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So Says Mayor Bransford, Who Quotes "American" City Attorney on Subject.

L. D. MARTIN IS NOT IN LINE.

Chariman of Council Fire Committee Wants Absconder Brougth Back.

Some Interesting Sidelights on Firemen's Fund Scandal, Including A Letter Written by Wife.

MAYOR BRANSFORD-"There will be no prosecution of Vail, as far as the city is concerned. The city attorney says the city has no legal ground for action."

Chairman L. D. Martin, of Council Fire Committee-"By all means, I say, bring Vail back and force him to render an accounting of the firemen's fund,'

Chief Glore-"Something must be Vall should be proceeded done. against for an accounting of the fund, for the good of the fire department and the protection of innocent people."

Mrs. Charles T. Vail-"I don't want you to think that I ever got a cent of that money he squandered, for Mr. Burnett, I never did, not one dollar. I was trying to save him from it and he came very near killing me... 1 have papers in my possession which show where the money went to."-Extract from letter from Mrs. C. T. Vall, written to Jesse I. Burnett, dated Los Angeles, 'Oct. 16.

MAYOR BRANSFORD.

"So far as I know anything concerning the case, there will be no prosecution of Vail, and consequently no attempt made to torce his return here,' said Mayor Bransford this morning when asked what, ir anything the city intended doing in the matter of the alleged defaication of the ex-fire chief. cnier

"At the time it was first known that Vail had gone, and the funds of the Vall had gone, and the funds of the firemen were missing, I mad the cass laid before the city attorney and it is on his opinion that I base the state-ment that there will be no steps taken by the city to force the return of Val, as Mr. Diminny gave me the opinion at the third that there was nothing to be done in the matter legally. Of course, that was as far as I could go in the matter, and there the case rests, if there is any case."

CHIEF W. H. GLORE. Chief W. H. Glore, successor to Chief Vail, thinks the matter should be probed to the bottom. "I have asked the council for authority to make out a complaint against Vall and proceed against him in order to recover the fund which has been accumulating for years for the benefit of the firemen, years for the bencht of the hremen, said Chief Glore today. "I sent a com-munication to the council asking that the matter be probed three woeks ago, but have not heard a word from it. While everybody might understand how the things stands now," continued Chief Glore, "in 10 years from now comeone her accountied with the facts someone not acquainted with the facts night ask what became of the money, and figure out that Chie, Bywater got the fund from Chief Devine, and Chief Vail got it from Chief Bywater, but when Chief Glore came in where was the fund? I do not propose to see the natter supinely passed by as being of no interest, which seems to be the dis-position even of some of those interested in the fund. I have not a dol-lar interest in it, or I would bring the matter up in the courts. Or if the council will authorize me to do so,I will proceed against Vall. Anyone who has ever given a check to the fund could file complaint. Something must be done for the sake of the department, and to protect innocert parties. "Shortly after I came into office as Vail's successor, the matter of the fund came up and the boys wanted to ap-point a committee to investigate the matter of the fund. They asked me to act on the committee. I met Chief Vail soon after and asked him about the fund, and he promised to come into my office in a few days and turn the fund over. The day set for him to come in passed and he did not show up. Several days passed and I met Mr. Vail again. I asked him why he did not come in and-turn over the fund as he promised. He said he had been busy, but would do so soon. He did not come in and the next time I saw him I asked in and the next time I saw nim I asked him if he had the fund to turn over. He said yes, he had it, but did not propose to turn it over to every Tom, Dick and Harry in the country, and if the fire-men would organize and name a president and secretary and officers to re-ceive the fund, he would turn it over. "Meantime a petition was circulated

the fund over to his successor, Chief W. H. Glore, as the latter has made the matter the subject of a communi-cation to the city council, in which he asks what has become of the fund, he asks what has become of the fund, and asking for authority to go ahead and take steps for ascertaining what has become of the fund, if the coun-cil is unable to supply the informa-tion. This communication, by the way, which was sent to the council about three weeks ago, has never been reported upon by the fire committee, of which L. D. Martin is chairman. THE FIREMEN'S NEST EGG.

When Chief Bywater turned the fund over to Chief Vail, it consisted of the

over to Chief Vall, it consisted of the following: Two bonds of the street railway company, of the par value of \$1,000 each, bearing 6 per cent interest. Soventy shares of stock in the Utah Sugar company, of the par value of \$10 each. Cash to the amount of \$635.47. The

money had accumulated from a pub-lished history of the fire department; gifts from grateful citizens and corporations for good work done at fires by the firemen; from odds and ends of worn out material around the department which were sold and turned into the fund, and when enough money was accumulated with which to invost was accumulated with which to invest in some interest bearing securities, it was so invested in glit edge interest bearing paper approved by the bene-ficiaries of the funds—the firemen ficiaries of the funds—the firemen themselves. As there was no other way provided by which to dispose of such moneys, it was decided to establish a fund for the benefit of the members and in that way the fund was originally started. originally started.

The above stocks and bonds and cash were turned over to Chas T. Vail by Wm. H. Bywater, the outgoing chief. That Vall later had the stocks and bonds converted into cash and deposit-ed the monor to bin cosh and deposit-

bonds converted into cash and deposit-ed the money to his own personal ac-count in the Commercial National bank, there seems to be the best evi-dence for believing. On April 24, 1906, the sugar stock was sold and the money turned over to the secretary of the fire department, Jesse I. Burnett, also the street rall-way bonds were sold by the same bro-ker, Edward L. Burton, and the check in payment of the same was also given her, Edward L. Burton, and the check in payment of the same was also given to Secretary Burnett, and according to Mr. Burnett's statement, one of them was endorsed over to Chief Vall and endorsed by the chief and deposited in the Commercial National bank.

WHAT BURNETT SAYS. "The other check, Mr. Burnett says, he cashed at the Deseret National bank, at Chief Vail's request, and turned the money over to the chief. In speaking of the matter today, Mr. Burnett said: "I turned the check for one bunch of stock over to Chief Vail, endorsed by mc. I cashed the other check at his request, as he said he wanted the money for that one. That is all I know about the transaction." That the firemen's fund has no ac-count, and no credit at the Commercial National bank, will not be disputed by any one. WHAT BURNETT SAYS. YOUNG BURGLAR'S

by any one. Continuing, Mr. Burnett said: "When I transacted this business for Chief Vail, I had only been with the depart-ment about a month. I came in March, 1906, and it was some time in April when I got the checks and the cash for the chief. I knew nothing about any fund at that time. I learned that there was a fund afterward. I did not know just what Chief Vail did with the money, but I believe he deposited it in the Commercial National bank. I endorsed the one check over to him, and gave him the money for the other one, as he ordered me to do. LOOSE FINANCE by any one.

LOOSE FINANCE.

LOOSE FINANCE. "The first I learned about the exis-tence of a fireman's fund was when I found an item of \$550 due the fund from the city council. The chiefs used to use the fund for sundry expenses, such as the purchase of horses, etc., and would make requisitions on the coun-cil for the amounts thus expended, and when paid by the council it would ba LAST CHAPTER IN SAD STORY Leaves a Widow and Three Children in when paid by the council it would be turned over to the chief to the credit



DESERET EVENING NEWS.

TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 23 1908 SALT LAKE CITY UTAH

Received from William H Bratter Stief of the Salt Laks City Fire Department

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Wilson hotel on Second South was thought to be prosperous. He came here from Des Moines, Ia, where he has relatives. Soon after the shooting the wife and daughters were

The latter range in age from 6 to 16 years. A peculiar feature of the affair is the fact that the lock on the front door had been broken off as though hit by a sledge hammer and those in the place at the time declared those knew place at the time declared they knew nothing about it. That these men are concealing something, is the belief

concerling sometime, of the police. One man, who refused to give his name to the police or newspapes, stated that he had known Peterson for many that he had known Peterson for many that he had known Peterson for many years and could not imagine why he shot himself. He stated emphatically that Peterson had not been drinking and that there was no reason, so far as he knew, why the man should wor-ry over financial affairs, and he also declared that Peterson's home life was most nicesant most pleasant. It is known that shortly before the

suicide insurance adjusters were at the place and had an interview with Pe-terson. What the purport of that interview was no one seems to know, or If those present do know, they refuse to state. It is rather significant, how-ever, that following the talk with the insurance men Peterson went to the basement and shot himself.

A PATHETIC INCIDENT.

A pathetic incident connected with the affair happened shortly after 12 o'clock, when a daughter of Mr. Peter-son, not knowing of the tragedy, called at her father's place of business for lunch. She is attending the High school, and very often dropped in at the noon hour. Today she found the door locked, and she stood gazing into the windows her manner indicating surprise and amprehension.

the windows her manner indicating surprise and apprehension. A young man in a store next door stepped out, and asked her if she had seen her mother. Upon receiving a negative reply, he told her that per-haps she had better go home, as he understood there was some kind of trouble at the house. The girl's lip quivered perceptibly as she walked rapidly away. rapidly away.

That Peterson's act was prompted by disappointment arising from insurance difficulties is believed by some of his neighbors and friends. It was known

neighbors and friends. It was known that several conferences with adjust-ers had taken place, with the final re-sult that a refusal was made to pay for any alleged losses. One of the first, if not the first man, to see the body of Peterson lying in the basement was C. E. Taylor. Mr. Taylor declined to talk on the subject, when seen later at his own office, fur-ther than to say "I practically didn't see him. I--his brother-in-law told me who he was," and at this Mr. Taylor flew out of his office, leaving the door open.

open. On the sidewalk a reporter got in just one question: "Was there any difficulty over insurance?" "None at all, none at ail," replied Mr. Taylor, as he hurrledly entered an office other than his own and closed the door.

DEMOCRATS WANT LIGHT ON AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN

Washington, Dec. 23 .- Democratic sena-

Washington, Dec. 23.-Democratic sena-tors have not abandoned their efforts to secure more light on the American-Japanese entents in relation to the fu-ture of China. This is indicated by statements made by Senators Bacon and Money, minority members of the committee on foreign re-lations, that they are not satisfied with Secy. Root's suggestion to the effect that the understanding is not of binding force upon either government. The fact the understanding is not of binding force upon either government. The fact the position assumed by Seey. Root is likely to cause the Democratic senators to bring the subject before the senate. If the Democratic members of the committee should launen into a discus-sion of the understanding and in their speeches deal with the foreign policy of this government some Republican sena-tor is certain to move that the doors be closed and the subject be treated as an executive matter. The motion of any one senator would accomplish this re-sult.

LABOR LEADERS LOSE THEIR CASE

FIFTY-EIGHTH YEAR

Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison Are Sentenced to Terms Of Imprisonment.

ALL ARE RELEASED ON BAIL

Action That of Bucks Stove & Range Co. Which Federationist Put on "Unfair" List.

Injunction Was Issued Forbidding This But Was Disregarded and Above Defendants Became Guilty,

Washington, Dec. 23 .--- The famous contempt case of the Buck Stove & Range company against President Gompers, Vice President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor was decided to-day by Justice Wright of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, adversely to the federation officials. President Gompers was sentenced to 12 month's imprisonment. Mitchell was sentenced to nine months and Morrison to six months. The case grew out of the alleged boycott of the company's products and the putting of that ompany on the unfair list and the federation's alleged violation of Judge Gould's recent mandamus has

attracted wide attention. The Eucks company's prosecution of the officials of the federation bgan in August 1907. The original action was a test case, wherein it was sought to enjoin the labor unions from using the "unfair" and we don't patronize," lists in their "we don't patronize," lists in their fight against firms and individuals. Justice Gould of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, issued an injunction which later was made per-manent, forbidding the publication of the company's name in these lists. President Gompers in an editorial in the Federationist of January last, made known his intention not to obey the court's order, contending that the in-junction issued was in derogation of the injunctive power of the courts. Gompers. Mitchell and Morrison sub-sequently were cited for contempt and

sequently were cited for contempt and this phase of the case has been be-fore the court for many months, the proceedings taking the form of a hear-ing of testimony before an examiner and many arguments. GRANTED BAIL .

Pending an appeal to the United States court of appeals of the Dis-trict of Columbia, all three defend-ants were released on ball, the amount

Gompers, \$5,000; Mitchell, \$4,000; Morrison, \$3,000. A local surety com-pany furnished the bonds. Each of the defendants before sen-

tence was passed upon them statements in response to the made



among the firemen, asking that the fund remain in the custody of Chief Vall. I have heard nothing further from Chief Vail on the matter, except as to his detention at Reno, and sub-sequent release by the authorities on receiving word that he was not want-

ed.' WHO GOT THE MONEY?

What has become of the firemen's fund? Did Cheif Vail appropriate it to his own use? If not, where is the money?

se are questions which are agitating the minds of some of the men be-longing to the fire department of Salt Lake City, although there are members who are not agitated over the matter, and seem to take the fact that no trace of the six or seven thousand dollars that were in the fund a short time ago can be found with indiffer-

ence. It is a well known fact that Chief Vale has not made an accounting of the fund: but it is hinted that oth-ers were in on the division of spolls, and that Chief Vale did not realize the

and that Chief Vale did not realize the entire amount for himself. There is pretty good evidence at hand showing that the fund was handed over to Chief Vale when he took the oath of office as chief of the fire de-partment early in 1906. Chief W. H. Bywater, who was in the office prior to Vale, received the moneys and se-cureties when he went into office from former Chief James Devine, and he deformer Chief James Devine, and he de livered them over to his successor, Charles T. Vale, and took Vale's re-

ceipt for the same. There is also very good evidence to show that Chief Vale did not hand

of the fund, the chief being the cus-todian.

"The fund was formerly one of the departments of our books here, but upon recommendation of the special auditors, who arranged a new system of bookkeeping for the city, the practise of keeping this fund in the department was discontinued, as the audi-tors contended the fund did not prop-erly come under the jurisdiction of the city council. "I was never on terms of intimacy with Chief Vail," further continued Secy. Burnett, "but I knew there were

some difficulties in his family. And I suppose it is this that led Mrs. Vail to write me from Los Angeles, asking me to see her husband and tell him to send her money, as she was suffering for the necessities of life. I saw her husband on the street the next day after receiving the letter, and told him I had received the letter and told him how his wife was situated. the last time I saw him." "That l was taken to the S. M. Taylor under-

MRS. VAIL'S LETTER.

This was the letter from which an extract is printed above, and with the exception of one quotation, is in full as follows:

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 18, 1908. Mr. Burnet: Dear Friend-

I know you will be surprised to hear from me, but my God, I must write to some one to help me. I want you to be kind enough and find out if Mr. Vall is earning any money at all. I have been here since the 24th of August and he hasn't sent me any money, but the worst is he has not even wrote me a letter. Besides I have the baby and Bertha hasn't given me a dollar and Jennie and I are here tied hand and foot, as baby took sick and Jennie had to leave work and help me, as I had placed a board in the door so she could not get in, (as we live in an apartment house) and I forgot and fell over it and struck on the stairs and came near breaking my legs, but my shoulder got the worst. I had been working at the time in Brienia Springs and had a good place, but I had to give it up as I could not work with my shoulder. I am better now than I have been and hope it won't last much longer, but the ques-

tion is I must live and I want you to please let me know if he is making any money at all. I don't want to ever live with him again, but I am determined he must give me some allowance be it ever so small. "Mr. Burnett you will never know

the terrible things he done to me when I tried to save him from doing certain things; there is one man in the department that knows how he

treated me, but thank God he has never said a word, but I guess he would help me, and if I must proceed against him I surely will. But what I want to do, ring him up and tell him you heard from Los Angeles and that you understand that his wife was in terrible circumstances, and perhaps he would do something for me.

"I never thought about writing to you, but Jennie and I here talking about our troubles, and she says Mama, vou. would it do any good to write to Mr. Burnett, I think it would, and so if it's in your power to find out for me do so for I must know something for I am desperate. I don't want you to think that I ever got a cent of that money he squandered for, Mr. Burnett, I never did, not a dollar. I was trying to save him from it and he came very

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Being Seven Months Old;

WOUND IS FATAL

Edgar Emms, Who Was Shot

Friday Morning Dies at

The Hospital.

Hanford announced that would be passed in Holt's case or Edgar Emms, the young man who Jan. 4. The jury deliberatly nearly 34 was shot Friday morning by Albert Richardson, proprietor of the Portland bakery, 550 Second East street, while Emms was robbing the bakery, died at 5 o'clock this morning at St. Mark's hospital from the wound he Public Prosecutor Recommends They received while resisting arrest. The young man was shot in the right side Paris, Dec. 23 .- M. Matter, the public of the back, the bullet penetrating vital prosecutor, was heard today in the suit parts of the abdomen and from the brought by Count Boni de Castellane moment the nature of the wound was known, no hope was held out for his recovery. He displayed remarkable vitality, however, but shortly after last midnight began to sink, and passed away at the time stated. The body

taking parlors and the funeral will be held at the chapel there at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The story of Emms, who was known

to the police as Ames, is a most sad one. About two years ago he was arrested on the charge of grand larceny, the allegation being that he stole a typewriter from a west Second South street office where he acted as janitor. He escaped prosecution on the charge and since that time he and his wife did janltor work in various buildings. say death was due to suicide. Recently he made a living by baking Recently ne made a nying by basing pies and cakes and selling them on the street. It was not known at the time that he had been stealing the supplies for his wares, but on Friday morning he was caught in the act of

robbing the Portland bakery. Mr. Richardson, proprietor of the place, had missed articles from the bakery, such as flour, cakes, pies, sugar, butter, etc., and determined to watch for the thief. Friday morning about 2 o'clock he heard some one in the place and saw Emms turn on an electric light and proceed to gather up what material he wanted. He called upon Emms to stop, but the latter started to run, and Richardson shot him. Emms was taken to the emerhim. Emms was taken to the emer-gency hospital and later to St. Mark's, The man was 26 years of age and was married. He leaves a wife and three children, the youngest being seven months old and the eldest not yet four years of age. Mrs. Emms is grief stricken over the affair, and the family is in straightened circumstances. A few days ago a collection was taken up to help the unfortunate

ones now deprived of a husband and father, and steps are being taken to assist them for the future.

DUTCH WARSHIPS ORDERED TO CEASE THEIR ACTIVITY

The Hague, Dec. 23.-The depart-ments of marine and colonial affairs have sent telegraphic instructions to the commanders of the Dutch wars in Venezuelan waters to cease further activity against Venezuela.

RELATIONS WITH VENEZUELA. Washington Probably Will Soon Re-

sume Them.

Washington, Dec, 23.--A resumption of American diplomatic relations with Venezuela is at hand.

of Bandsman Johnson May S. at Something of the Case Refuse Fort Worden, the penalty is fixed by To Discuss It. law at imprisonment for life, Judge sentence

Bulletin-2:30 p. m.-A. M. Peteron died at St. Marks' hospital at 2:20 this afternoon.

Those Who the Police Think Know

A. M. Peterson, aged about 45 years. proprietor of the Baltimore oyster and coffee house, 55 west First South street, shot himself in the mouth at 11:35 this morning in the basement of the building. He is now at St. Mark's

hospital and there is no possibility of his recovery from the wound.

The bullet, from a .32 caliber hammerless revolver, entered the mouth at the margin of the of the gums and ranged upward into the brain. The left in the custody of their mother, hemorrhage forced the right eye practically out of its socket and brain tis-

sue was scattered over the man's face and hat. He was taken to the emergency hospital immediately after the shooting and Dr. Stewart, city physi-New York, Dec. 23 .- Frederick A cian, was summoned. The physician Burnham, former president of the Mudid what he could to stop the flow of tual Reserve Life Insurance company, blood and ordered Peterson sent to the was found dead in bed in his home at hospital. Dr. Stewart stated that the 68 East Seventy-eighth street this bullet had pentrated the brain and morning of gas poisoning. The police that there was practically no chance whatever of recovery.

The Mutual Reserve went into the For some time Peterson has conhands of receivers in February last. ducted the restaurant at the place President Burnham, his brother George named. Last Sunday night there was Burnham, Jr., the treasurer of the a fire in the building and his stock was considerably damaged. The place company, and George D. Eldredge, the was closed for repairs and was to have actuary, were indicted on charges of been opened at 8 o'clock this morning. larceny and forgery which grew out Peterson was there in company with a of an alleged payment of the funds of brother-in-law, Gus Lind, and a cook the company in satisfaction of pernamed John Granfelt, and two or three sonal claims against some of its officers. others. Peterson went into the base-George Burnham, Jr., was tried on the ment, a long dark room under the charge of larceny, convicted and senrestaurant while the others were uptenced to serve two years in prison, but stairs. Suddenly a shot was heard and those upstairs hastened to the base-ment. Lind was first to reach the place and found Peterson weltering in the appellate division of the suprema court set aside this verdict and Burnham was released. The case against Frederick A. Burnham had not come his blood on the cold stone floor. Word was telephoned to the police station, and Detective Burt, Jailer Ripley, Patrol Driver Moore and a "News" re-porter hurried to the scene. Peterson porter hurried to the scene. Feterson was lying on the floor meaning pitcous-ly, but unconscious. By his side was a small hammerless revolver, and upon examination it was found that every

MYSTERIOUS SURROUNDINGS.

There is an air of mystery surrounding the tragedy, inasmuch as those who were with Peterson this morning re-fused to talk about the affair, giving evasive answers to questions asked by

the authorities and newspaper men. Both Lind and Granfelt say they heard the shot and rushed down the stairs, but they denied all knowledge of the cause of the frightful act. They de cause of the frightful act. They de-clared that Peterson's home life was happy, and they did not believe that financial worry was the cause, but the latter reason is most strongly ad-

As an argument in favor of discussing As an argument in favor of discussing the question in legislative session the Democrats have determined to use Secy. ing contains no obligation upon either Root's explanation that the understand-the United States or Japan. By forcing Republican members to ask that the doors be closed the position of the min-ority, it is said, will be strengthened It is assumed by the Democrats that un less the matters covered by the entents should be the subject of a treaty there can be no good reason for closing the can be no good reason for closing the doors. A discussion of the subject in the senate will create an interesting situation.

CHICAGO AND GOVERNMENT HAVE A WATER QUESTION

Chicago, Dec. 23 .- Attorneys and engineers representing the United States government and the sanitary district have been in conference at the fed-eral building in an attempt to reach an agreement with regard to the government's suit to enjoin the sanitary district's proposed scheme to divert the flow of the Calumet river and double the amount of water taken daily from Lake Michigan. The problem to be determined is whether the diverting of the flow of the Calumet river and con-sequent taking of an additional five thousand cubic feet of water per secthe level of the lake Michigan will lower the level of the lake so as to render useless for large vessels the harbors on the lake which the government has

SACRED DUTY OF EVERY WOMAN TO BECOME A VENUS

constructed.

Chicago, Dec. 23 .-- Susanne Cocroft, n an address to her sex, says it is the sacred duty of every woman to become a Venus.

"Glossy hair, pearly teeth, the glistening eye," said Miss Cocroft, "are not signs of woman's vanity. They are the powerful tools that she may wield for good, and it is her duty to use them. Beauty is educative. A graceful statue. a beautiful landscape, educates and inspires. Why should not the graceful form or the beautiful face do

"Nowadays men haven't time to visit art galleries, but woman can bring the beauties of the art galleries into the home. Every woman can be a Venus. You can't change bone, to be sure, but you can change the mold of flesh to suit yourself."

BATHHOUSE JOHN" NOT GUILTY

Chicago, Dec. 23.-Alderman "Bath-house" John Coughlin, accused of as-sault and battery on a newspaper photographer named Atwell, was found not guilty today.

PATENTS FOR WESTERNERS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23-John R. Cortner has been appointed post-

master at Jireh, Converse Co., Wyo., vice Theron S. Grant, resigned. Patents issued: Utah E. A. Midge-ly Salt Lake City, gradmated low happy, and they did not believe that financial worry was the cause, but the latter reason is most strongly ad-vanced. Peterson lived with his wife and three daughters at 126 Sixth East. For many years he conducted a bakery near the

statements in response to the usual inquiry if they had anything to say. Judge Wright's decision was a scathing denunclation of the defend-ants. He recited the conditions an teceding the injunction and referred

to the fact that for 25 years the Buck plant had operated as a 10 hour shop and always had maintained an open shop. He also spoke of the numerical strength of the American Federation of Labor with its 2,000,000 members, and of its repeated endorsement of the boycott of the Buck Stove & Range company, through the American Fedrationist, the federation's official orerationist, the federation's official or-gan, speeches by the defendants, let-ters, circulars, etc. The court referred to the use of the "we don't patronize" list and "unfair" Jist of the labor or-ganizations. and said that members of labor unions were forced and coerc-ed into supporting it "whether indivi-dually willing a unwaiting

ed into supporting it whether indivi-dually willing or unwilling, approving or disapproving" by various methods. The court read extracts from numbers of resolutions of labor organizations bearing on the Buck case as tending to show the methods of influencing mem-bers of unions "and these methods" the court remarked, "seem to be as

"The customers of the stove company, the court said have been intimidated, browbeaten and coerced out of their business relations with their customers "by direct interference with and boy-cott of their (the customers') trade re-lations with their own customers and the public generally."

LEADERS STAND ENDORSED.

During the convention of the American Federation of Labor in this city last month, President Gompers in speaking of the possibility of a jail sentence being imposed upon him in connection with the injunction pro-ceedings of the Buck Stove & Range ceedings of the Buck Slove & Range company, then pending in Washing-ton, declared from the rostrum that he would go to jail rather than pay any fine for his action. Vice President Mitchell and Secy. Morrison made statements of a similar nature. While it was the sense of the convention that t was the sense of the convention that every legal step should be taken to keep the federation officials out of jail. the delegates were practically unan-imous in the endorsement of the stand taken by their leaders.

PITTSBURG COUNCILMEN **ARRAIGNED IN COURT**

Pittsburg, Dec. 23 .- When the seven councilmen and two former bankers. arrested here Monday night as a result of alleged corruption in the city's legislative circles were arraigned today before Police Magistrate F. J. Brady for a preliminary hearing, a great crowd of big and little politicians were gathered in the vicinity of the central police station, but few of them were allowed to enter as almost every inch

of available space was taken up by the defendants, their attorneys and friends, and a large force of newspapermen.

The first case taken up was that of W. W. Ramsey and A. A. Vilsack, for-mer president and cashier of the German National bank, National Bank Exis testimony alleged that Capt. Johr Klein, a councilman, had approached the bankers about making the bank a city depositary and that \$17,500 later had disappeared from the bank in a sensational and interesting manner. Both defendants were held for court

trial on charges of alleged conspiracy and bribery. Their bonds of \$14,000 each were renewed.

trial, and it was understood that it would not be prosecuted unless that against his brother George was eventually won by the prosecution. A civil suit to collect some funds al-leged to have been paid in settlement of personal claims had lately been instituted against one of the officers of RNEGIE BELIEVED TO BE BACK IN STEEL BUSINESS

CARNEGIE BELIEVED TO BE

Chicago, Dec. 23 .- The Record-Herald

the company.

in a news article under a New York

date says: : "The impression gained in many quarters from Andrew Carnegie's testimony before the house ways and means committee that the Laird of Skibo is back in the steel business again is further strengthened in Wall street, where it is reported on what was said to be excellent authority that he is the real power in Charles M. Schwab's Washington. Dec, 23.—A resumption of American diplomatic relations with Venezuela is at hand. An official communication has been

against his former wife, who was Miss Anna Gould, in which he asks that the ustody of his three children be awarded to his mother. The public prosecu-tor recommended that the children be

F. A. BURNHAM, FORMERLY OF MUTUAL RESERVE, DEAD

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