

M'COMBS CALLS ON GLYNN FOR WILSON

National Chairman Sent to Talk Over Governor's Appointments.

IMPRESSION LEFT ITS ANTI-TAMMANY ACT

State Executive's Attitude Leads to Belief He Asked President's Advice.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Albany, Jan. 10.—William F. McCombs, Democratic national chairman, and his wife were entertained to-night by Governor Glynn at the Executive Mansion. Mr. and Mrs. McCombs will remain here until to-morrow afternoon. It is understood that the national chairman comes as the personal representative of the President to talk over with Governor Glynn the appointments which Glynn will make in the next few weeks. Governor Glynn, while refusing to discuss the visit, did not deny that such was its purpose when called upon by The Tribune correspondent. The conference was evidently intended to be a secret one, for the Governor expressed surprise that The Tribune knew of it.

"Where did your paper learn about this?" he asked. Not in years has any Governor been called upon to fill so many big state jobs as Glynn. The Governor's trouble in getting men that suit him for these places has led many to believe that he would surrender finally to the importunities of Tammany Hall, which has been bringing pressure to bear on him to get some of the plums at his disposal. To-night's conference, however, is an indication that instead of Tammany he will turn to President Wilson for advice.

There has been considerable talk of a Wilson-Glynn-Mitchell combination to starve out Tammany on patronage. It started with the effort of Governor Glynn to see the President when he was in Washington to attend the waterways conference early in December. At that time the President was ill and could not see Governor Glynn, and so far as is known to-night's conference is the first time that any emissary of the President has called upon the Governor since. The Governor would not discuss the negotiations which brought about the meeting, but it is understood that he took the initiative.

Some of the larger places which Governor Glynn must fill soon are Public Service commissionerships to succeed Frank W. Stevens, resigned; Curtis N. Douglas, a hold-over incumbent; Martin S. Decker and John B. Eustis, whose terms expire in February, all of the 2d District commission except Eustis. State Health Commissioner, for which the Governor has endeavored to get Dr. Hermann M. Biggs, of New York; Conservation Commissioner, State Hospital Commissioner, Superintendent of Weights and Measures, two judges of the Court of Appeals, Supreme Court Justice to succeed Justice Gerard, of New York; Superintendent of Banks to succeed George Van Tuyl, whose term expires in May; five members of the State Insurance Fund Commission, under the workmen's compensation act, and State Excise Commissioner.

There are many other small places to be filled. Since Governor Glynn took up the duties of Chief Executive he has filled only one important place—that of State Labor Commissioner, to which he appointed James M. Lynch.

Tammany Hall has received several minor jobs, and the Governor has always considered the representatives of that organization in looking for men to fill the places.

A small army of Tammanyites came to Albany this week, with the convening of the Legislature, but they got little satisfaction, as is shown by the angry mood in which they left here in the last few days.

In the last few weeks many prominent men have been mentioned for important jobs, including William E. Hornblower and Attorney General Carmody, for the Court of Appeals; Bartow S. Weeks, for Supreme Court Justice, in place of Gerard, ex-Governor John A. Dix, for Public Service Commissioner, and William Temple Emmet, for member of the State Insurance Fund.

MOOSE OUT FOR SEABURY

Urge Glynn to Appoint Justice to Appeals Court.

Progressives have suggested to Governor Glynn that he can show his much vaunted independence of Tammany Hall in no better way than by designating Justice Samuel Seabury to the Court of Appeals to take the place of Judge William Bartlett, who was elected as Chief Judge of that court in November.

Justice Seabury was one of the Progressive candidates for the Court of Appeals. He has never been an out-and-out Tammany man. He was nominated for the Supreme Court at the instance of William Randolph Hearst in the year when the Independence League made a coalition with Tammany Hall. Since then he has broken with Mr. Hearst, and has got to be on most friendly terms with Judge E. E. McCall and other men prominent in the Democratic organization. As a matter of fact, Judge McCall suggested the nomination of Justice Seabury to the Court of Appeals by the Democrats last fall, but his counsel did not prevail.

MOTT WARRANTS SWEET'S INDEPENDENCE OF BARNES

Representative Says He Supported Speaker with That Understanding.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Oswego, N. Y., Jan. 10.—At a reception given Thaddeus C. Sweet, the new Speaker of the Assembly, at Phoenix, his home village, this evening, Representative Luther W. Mott, who managed Sweet's campaign and represented him at several conferences of anti-Barnes leaders, vouched for Mr. Sweet's independence of bossism. "I see some of the newspapers have misgivings and fears lest Speaker Sweet and his administration should be dominated by William Barnes, the chairman of the Republican State Committee," said Mr. Mott. "There need be no fears on this score. The first plank in Mr. Sweet's platform was that the Speaker should be elected by the members and chosen by them, not by the state chairman or any other man. Speaker Sweet is willing to give Mr. Barnes all the consideration to which he is entitled and no more."

"Speaking for myself, the Speaker understands that although he is my dearest personal friend and one of my closest political associates I should not have favored his selection for the great position he holds, nor should I have asked him a single man to vote or work for him, had I the slightest idea that Mr. Barnes would control him, as he has, unfortunately, I believe, controlled other men who have been Speakers. You neighbors of his should know as I do that Speaker Sweet will be the real Speaker and will not be used as a tool by any man, no matter what his position may be. If he is not he will be false to himself and false to his friends who have worked for his selection."

Advocates Panama Tolls.

Ottawa, Jan. 10.—The imposition of tolls on foreign shipping using the Panama Canal and the free passage of American coastwise vessels, were defended by Samuel J. Elder, of Boston, at a luncheon given by the Ottawa Canadian Club here to-day. Robert L. Borden, the Canadian Premier was present.

Mr. Elder contended that the policy of toll exemption for American coastwise shipping did not conflict with the provision of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

Alleged Murderer Escapes.

Winnipeg, Jan. 10.—John Krachanko, under accusation as the murderer of H. M. Arnold, manager of the Plum Coulee branch of the Bank of Montreal, escaped from the city jail here early to-day.

CONTRACTORS RAN STATE HIGHWAYS

Made Supreme by Political Contributions, Osborne Finds.

CHANGED WORK TO SUIT THEMSELVES

Macadam at \$10,000 a Mile Substituted for Brick at \$15,000 in Kennedy's Case.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Albany, Jan. 10.—"The trouble with the Highways Department is that contractors are supreme," said James W. Osborne, graft investigator, to-day, after several witnesses had given testimony showing that contractors had little difficulty in getting their specifications changed whenever it was to their advantage.

"My notion is that the contractor," he said, "gets his power by his political contributions to local and state committees. You will never have good road work until you take the work out of politics. The effect of changes in specifications is to let contractors without bidding. What I am trying to find out now is how the contractors have such tremendous power. I believe that the heads of departments, as well as the other employees, should be protected by civil service. I don't think employees should be allowed to contribute to campaign funds. A man who does so is in a position of buying his job. As long as contributions are permitted the contractor will be the boss of the department."

It is expected that Commissioner Osborne will wind up his hearings on the Highways Department next week and submit his report to the Governor. His recommendations will be along the line of the above statement. "I have clearly shown," he said to The Tribune correspondent, "that the department has been run in a deplorable way because of politics and the powers given contractors because of their campaign contributions."

To Ask Many Removals.

Whether Mr. Osborne will recommend the removal of John H. Carlisle, Highway Commissioner, is a moot question. In spite of all the charges against him, no evidence has been given to directly connect him with any of the alleged wrongdoing in the department. The worst that has been said against him is that he placed too much confidence in men under him.

Osborne will probably recommend the removal of many heads of bureaus in the department and other employees. Official Albany has been taken by surprise by the disclosures involving several of these officials in their relations to contractors, and it is now believed that they are slated to go.

Most of to-day's testimony related to a road in Rensselaer County on which Roger B. Kennedy, of Utica, was the contractor. It was shown that the specifications originally called for the use of vitrified brick at an estimated cost of \$15,000 a mile, but that subsequently there was substituted macadam at a cost of less than \$10,000 a mile.

Paul Schulze, Second Deputy Highway Commissioner, and a friend of Kennedy, was credited with being instrumental in effecting this change by Oscar Hasbrouck and A. S. Mirick, state highway engineers connected with the construction work. Mirick testified that he had defied Schulze's peremptory order to change the construction from brick to macadam, and as a result had been taken off the job.

Reel's Name Brought in.

Hasbrouck testified that while he was engineer in charge on this road Schulze told him "not to be too hard on the con-

tractor," and suggested that he might go off and look at a baseball game and "put the contractor on his honor." "In this connection Lester J. Bashford, road superintendent of Columbia County, produced a letter from A. B. Culver, an estimate clerk in the Highways Department under C. Gordon Reel, urging Bashford to agree to the change of specifications on Ludlow L. Mellus's contract as a great personal favor to himself and to Mr. Reel. Mr. Bashford said he would not agree for the reason that the substituted construction was much cheaper than that originally asked."

Miss Sadie Kohn, a stenographer in the State Highways Department, produced her stenographic notes in corroboration of the accuracy of the record of a hearing held before Highway Commissioner Carlisle last November. This record shows that Mellus testified that there were various outcroppings of stone in a state road built by him in Columbia County. On the stand yesterday Mellus repudiated this statement and said that there were no defects in the road.

Shipping Conference in Danger

Berlin, Jan. 10.—Albert Ballin, director general of the Hamburg-American line, insists that he will not attend the coming shipping conference in Paris unless the North German Lloyd yields in the transatlantic rate war now in progress. He was received by the Emperor on Thursday, when the conflict was discussed and the Bourse has since shown more optimism in regard to a settlement of the difficulty.

WILSON GREETED 2,000 VISITORS

Marks End of His Winter Vacation with Reception for Gulf Coast Citizens.

[From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.] Pass Christian, Miss., Jan. 10.—Two thousand persons, representing every part of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, shook hands with the President this afternoon on the spacious veranda of Herndon Cottage, the Dixie White House. It was the first chance residents of this section had to greet him, as he had remained in almost absolute seclusion since he arrived here on Christmas morning. It was a remarkable reception, staged amid the palms, native shrubbery, blooming plants and spreading oaks, with rare tropical mosses hanging in great clusters from the trees surrounding the President's home. The Southern sun shone across the waters of the Sound.

In the crowd about the cottage were stylishly gowned belles, humble women, here and there a Confederate veteran proudly wearing the gray, modestly attired young swells, prosperous business men, planters in sweeping sombreros, little girls carrying flowers or fruit as gifts for the President, and "Aunt Lucy," ninety-five years old and for three score years the village washerwoman.

President and Mrs. Wilson greeted each person cordially, accepting the tokens from the children with kind words and affectionate pats on the head. A baby

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boy in his mother's arms gave a tiny flag to the President, who patted his cheeks and clasped his chubby hand. The handshaking finished, the women began to sing "America." The President bowed in acknowledgement of the patriotic sentiment and entered the cottage, but Mrs. Wilson remained outside until the song ended. Earlier in the day the President played

his last game of golf on the Mississippi coast, as to-morrow he will leave on his return trip to Washington.

Peruvian Consul Shifted.

Lima, Peru, Jan. 10.—Eduardo Múgica, formerly Peruvian Consul at Yokohama, was to-day appointed Consul at San Francisco, in succession to Enrique Grau, who has been transferred to Guayaquil, Ecuador.

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