

## UNION REFUSES BOYLE AID

### Votes Deny \$500 and Confidence and Almost Oust Agent.

### "FAKE STORY" DENOUNCED.

### Opponents Declare Twisted Version an Election Trick.

Instead of voting \$5,000 for the defense of M. J. Boyle, assistant business agent, and giving the convicted labor official a "vote of confidence," the Electrical Workers' union at a meeting Thursday evening refused to appropriate \$500 requested by the advisory board, and Boyle also came within a few votes of being requested to resign.

What actually took place transpired yesterday. The story given out by Boyle's sympathizers was declared by members who are anxious to rid the organization of grafters to be absolutely false.

Instead of there being 800 members present there were only 200. Boyle's opponents declared the "fake story" was given out to influence the absent members in favor of the reelection of Business Agent Harvey Raven, to whom Boyle owes his appointment as assistant business agent.

#### "Vote of Confidence" Twisted.

What Boyle twisted into a "vote of confidence" was the defeat by a narrow margin of a motion requesting the convicted official's resignation. It was said the motion was defeated by only three votes.

Following this action, the executive board asked for an appropriation of \$500 to be spent by the advisory board "for the good of the union." Boyle's opponents at once mustered for a fight. After the vote was recorded the attempt to aid Boyle was defeated by a large majority.

In a final and desperate effort one of Boyle's friends made a motion to give him a vote of confidence, and this was defeated by an overwhelming majority.

It was declared that the story given out by Boyle's friends also might have an influence on the election to be held today in the Sheet Metal Workers' union, in which a strong fight is being made against the reelection of Business Agent Fred A. Pouchot, convicted with Boyle and "Skinny" Madden of conspiracy to extort money from building owners and contractors.

#### Predict Defeat of Pouchot.

Members of the "anti-Pouchot" element declared they are confident of electing Thomas Walsh. The election will be held from 12 o'clock noon until 7 o'clock this evening.

In the Electrical Workers' union the election will be held on June 26. Business Agent Raven was renominated two weeks ago. The probabilities are that additional nominations will be made within the next week.

Arguments on the motion for a new trial for Madden, Boyle, and Pouchot were continued by Judge McSurely until June 25, because Attorney James T. Brady is engaged in a lawsuit in South Bend, Ind.

Assistant State's Attorney Short said there would be no attempt to proceed with the thirteen remaining indictments against Madden, Boyle, Pouchot, and James Christensen until the motion for a new trial is disposed of.

#### Commissioner Keefe in City.

Commissioner of Immigration Daniel C. Keefe, former international president of the Longshoremen's union, arrived in Chicago in the afternoon and registered at the Kaiserhof hotel. He deprecated the story that he was ineligible to a seat in the convention of the union to be held in Galveston, Tex., next month. Commissioner Keefe said he was visiting the various immigration stations. He will leave this morning for Seattle and a tour along the Pacific coast.

#### Charles MacDonald, Bookseller, Ill.

For the first time in years Charles MacDonald, proprietor of the periodical and bookshop in the Stewart building and a familiar figure in downtown Chicago, is missing from his post of duty. Patrons were informed yesterday that Mr. MacDonald is seriously ill and has been taken to an out of town sanitarium for recovery from pernicious anemia.