

NOMINATION STOLEN

Startling Exposure of a Political Crime by Which Candidate Hearst Benefited.

SULZER WAS FLIMFLAMMED

Tammany Boss Murphy by Atrocious Methods Secured the Nomination of the Independence League Man, Although a Majority Was in Favor of the Congressional Friend of Labor.

That the nomination of Hearst at Buffalo was stolen by Murphy and the "swag" was paid for by Hearst or that he at least was the receiver of stolen goods is the startling charge, backed by proof made by Democracy, a Democratic weekly of New York city. The accusation comes with the authority of several delegates to the Buffalo convention. They accuse Murphy of flimflaming the Tammany caucus and stealing the nomination for Hearst by methods that can be best described by repeating Mr Hearst's declaration of a year ago that "Murphy should be in Sing Sing."

It is now known as a positive fact that Congressman William Sulzer was the choice of a majority of the New York county delegation, and if he had not been defrauded by Murphy he would have had a majority of the 105 votes in New York county.

After the adjournment of the Tammany caucus a representative of the Hearst-Murphy conspiracy gave it out that fifty five delegates had voted for Hearst and thirty six for Sulzer and that fourteen refused to attend the conference. This statement is declared to be false and was known to be false when it was given out. The real vote was forty eight for Hearst, thirty nine for Sulzer and eight absentees. The absentees were friends of Sulzer and would have voted for him in caucus but they remained away purposely so as not to be committed by caucus action under the so called unit rule.

It is charged that Murphy ordered his caucus secretary to falsify the count and declare Hearst the caucus nominee no matter how the vote resulted.

The same high handed methods were used in the committee on contested seats when the spokesman for the Reform delegation proved that Bernal had received 8000 out of a possible 13,000 votes in the primary election in Queens and Senator Greely sitting as chairman, retorted "It wouldn't make any difference if he got 80,000." In short Murphy ordered that a trick and device, by daring fraud, if need be, a majority for Hearst must be declared irrespective of the actual vote.

The committee on contested seats, under orders from Murphy, threw out nine duly elected delegates from New York county who were for Sulzer and seated nine rump delegates because they agreed to vote for Hearst.

A little sum in arithmetic will give the following results: Add the nine Sulzer votes thrown out by the committee to the thirty nine received in the Tammany caucus and you have forty eight votes for Sulzer, add to these the eight votes of the Sulzer delegates who refused to go into the caucus, and you have sixty six votes for Sulzer and thirty nine for Hearst. Give these sixty six votes to Mr Sulzer and he would have been nominated on the first ballot for governor instead of Hearst.

The documentary evidence that would have conclusively proved this larceny on the part of Murphy was of course destroyed. Tom Smith, secretary of Tammany Hall kept the tally in the caucus. Mr Smith said that he gave the tally sheet to Mr Murphy. Mr Murphy when asked if he had received the tally sheet said, "Maybe, but I lost it."

As the details of the crime committed at Buffalo by Murphy on behalf of Hearst became known to the Democrats throughout the state the wave of Democratic indignation becomes greater and sweeps from one end of the commonwealth to the other. As Democracy puts it, "Mr Hearst has no more right to have his name at the head of the Democratic column than Max Thumson." The Democrats of the state have been tricked, and this exposure reveals Hearst in his true light—an impostor masquerading as a Democrat by grace of the well nigh criminal trickery of Murphy. Every Democrat is absolved from the least vestige of allegiance to this trickster. The best interests of the real Democracy demand the election of Charles E. Hughes.

"There is no Democratic candidate in the field!"

WHAT CLEVELAND THINKS.

Nomination of Hearst a Calamity to Democratic Party.

Former President Cleveland, in speaking of Mr. Hughes and the issues of the campaign, said:

"I think the question was stated very concisely by Mr. Hughes in his speech at Lyons yesterday, when he said an attempt is being made to marshal the forces of discontent in an appeal to passion, not reason."

"Do I think Hearst's election would be a calamity? Why, the whole situation is an absurdity. His nomination alone was a calamity to the Democratic party. It placed thousands of good men who believe in Democratic principles and who rebel against voting for a Republican in a terrible situation."

TERRIBLE INDICTMENT

Oscar S. Straus, a lifelong Democrat, arraigns Hearst in the following powerful letter addressed to the publishers of the Jewish Daily News in answer to a letter of inquiry from them:

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter asking me for an expression of my views as to the candidates and the issues in the present gubernatorial campaign.

"I will briefly give you some of the reasons why, in my judgment, every honest and patriotic man who is not blinded by sensationalism and insincerity should vote for Mr. Hughes.

"First.—I am for Hughes because I know him to be fearlessly honest, upright and capable and not an unconscionable, sensational, insincere sham.

"Second.—I am for Hughes because his nomination was brought about not by self seeking and oligarchical methods, but by the honest choice of a representative convention.

"Third.—I am for Hughes because he has been foremost in exposing the abuses of corporations and in preparing the passage of most excellent laws correcting such abuses.

"Fourth I am for Hughes because I know when elected he will have no other boss but an enlightened conscience and no other motive than the public welfare and that he will interpret his duties in the light of justice to all the people without fear or favor.

"Fifth.—I am for Hughes because he stands for the same high and noble principles which have guided President Roosevelt in the performance of his exalted duties.

"Sixth.—I am for Hughes because the issues in this campaign are far more important than party issues—issues that lie at the very basis of our American institutions, and because we want an American government and not a government by and for the New York American.

"I am against Hearst—

"First.—Because his nomination was brought about by methods which are destructive of democratic government.

"Second.—I am against Hearst because one day he pilloried Charles F. Murphy, the boss of Tammany Hall, as a jailbird, and the next day he receives from him a nomination for office.

"Third.—I am against Hearst because he was responsible for throwing out the Queens county delegates who were selected by 3,000 majority and other duly elected delegates and substituting his own men and because his nomination was brought about by means that were autocratic and not democratic.

"Fourth.—I am against Hearst because he pretends to be opposed to corporations and yet in order to escape the responsibility of personal acts and to avoid taxation he has placed his newspapers under a triple armor of corporations and finally transferred them to New Jersey in order to escape taxation, liability and responsibility.

"Fifth.—I am against Hearst because through his paper he has systematically for years by every means that malice could invent endeavored to stir up a strife and contention between the laborer and the employer and between one class and another class of our people. I am against him because he has done this regardless of the welfare of the people in order that he might profit by his own wrong.

"Sixth.—I am against Hearst because there is no abuse which he has condemned which he has not been willing to take advantage of when it serves his purpose.

"Finally I am against Hearst because he has sacrificed the judicial offices to his ambitions and I am for Hughes because, like Gideon of old, he was summoned by the righteous voices of the people and because he fulfills the injunction of Jethro to Moses—that the people should select capable men men of truth who hate covetousness and place such men over them as rulers. Hughes is such a man."

THEY WILL REMEMBER.

There are a good many tens of thousands of men and women throughout the Empire State who are policy holders in the big life insurance companies. And of these tens of thousands of policy holders there is not one who has not been directly benefited by the exposure of the evils existing in the insurance corporations made at the instance of the Republican legislature and prosecuted so successfully by Charles E. Hughes.

The searching inquiry of Mr. Hughes led to legislation correcting many of these evils, and this legislation was largely prepared under the direction of Mr. Hughes.

For these reasons every policy holder in the state of New York as well as throughout the United States will feel that he owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Hughes, and this feeling will manifest itself on election day by a unanimous vote for Mr. Hughes by the policy holders of New York state.

Liberty's Candidate.

The Rochester Herald, an independent in politics, prints a strong cartoon depicting Hearst held in the vicelike grip of Murphy's fist and with the following caption taken from a Hearst speech beneath:

"Two things are of special importance as issues in this campaign, liberty and prosperity. By far the greater of these is liberty, for a man not truly free is not really a man at all!"

In this campaign we stand for the honor of the state.—Charles E. Hughes.

A KILKENNY FIGHT

Boss Murphy Charges Hearst's League With Blackmail, and Countercharges Are Made.

SOME MAY GO TO SING SING

Democrats and Leaguers, After Accusing Each Other of Penal Offenses, Are Haled Into Court—Chairman Conners Also Attacks the Nominee's Organization—Knives Flying in Air

From present indications the double headed campaign for Mr Hearst for governor will end as did the historic fight between the Kilkenny cats. New York city was thrown into a furor of political excitement at the other day by the declaration from Boss Murphy of Tammany Hall to the effect that Hearst's personal organization, known as the Independence league, had, through its managers and candidates, attempted to blackmail the Tammany candidates for assembly, congress and the judiciary.

Mr. Murphy gave out this statement to the reporters and charged that Hearst representatives had been trying to buy away nominations for sums ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000.

"I have," said Mr. Murphy, "that our candidates have received very strong intimations that if they want to get into the Independence league ticket they will have to put up money to get the league men off. These intimations come from men in authority—Mr Hearst's representatives, although I must say that it is hard to tell just who the Hearst managers are. Every one pretends to be a manager."

In the cases of some of the candidates Mr Murphy's charges were specific and his accusations threw the Independence league managers into a panic. Details were made but they were not given with an air of sincerity nor were they convincing.

Countercharges were also made by the Independence league men who declared that Tammany candidates had offered financial inducements to league candidates to get out of the way.

As soon as these charges reached the ears of the constituted legal authorities subpoenas were issued by the district attorney for Mr. Murphy and several of the league managers and candidates to appear before the grand jury. All parties to the charges and countercharges claimed to have abundant evidence to sustain their allegations. If this is true it is likely that some candidates now before the people will serve terms in Sing Sing instead of the halls of legislation.

The penal code is very sweeping in matters of this kind, and the safeguards placed around the franchise by the recent Republican legislature may get into action very quickly. Such crimes as those alleged by the Tammany and Independence league men are punishable by two years imprisonment and \$5,000 fine or both.

In the meantime the fight between the political backers of the Hearst campaign is going on throughout the state. Chairman "Fingy" Conners of the Democratic state committee is wild with indignation over what he calls the perfidy of the Hearst people in his home town of Buffalo. In spite of the deal made by the bosses with Mr. Hearst at Buffalo the former charge had faith against the latter in putting up rival tickets against the Democratic nominees in Buffalo and other up state cities, as well as in New York.

Conners, in his own newspapers, speaks of the "corrupt deal" whereby the Independence league people are alleged to have sold out to the Republican organization in his town.

The inevitable outcome of this row within the ranks of the Hearst following will be the wholesale knitting of the head of the ticket throughout the state. It is expected that Murphy will follow the example of Senator McCarran, the Democrat leader of Brooklyn, and instruct his followers to knife Hearst and try wherever possible the best of the lot for votes for regular hold lines.

Murphy is preparing to attack before the board of censors every Independent league nomination in which Tammany men were not named by the league. This includes judiciary, congress, senate and assembly nominations.

HEARST ON DESERTERS

Haris Vile Epithets at Hearst's Expense—Democrats

Hearst has shown intense bitterness against the Democrats who refused to support him and who have come out for Mr. Hughes. He has strained his vocabulary of vituperation in handling epithets with which to denounce those independent thinkers of the party left who have endorsed him. He has referred to the holding Democrats as "pollitic cockroaches." He has called District Attorney Jerome K. Donovan "a man who has failed of language" in describing his hatred and contempt of Judge Parker, former nominee for president of the United States, and referred to him as a "cockroach."

This speech of Hearst's has become known as his "cockroach" speech.

The old official organ of the Democratic party in New York city, the "Tammany Times," found itself unable to stand for Hearst and has repudiated him and come out for Hughes.

We do not want government by deal lines.—Charles E. Hughes.

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