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As soon as I came to get the "feel" of my new position I investigated the quarantine of men and women and demanded that the council give me better quarters to house them. This was *consistently refused on one plea or another until the date of my leaving office.*

I called a congress of the Northwest to consider the "vice" question from a new angle—the sanitary one. Doctor McBride, the Commissioner of Public Health, redoubled his efforts, and within ninety days after I became mayor, we cut the *rate of diseased soldiers drafted from Seattle* from four out of one hundred to one out of one hundred. The vice congress spread to other states and during the war Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, because of the quarantine of the infected, led the government list. In other words, fewer of our soldiers were found infected upon going to camp than those from any other part of the nation. Despite his wonderful work Doctor McBride became the target of every pacifist, every I. W. W., every pro-German, and every vice profiteer in the city. Everyone who was against the war was against the quarantine.

One man, who pulls teeth by day and practises law by night, had supported me for mayor, as I thought, because he believed I would serve the people. In reality, as I afterward learned, he supported me because he thought I would serve him and his crowd. He haunted my offices continually and waged an open fight against the quarantine station, and collected \$1,100, under the guise of attorney fees, from five inmates, these particular inmates being the ones he was trying to have me release. One member of the City Coun-