

TAMMANY TIES

REP \$1,000,000, 100

Tiger Wins Big Graft Fight, Even Though It Lost Election.

COLER, SOON OUT, ACTIVE

Two-Score Contracts to Be Let in Brooklyn Alone to Friends of Man, Charged With Grafting, Republicans in Bad Plight.

BY LLOYD F. LONGERGAN.
NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Tammany Hall, realizing that it will be very cold weather after the first of the year, is preparing to slip all possible contracts, thereby stripping the new Board of Estimate of much of the power that it hoped to exercise.

Before the present administration goes out of power it is expected to let contracts, aggregating \$100,000,000. In a recent issue of the City Record, the municipality's official paper, 18 pages were devoted to advertisements asking for bids on different contracts, which range from the building of a steamboat to the \$10,000,000 municipal office building, which the city proposes to erect on the site of the City Hall station of the subway loop.

City Pays \$1,000,000 Yearly Rental

This last big structure is expected to house all the various city departments, which are now scattered all over town.

The lack of system that exists at present is illustrated by the fact that New York is now paying to private landlords in rent, the enormous sum of \$1,000,000 every year, although there is plenty of land owned by the city which has been allowed to remain idle.

The general expectation, however, was that the matter of letting this important contract would be allowed to go over until the fusion forces got into power. But Tammany contractors were insistent, and the Board of Estimate was hastily convened, and authority given to the Bridge Commissioner to advertise for bids at once. These bids will be opened in time to enable the present administration to go out of office.

And the new rulers of the city will be compelled to abide by the action of the men who were installed at the polls by the people last month.

Over in Brooklyn, Borough President Coler is just as active as the Mayor in getting as many contracts off his hands as he can before New Year's day. Coler at the present time is advertising for bids on 40 contracts that will be awarded before his term of office expires. These contracts include public improvements of every description, and will set up the taxpayers for a heavy amount of money.

No Way to Block Tammany Scheme.

Fusionists are much concerned over the outlook, but see no way to block the Tammany scheme, which is entirely legal, and cannot be stopped by any process of law. There is talk, however, of asking the Legislature to provide for a suppression of such practices in the future, but it is much like locking the barn door after the horse has been stolen.

"The municipal civil service board is also working over-time. Many minor office-holders, who were on the exempt list, and subject to removal at the will of their superiors, have been saved from work by being transferred to the competitive list, which means that it is impossible to remove them except after a hearing on charges. Even then they will have the right to appeal to the courts, and, if able to prove their claims, can be reinstated with full pay for the time that they were idle. And even when they do go out, by death or resignation, the head of the bureau will be compelled to take the successor from a list of civil service employees.

Republicans in Bad Plight.

So it can be easily seen, from a "practical" point of view that the Republican workers are really in as bad a plight as is Tammany Hall.

The only persons who are pleased at the outlook are the reformers who are not office-seekers. They say that although Tammany has secured a present victory by invoking the protection of the civil service regulations, that it is a triumph which will cost them dear in the future. The man who takes this point of view is Dr. George W. Brush, an ex-State Senator, who is an active reformer, in and out of season.

"Tammany by rendering it impossible to remove these men," says Brush, "has lost all its power over them. Hereafter they were compelled to do what ever the organization asked, because failure to comply with orders was always followed by dismissal. The small fry office-holders were also forced to contribute as liberally as any boss demanded to the various campaign funds, regardless whether they needed their salaries themselves or not. Now they have no reason to fear a Tammany collector, a Republican or any other kind of a leader. If a man wants to aid his party he is free to do so, but he cannot be coerced. The extension of the civil service rules in the past has done more to curb Tammany Hall than all the resolutions that were ever passed by any organization, no matter how strong or how earnest it might be."

Governor Hughes is now gravely going over the charges preferred against Borough President Coler, and the general public is taking absolutely no interest in the outcome. Coler wants them passed upon for the purpose of securing a vindication. Like the heroes in the melodrama, he swears by the high heaven that he is "pure." The average voter does not know whether he is or not, but is so happy that Coler's term of office is nearly over that he is willing to let bygones be bygones, and regards any action by the Governor as absolutely unnecessary. For Coler will never be seriously considered in New York politics again.

Big Graft Found in City's Supplies.

An interesting fact which developed too late to have any effect upon the election is that millions have been made in the city departments every year in the purchase of supplies. William Hoge, chief inspector of the central supply committee of the Department of Finance, has established this after an exhaustive investigation.

The city purchases every year \$15,000,000 worth of supplies, and the deductions are correct, a very large proportion of this could be saved by systematic and honest purchasing methods.

Mr. Hoge discovered that fancy glass globes used in courtrooms and billed to the city at \$3.75 could be purchased at \$1.25 a quarter retail, and that lubricating oil sold to the Fire Department at 22 cents a gallon was being sold to the Water Supply Department and the Board of Education at 60 cents.

NICARAGUAN CONSUL-GENERAL AT NEW YORK CITY.



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PIO BOLANOS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Pio Bolanos is Consul-General of the Republic of Nicaragua at New York and, in an emergency, could act as the intermediary between his government and the United States in the difficulty now pending. If matters should become serious between the two countries Mr. Bolanos might return to Nicaragua. But this does not seem likely to happen. The quarrel of the United States is not so much with Mr. Bolanos' country as with its President.

STRIKE IS FIZZLING

St. Paul Business Men Find Freight Moving Well.

ACTUAL CONDITIONS SEEN

Jobbers Feel Justified in Announcing to Customers That They May Order Goods Without Fear of Transit Delay.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 7.—Fifteen prominent jobbers and manufacturers, constituting a committee of the Jobbers' Union and the manufacturers of St. Paul, today made a personal inspection of the terminals and transfer stations in the Twin Cities to ascertain actual traffic conditions as a result of the switchmen's strike.

After a tour in a private car the committee gave out a statement that "the freight is being moved in a satisfactory manner, and, although normal conditions do not prevail at all points, a volume of business above normal is being handled at some points."

The statement concludes: "We feel justified, therefore, in announcing to our customers throughout the United States that they may order goods freely without fear of any serious delay."

Frank T. Hawley, president of the Switchmen's Union of North America, will leave tomorrow night to meet President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, at Cincinnati on Friday.

It is said that Mr. Gompers and Secretary Morrison have pledged the financial and moral support of the federation to the switchmen, but it is not thought at local strike headquarters, however, that Mr. Gompers will order a joint strike of the railway organizations, 16 in number, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

Mr. Hawley also will confer with the committee on Wednesday, and will take up the wage question with Eastern railway managers.

Strike leaders assert that all reports received at headquarters are that the men are standing firm, and that railroads still are badly tied up.

AIR FLEET FOR FRANCE

ARMY CRAFT TO BE AUGMENTED BY 1911.

Minister of War Favors Aeroplanes, Republic Has Only One Balloon, Germany Ten.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—The relative practicability of dirigible balloons and aeroplanes in war in the future, is the theme of intense discussion following a letter from Baron d'Estournelles de Constant, Senator and president of the parliamentary group favoring international arbitration, to General Bruin, Minister of War.

The letter calls attention to the fact that France is far behind other countries in the development of military aeronautics. The Senator's warning has been taken up by the National Aerial League, which has pointed out to the aerostatic commission of the Chamber of Deputies the advantages of aeroplanes over balloons. France's solitary "Ville de Paris" contrasting markedly with Germany's ten dirigible balloons.

The Minister of War says dirigibles would be augmented so that in 1911 France would have "a satisfactory fleet."

It is understood that the War Department is convinced that the aeroplanes will be the most serviceable unit in the future and it plans to strengthen the army in that direction more than with dirigible balloons.

STRIKE DELAYS TRANSPORT

Provisions for the Dix Not Switched on Time at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 7.—Although the railroads are improving the situation in their Pacific Coast terminal yards daily, normal conditions have not been restored, and the striking switchmen continue hopeful. At Everett, they assert, they have induced several strikebreakers to join the union.

The effect of the strike in interfering with trans-Pacific shipping is shown by the delay in the sailing of the United States freight transport Dix, which was to have left Seattle for Manila Sunday. The Dix is taking a cargo of provisions, feed and animals to the Philippines. Owing to the delay, the cargo is being switched to the pier, and the Dix is still in port. It is probable that she will sail tomorrow morning.

Special trains carrying several hundred strikebreakers are said to have left St. Paul Sunday for the Coast. Not a single union switchman has returned to work, and the strikers have kept away from the railroad yards altogether.

GRAIN SHIPMENTS BLOCKED

Thousands of Bushels Held in Southeastern Washington.

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 7.—Thousands of bushels of grain are being held throughout southeastern Washington by shippers because of inability to move it to outside points since the commencement of the switchmen's strike.

Reports from Dayton and other grain-shipping centers show that practically no grain has been moved and many cars of grain are sidetracked at different points in Walla, Walla, Columbia and Franklin counties.

KNAPP TO ARBITRATE DEMAND

Illinois Central Refuses Operators' Application for Increase.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—The demand of the Illinois Central telegraphers for an increase of 10 per cent in wages was refused here today by the officials of the road.

At the request of the railroad officials it was agreed to submit the question to the mediation of Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission and Federal Labor Commissioner Neill.

Hitch Arises on Big Four Road.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 7.—A hitch has arisen in the negotiations for a new wage scale between the officials of the Big

Four Railroad and a committee of telegraphers of the road and no conference was held today. The Big Four has definitely declined to grant to the telegraphers, it is said, the privilege of controlling on their scale of wages and rules the telephone operators.

ADVANCES GRANTED IN EAST

Michigan Central Operators Decline Offer of Higher Wages.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 7.—In regard to a report emanating from Lansing, Mich., that the Michigan Central Railroad had increased the wages of its trainmen and telegraph operators, General Superintendent Brown, of the Michigan Central, said:

"The conductors and brakemen received an increase of approximately 15 per cent several weeks ago. The negotiations extended until noon of last October, but the increase was made effective October 1."

The operators were also offered an increase that affected 50 per cent of our lines, but they declined the offer and are trying to arrange an interview with the general manager."

At the offices of the Erie Marquette Railroad it was stated today that operators received a 5 per cent increase September 7, that the firemen have closed negotiations for a 5 per cent advance, effective December 1, and that the trainmen, switchmen, boiler-makers, machinists and engine-men have almost completed negotiations that will result in an increase on January 1.

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WE ALWAYS STRIVE TO PLEASE

Workers intimidated tonight that he had been approached by men whom he considered representatives of the company with overtures for arbitration. Officials of the company deny that such overtures have been made.

The Wesleyan conference of England recently passed by a large majority a motion to admit women as lay delegates. This resolution must be approved by the synod before it can become a rule of the denomination.

plant of the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company, which has caused the serious injury of half a dozen men, the calling out of 1500 state soldiers and an estimated loss to workers, plant owners and the State of Ohio of more than \$100,000 reduced itself tonight into a waiting game. It is not generally believed that the dispute will be arbitrated before Saturday.

Vice-President Lewis, of the Associated Association of Iron and Steel

CZAR'S KIN NAMED

Nicholas Nicolaievitch Will Handle Finland's Affairs.

HIS RULING WILL BE STERN

Appointment Is Regarded as Another Important Step in Imperial Plan for Annexation of Grand Duchy to Empire.

RAIL RECORDS BROKEN

CHICAGO TO NEW YORK IN 17 HOURS 46 MINUTES.

SALOON AND STORE ROBBED

Dozen Burglaries Are Reported to Police in Week.

KAISER DERANKS PRINCE

Royal German Weds Beneath Rank and Loses Title.

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