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ANSWER TO SUIT OF FINNISH WORKERS IS FILED.

Objectors to Hall Reaffirm the Charges Which Were Made Basis for Damage Claim.

Denial that they maliciously attacked the Finnish Workers' association and were an instrumentality in having the workers' hall at Montana and Fremont streets closed to dances during all of last December and part of November and January, is set forth in an answer filed by Mr. and Mrs. Ole Wagbo and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Harper to the \$5700 damage suit of the Finnish Workers' association in the circuit court yesterday.

The city commissioners revoked the dance license of the hall on November 27, 1918, following a petition headed by the Wagbos and Harpers and signed by about 40 persons, which had been presented the city fathers complaining about boisterous conduct and drunken orgies in the hall. The license was restored January 8, 1919.

The defendants assert that they had nothing to do with the circulation of the petition in question and that they had signed it and furnished affidavits requested at the solicitation of Frank H. Brown. The plaintiffs maintain that Brown was attorney for the defendants.

Malice is disclaimed, but the assertions contained in their affidavits are reiterated by the affiants as truth. The Harpers accused the frequenters of the hall with molesting women who passed by, in particular calling out at one time "There goes Cutey" when their eldest daughter passed the hall.

The Harpers and the Wagbos own property adjacent to the hall. The suit against them was filed January 27, 1919.
