POLICE CHIEF OF NEW YORK DEAD

Schmittberger a Veteran Of 43 Years Service

Sarvivor of Lexew Fight - Won Enmity of Tammany When He Revealed Police Graft in 1894-Excelled in Handling Mobs

Max F. Schmittberger, chief inspector if the police department of the city of New York since 1909 and the principal survivor of Lexow's fight against Tammany to end graft twenty-three years ago, died on last Wednesday night of neumonia at his home, 287 East Sixtyfirst street, in his sixty-seventh year. His six sons and his daughters were ut

His six sons and his daughters were at his bedside when he died.

He had an illness about the middle of August which pulled him down, and he received six months' leave of absence from police headquarters to recover his health. His sons said last night that he went out last Thursday and countracted: a cold, which developed into pneumonia, and the doctors gave up all hope of his recovery on Tuesday night.

Max P. Schmittherger was born in Germany, and went to the United States with his parents when he was 4 years rold. He was educated in the public schools, and after trying his hand at two or three employments he joined the police department on Jan. 28, 1874, became roundsman on April 2, 1880; sergeant on March 6, 1888, and was made an inspector by Commissioner Greene on Yay 2, 1908.

A Terror to Criminals

Schmittberger was six feet two inches in height and broad across the chest in proportion, with strong, sinewy arms and a wrist that had a vice-like grib which was the terror of burglars and other criminals when he was a young patrolman on the west side in the vicinity of the Thirtieth street station.

In the fall of 1879 he fought in the celfar of an old saloon in Sixth avenue with the state of the police force for his evidence that the celfar of an old saloon in Sixth avenue with the celfar of an old saloon in Sixth avenue with the celfar of an old saloon in Sixth avenue.



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ed his intention to make Schmittberger an inspector in April, 1903, his evidence before the Lexow committee was remembered, and many protests were sent to the commissioner to prevent him making the appointment. Among the protesters were President Roosevelt and District Attorney Jerome. Dr. Charles H. Pankhurst was the only chempion that Captain Schmittberger had, and he proclaimed his right to be made inspector, and Commissioner Greene appointed him in spite of all opposition. At that time he was the best hated man in the police department, and told his friends that he would live down the reputation of the "pre-Lexow" days, and he did.

Police Commissioner Theodore Bing-

nam had Inspector Schmittberger upon charges in 1907 on a complaint about

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dling the mobs in a drawer in his office where it could be easily found.

Under the regime of Commissioner Waldo the chief inspector did not have much to do, but since 1914, when Arthur Woods was made commissioner of police, the veteran was in control of the lice, the veteran was in control of the and was personally in charge on any important occasion, like the visit of the allied commissions last summer.

According to his request, the news of his death was telephoned immediately to headquarters and sent out to every precinct and detective bureau in New York and to Commissioner Woods and the deputy commissioners.

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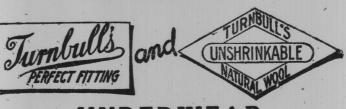


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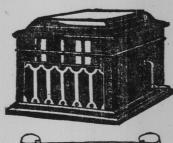
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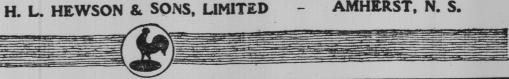
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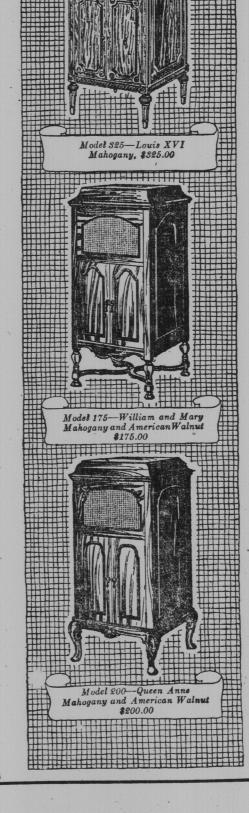


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