

HOLDERS AND SEEKERS VIE FOR FAVORS

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order on a local furniture store for a highchair.

None of the three men named for executive secretaries of the city park department was on duty this morning and the mayor thought for a time that they were going to refuse the appointments. Mrs. Shank investigated over the telephone and found that Dr. Richard M. H. Camden is ill and that Louis W. Carnifax and Charles L. Hutchinson had not been officially notified of their appointments. Mr. Carnifax and Mr. Hutchinson promised to come to the city hall post haste and were on the job this afternoon.

Members of the board of public safety and health met this afternoon to check over appointments in the police and fire departments and superintendent the issuance of badges.

PARK DEPARTMENT

REVISION EXPECTED.

The mayor was having prepared a list of all positions, their occupants and salaries in the park department. Considerable revision of the list is expected to take place at a meeting of the new park board Thursday morning.

New department heads dared not put their heads into the halls. To do so was to be surrounded by dozens of job-hungry men and some women. All travel from department to department, in consequence, was through the secret stairways and passages.

For a good secretary to Mr. Shank, and Mrs. F. V. "Freckman," the mayor's stenographer, were kept busy throughout the day trying to appease the throng in the mayor's reception room.

Some eager aspirants sent notes in to Mr. Shank through the lucky ones who were admitted to the private office.

Upon Mayor Shank's instructions the board of safety rescinded the regulation of the downtown business areas for instances by the chief of police of "no parking" signs for downtown merchants to place in front of their stores. The board then sent policemen out to effect all of the signs so that now the only places parking is prohibited downtown are the safety zones and near fire plugs.

HOURS IT WILL LEAD TO REAL TRAFFIC LAW.

"That regulation wasn't the law, anyway," said Mayor Shank. "Now that we've taken the signs away, maybe the merchants will come to me and ask for a real parking law, a modern traffic ordinance something like a city the size of Indianapolis should have."

The mayor spent the first morning in his office interviewing callers and straightening out such details of reorganization of departments as require his attention. He said he was not going to worry about how to get rid of some of the policemen who have refused to do what he requested.

"Don't worry about that," he said. "I'm leaving that to Chief Rukhoff. If he doesn't get rid of them I'll give you a new hat."

Mayor Shank said he did not intend to do anything about the appointment of the third member of the board of public health until after the board's first meeting.

He said that the members in place of Dr. E. E. Hodgin, chairman of the new board, and Mr. Shank developed over the appointment of the fourth member. It was rumored at first that the squabbling was over the appointment of Dr. Richard A. Ruddell, who had been a member of the hospital and that Dr. Hodgin and Dr. Karl A. Ruddell, originally named for the board membership, were the contending parties.

It leaked out later, however, that Mr. Shank wanted to name Dr. W. B. Foreman as the fourth member in place of Dr. Ruddell. He said it is likely that his name Dr. Ruddell will be for the term expiring next June and that Dr. Foreman will be named to replace him then.

VARIOUS BOARDS MEET AT ONCE.

The boards of public works, public safety, health and park commissioners met immediately after their appointments were received and each of the directors, most of their time to making appointments to fill minor positions, but the board of safety found time to adopt one resolution defining an important piece of policy.

The board declared its intention not to reelect any policeman or fireman discharged for drinking or who resigns under the influence of drink. The conference itself moved yesterday from 10 o'clock Tuesday morning to 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and is holding its first regular meeting this afternoon.

The three boards of health director. It is broken condition and decided it could get along on a temporary loan of \$175,000 until the June taxes come in. To keep within this amount, the board decided to discharge all but three or four of the twenty-seven sanitary inspectors and have ten police men assigned as inspectors in their place by the time of public safety. The remaining health inspectors will instruct the policemen.

A tangle which was causing the new administration some embarrassment was

solved when George Griffin was appointed plumbing inspector. Joseph Swain is to be retained as plumbing inspector also. Griffin was to have displaced Swain, but there was considerable criticism of the move.

DR. HODGIN HEADS BOARD.

Dr. Hodgin was formally elected president, and Dr. Goethel Link, vice president. Dr. Morgan was re-elected secretary and Newton J. McGuire attorney of the board.

Richard A. Poole was elected assistant superintendent of the city hospital and Dr. R. R. Coble, superintendent of the city dispensary. Drs. Ernest Confield and Glenn Peil were added to the dental staff of the hospital.

The board considered razing the middle of the three old buildings at the hospital and the construction of a fire-proof unit in its place and decided to engage an architect to investigate the legislation in shape.

The park board retained all of the present office staff of the department.

After he had received the keys to the city hall from Mayor Charles W. Jewett and the oath of office from Judge W. W. Thornton, yesterday in the mayor's private office, Mr. Shank and Mr. Jewett addressed the second floor of the hall, the crowd which filled every inch of standing space in the corridors of the four floors. The Rev. W. O. Trueblood prayed for divine guidance of the new administration and Mr. Jewett spoke of the trials which face every person in its attitude toward Mr. Shank.

THEIR ARMS COOPERATION.

Mr. Shank asked for the help of all citizens and issued a warning that violation of the liquor and gambling laws will not be tolerated. He said he and Chief of Police Herman F. Rukhoff were not going to be in a position where they would have to say "Good morning, Anderson." Politicians were warned not to come to the mayor seeking clemency for bootleggers and gamblers.

"The screws are on the bootleggers," said Mr. Shank.

SIBERIA GRIPS ATTENTION IN ARMS SESSION

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delegation here are content to rest on their ears for the time being. They reiterated that they have other documents bearing on Franco-Japanese intrigue in the possession of the Chinese government.

None of the powers of the Washington conference are "officially" taking any cognizance of the Chita disclosures, but "unofficially" the revelations are being discussed almost to the exclusion of submarines and the date of the conference was mentioned as being contracted for the last ten days.

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