

LUSTGARTEN, A PARASITE, SAYS JOSEPH JOHNSON

Mitchel Also Assailed by Commissioner Who Holds Gaynor Cause Yet Lives.

CALLS HIM "EXTREMIST"

J. G. Wall, Brooklyn Leader of Late Mayor's Supporters, Issues Appeal in Behalf of W. R. Willcox.

Fire Commissioner Joseph Johnson, in an effort to show that the Gaynor movement had not collapsed with Mr. McAneny's refusal to run in place of the late Mayor, raised his voice yesterday in vigorous denunciation, first of William Lustgarten, head of the Municipal Democracy, who has already transferred his allegiance to Mitchel, and then of Mitchel himself. This is his impressionistic portrait of Lustgarten:

"Lustgarten, who was employed as a clerk at Gaynor headquarters, is one of that swarm of political parasites who only stay with a cause as long as it has blood in it. They loved Mayor Gaynor! But his body was not cold before they crawled swiftly toward the living Mitchel, who had just said the Mayor was a 'Tammany decoy.'"

"And Lustgarten, true to the habits of his particular kind of insect, transferred his affections during the night. Mayor Gaynor's body had not reached land before he had made his jump to the Mayor's worst calculator."

Says Lustgarten Took Maps.

"When Lustgarten disappeared a lot of maps and lists disappeared with him. The maps were returned after I had got a Headquarters detective on the job. The detective yesterday interviewed a young woman in Lustgarten's office, who had given her name both as Miss Lane and Miss Lustgarten, and who said at one time she was Lustgarten's sister and at another his niece, and who, it appears, under Lustgarten's direction, removed property belonging to us."

"Whether Lustgarten will be able, as he says, to collect his fellow parasites in his office to-morrow will depend largely upon the police disposition of this case, for I am determined to recover everything that was taken away."

Committees representing sixty-two out of the sixty-three organizations responsible for the nomination of Mayor Gaynor are scheduled to meet to-day in the office of Lustgarten, No. 68 Wall street, to pass resolutions denouncing the substitution of McAneny's name at the head of the Gaynor ticket and endorsing Mitchel for Mayor. These sixty-two organizations or their representatives declare the "Appleton group," i. e., the Gaynor League, did not consult them in naming McAneny.

Under the caption "Mitchel and McAneny" Commissioner Johnson pays his respects to the fusion candidate as follows: "Our substitution of Mr. McAneny has, of course, infuriated Hapgood's crowd. They are chagrined because the Mayor's death has not really helped them. For a moment, to the unthinking, it appeared as if it might. They say nasty things about Mr. Schiff, Mr. Ridder, Mr. Appleton and the rest of us."

"But Mr. McAneny was not offended. On the contrary, he appeared to me to be deeply moved at the thought that we regarded him as the heir to the Gaynor sentiment. And he said so in his written reply. Why doesn't Hapgood rage against McAneny?"

"I do not deny that that element which may be described as political camp followers may go to Mitchel, but they will leave Mitchel as quickly as they went to him. But never will those who truly respected, loved and followed Mayor Gaynor transfer their hearts to the dead man's meaneast enemy."

Calls Mitchel Shallow Character.

"And as sure as Gaynor is dead and as Mitchel lives the Republicans of this city only await Election Day to slaughter this young extremist, whose cowardly attempt to retract his real subway views in face of an election clearly indicates his shallow and dangerous character."

"Who will vote for Mitchel? The civil employe of New York, whose welfare he has constantly blocked? The police or firemen, who cried out to him on behalf of their children for a decent living salary? The liberal element of the community, who think the poor man has as much right to a saloon back door as the rich man to the club front door? His employes in the United States Treasury Department, whose wages he has just reduced? The suburbanites, whom he has had climbing to subway straps for four years? Surely none of these?"

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velt shadow overhanging them, that Republicans will hesitate to vote for McCall? When he has recovered from his grief ask William R. Willcox, Republican and subway authority, what he thinks of Mitchel. Then, in Heaven's name, who will vote for him?"

"Mitchel and Mitchel alone will be responsible for the complete victory of McCall and Murphy."

"Let 'The World' and other detractors of the late Mayor rage, but it is they, not us, who are bringing on a Tammany victory by stiffening this narrow young egoist into thinking that Providence has helped him in the passing away of a man he once referred to as 'His Slippery Honor.'"

"Could the situation be more hopeless than with Messrs. McAneny and Prendergast on the Mitchel ticket, agreeing with Judge McCall, on the Tammany ticket, as to the principal issue, the subways?"

"Could anything disgust the voter more than to see Hearst praising Mitchel to the skies and daily castigating McAneny and Prendergast, his two colleagues?"

It was learned by inquiry at Mr. Mitchel's home last night that he and Mrs. Mitchel would arrive in New York from their Adirondack retreat this morning by the night boat from Albany.

Judson G. Wall, leader of the Brooklyn supporters of the late Mayor, issued another appeal to his followers and to the enrolled Republicans of the city yesterday afternoon calling upon them to support William R. Willcox, ex-Public Service Commissioner, for Mayor, instead of John Purroy Mitchel. The appeal will be printed to-day and distributed broadcast throughout the city in the form of a circular letter.

LEAGUE MEN TO "INSURGE"

Won't Support Marks and Others, J. A. Allen Says.

James A. Allen, named by the Independence League for Mayor, said yesterday the six thousand "insurgents" in the league were preparing to fight in the primaries the designation of three of the league's candidates for city offices.

The most important of these fights will be made on the designation of Marcus M. Marks for Borough President of Manhattan, the fusion choice for this office.

The "insurgents" want Charles E. Gehring, Deputy County Clerk, to be nominated. Gehring has been chairman of the organization's campaign committee ever since the formation of the league.

Another man marked for political slaughter is Charles C. Nott, Jr., candidate for General Sessions Judge, also a fusion designation. The "insurgents" prefer Warren W. Foster, the Tammany choice. They are equally anxious to substitute Robert L. Luce, the Tammany man, for William R. Ransom, the fusionist, as their candidate for justice of the City Court.

Mr. Allen said of Nott that he lacked judicial experience, and of Ransom that he was not a practicing lawyer, but a clerk in the Public Service Commission, and that he lacked both experience and ability to fill the office he is seeking.

FEARS PLOT BY TAMMANY

Koenig Charges Plan to Steal League Nomination for Dietz.

The discovery of a plot to steal the Independence League nomination for Sheriff for John J. Dietz, the Tammany candidate, was announced last night by Samuel S. Koenig, chairman of the Republican County Committee. Mr. Koenig said: "Information from unquestioned sources has reached me that an attempt will be made on Primary Day to steal the Independence League nomination for Sheriff for John J. Dietz, the Tammany candidate for that place. The plan is to be carried out by sending a gang of repeaters into a number of Assembly districts, who are to impersonate enrolled Independence League voters and substitute the name of Dietz for that of Grifenhagen, the fusion nominee. I am taking steps to prevent this fraud from being carried into execution."

MOOSE FRIGHTENED BY TIGER

Bird Fears His Party May Be Swallowed at Primaries.

Francis W. Bird, county chairman of the National Progressive party, has sent to the members of the party's executive committee an urgent invitation to be present this afternoon at a meeting of that body. The purpose of the meeting, it is understood, is to take measures to ward off, if possible, the swallowing up of the Progressive organization in several districts by Tammany on Primary Day. The summons reads as follows:

"An exceedingly important meeting of the executive committee will be held at headquarters, No. 22 Washington Square West, on Monday, September 15, at 5 p. m. I cannot urge upon you too strongly the necessity for each captain to see personally every enrolled Progressive in his district before Primary Day, urging them to vote and vote early."

FINDS BULL MOOSE MEN DID WELL AT ALBANY

Citizens Union, in Its Report, Criticizes Work of Tiger Assemblymen.

NEW MEMBERS ARE GOOD

Record of Many of the Old Lawmakers, It Holds, Shows Subsistence to Machine Dictation.

The work in the Assembly of the three Progressives elected this year from Manhattan and The Bronx was listed as good in a report made public last night by the Citizens Union. There were no Republicans elected to the Assembly from New York County at the last election. The report, however, scores the Democratic members for their opposition to desirable legislation and subservience to machine dictation.

The Citizens Union, in making public its report on the work in the Assembly of representatives from Manhattan and The Bronx, says that each Assemblyman has had an opportunity to examine in advance what was to be said about him and to have his criticisms and suggestions considered before the report was finally adopted by the Citizens Union committee. The individual records of some of the Assemblymen from New York County are given as follows:

"Thomas B. Coughlin (Dem., 1st District)—Chairman of important Cities Committee. Deserves credit for industry in reform work, but showed complete subservience to machine dictation."

"Alfred E. Smith (Dem., 2d District)—As Speaker was the most influential member of the Assembly and largely dominated the action of the majority. Executed orders of the machine. Opposed primary and election reform. Deserves credit for support of desirable home rule legislation."

"Harry E. Oxford (Dem., 3d District)—Most of his proposed legislation unsound and objectionable. Followed machine in his votes."

"Aaron J. Levy (Dem., 4th District)—Majority leader. Executed orders of machine. Deserves credit for his effectiveness in advocating valuable home rule legislation."

"James J. Walker (Dem., 5th District)—Introduced and advocated some desirable legislation, but also fathered bad bills, particularly with regard to civil service. Followed machine in his votes."

"Solomon Saffin (Prog., 6th District)—A new member. Voted for thoroughgoing direct primary bill. Record in other respects fair, although he was unrecorded on five important rollcalls."

"Meyer Greenberg (Dem., 9th District)—Resigned because conviction of election officials in his district showed that he had been elected by fraud. Resigned before votes were taken on most important issues."

"Maxim Birnkant (Prog., 10th District)—A new member. Secured seat by successful contest before Assembly of legality of his opponent's election. Good record on direct primaries."

"Martin G. McCue (Dem., 16th District)—In seventh term showed no promise of usefulness. Introduced bad legislation affecting uniformed force of Fire Department. Unrecorded on five important rollcalls on primary and election bills and on other rollcalls followed machine."

"Mark Eisner (Dem., 17th District)—A new member of promise. Made intelligent, right for his thoroughgoing direct primary bill and supported other electoral reforms."

"Mark Goldberg (Dem., 18th District)—Introduced and advocated important legislation affecting inferior criminal courts, some of which was desirable and some thoroughly bad. Followed machine in his votes."

"Thomas F. Denny (Dem., 19th District)—New member. Introduced vicious dance hall bill. Followed machine in his votes."

"Patrick J. McGrath (Dem., 20th District)—As chairman of Codes Committee

handled effectively much important legislation. Followed machine in his votes."

"David C. Lewis (Dem., 23d District)—A new member. Made hard, though unsuccessful, fight for passage of desirable legislation affecting city water supply. Followed machine in votes against primary and electoral reforms."

"David H. Knott (Dem., 25th District)—New member. Unrecorded on eight important rollcalls on primary and election bills, and on other rollcalls followed machine. One of the two New York City members to vote against desirable bill to protect city water supply from pollution. Introduced bad tenement house law amendment."

"Abraham Greenberg (Dem., 26th District)—Introduced vicious bills to exempt lobbyists for local assessment bills from provisions of local law, and also other objectionable legislation. Followed machine in his votes."

"Raymond B. Carver (Dem., 27th District)—New member. Introduced thoroughly objectionable bill for Fire Department telegraph employes. Made no appreciable effort to secure passage of Massachusetts ballot bill, which he introduced. Followed machine in his votes."

"Charles J. Carroll (Dem., 28th District)—New member. Voted for thoroughgoing direct primary bill, on some other issues made unsatisfactory record of votes."

"Louis A. Cuvillier (Dem., 30th District)—As in previous years, made himself a nuisance by verbosity in debate, while seldom contributing anything to consideration of bills. Introduced attacks upon merit system in civil service. Thoroughly bad record of votes."

"Michael Schaap (Prog., 31st District)—New member of promise. Progressive party floor leader. Aggressive in advocacy of primary and election reforms and reforms in legislative procedure."

Records of members from The Bronx are given as follows:

"Louis D. Gibbs (Dem., 32d District)—New member. Deserves credit for actively supporting primary and election reform despite machine pressure, though in some other respects his record was inconsistent."

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HER ALIMONY STOPPED

Court Holds Musical Director May Cease Payments.

HIS WIFE MARRIED AGAIN

Justice's Ruling, However, Comes After Husband Had Paid Out \$2,000.

Mrs. Caroline E. Gebest used to think Justice Edward G. Whitaker was just about right, but now she thinks differently. Four years ago, before he went on the bench, Mr. Whitaker acted as referee in the divorce suit which Mrs. Gebest brought against Charles J. Gebest, musical director for Cohan & Harris. The referee recommended a decree for Mrs. Gebest, which she got, with \$20 a week alimony, and \$5 more, which was to be deposited in a savings bank for the Gebests' son. All this pleased Mrs. Gebest.

But now the troubles of the couple come again before Mr. Whitaker in his capacity of Supreme Court justice. This time Mr. Gebest asks to have the alimony order vacated because his wife has remarried, her present husband being Russ B. Walworth, a cigarette salesman.

The musical director, in ignorance of her remarriage, continued to pay her \$20 a week. Mrs. Gebest having collected more than \$2,000 from Gebest since she

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Justice Whitaker decided Gebest should pay no more alimony to Mrs. Walworth and that he might continue to manage his son's bank account.

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