

MAYOR'S LIFE IS THREATENED

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Fanatic Warns Mayor Carlson To
Change Policy or Suffer Death
by Assassination. ×

LETTER GIVEN TO POLICE

Writer Expressed Glee Over Defeat
of Milk Plant but Complains of
Retention of Police
Woman on City
Payroll.

In an anonymous letter, full of vile threats, indecent accusations and Bolshevik sentiments, received yesterday morning, the life of Mayor Samuel A. Carlson was threatened. The text of the letter, written apparently by an illiterate and a fanatic, is so vile that it is impossible to publish its contents.

In three places the writer threatened to cut the Mayor's head off, or to put a "bullet through your heart." In another part the writer waxed poetic and warned the Mayor that unless he gets rid of some of his ideas "he would never live to see the robins this spring." It ends by stating "take warning, there is blood after this letter, and it is your blood."

The letter has been turned over to the police. If the author is found he will face serious charges, not only for making threats upon the life of the Mayor, but for sending obscene matter through the mail. This latter charge might land him in a Federal prison.

There seems to have been two causes which prompted the disgruntled citizen to pen the epistle. One is the Mayor's scheme for a milk plant recently defeated at the polls, and the other the retention of the police woman in the employ of the city.

The letter opened with a profane burst of language referring with great glee to the recent defeat of the milk plant proposition and closes with another outburst in which the Mayor was informed that "thousands are out of work and business shot to hell."

"I have received other threats to cut my heart out," said the Mayor, "but this letter was the vilest message that ever came to me."

He said, however, that he was not worried over the possibilities of assassination and that he did not take the matter seriously. He believes the writer is a degenerate who should be treated as a public nuisance rather than a menace to society.