

“Crime and the Civic Cancer—Graft”

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FOREWORD.

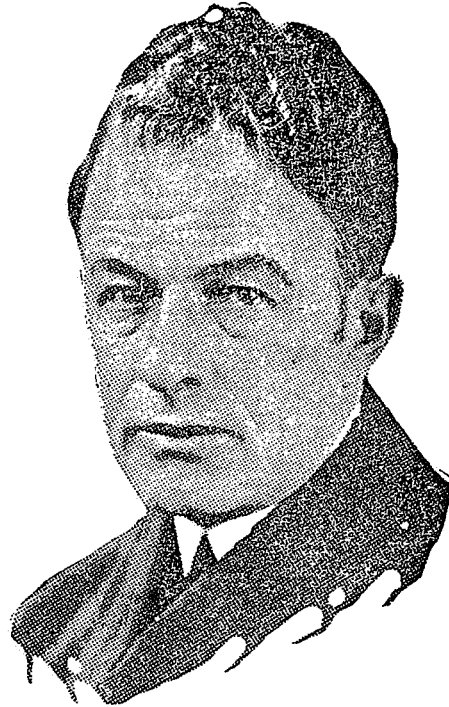
There were many occasions of crucial concern to the cause of good government in Chicago during the term, which was concluded last month, of Chief Justice M. L. McKinley in the Criminal court of Cook county.

To the public, which, perhaps, had lost hope of finding an official who not only would remain faithful to his trust but would uphold aggressively the cause of justice at every opportunity, Chief Justice McKinley's administration of his powerful office was a revelation, inspiring anew the belief that the rule of crime and graft in this community can be overthrown.

Convinced that the force of his example to all other local law-enforcing officers is important to the civic welfare, The Daily News has prevailed upon Judge McKinley to tell his conclusions about conditions in Chicago that have caused crime and graft to flourish.

"CRIME AND THE CIVIC CANCER—GRAFT" is the result—a remarkable series of seventeen articles in which Judge McKinley gives the "Inside" story of the influences that make crime and criminals, break down the morale and besmirch the characters of men in public office and cause the citizens to despair of even-handed law-enforcement.

In preparing these articles Judge McKinley has faced the facts in the same fearless manner that he made himself a terror to crooks and grafters of high and low degree while supervising the work of the Criminal court. The series is no vainglorious review of the remarkable record made by Judge McKinley and his associate judges in the reduction of pending cases to their lowest level in twenty-five years, nor is it a sugar-coated "study" of the psychology of crime.



JUDGE MICHAEL L. MCKINLEY.
[By Fred Wagner.]

Rather is it the record of positive impressions on "What's Wrong with Chicago," written by the man who more than any one else is responsible for uncovering the school board scandals, the syndicates controlling commercialized vice and gambling, the city hall graft rings and the "fixers" and bail-bond "runners" of the Criminal court.

In addition the series presents an interesting analysis of the reasons why a "stop-and-go" system of law enforcement in Cook county results in Chicago shuttling back and forth between crime waves and crime drives. It is, in short, a vigorous and fearless portrayal of the evils of corrupt government as reflected in the far-reaching demoralization wrought by protected vice and crime.