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## FORMER MAYOR CARLSON ABSENT FROM CEREMONY

Altho called back to the public service today by his appointment as a member of the Board of Public Utilities, Mayor Emeritus Samuel A. Carlson was forced to remain away from the city inaugural ceremonies because of a cold. It was the first time he had missed participation in a municipal inauguration in 46 years.

Mr. Carlson attended his first inauguration in 1893 when he took office as a member of the old Common Council to represent the Fourth ward. He was reelected two years later, but resigned before his term expired to accept an appointment to the Board of Public Works.

For 10 years he served on that board. After a brief period out of office he returned to City hall as mayor in 1908. Today was the first time in 31 years that he has not participated in the inaugural ceremony either as the incoming or outgoing mayor.

Starting in 1908 Mr. Carlson was elected mayor for nine successive terms. This was followed by two years of retirement during the administration of the late Lars A. Larson. In 1930 Mr. Carlson returned to the mayor's office. In 1934 he yielded the post again, this time to the way for the first administration headed by Mayor Leonerts. In 1935 he returned last term as mayor.