

# DEMANDS POLICE

## "SECRET SERVICE"

### Council Committee in Report Urges Card Index System to Trace Criminals.

#### SAYS REBUILD FORCE.

### Outlines Plan of Reorganization from Top to the Bottom of Department.

Chicago is to have a secret service bureau, patterned after those of European cities, as an adjunct to its police department, if the recommendations of the aldermanic subcommittee on police reorganization are followed. This is one of the chief features of its report, which was submitted yesterday to the council committee on schools, fire, police, and civil service.

Establishment of a bureau upon the lines of the one in Paris, it is believed by the committee, would mean a vast decrease in the number of Chicago crimes and the detection of hundreds which now go unsolved.

Such a secret service would include the tagging of every known criminal and the keeping of a complete card index of the history and movements of every resident of the city with criminal tendencies or connections.

#### Detective Bureau Radically Wrong.

The report declares there is something radically wrong with the detective bureau, but admits the investigators have not been able to locate the basic weakness. The aldermen advise a thorough study of the secret service bureaus in Europe and a similar study of the detective systems and methods in the other city police departments of America. It is advised that a special commission be appointed for this purpose.

As the first step in cataloguing police characters the report advises that a card index be established at once in each police station.

A special meeting of the council committee will be held tomorrow night to consider the report on police reorganization, which was submitted by the subcommittee composed of Aids. Richert, Harding, and Block. They recommended a reorganization of the department which practically means the entire dissolution of the present structure and its rebuilding from top to bottom.

#### Plan to Reorganize Force.

The chief innovations of the newly formulated plan as tabulated in the report are as follows:

The division of functions of the department of police into two grand subdivisions—the active force, under a first assistant superintendent of police; and the clerical, mechanical, and inspection force, under a second assistant superintendent of police, both assistant superintendents reporting to the superintendent of police.

The abolition of police districts and the reduction of the number of precincts to twenty-five, each to be in command of a captain. The captains are to be held strictly accountable for violations of all laws, ordinances, and police regulations within their respective precincts.

Provision for a card index system at each station, giving the name, description, haunts, habits, associates, and relatives of every person of known bad character residing in or frequenting each precinct.

Provision for the drawing of officers detailed to the detective division and to duty in citizen's dress from appropriate civil service eligible lists.

Consolidation of the men assigned to traffic duty, foot and mounted, under one commander.

Consolidation so far as practicable of departmental records in the secretary's office.

Creation of an inspection division not only to inspect the personnel and property of the department, but also of moral conditions in the city.

Creation by ordinance of a school of instruction for recruits.

#### What Citizens Demand.

"In 1912," says the report, "there was appropriated for salaries of sergeants and patrolmen \$5,683,500, providing a complement of 389 sergeants and approximately 4,000 patrolmen, total 4,389. Of this number 600 are assigned to the detective bureau or traveling in citizen's dress out of precinct stations, and 1,200 on various kinds of special duty."

Mayor Harrison expressed himself pleased with the reorganization report as far as he had considered it. He praised especially the features intended to loosen the hold of politicians on the force and the method of taking care of the vice problems.