

PAWNBROKERS SOUGHT HELP FROM TAMMANY

Tried in Vain, Lobby Witness Says, to Get Its Aid Against "Loan Shark" Bill.

RAISED A FUND OF \$3,734

Gave \$500 for the Democratic Campaign, Thinking "It Would Be a Good Thing" for Their Cause.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, Aug. 19.—The vain hope of Washington pawnbrokers that Tammany Hall would come to their aid and obtain a "fair hearing" in the House when the "loan shark" bill was pending in the 54th Congress was pictured to the House lobby investigating committee to-day by George D. Horning, who has three brass balls above the doorway of his shop. Mr. Horning, who was called to testify regarding the disbursement of \$3,734 raised by the pawnbrokers to engage counsel to fight the "loan shark" bill, which finally passed, unexpectedly spoke of Tammany Hall, which he seemed to think might have exerted considerable influence over legislation. He made two indirect attempts, he said, to get Tammany Hall into the fight, making two trips to New York for that purpose.

The witness said the House District Committee had not given the pawnbrokers a fair deal after the "loan shark" bill was introduced, in 1911.

Asked about his visit to New York, where he once met Representative McDermott, according to previous testimony, Horning surprised the committee by saying: "I used to go to New York frequently, and I went to see my friend Mr. Moss, of Maiden Lane, about the 'loan shark' bill. I wanted to see what could be done. Moss took me down to see a man, whose name I forget, who was connected with Tammany Hall. We saw him in a big building which resembles our Municipal Building here in Washington.

Wanted Tammany Help.

"Mr. Moss said he could help by reaching the Tammany members in the House and getting us a hearing on the bill. The man said he couldn't bring Tammany Hall into anything like that, and the interview ended.

"Later I saw John McDermott, a cousin of the Congressman, whom I knew.

"What did you expect John McDermott to do?" Chairman Garrett asked. "I asked him if he knew anybody who could help us," said Mr. Horning. "I wanted to know if he knew any Tammany men who could obtain us a fair hearing in Washington."

"Was reference made to any particular member of Congress?"

"No, Mr. McDermott didn't know what he could do."

The witness denied the statement of I. H. McMichael that while in John McDermott's office Representative McDermott had tried to reach Representative Rothermel, of the House District Committee, over the telephone.

"I remember no such conversation," said Horning. "Representative McDermott, John McDermott and McMichael were there. I happened to meet the Congressman and McMichael in New York and asked them to come on down to John McDermott's office, in 15th street."

McMichael testified that John McDermott was connected with a brewer's association, but the lobby committee has not yet located him.

Loaned Money to McDermott.

When asked if Representative McDermott had shared in the \$3,734 fund raised by three Washington pawnbrokers—Horning, Heidenheimer and Burnstein—to fight the "loan shark" bill, Horning replied in the negative. He said, however, that he had frequently loaned Representative McDermott money without security, and that the Illinois Democrat now owes him \$1,000.

"Our families were friendly," the witness added.

Mr. Horning cleared up the disposition of the so-called lobby fund. He said \$2,000 went to Henry E. Davis, an attorney, who represented the pawnbrokers before President Taft. The firm of Tucker, Kenyon & MacFarland received \$550, \$500 was contributed to the Democratic campaign fund and three men—Schulteis, Hart and Sullivan—received about \$750 among them. The rest went for incidentals.

The three last named men, Horning said, "were to see members of Congress."

"Is this Schulteis the Herman J. Schulteis whose name has figured in connection with the Anti-Trust League?" asked Mr. Stafford.

"I think he is the same," Horning answered.

"What was he to do for the \$300 paid him?"

"He said he knew a lot of members and would present the case of the pawnbrokers to his acquaintances. We were trying to get the pawnbrokers exempted from the 'loan shark' bill, for we couldn't do business on less than 2 per cent."

When asked why he used a part of the "loan shark" bill fund to contribute to the Democratic campaign Horning said he thought it would be "a good thing to give to the campaign."

Isaac Heidenheimer, another pawnbroker, who was cross-examined to-day, said the campaign contribution was made on the theory that it would be well "to get on friendly terms with the Congressmen." The contribution, he said, was made to the district national committee last fall.

Democrats Designate Justice to Succeed Himself.

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 19.—Henry V. Borst, of Amsterdam, was designated to succeed himself as Supreme Court Justice in the 4th Judicial District, comprising eleven counties in Northern New York, at a meeting of the Democratic Judicial Committee, held here to-day.

Kingston, N. Y., Aug. 19.—Henry R. De Witt, of Kingston, was to-day designated as candidate for the Republican nomination for member of the Assembly in the 1st District of Ulster County, and Abram P. Lefevre, of New Paltz, in the 2d District.

The county committee designated District Attorney William D. Cunningham, of Ellenville, for nomination for that office. Mr. Cunningham last year was Republican candidate for State Controller, and has served two terms as District Attorney.

TAMMANY RESTS OARS AS REPUBLICANS MEET

Murphy Pondering as to Whether He Dare Refuse Mayor Renomination.

CORRIGAN AS PROSECUTOR

Magistrate Announces His Desire To Be Candidate for District Attorney on Democratic Ticket.

Pending the developments at the meeting of the Republican city designating committee, the Democratic political situation was dormant yesterday. Charles E. Murphy did not know whether he would dare refuse Mayor Gaynor a renomination until he had had a chance to size up the opposition to the fusion ticket shown by the Republican organization. Mayor Gaynor, too, was all at sea because Murphy had not made up his mind.

Murphy promised to get down to business with the district leaders to-day. He was at Tammany Hall yesterday, but when his views on the city ticket were asked he replied: "Wait until to-morrow."

Mayor Gaynor kept as much as possible in the seclusion of his office at the City Hall. He had a talk with E. Rose Appleton, chairman, and Henry Clews, of the executive committee of the Gaynor Fusion and Nominating League. He also talked for some time with Fire Commissioner Johnson, who is conducting his campaign.

Confers With McKay.

Later the Mayor had a conference with acting Police Commissioner McKay, following which he gave out a statement defending his position on the closing of Healy's and similar places at 1 a. m. His attitude on this matter has done more than anything else to give Tammany an excuse for turning him down, and he is anxious to justify his course before the public.

Murphy never batted an eyelash when he replied to a question about the report that Gaynor had been eliminated from the Tammany slate.

"Oh, no, I couldn't say that the Mayor has been eliminated."

He was then told that some of the newspapers were declaring with great positiveness that Justice Dowling was to receive the nomination for Mayor.

"Yes, I have seen his name in the newspapers several times lately," was the reply in a bored tone.

"Is it true that Kings County is lined up against the Mayor?" Murphy was asked.

"I don't know," was the reply. "I do not live in Kings County. You will have to ask the leaders there."

When Mr. Appleton came out of the Mayor's office he said he could only repeat that his committee was circulating petitions and intended to renominate the Mayor independently, no matter what any one else might do. He said Jacob H. Schiff had asked to be placed on the executive committee of the Gaynor organization and intended to take an active part in the Gaynor movement.

Mr. Appleton would not say when his organization would formally notify the Mayor as to its plans. John M. Harrington, secretary to the league, said later the formal notification might be to-morrow. Whenever it is, the Mayor intends to come out and make his position on renomination clear. It is not unlikely he will issue his statement Friday night, just before the meeting of the Democratic city committee on Saturday.

Murphy Messenger at City Hall.

Some excitement was caused in the City Hall when Philip F. Donohue, the faithful companion and messenger of Murphy, appeared at the entrance to the Mayor's office. He explained, however, that he had no intention of seeing the Mayor and had no message from Mr. Murphy. He simply wanted to see Commissioner Johnson and had followed him to the City Hall.

The Voters' Federation, a Brooklyn organization, which claims to have 10,000 members, and of which Dr. G. Fish Clark, of No. 35 Decatur street, is chairman, announced last night it had decided to cooperate with the Gaynor Fusion League to renominate Mayor Gaynor and would work for him right up to Election Day. Dr. Clark had a long conference with Mr. Appleton in the afternoon.

Magistrate Joseph E. Corrigan announced last night he would be a candidate for the nomination for District Attorney of New York County on the Tammany ticket, and that Thomas G. Rush, Democratic leader of the 29th Assembly District, would present his name next Saturday night, when the regular Democrats meet to make up their city and county tickets.

WESTCHESTER MOOSE ROW

Lie Passed in Meeting to Select County Candidates.

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STEPHENSON MAY RETIRE

Wisconsin Senator Silent on Story That He Will Not Seek Re-election.

Ashland, Wis., Aug. 19.—Isaac Stephenson will not be a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed himself, according to dispatches received here to-day from Madison. Senator Stephenson is reported to have declared his intention to retire to private life.

STATE FORESTS IN DANGER

So Dry That Campers Are Warned to Be Careful About Fires.

Albany, Aug. 19.—An unusually large number of small fires in the woods throughout the state have been reported to the State Conservation Department. The forests are so dry that the Superintendent of Forests has issued a warning urging campers to put out all camp fires. Those using roads adjacent to the woods, he says, should exercise care in throwing away lighted cigars and cigarettes.

"MAYOR" STEINGUT RETURNS

Second Avenue Leader Joyously Welcomed Home from Europe by Followers.

Flowers were nailed to the door of No. 207 East 14th street yesterday, and, in a little room beyond the portal, were more flowers—stacks of them, in fact. No, Little Eva had not fallen from a stringpiece into the East River and drowned while trying to save Uncle Tom, her black kitten. No, indeed! No. 207 East 14th street is the address of one Simon Steingut, popularly known as the "Mayor of Second Avenue," and yesterday Steingut returned from Europe. The flowers were to welcome him home.

That was also the purpose of a small but ardent band of friends of the "Mayor" who journeyed from the depths of Second Avenue all the way to Hoboken to stand on the North German Lloyd Line pier and shout a welcome to Steingut as the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II. neared its berth.

When Steingut set foot on the pier his friends surrounded him.

"The presents! The presents! Where are they?" shouted Josef Madinski, who led the onslaught on the jovial "Mayor." The last time Steingut went abroad he brought back gifts for all of his constituents, but they were lost in transit. Steingut set their fears at rest. He

smiled, then told of a huge strong box filled with valuable and useful articles for each and every one of them on their way to New York at that minute in the hold of another steamship.

Between their shouts of awe and praise on their leader's back the constituents appointed a committee on the spot to arrange a welcome-home dinner in honor of Steingut. John Himmelman, "Mayor of 14th street," was appointed a committee on arrangements.

"Boys," said Steingut, "I have had 'some time' in Europe. In Berlin I had the honor of meeting Police Commissioner Waldo. He stayed at the same place I did, the Hotel Adlon. When I found out he was there I sent up my card. He thought I was a saloonkeeper when he saw the 14th street address, but when he found out I was 'Mayor of Second Avenue' he was very cordial.

"He said he was very glad to see me and was sorry we were not going to be in Berlin together longer. He left next day for Paris."

After regaling his friends with more experiences, Steingut finally admitted he was a trifle disappointed with the Continent. He had gone there, he said, to collect a legacy left him a few years ago by his father, Jacob Steingut, but he found that the matter was pending in the German courts, and he was unable to collect a cent. Aside from that, he said, he had enjoyed himself.

PROGRESSIVES RATIFY WILSON COUNTS ON BRITAIN'S AID

Party Follows Fusion City Ticket on Nominations.

ENTHUSIASM AT MEETING

Nearly 2,000 Delegates from All Five Boroughs Attend Bull Moose Convention.

John Purroy Mitchell was nominated for Mayor, William A. Prendergast for Controller and George McAneny for President of the Board of Aldermen by the city convention of the Progressive party last night at Terrace Garden.

The nominations were received with great demonstrations and went through unanimously. Nearly two thousand delegates from the five boroughs filled the hall, and a band added the crowning touches to the nominating speeches.

The speech of Leonard M. Wallstein, accepting the temporary chairmanship, sounded the keynote of the proceedings.

His declarations that "the Progressive party in the city must inevitably be the relentless foe of Tammany Hall and all that it stands for," and that "we stand in the vanguard of the allied hosts that battle for the honor of our city," were greeted with cheers.

Timothy L. Woodruff, of Kings, was cordially greeted when he ascended the rostrum to take the gavel as permanent chairman of the convention. The closing paragraph of his speech was the signal for five minutes of applause. He said: "We have just had a splendid example of disinterested public service in the acceptance of a secondary place on the city ticket by George McAneny; and another superb example of devotion to the public good in the acceptance of renomination to a position in which he has already made an unsurpassable record by Charles S. Whitman. In all our deliberations and labors let us profit by these examples and demonstrate to the nation the disinterested public spirit and patriotic purposes which characterize and permeate the national Progressive party."

Francis W. Bird presented the name of Mr. Mitchell to the convention in these words: "We did not espouse Mr. Mitchell's candidacy from any sense of partisan advantage. He was not a member of our party. But he has shown conclusively his determination to break up the alliance of big business and corrupt politics. We believe him to be a thorough but a moderate liberal, and in accord with Progressive conceptions of city government and city politics. We believe him to be honest, clean and able. We believe him to be a strong and popular candidate. He is young in years, but old in experience. He has the energy, the initiative and the fire of youth inspired by wisdom and judgment of a long and hard experience."

The nomination was seconded by M. Kerl, of the Bronx; William Trewin, of Queens; William M. Mill, of Richmond, and Henry S. Berger, of Kings. The formal announcement of the casting of the vote provoked a big demonstration.

Controller Prendergast was nominated by Jesse Fuller, of Kings, and seconded by Jerry Cohen, of the Bronx. The same enthusiasm marked his designation by the committee.

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MAINE TOWN BURNED OUT

Every Place of Business in North Anson Destroyed.

North Anson, Me., Aug. 19.—Every place of business in North Anson and seven dwelling houses were destroyed by fire to-day. The loss was estimated at \$110,000. About thirty buildings were burned.

The fire started from an exploded lamp in the kitchen of the Hotel Somerset. There were few guests and all got out without accident.

WILSON COUNTS ON BRITAIN'S AID

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ing officially in advance of ex-Governor Lind's arrival that unless he brought recognition of Mexico he would be persona non grata, then causing his Minister of Foreign Affairs to receive the personal representative of President Wilson and later receiving and treating with him himself when it became known to-day that it was solely through the good offices of Great Britain that the Mexican Chief Executive changed his attitude. Great Britain, it is explained, proffered her good offices to secure a hearing for Mr. Lind, and this offer was promptly accepted by Secretary Bryan, with the result that the British Ambassador in the City of Mexico accomplished the desired end.

Surprise is expressed in Senatorial circles that in view of this fact so much hope was placed by the administration in the success of Mr. Lind's mission. It is asserted that the administration apparently forgot that Mr. Lind was received neither on his merits nor as a favor to the United States, but solely as a courtesy to Great Britain, and that because of this courteous reception it was assumed that Huerta's attitude had undergone a material change, whereas subsequent developments seemed to indicate that this assumption was without warrant.

Will Indorse Wilson's Course.

A movement was started among House Democrats to-day to indorse in the party caucus now at work on the currency bill the President's course with regard to the Mexican crisis. Action approving the President's attitude probably will be taken to-morrow.

Representative Saunders, of Virginia, broached informally the advisability of caucus approval of the administration's course. He asked an emissary to ascertain from the White House if there would be any objection to the plan, and is understood to have received assurances that the President had no objection to a caucus "O. K." of this character.

The Mexican situation was not broached in the caucus this afternoon, owing to the wrangle over the merits and demerits of the currency measure, but it is the present plan of Mr. Saunders to ask a caucus indorsement of the administration's Mexican policy to-morrow.

MOVE FOR U. P.-S. P. INQUIRY.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Investigation of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific dissolution decreed by a Congress committee of nine which also would report if further legislation were desirable to strengthen the anti-trust and Interstate Commerce laws, was proposed to-day in a resolution by Representative Kindel, of Colorado. It charges that "two giant monopolies" have been more firmly established by the railroad decree.

MURPHY FIGHTS FOR LIFE

So Osborne Regards His Attack on Governor Sulzer.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Auburn, N. Y., Aug. 19.—Thomas Mott Osborne, in a long statement defending the course of Governor Sulzer, attacked Tammany to-night with his customary vigor.

"Murphy got rich out of politics," said Mr. Osborne, "and the question, 'How did Murphy get rich?' that Jerome used to fire at him so persistently has never been answered. In Governor Dix he found a willing agent for his purpose, but in William Sulzer he found, to his amazement, an honest man."

"Murphy is so stupid and ignorant that this feeling is perfectly honest. So what is more natural than that Murphy should grasp at the most effective weapon at hand and get rid of Sulzer once and for all? He must save his organization, for the Governor has already struck blows pretty near home, and there is no knowing when somebody may 'squeal' and the whole rotten machine fly in pieces."

"It is the instinct of self-preservation that is driving Murphy on, and it is high time the same instinct should arouse the people of New York State. Governor Sulzer is being attacked now not because of his alleged faults, but because he is protecting the state. A little reflection will show the common sense of his present contention."

"If the Governor, was to be suspended during impeachment proceedings all that would be necessary would be for a majority of the Assembly to start impeachment proceedings for any trivial thing; if the Senate acquitted him on that, then another charge could be preferred, and so on. In other words, a mere majority of the Assembly could prevent a Governor from exercising his duties—a manifest absurdity, a position that is bad law and worse morals."

COUNTY SLATE OPPOSED

Republican Executive Committee Seeks Compromise.

PROGRESSIVES ALSO REBEL

Faction of Party Feels That Allotment of Plums Is Not Satisfactory.

Such strong opposition developed against the fusion county ticket for New York County at the meeting of the Republican executive committee yesterday afternoon that it was decided to adjourn the judiciary, county and borough designating committee meetings until Monday.

The first named was to have been held last night and the latter two to-night. It was decided to hold the meetings at 4.5 and 6 p. m. on Monday in the order of judiciary, county and borough, respectively.

Abraham Gruber, chairman of the judiciary committee, was empowered to act as chairman of the committee of five to confer with the other fusion organizations in regard to a possible change in the fusion judiciary and county slates.

The Republicans are dissatisfied because Benjamin N. Cardozo was named for the Supreme Court instead of William H. Washburn, their candidate. Washburn was placed on the ticket for Judge of Special Sessions, which left in the cold Isidor Wasservogel, who was the Republican candidate for one of the nominations for that bench.

Certain district leaders of the New York Progressive organization said last night they would attempt to break the fusion county slate at a meeting of the executive

committee called for this afternoon. They are disgruntled at the way in which Francis W. Bird, the chairman, has handled the situation, and want to have the organization name a separate ticket.

The malcontents in the organization wanted to have a Progressive named for Sheriff. They also wanted one nomination for the Court of General Sessions, Justice Jacob J. Lester, of the Municipal Court, being their candidate for the nomination. They are not satisfied with the naming of William C. Ransom for the City Court, as they say he has not taken an active enough part in the local organization.

When these men broached their grievance to Chairman Bird he was inclined to treat it with little consideration. He refused to call a meeting of the executive committee, but enough members joined in a call for a special meeting, which will be held at Progressive headquarters, in Washington Square, this afternoon.

Mr. Bird made light of the entire matter and said the fusion county ticket would be put through at the meeting of the county designating committee to-night.

In The Bronx the Progressives and the Independence League will without doubt stand by the fusion local ticket. However, it seemed certain last night that the Republicans would reject it if they could form an acceptable alliance with the independent Democrats.

Several independent movements are being organized. The Business and Professional Men's League will meet to name an independent ticket at Burdland's Casino, West Chester, near Prospect avenue, to-night. James Reilly is chairman of the movement and William J. F. O'Neill secretary. Others interested are George Henry Payne, Edward Polak, William Cameron and Alderman James J. Mulhearn.

NEW YORKER DROWNED IN SURF

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 19.—Whitney Kipp, an electrical engineer, of New York City, who was spending his vacation with his wife and child here, was caught by the heavy surf and drowned while bathing at Rye North Beach to-day. Mrs. Kipp is a daughter of W. Scott Smith, of Washington.



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