

## TY OFFICIALS GO ON STAND IN FUNK TRIAL

Mayor Carter H. Harrison, Corporation Counsel Sexton and a score of prominent lawyers and judges were put on the stand as character witnesses when the defense opened today in the trial of two alleged conspirators in the plot to "get" Clarence S. Funk, who was a witness against ex-Senator Lorimer, and the defense created surprise by announcing that, neither Attorney Donahoe nor Detective Steffel, the accused men, would be put on the stand.

This sudden change of plans by counsel for the defense promised a speedy ending of the trial. It was reported that the defense would rely solely upon the character witnesses and would not attempt to combat the confessions of Mrs. Josephine Henning, John G. Henning and others who testified that they were tools in the plot to ruin Funk. Arguments are expected to begin Saturday morning and the case may go to the jury before Monday.

Myo rHarrison swore that he had known Attorney Donahoe for nearly 40 years, and testified to his good reputation for honesty and integrity prior to his indictment. Other witnesses who had known Donahoe for from 10 to 30 years made the same statements, and the defense expected to put on character witnesses for Steffel late this afternoon.

Among others who testified for Donahoe today were Circuit Judges Frank Baker and J. M. Walker; Superior Court Judges J. H. Fitch, Arthur Gridley and J. M. McSurely and Deputy Sheriff J. W. Peters.

## BLEW OUT THE GAS—DEAD

Two brothers, Anton and John Bojczuk, of Horendka, Austria, lost their lives today because they failed to heed the warning, "Don't blow out the gas."

The men arrived in Chicago yesterday and registered at the Adams Hotel, 515 W. Adams street. They

were shown their room by the clerk. Ten hours later John Cosack, who had the adjoining room, smelled escaping gas. He notified the clerk and they rushed into the room occupied by the brothers. They were both dead.

## DIVORCE SUIT THE OUTCOME OF SUN CULT AFFAIR

Dr. Ottoman Zar Adusht Hanish's discredited sun cult has broken up another family. The attempted sacrifice of her two children to the fantastic ideas of the sun worshippers has proven too much for Mrs. Anna M. Plainer and yesterday she filed suit for divorce against Anton Plainer, 1517 N. Park avenue, one of Doc Hanish's train-bearers.

Mrs. Plainer, through her attorney, Charles G. Hoffman, alleges that Plainer desired to have Hanish make gods of their two children, and that in order to become "gods" the children were made to suffer by the rites of the sun cult.

The bill says: "Your orator shows unto your honors that the defendant is a member of the cult conducted under the leadership of one Hanish and that in the exercise of the cult defendant will not allow complainant to prepare any food necessary for the proper nourishment of herself and growing children and compelled her to follow certain dictations of the Hanish cult, which are contrary to all ideas of civilized conduct."

Attorney Hoffman says that Plainer forced his wife to practice all sorts of ridiculous exercises. Plainer, according to the lawyer, used to make her take some sort of a water cure to clean out the evil influences and also make her sit and gaze at one spot on the wall for hours to promote concentration.

Mrs. Plainer says her husband comes from a wealthy Austrian family.

The sun cult worshippers are expected to put up a fight to keep the Hanish charges out of the bill.