

UPSET OLD POLICE TRICKS

Two Courts Overturn the Orders of Chiefs Collins and Kiplely.

LIEUTENANTS ARE PUT BACK

"Consolidated" Sergeants' List Illegal; Some Down; Others Up.

Two attempts by former city administrations to subvert civil service promotions in the police department were overturned yesterday by court decisions.

Judge Gibbons issued a writ of mandamus directing the reinstatement of three former police lieutenants who were summarily reduced in rank by Chief of Police Kiplely in 1897.

Judge Smith held invalid the consolidation of police sergeant eligible lists by which Chief of Police Collins during the Dunne régime was enabled to promote a number of favorites. By the terms of the decision forty-seven sergeants are reduced to the rank of patrolmen. Ten of these, who were originally on the legal list, were again advanced to sergeantcies.

Become Lieutenants Again.

The policemen ordered restored to the rank of lieutenants are Patrolmen Ben Reed, special guard in the mayor's office; George Hutchinson, secretary to Assistant Chief Schuettler, and Joseph A. Thomas, deputy bailiff in the Municipal court. George F. Bassett, to whom the order also applies, retired from the police department on a pension several years ago.

The others were reassigned as lieutenants as follows:

- THOMAS, to Stanton avenue station.
- HUTCHINSON, to Sheffield avenue.
- REED, to central detail.

Lieut. Thomas Howard was transferred from Sheffield avenue to Desplaines street station; Lieut. Morgan Collins, transferred from central detail to Chicago avenue station; and Lieut. Alex. McDonald, from Chicago avenue to the office of the chief.

In the Courts Five Years.

The lieutenants' case, which represents one of the most flagrant violations of the civil service law on record, has been in the courts for five years. When Kiplely became chief of police he started out to weed republican policemen out of commanding positions in order to make place for democrats. He reduced Reed, Hutchinson, and Bassett directly to the rank of patrolmen on June 19, 1897. Lieut. Thomas he reduced first to the rank of sergeant and then on Oct. 26 discharged him from the force.

The four officers petitioned Mayor Harrison and his civil service commission, consisting of Robert Lindblom, John W. Ela, and Joseph Powell, to reinstate them. They say they were told by the merit board that they would be restored to their rank "after the smoke of battle had cleared away." They waited five years in vain for the smoke to blow over, and then appealed to the courts. The present civil service commission recognized the court decision without appeal.

Collins' Work Undone.

The other case recalls one of former Chief Collins' artful dodges for getting around the civil service law. Originally there were separate eligible lists for detective, patrol, and desk sergeants. But it happened that the men at the head of these lists were not Collins' favorites. So Collins induced the civil

service commission to hold a new examination for detective sergeants, which was taken by his friends. They were given high markings and stood at the top of the list. Then Collins induced the merit board to consolidate the three lists, thereby putting his friends on the detective sergeant list at the head of the combined roll.

The matter was brought into court by Patrolman William D. Voss and others, who set up the claim that the former chief acted illegally.

After an exhaustive hearing of the matter Judge Smith issued a writ of mandamus against the civil service commission, directing the commission to cancel and annul the Collins order of promotion.

List of Forty-seven Reduced.

The order of court was served upon Supt. Shippy late in the afternoon, and he at once issued a general order reducing in rank the forty-seven sergeants affected. Those reduced were:

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| William H. Armstrong, | Charles H. Smith, |
| John D. Lyons, | Joseph M. Hughes, |
| Ira J. McDowell, | Thomas J. Pilkington, |
| William Fitzgerald, | John Lyons, |
| William H. Byrnes, | Charles H. Garrity, |
| Patrick H. Nagle, | Alfred H. Hanson, |
| Peter A. Conroy, | James H. Vannatta, |
| John Martin, | John J. Lane, |
| John J. Benson, | William P. Sinnott, |
| Michael D. Hartnett, | Jacob Ilig, |
| John Martin, | Henry Perry, |
| James McCann, | Make Mills, |
| John F. Thompson, | Thomas J. Conley, |
| Thomas J. Dailey, | Jeremiah L. Byrne, |
| John M. McGuire, | Timothy M. Dolan, |
| Edward E. Goggin, | Michael P. Duggan, |
| Patrick B. Hartnett, | Thomas J. Phelan, |
| Daniel Kearney, | James O'Neill, |
| Frank J. Matchett, | Joseph L. Tischart, |
| Patrick Woods, | Stephen J. Barry, |
| James D. O'Connell, | George Reardon, |
| William F. Bowler, | Sylvester Cotter, |
| Harry B. Whitney, | Thomas Rafter, |
| James McCarthy, | |

Fills the Vacancies.

Several hours after the reducing order had been issued Chief Shippy promoted again the following, all of whom were eligible at the time former Chief Collins merged the detective sergeants, patrol, and desk sergeants into one list:

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| John D. Lyons, | James McCann, |
| William Fitzgerald, | Frank J. Matchett, |
| Peter A. Conroy, | Joseph M. Hughes, |
| John J. Benson, | James O'Neill, |
| John Martin, | George Reardon. |

Thirty-seven Others Promoted.

The other thirty-seven men later promoted by the chief last night to take the places of the sergeants displaced are:

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| Tobias Sandstrom, | George H. Weidling, |
| Michael F. Loftus, | Jerry K. Doherty, |
| Edward W. Burns, | Frank E. Morris, |
| Henry Nelson, | Maurice McGrath, |
| Timothy Dillon, | Oriando P. Tidd, |
| Bernard H. Bockholt, | William Burnett, |
| Dominick Cavanaugh, | James P. Casey, |
| George H. Rieger, | John J. Gavin, |
| Timothy J. Mulcahy, | John W. Loftus, |
| Theodore Mueller, | John Q. Relilly, |
| Edward Perry, | Guy Biddinger, |
| James B. Dubach, | William Fitzgerald, |
| Jacob S. Leininkugel, | G. Martin Bockatahler, |
| William G. Voss, | Clarence Barchard, |
| Robert J. Blaney, | George T. Scrivenor, |
| John O'Connor, | Sabin Randall, |
| Michael Nagle, | John W. Anderson, |
| John T. Mooney, | James J. Duffy. |
| Michael Manning, | |

Wooldridge Must Stand Trial.

Chief Shippy reinstated Detective Clifton R. Wooldridge of the Cottage Grove avenue station, whom he suspended after the state's attorney had accused the detective of giving the Dora McDonald defense some secrets of the prosecution. Wooldridge will have to defend himself before the trial board on charges of conduct unbecoming a police officer which were preferred against him yesterday by the chief. "The matter will be thrashed out by the civil service commission, which is the best way," said the chief.