

MITCHEL TO PICK AIDS BY MERIT

Mayor-Elect Back from Picturesque Trip, Ready for Work.

NO APPOINTMENTS BEFORE DECEMBER 31

Organization Will Not Rule Cabinet—Woods May Get Police Job.

John Purroy Mitchel became Mayor-elect again when he stepped down the gangplank of the steamer Tenadores, of the United Fruit Company's service, at Pier 15, East River, at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

He did not even allow himself to think of the make-up of his Cabinet. He avoided every formality, declining many invitations for social affairs.

"He seems like a great big boy," was the expression of many strangers as they saw him watching for a chance to use the rifle on an alligator or a bird, or turkey trotting with Mrs. Mitchel on the deck of the boat.

Mr. Mitchel comes back thoroughly rested and ready to tackle the big civic problems.

It is literally true that he has not selected one member of his Cabinet. He does not even know who his secretary will be.

It is safe to say that Mr. Adams may have about what he wants, within the bounds of reason, in the way of appointment under the Mayor.

Plans for Appointments.

One thing the Mayor-elect has decided. It is that he will not announce any of the members of his Cabinet before December 31, as announced by wireless in The Tribune yesterday.

Today Mr. Mitchel will go over the applications and suggestions received up to date.

Mr. Mitchel has made it clear that his appointments are to be primarily for merit, and not for political considerations.

A day or so before he landed the Mayor-elect made two declarations.

"Will any of your appointments be made in a view of building up a new Democratic organization in the city or state?" he asked.

"To allow any of my appointments to be dictated by any such idea would be violative of pledges I repeatedly made in the campaign. Not one will be dictated by any such considerations."

Mr. Mitchel added that, of course, he was in sympathy with the movement, but that was all.

When asked if he would consider the various organizations taking a part in his campaign in the making of appointments Mr. Mitchel replied:

"Such consideration will be subject to the paramount requirement of efficiency and capacity."

Mr. Mitchel will, of course, consult with Samuel S. Koenig, as head of the Republican organization; Ozden L. Mills, who was his personal campaign manager; Francis W. Bird, of the Progressives, and other leaders. He wants their ideas. But the decisions are to be his alone.

Today Mr. Mitchel will probably decide where he will make his headquarters until January 1.

It is certain that changes in all the departments will not be announced even on December 31.

Will Make Haste Slowly.

There are some departments where Mr. Mitchel feels he can take his time in finding men of his own selection. Others, however, he is determined to have managed by men of his own mind from the first minute. Chief of these, of course, is the Police Department.

Arthur H. Woods, formerly Deputy Commissioner and a close friend of Mr. Mitchel, is a possibility, both because of his experience in and knowledge of the department and because of his absolute integrity.

However, Mr. Mitchel is not at all convinced that it would not be better to get a powerful organizer and administrator from the outside. He was wonderfully impressed with the ability of George W. Goethals, governor of the Panama Canal Zone.

Mr. Goethals probably won't be through with his present work for another year. The master of the canal work is just the type of man Mr. Mitchel wants.

Next in importance Mr. Mitchel regards the post of Corporation Counsel. This appointment will be absolutely personal and the appointee will be both personally well known to the Mayor and the ablest lawyer who is willing to accept the place.

Lamar Hardy, the lawyer who was a member of the vacation party, has been mentioned by some.

Among other places Mr. Mitchel is determined to fill before the first of the year are Fire Commissioner, Charities, Correction and City Chamberlain.

It is not at all unlikely that Mayor

MAYOR-ELECT AND MRS. MITCHEL.



Kline will become a commissioner in the Mitchel administration.

Mr. Mitchel knew nothing about the movement for Dr. Harvey W. Wiley for Health Commissioner.

Mr. Mitchel and his party inspected the great Gatun end of the Panama Canal after the date of the last letter from The Tribune correspondent.

Tuesday, November 25, Colonel Goethals took the Mitchel party over the great Gatun dam and explained the locks.

In the afternoon they saw Colon, and sailed at 5 o'clock for Bocas del Toro. It is understood there that the United States is considering the establishment of a coaling station and naval base at this port.

The Mitchel party, after landing, travelled through thirty-five miles of banana fields. Mr. Mitchel had his rifle and two revolvers, but did not get a shot.

He wielded a machete, however, and learned how to cut down bananas.

In the evening the party was invited to dinner with Captain L. H. Porter at the home of one of the local officials of the United Fruit Company.

Thanksgiving morning the Tenadores sailed for Port Limon. W. E. Mullins, manager of the Costa Rica division of the United Fruit Company, who had travelled down from New York on the Tenadores, took the party in charge.

He had arranged to have entertained at the home of R. K. Thomas, superintendent of the Santa Clara division of the company, in the cattle country, sixty-five miles from Port Limon.

There, at "Salvador," in Guapiles, the party ate their Thanksgiving dinner.

Tiger Hunt Was Arranged.

For the benefit of the Mayor-elect a tiger hunt was arranged the following morning.

Riding a wiry little Spanish pony, Mr. Mitchel dashed through the wild country, over seemingly impossible barriers.

There were eight native hunters, but Mr. Hardy was the only other member of the Mitchel party to engage in the sport.

No tigers were seen, but two deer were killed.

Once Mr. Mitchel's head caught in an overhanging vine and he was dragged to the rocks as the pony was going at a full gallop.

How near New York City was to losing its future Mayor few will ever know.

The following day the party went almost back to Limon to strike the main line of the Northern Railway for San José.

Mr. Mitchel was enthusiastic over the wonderful scenery that he viewed on this part of the trip.

Mr. Mitchel called on President Jimenez of Costa Rica as soon as he arrived.

In the evening the President ordered the national band, one of the most famous in Central or South America, to serenade Mr. Mitchel.

He also had the Teatro Nacional, the famous San José Opera House, opened specially. Senorita Maria Mayoral sang and played, so the party could judge the acoustic properties.

Visit Paid to Old Church.

On Sunday morning the Mayor-elect went to mass in the cathedral, and in the afternoon took an automobile ride and inspected some of the national institutions.

Early on Monday morning the party returned to Port Limon, and sailed that afternoon on the return trip. They had five hours in Colon on Tuesday and about the same in Kingston on Thursday.

Leaving the same at noon of that day, the Tenadores made a record run homeward.

The party was scheduled to arrive to-day, but made Sandy Hook at 9 a. m. yesterday morning.

On the way up Mr. Mitchel won a shuff-board tournament.

On Sunday night Charles Buckley Hubbell, former president of the Board of Education, presided over the presentation of a testimonial to Captain Porter.

In the hold of the Tenadores was the skin of an alligator twelve feet long. It was not killed by the Mayor, but was presented to him by a friend at Port Limon.

The members of Mr. Mitchel's party, all of whom returned with him, were Mrs. Mitchel, Mrs. Howard Cooley, her sister, Miss Rose Perkins, Miss Emilie Michel, Lamar Hardy, J. Waldo Smith and William B. Meloney.

CAPTAIN KELEHER RETIRES

Veteran Police Official Goes Out on Half Pay.

Because of physical disability Captain Bernard Keleher, of the Herbert street station, in Brooklyn, was retired yesterday on pension at his own request.

Captain Keleher has a record of twenty years' consistent service.

Police Commissioner Waldo yesterday announced the promotion of Lieutenant Richard O'Connor, of the school of recruits, to a captaincy.

The new captain was assigned to the command of the Morrisania station, superseding Captain Edward S. Walling, who goes to the Herbert street (Brooklyn) precinct.

The Commissioner also announced that the following sergeants had been made lieutenants: James McKenzie, James Brennan, Walter J. Abrahams, James Fitzpatrick and Grant Williams.

Lieutenant Williams has been, since its establishment, in charge of the Bureau of Undentified Dead, and will remain in that capacity.

O'DWYER SEEKS TAMMANY'S SCALP

Head of National Democratic Club Asks Governors to Meet To-night.

The board of governors of the National Democratic Club, for the first time in eleven years, will assemble at other than a stated meeting to-night. The meeting was called by the newly elected president of the club, Judge Edward F. O'Dwyer.

The first president to line up against Tammany Hall.

Judge O'Dwyer's opposition to Tammany is not directed personally against Charles F. Murphy, but rather against existing conditions in the local Democratic organization, and, while the judge will not say that these conditions are the result of Murphy's leadership, it is generally believed he is against Murphy's continuance as head of the party in this city and state.

The gathering to-night is to determine whether a meeting of the club shall be called Saturday, ostensibly for the purpose of considering the new direct primary law.

If such a meeting is called, and there is every reason to believe it will, it will be the first time during the reign of Charles F. Murphy that the club has held a special meeting, and the first time that anything other than a national subject has been discussed.

Judge O'Dwyer was asked last night if the Saturday meeting would be anti-Tammany in its nature, and he replied that if it was held at all it would be to consider the direct primary law.

"But the club is progressive," added Judge O'Dwyer, "and intends to be a positive force in local affairs."

The above statement in itself is a direct defiance of the unwritten laws of Tammany Hall and its chief.

Another blow at the traditions of the Wigwam is that hereafter the club, as a club, and not through a deputized body such as the board of governors, will discuss in open meetings all questions affecting the good of the party and other matters of importance to the club.

There will be a meeting Friday night at Healy's of three anti-Tammany organizations—the Cleveland Democracy, the Empire State Democracy and the Anti-Tammany Jeffersonian Alliance—to consider plans for a city-wide uprising against Tammany Hall.

Prominent anti-Tammany Democrats from every Assembly district will attend, and to these men will be entrusted the work of organizing anti-Tammany clubs throughout the greater city.

Among those who will be present are William F. Schneider, County Clerk, who is now in Washington on some naturalization matters, and who will call on the President; Maurice Featherston, James J. Martin, "Larry" Mulligan, Robert Adamson, Herbert Oberbessing, Eugene Driscoll, Richard Welden, Charles Jacobs, William Crowley, Dr. John Adams, William A. De Ford and A. A. Nolan.

Several Resign from Claremont—Charge Bossism.

The Claremont Progressive Club, the Progressive organization in the 19th Assembly District, one of the richest and strongest in the state, with a splendid home at No. 59 West 113th street, received several resignations last night on account of factional trouble in the matter of naming a candidate for president to succeed Frederick M. Williams, the present incumbent.

When the nominating committee reported David C. Myers as the committee's choice for president Andrew P. Murray, Assemblyman from the 19th District and a strong Progressive, Dr. Albert A. Snowden and a dozen or fifteen other members announced their resignations.

The charge is made by certain members that Robert P. Lewis, the Progressive leader in the 19th, has made himself, or sought to make himself, a one-man power in the district, and the members who got out said the nominating committee that turned down President Williams for a renomination Murray founded the club on April 21, 1912, and the club was well enough off this fall to send \$3,000 along as its contribution to the fusion campaign.

Some of the members who resigned last night made no secret of their plans to return to the mother party, asserting that the declaration of principles by the Republicans in the Waldorf last week appealed to them.

Dinner in Harlem for Mitchel.

A dinner for John Purroy Mitchel, Mayor-elect, given by the Manhattan members of the Board of Estimate and the county officials, will be held in Pabst's Harlem Casino December 17. The dinner has been arranged by a committee of Harlem merchants. Among the guests of honor will be Andrew Carnegie and Oscar Straus.

MADE WIFE CHOP WOOD

One of Charges Against Physician in Divorce Suit.

Mrs. Annetta Slocum, who is suing William Slocum, a well known Long Branch physician, for divorce on statutory grounds, will receive \$12 a week alimony, according to the decision of Vice-Chancellor Griffin, sitting in Jersey City, yesterday.

Mrs. Slocum alleges, among other things, that she was required to clean her husband's automobile and chop wood and that her husband's allowance for supporting the house became so meagre that a grocer provided her with odd boxes for fuel. She charges her husband gave her only 25 cents to furnish breakfast and 50 cents for dinner, and that it was only due to the contributions of her mother, who lives with her and receives an allowance of \$20, that she, her son and mother got enough to eat.

The defendant denies his wife's allegations, and avers that his practice has been crippled by the scandalous tales told by his wife. He also refers to the presence of his wife's mother in the house as one of the causes of the marital differences, as he and she have not spoken since she became an inmate of his home, four years ago.

DEAN MATHEWS DECLINES

Chicago Educator Won't Accept Vassar Presidency.

Dr. Shailer Mathews, since 1908 dean of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, has refused the presidency of Vassar College, according to a member of the executive committee of the board of trustees of Vassar living in this city. In May The Tribune published the report that Dr. Mathews was being considered for the place, which has been occupied by Dr. James M. Taylor since June, 1908.

"Dr. Mathews" declared the trustee yesterday, "was offered the presidency, but declined to leave his present post. Several names are being considered by the nominating committee. So far I don't believe any one has been definitely selected on."

Dr. Taylor announced his intention to resign last spring. He explained to The Tribune representative at Poughkeepsie that he wanted to leave in February, 1914. He has not changed his mind, it was said yesterday by the trustee who told of the offer of the place to Dr. Mathews.

"It may be that the college will be under an acting president," it was asserted, "but it is also probable that some choice may be made by February."

BALLOT MAN SENTENCED

Kittredge, of Hoboken, Gets 18 Months to Three Years.

Convicted of violating the election laws, Alexander Kittredge, lieutenant of Patrick Griffin, the Democratic boss of Hoboken, was sentenced yesterday in Jersey City to serve not less than a year and a half and not more than three years in state prison and to pay the maximum fine of \$1,000.

His counsel immediately took out a writ of error, which is a writ of right in New Jersey, except in capital cases, and Kittredge was released on \$500 bail, which was furnished by James McLaughlin, a Hoboken undertaker.

It was charged that Kittredge invaded the polling place in his precinct on the night of the primaries, September 23, pushed the judge of election aside, took the ballots from the box and read them for the election officers to tabulate.

The election officers were jointly indicted with Kittredge, but they became witnesses for the state, and escaped punishment, except to be removed from service on the election board.

"WHITE RATS" ACCUSED

Insurgent Actors Said to Have Complained to Whitman.

Insurgent members of the White Rats Actors' Union of America met in the Holy Cross Lyceum, in West 43d street, yesterday afternoon. They voted to send a letter to the American Federation of Labor asking for the reissuance of the charter which they gave up when the amalgamation occurred, in 1910.

As a side issue they say they are going to "show up" the White Rats to the theatrical profession.

According to Harry Deveaux, who presided, three men have made oath before the District Attorney that officers of the White Rats changed ballots before the last vote was counted. The charges cannot be taken up under the law, however, unless backed up by a full fledged member of the corporation involved.

Colonel Hester, 77, Celebrates.

Colonel William Hester gave a dinner last night at the Plaza to a number of friends to celebrate the seventy-seventh anniversary of his birth. The dinner was held in the Rose Room.

MAY SUE 'FRISCO SYNDICATE MEMBERS

Commerce Commission Report Likely to Recommend Such Action.

CAUSED BY TESTIMONY AT INVESTIGATION

Suit Will Be to Recover Profits from Various Promotions—Lusk a Receiver.

It was learned yesterday on excellent authority that as a result of the disclosures at the recent investigation in St. Louis by the Interstate Commerce Commission of the causes leading to the receivership of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Company the report of the commission to Congress will recommend that a suit be instituted for the recovery of the profits of the syndicate which sold branch lines to the 'Frisco.

Testimony before the commission showed that the syndicate members reaped a total profit of \$7,493,000 through the promotion of subsidiary lines and their subsequent sale to the 'Frisco. Among the directors involved in these transactions were B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the 'Frisco board before the receivership; W. K. Bixby, now one of the receivers of the 'Frisco; James Campbell, former vice-president and a director; S. W. Fordyce, a director, and Thomas H. West, the receiver, who has just resigned.

The profits of B. F. Yoakum and his associates were said to have been distributed as follows:

From the sale of the St. Louis & Brownsville, \$528,000; from the New Orleans, Texas & Mexico, \$375,000; from the St. Louis & Oklahoma City Railway, \$719,000; from the St. Louis & Gulf Railway, \$1,385,000, and from the Oklahoma & Western Railway, \$260,000, making a grand total of \$3,367,000. It is understood that the syndicate members not directors of the 'Frisco will not be made defendants to the suit.

The report of the Interstate Commerce Commission is expected to be made public soon after the new year, and the action against the 'Frisco directors, it is believed, will follow soon.

In a statement made public on November 22 Speyer & Co., who have acted as bankers for the road, denied that the firm had a part in promoting the syndicates which built branch lines afterward purchased by the board of directors.

Lusk Succeeds West.

The resignation of Thomas H. West, president of the St. Louis Trust Company, as one of the receivers of the 'Frisco yesterday was not unexpected by those interested in the property here.

At the time of his appointment last August objections were raised on the ground that Mr. West had been too intimately associated with the interests whose financial operations had caused the road's downfall. Mr. West has been severely criticized by newspapers in the Southwest. The appointment of J. W.

TIFFANY & Co. CLOCKS AND BRONZES NEW YORK PARIS LONDON

"COUNT" NOW A U. S. GUEST

"Nobleman" Accused of Posing as Sleuth and Swindling.

Gaston Bremont, count by courtesy and Secret Service agent by claim, was sent to the Tombs by Commissioner Shields yesterday, charged with falsely impersonating a government detective. The police say that the count has lived for almost two years by borrowing money on the strength of his title and his bogus job with the government. He also had an asset in a story, which he told to all who would listen to him, that he was heir to big tracts along the North and East rivers.

He was in the habit of transferring the title of a couple of building lots to whoever would let him have \$5 until such time as the claim should be established. The count carried with him a large revolver and a pair of handcuffs.

When he quitted the boarding house of Mrs. Louise Mundt, at No. 25 Seventh avenue, Sunday, he took Mr. Mundt's overcoat, it is alleged, saying that he needed it for a disguise. Mrs. Mundt told the police that she had lent the count \$1,800, in amounts varying from 25 cents to \$25.

Richard Schwartz, a saloonkeeper, of Garden street, Hoboken, was another who told the police that he had been allowed to help the count over periods of financial depression.

Secret Service men arrested Bremont in President street, Brooklyn, Sunday night.

FIRST CALL FOR HELP

High Cost of Food Hits Church Temperance Society.

The high cost of food has caused the Church Temperance Society to issue its first call for help. It requires \$20,000 by January 1 to carry on its work. The society conducts the Soubrel Inn free reading room, No. 121 Bowery; the Longshoremen's Rest, No. 164 Eleventh avenue; seven lunch wagons, a coffee van, and, during the warm weather, twenty-seven free ice water fountains.

All these things were kept going on the profits drawn from its lunch wagons, but last year food jumped so high in price that the profits dropped, the society deciding to stand the loss rather than boost prices.

Contributions may be sent to Irving Grinnell, treasurer, No. 261 Fourth avenue.

Girder Stalls Span Crowds.

Traffic on the Williamsburg bridge was halted for two hours yesterday while a thirty ton girder was placed in position in the Brooklyn tower. The Public Service Commission and of railway companies were notified that traffic would be suspended during the morning after the rush hours, but there were several thousand persons stalled at either end of the bridge.



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