

kind of Christmas we will enjoy tomorrow, the Santa Claus we love, and the most famous Christmas poem in the world.

**BLUCK WANTS COUNCIL TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS**

A council order directing the finance and judiciary committees to turn over the evidence of civil service law violations to State's Att'y Hoynes was laid on the table for a week at a joint meeting of the two committees yesterday.

Ald. Buck did not favor this motion of Ald. Captain's to refer action a week.

"If we vote for a delay we are going to admit that we are yellow and that we haven't got the nerve to go through with our campaign to stop this campaign of deliberate law-breaking of the mayor," said Buck. "This administration has been making a deliberate attempt to wreck the civil service of Chicago and to turn the city hall into a hell-hole of spoils politics. Our mayor has tried to whip us into line by acts of lawlessness and felony."

Both Ald. Richert and Captain pleaded for a delay. They said they constituted a committee of two who were endeavoring to get the administration and the aldermen to harmonize and that this measure, being in the committee, would give them a powerful club to wield on the mayor in obtaining concessions.

"Get an opinion from the corporation counsel," suggested Ald. Lawley. "I believe we should consult our attorney before submitting such a serious proposition as this, which might send men to the penitentiary, to the state's attorney."

"If you were going to sue a man would you ask his attorney whether or not you had the power to do so?" asked Ald. Dempsey. "I favor immediate action. Why should we let the administration machine empower themselves in the wards of the aldermen coming up for re-election. I

know that they are doing it in my ward and that they certainly won't stop a week if we do. They are going to try and lop my head off and I'm not going to hold out an olive branch at this time."

The aldermen who voted to give the matter immediately to the state's attorney are Ray, Kimball, Buck and Dempsey.

**FISHER AND KEELER REVISE FIGHT ON CONNERY**

Walter Fisher, attorney, and Harris S. Keeler, director bureau of public efficiency, will change style of attack on county recorder's office, it was reported today in county building. There's noise and bad advertising for the Chicago Title & Trust Co. as things have been going.

Recorder Connery's handling of Torrens system will be a feature of the report to be made next Monday to Judges Honore, Matchett and Brothers. These three judges appointed a committee of four to look over Connery's office and see whether his payroll demands are reasonable. Members are Willys W. Baird of Chicago Real Estate board and a director of the Chicago Title & Trust Co.; Wm. H. McLean of the county board; Louis G. Hart of the Chicago Bar ass'n, and J. F. Hecht of the Cook County Real Estate board Torrens committee.

**AUSTRIA PREPARES ANSWER TO AMERICAN NOTE**

Geneva, Dec. 24.—Austria's reply to second American note is already under preparation, according to Vienna advices today. Rough draft was prepared yesterday and was to be submitted to conference of ministers today.

Rumored in Vienna that Austria will not, in her next communication, entirely comply with American demand for disavowal and punishment of submarine commander, but will present more detailed statement concerning sinking of Ancona.