Mitchel—
Our Fighting Mayor

EVERY American likes a fighter, especially one who fights in the open for what he believes to be his duty. Any man will fight for himself. It takes a big man to fight for others.

That is just what Mitchel has been doing for the past four years.

He has been everlastingly on the job, fighting to make New York cleaner, happier and a better place for us to live in.

Mitchel has never pussy-footed. He hits from the shoulder. He has fought more fights for our safety, comfort and honor than any other mayor we ever had.

Once started, Mitchel never quits. Look at the record.

There was the “Black Hand,” preying on the decent Italians with blackmail and dynamite.

Where is it now? Mitchel has cleared it out.

What has become of the Gangs and Gunmen that four years ago shot up the town and laughed at the police?

Mitchel has cleaned them out.

The city was spotted with disorderly houses. Perhaps there was one in your block. Hundreds of them have been closed by Mitchel’s administration, and many gambling dens beside.

The “Vice Trust” has been wiped out.

No wonder New York’s underworld is fighting Mitchel.

Now consider his work of construction:

Mitchel saw the need for and organized the Home Defense League, comprising 20,000 volunteer police.

When war came they were ready at a moment’s notice to take the place of the regular police who were sent to guard bridges, water supplies, electric lights and other public utilities from the nation’s foes.

Four years ago there weren’t schools and teachers enough for the children to have full-time education. Mitchel stirred up the Board of Education to make improvements, including a trial of the so-called “Gary System.” He wants every child to have a big, broad, full-time education.

The orphans of this city never used to see anything nearer to a home than the charitable institutions. Mitchel has made it possible for thousands of these little dependents to be taken into private homes with loving foster-parents.

Children now are getting children’s rights.

Mitchel broke up the old Tammany garbage game. Under Tammany the city paid contractors to take the garbage away. Mitchel made contractors pay the city $180,000 a year to get it.

Mitchel has done more for labor than any other mayor New York ever had.

During the past three years he has been called upon to settle many difficult labor disputes.

As a result, the unions, the employers, and the public trust his leadership because they have found him absolutely square and straight.

As a war-mayor, Mitchel stands out as the clearest-headed, the most far-seeing, the most whole-hearted Mayor in America. He has made New York honored for its preparedness and patriotism.

For two years Mitchel took the Plattenburg training to make himself a soldier.

Right now he would prefer to be fighting with our forces in France, but the people have drafted him for Fighting Mayor of New York.

For New York needs his fighting stuff more than the army needs it.

Keep him at his fighting job!

Special Notice

There will be the Fusion Mass Meetings Tuesday night, October 2nd, at 8 p.m., at Cooper Union, Manhattan, and at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn. The following speakers will appear at both meetings: Mayor Mitchel, Comptroller Pendergast and Robert Adamson.

Job E. Hedges will preside at Cooper Union, and Thomas C. Whitlock at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

All other candidates will also speak.

Fusion Committee of 1917

Keep Mitchel on the Job!