

OFFICE WHICH IS TOMB OF MANY

All Who Become Police Commissioner Commit Political Suicide.

ROOSEVELT SOLE SURVIVOR

Long Line of Political Corpses to Which General Bingham May

Soon Be Added—Devery Foresees His Troubles.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—(Special.)—"If a man is anxious to commit political suicide, let him accept the office of Police Commissioner. It has been fatal to every man who ever held it except Theodore Roosevelt, and he has proven he is an exception to every rule. Besides, he was extremely unpopular when he got out, and if it had not been for the war with Spain, I doubt if even he would ever have been heard of again."

This statement was made today by a leading Tammany politician, who has just paid his respects to the new czar of the police, General Theodore A. Bingham, U. S. A. retired. Like nearly everybody else, this politician is convinced that "the General" will be thoroughly disliked before his term is up.

Prior to 1899, New York City was ruled by boards of four commissioners, supposedly non-partisan, or rather bi-partisan, but the only one of the crowd who can be recalled to mind by the average voter is Roosevelt. He made himself disliked because he enforced all the laws, just as other Commissioners have made themselves unpopular by not enforcing the statutes.

"It doesn't matter what you do, You get it coming or going," to quote the immortal Tim Sullivan.

For the past six and a half years, the department has been controlled by a succession of military men, all of whom have entered gladiolously upon their duties, and have left in an unhappy frame of mind.

First Single-Headed Chief.

Michael C. Murphy, the first "single-headed" chief of the department, was a victim of the war of the Rebellion. As a result of wounds he took all his movement through a silver tube. During his reign the real chief was his first deputy, William C. Devery, who had been expelled out of office as uniformed head of the uniformed force.

Devery was dubbed by Mayor Van Wyck "The best Chief of Police New York ever had." There is no doubt that he possessed more ability than the majority of his predecessors and successors, but the fact that he amassed a fortune of over \$2,000,000 aroused suspicions among the voters and was the direct cause of Tammany's defeat by Seth Low.

Murphy's successor was John W. Partridge, also a colonel and war veteran. He was regarded as "easy" by the rank and file and lasted only two years. Low named another warrior in his place, General Francis Vinton Greene, who commanded the Seventy-first Regiment in Cuba and was a Brigadier-General in the Philippines.

General Greene's administration was the most military performance on record, even his secretary being a militia lieutenant. One of the General's two deputies was a retired United States Major, and the other was a retired United States Captain, who lost an arm fighting the Indians out West.

Naval Man Takes Hand.

When McClellan was first elected, in 1903, the Army retired from the Police Department in favor of the other fighting branch of the service, Commissioner W. C. McClellan being a retired Assistant Secretary of the Navy. His secretary was an Annapolis graduate, of course, and the third deputy, Harris Lindsey, who was killed in an auto accident last Fall, also attended the Naval Academy, although he did not graduate; naturally, the police on the steamboat squad and in the harbor patrol were regarded as the police, because they were the nearest thing to naval officers in the department.

But the Navy is out again, and the Army, represented by General Bingham, has come into its own; and the rank and file of the department sigh and are practicing the regulation salute, and are rapidly forgetting how to hitch up their trousers and to say "Aye, aye, sir."

General Bingham, who had never lived in New York prior to his appointment, entered upon his duties with a breezy freshness and spirit that interested Jaded New Yorkers.

"I don't even know where No. 30 Mulberry street (police headquarters) is, but by George, when I get down there, I can just bet your life that they will know I have arrived," he remarked in his salutory.

General Bingham is just learning the ropes, as he puts it, and asks people to suspend judgment until he has had a chance to find exactly where he is at. And everybody is willing to allow him a breathing spell just as they did with his predecessors.

The new Commissioner is a West Pointer, but put in his time in the Engineer Corps, and as a military attaché at Berlin and Vienna and in charge of the White House grounds. He never heard a shot fired in anger, although really this should not be counted against him, and anyhow his fighting days have now begun.

During his service in Washington, General Bingham was the official authority on etiquette, and the fact that the Turf-Verderop of the United States should wear so much has greatly perplexed the members of the force. They are in doubt as to whether he is a moral Jekyll and Hyde or is simply endeavoring to live down his reputation as a censor of department.

Opinion of a Bishop.

Two men, entirely dissimilar in professions, habits, characteristics and reputations have studied General Bingham very carefully, and have permitted themselves to be interviewed on the subject.

The first is Right Rev. David H. Greer, auxiliary bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of New York, who met the new Commissioner at the Hotel Gramatan in the Bronx. The other is the irrepressible ex-Chief, William G. Devery. Although the language of one is not the language of the other, yet the keynote of both discourses is the same, that General Bingham will undoubtedly fail to be a success in his difficult position.

Here is what the bishop says: "I cannot understand why Mayor McClellan was obliged to pick a nonresident of the city for the high and responsible office of Police Commissioner. It does seem to me that he could have named a man with some police knowledge or experience. I should imagine it would take that type of man to ferret out crime."

"General Bingham has a good, open face, but he knows nothing about police matters, as I understand it. All eyes will be upon him and, while I pity him, I wish him much success."

Devery's Expert Opinion.

And here is what Big Bill Devery says on the subject: "I don't know the gent, but it strikes me that Mr. Mayor went a long way from home to get a chief gazabo for the

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"They say he has a cork leg, but the real one will be longer than the phony one before that bunch gets through with him."

"I don't want to blurt right out that he will be twenty-three, but for me just say that Bill Devery wishes Bing-Bang Bingham the time of his life, and say, 'Boo, if you drop in on me in about a month, I'll likely have some reason to say things.'"

Some of the residents of New York City endorse the remarks of the bishop, and others "stand with Bill," so the general belief is that he will go the way of his predecessors. But Gothamites are fair-minded. They will give him a chance to "make good."

"Still if he fails to do so, within a month, just listen to the anvil chorus that will come from little old New York."

EXCLUSION LAW STANDS

Appeal of Chinamen Saying It Expired Is Overruled.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 9.—The case of Hong Wing against the United States, involving the Chinese exclusion act, was decided in favor of the United States in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in this city, the court holding that the act of April 10, 1904, continued the Chinese exclusion act in full force, Congress having full power to do so.

Hong Wing is one of the six Chinamen who had been ordered deported under the provisions of the Chinese exclusion act, and the cases being identical, the one decision will apply to all six. Attorneys for the applicant maintained that the exclusion act was void and that their clients could not be deported.

The decision was announced by Judge Richards, who said that the main point presented to the court was whether the act of April 10, 1904, continued the Chinese exclusion act in force, and the court was satisfied that it did so, without reference to any existing treaties. The act was passed in view of the treaty expiring, and it had continued the provisions of the treaty. Congress has the power to modify, reject or concur in treaties, and it had done what was wholly within its power in passing this act.

The decision of the lower court was therefore sustained and the appeal dismissed.

Great Forgery of Railroad Stock.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Investigation into the counterfeiting of the certificates of stock of the Norfolk & Western Railroad was continued in this city yesterday, but officials interested were unable to estimate the amount of the fraud. The New York Stock Exchange has requested that banking houses throughout the country examine their holdings to ascertain if there are any fraudulent Norfolk & Western certificates among them. Returns from this examination will take some days, it is expected. A number of holders of the stock called at the Guaranty Trust Company yesterday for the purpose of having their stock examined, but no additional counterfeiters were discovered.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

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Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea.

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Patton Home	102,500
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Salvation Army	67,500
St. Vincent's Hospital	55,500
People's Institute	45,573
Baby Home	41,017
St. Joseph's Home for the Aged	35,137
Good Samaritan Hospital	18,726
Old Ladies' Home	14,487
Open Air Fund	4,336
Volunteers of America	6,383
King's Daughters of Marshall-St. Church	5,575
Children's Home	5,518
Visiting Nurse Association	4,478
Scattering	19,488
Total	606,592

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Women's two-strap Patent Calf Slippers, in regular \$2.00 values, for, pair...**95c**
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Viscolized English grain, high-top Boots; Bellus tongue, three soles to heel; reinforced shank; regular value \$6.00. Special, the pair...**\$4.40**

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We have selected from our entire stock all small lots and discontinued lines of Women's Shoes; different styles, leathers and weights; regular values \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50. Clearance Special, the pair...**\$1.59**

WOMEN'S \$3.50 STORM BOOTS, \$2.49.

High-cut Storm Boots; regular value \$3.50. Clearance Special, the pair...**\$2.49**

WOMEN'S FULL-DRESS SLIPPERS.

Regular \$2.00 value—Special, the pair...**\$1.49**
Regular \$2.50 value—Special, the pair...**\$1.59**
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Splendid Clearance Sale Specials in Misses' and Children's Shoes at

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Second Floor.

100 Suits at 50c on the Dollar!

A Maker's Winter Clearance of \$35.00 Suits for

\$17.50

Here's a stroke of grand good fortune—splendid luck for us and for you. We've picked up this lot of suits at so advantageous a price that you get them for half their intrinsic value. We could easily get regular prices for them, but that's not our way; our prices are based absolutely on their cost to us. Don't lose the opportunity. In variety or in the very high character of the goods concerned, we think that you'll agree with us in saying this store takes precedence in value giving, as usual. Nothing has justified this department's growth except your favor; nothing has won that favor but surpassing values and correct styles to please fastidious women. The Suits that go to make up this marvelous offer are all in jacket styles; coats 24, 27 to 54 inches in length, made from broadcloth, cheviot and mannish mixed tweeds, in black, blues, grays, browns, grays and greens; half-fitting and tight-fitting styles. All splendid \$35 values. For today—Special at HALF PRICE...**\$17.50**

\$15.00 to \$25.00 "Connolly Turbans" \$5.00

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In it is included our remaining stock of Sterling Silver Hand Mirrors, Hat Brushes, Hair Brushes, Clothes Brushes, Sterling Silver-Handle Whisk Brooms and the balance of our Ebony and Foxwood Mirrors, Hair Brushes, Military Brushes, etc.

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One lot of Hand Mirrors, length 8½ inches; French gray sterling silver back; floral designs, with plain vase in center for engraving; our \$5.29 value. Special Sale price...**\$2.89**

\$7.49 HAND MIRRORS FOR \$3.98.

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First Floor.

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Bargains for Baby

Second Floor.

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Second Floor—Annex

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