

charging him with contributing to delinquency of minors.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Officials of the American Federation of Labor and the United Trades and Labor Council of Buffalo today officially recognized the strike of the department store girls here. They will take charge of the situation.

### THE CURRAN COMMISSION GOES DEEPER INTO BABY-PLACING

The Curran committee dug deeper into Chicago's baby-placing business this morning, finding out something about the business of the Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society.

R. J. Bennett, the president of the society, was on the grill, and didn't appear to know much about its business.

When asked about sending babies out of the state, he said the society hadn't done it for 10 years, but had confined its operations to Illinois—although he was confronted with the fact that 53 children had been sent out of the state.

His attention was called to an advertisement of the society saying that young colored children would be found homes among families of their own race, while "larger colored children would be found homes with white families where they can render such services as are peculiar to southern families."

Asked if that didn't mean slavery, Bennett said: "No. Slavery was abolished in 1861."

Member Lloyd of the committee said slavery hadn't been abolished when colored children were turned over to white families, which of course wouldn't adopt them, but where they would be slaves.

Then Chairman Curran went after Bennett.

"You have been buffaloing the public so long," said Curran, "that you think you are immune and nobody can reach you. As president of that organization you don't appear to

know what it is doing. You fellows appear to control this child-finding business, and you've been getting away with it before different committees and think you are immune before the law. We'll have to take you before the bar."

The president and directors appeared to know nothing about what the society did except that so many children were placed, just like the distribution of so much merchandise.

Mrs. Lillian Soper, 5912 Lafayette street, said her daughter Pearl had been taken by the society and sent to Milwaukee, and that Mrs. Stebens, the matron at Evanston, and Mrs. Donaldsen, the assistant superintendent, refused to give her her daughter's address.

### SALVATION ARMY SENDS HALF OF COLLECTIONS OUT OF U. S.

The Curran legislative commission did not get very far in its probe of the Salvation Army yesterday afternoon.

Commander Thomas Estill, in charge of the Army in the western states, was summoned before the commission, chiefly because the commission was curious about what was done with the Army Christmas collections.

Estill could not tell them much about it, but he did make the rather startling admission that \$29,163 of the money collected by the Salvation Army in America last year had been sent out of America.

The proportionate amount of this can be gauged by Estill's sworn statement that the Army's collections in the western states for the same year only amounted to \$28,967. On that basis, the Army apparently sends about 50 per cent of the money it collects out of America.

Estill said his salary was \$35 a week, and that the salary of Sueton, financial secretary for the western states, was only \$27.50.

Mary Bartelme, judge of the girls' division of the Juvenile Court, was