted until the fall term and Judge Kersten flatly refused to listen to him.

"You can't put the responsibility for this on my shoulders," said Kersten. "I've been the goat long enough. In two weeks I shall have left the Criminal Court and you say that this case will take six weeks to try. Therefore, if you insist on going to trial now, I will transfer the case to some other judge."

"I will not be the goat any longer. This case has had too much publicity. You can't pass a street corner without hearing someone criticizing the state for the way this case has been conducted. I will not take any more responsibility in the case."

### UNION CARPENTER KILLED BY A STRIKEBREAKER

Springfield, Ill., June 20.—Robert Wilson, a union carpenter, died here today of wounds inflicted by a strikebreaker.

Another union man is lying in bed suffering from a bad stab wound. He is expected to live.

These two "accidents," as they are called by the bosses, have created a bitter feeling in the strike of the 1,200 members of the Union Trades Council, which was started when the employers refused the carpenters a living wage.

The union men, mourning their comrade and incensed by the callous indifference shown by the bosses responsible for Wilson's death, are in an ugly mood, and any kind of trouble may come.

F. D. Crane, a non-union carpenter, living at 4212 Iota street, St. Louis, a strikebreaker, is held by the police as the murderer. His companion, John Nelson of St. Louis, also is held.

### TO SHOW THAT "CLOSED" HOUSES ARE WIDE OPEN

Clifford W. Barnes, head of the committee of fifteen, which recently presented to Chief of Police McWeeny a list of disorderly houses operating in the 23d street district, with names of owners of the property, prepared today to give the chief evidence that houses supposedly closed were running wide open.

Supt. Samuel P. Thrasher, investigating for the committee, has reported 62 cases where the law is violated. Mr. Barnes declared that unless the resorts were closed immediately the committee would prosecute the owners of the property.

### WEATHER FORECAST

Increasing cloudiness with thundershowers tonight or Saturday for Chicago and vicinity. Cooler.