

# MASKED ATTACK BY INTERESTS SEEN IN MACHOLD PLAN

Would Not Only Stop Lockwood But Cut Off County Expense Inquiry.

MEANS G. O. P. SCRAP.

Governor Expected to Fight for Taxation Committee—Lockwood's Friends Busy.

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ALBANY, Feb. 3.—That there is a strong delegation here to destroy the further efficacy of the Lockwood Taxation Committee, by discontinuing its existence, is becoming more apparent, but the motives behind the move have not yet been displayed on the political screen.

Speaker H. Edmund Machold of the Assembly declared to-day that he has not the Lockwood Committee especially in mind in his opposition to the longer life of special standing committees. He wants them all cleaned off the slate, including the Tax Committee, which is one of Gov. Miller's

pets and for which it is understood a lot more work has been mapped out for the coming year.

The Taxation Committee, it is remembered, has been especially charged with the work of investigating the increased cost of the administration of county governments, against which the Chief Executive inveighed so bitterly in his recent message. The Republican State Executive Committee, two weeks ago, sent word to all the up-State leaders to get ready to be investigated. Gov. Miller was mad clean through, it is said, for the reason that the increased costs of local governments had spoiled the results of his economical programme and knocked out a big part of the saving

intended. Should the Speaker of the House be successful in carrying out his scheme for the abolition of all special committees there wouldn't be any investigation into the increased costs of county governments. This would be very satisfactory to the up-State Republican leaders, for every county rapped by the Governor for his extravagance of its local administration is in control of Republicans. The results of an investigation might not make very good campaign literature for the elections this fall.

Mr. Machold said to-day that he would not oppose commissions taking

the place of committees whose lives expire on March 1. The commissions, he said, might be made up from the Legislature but they would have to be created by the passage of bills in both houses, which would have to be signed by the Governor. "And," added the speaker, "the best of reasons would have to be given for the commissions."

So far as is known Mr. Machold's plan is his own. Senator Clayton B. Lusk, majority leader in the Upper House, said there had been no conference in which he or any other leaders had participated with the Governor, and that the matter was

entirely new to him. Senator Frederick M. Davenport, Chairman of the Taxation Committee, was surprised, to say the least. He has devoted some years to the study of the State's taxation problem and has been working in unison with Gov. Miller on the subject since the Governor came into office.

Minority Leader Donoghue of the Assembly, while not committing his party to the continuance of the Lockwood Committee, took the opposite view of Speaker Machold with regard to its being wiped off the slate. "I would have to be shown very good reasons," he said, "before vot-

ing to abolish it. No one can deny that the Committee has done good work, for its results have been practical and still stand. To refuse to extend its life now would be considered in the light of victory for the rapacious landlords whose claws have been clipped by its work.

"I don't think there is any opposition in either House to the extension of the Emergency Rent Laws—at least, I haven't heard of any. The continuance of the laws, to my mind, is reason enough for the continuance of the committee. If the committee were to remain in existence another year it would be notice to the profiteering

landlords that there was still a power to appeal to from any wrongdoing on their part."

Another prominent member of the minority said the move to wipe out all the committees looked like a smoke screen for the real object of attack, the Lockwood committee. From this viewpoint of politics, he said, it would be the obvious method of forcing legislation against the committee. Members of other committees might be impelled to vote against the continuance of the Lockwood committee in order that their own committees be spared.

Speaker Machold's plan to eliminate the committees, whatever may be behind it, is sure to create a disruption in the ranks of the G. O. P. One thing must be said for the Speaker: During his career in the Legislature he has always fought for retrenchment in State expenditures.

The fact that Majority Leader Lusk is not a party to the Machold plan would probably cut little figure with the Speaker. It was he alone who at the last session stopped the passage of the bill which would have broadened the powers of the Moreland act to allow the Governor to appoint an investigator at any time to investigate, on his own account, the affairs of any city.

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