

SHEEHAN FAILS TO BREAK DEADLOCK

Judge Parker's Name Persists in Recurring as Compromise Candidate.

INSURGENTS STAND FIRM

Sheehan and Shepard Each Lose One Vote and Talk of Compromise Candidate Begins, but Neither Is Ready to Quit.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 18.—In spite of his statement that he would not be a candidate for United States Senator, Judge Alton B. Parker's name still figures in every discussion of a possible compromise. He made a flying trip here from New York today and conferred with Governor Dix.

Governor Dix said later that he and Judge Parker had not discussed either the question of a compromise or Parker's own possible candidacy. Judge Parker himself declined to tell what occurred at the conference. When he was asked if he would be a candidate in the event of William F. Sheehan's withdrawal, he replied: "I cannot dream of such a contingency."

Asked if he would accept the office of Senator if it came to him, he answered: "After I ran for President and retired from public life to practice law I said that I would never be a candidate for office again. I have not changed my attitude since then."

The Governor's refusal of Governor Dix to urge Democratic members to respect their caucus obligations and obey the will of the majority probably will cost Sheehan more votes during the balloting that is to follow. This refusal was made point blank to Judge Parker, the law partner of Sheehan.

This did much to inspire confidence in the valiant band of 29 "insurgents" who are tonight as fully determined to prevent the election of Sheehan as they were when they organized the revolt against the Democratic caucus on Monday night.

The Governor's rejection of Judge Parker's suggestion, which was made under distressing circumstances to the Governor, also brought encouragement to 21 men who are still held by the rule of the caucus but who today have been seeking an avenue for escape.

These 21 men are reported tonight to be ready to desert the Sheehan forces if the Governor will sanction their act and prevent the application of "party discipline" to their personal discomfiture.

Sheehan Efforts Fail. Efforts to increase the following of William F. Sheehan, the leading candidate, or to unite the opposition on any other candidate have proved fruitless. How long the deadlock will last no one ventures to say.

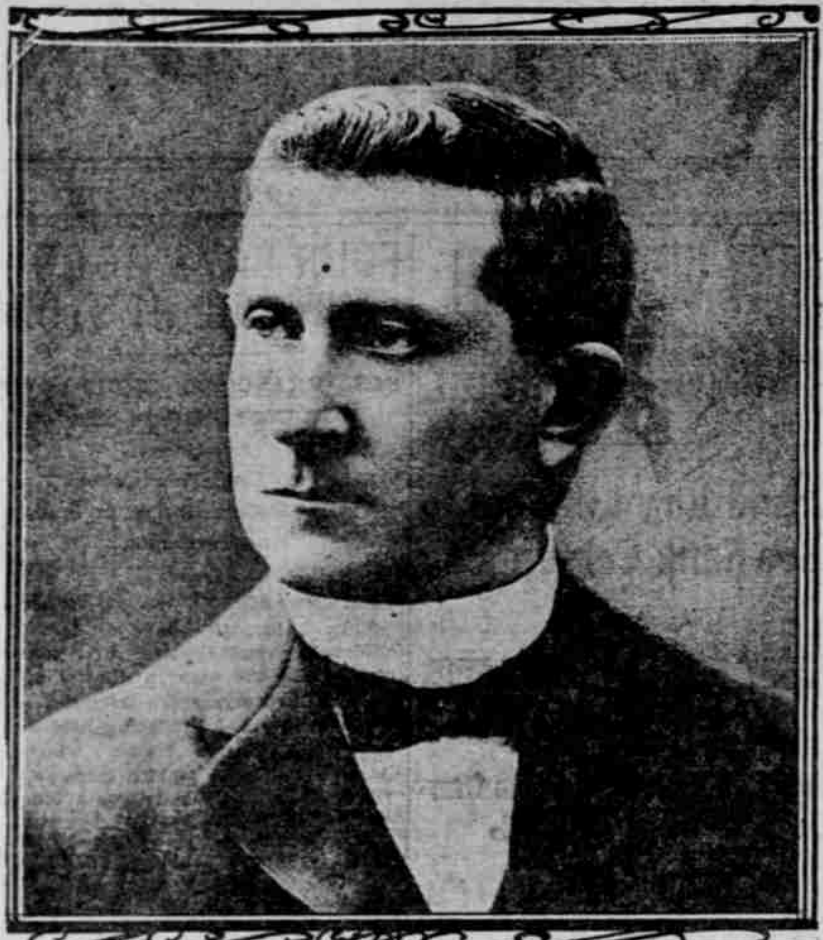
Mr. Sheehan, with 90 votes to his credit on the first joint ballot and within nine votes of election, may be no nearer Washington than William W. Littleton or D. Cady Herrick, who received but two votes. In fact, there is a growing impression that if Sheehan cannot win, the successful candidate is as likely as not to be some one whose name has not yet been proposed.

Sheehan Loses One Vote. Sheehan's position will last as long as the opposition presents the unbroken front it has maintained since the Democratic caucus. The one ballot taken gave Sheehan 90 votes; F. M. Shepard 12, A. B. Parker 7, James W. Gerard 3, Martin W. Littleton 2, and D. Cady Herrick 2. All these were Democratic votes. The Republicans voted solidly for their caucus choice, Senator Depeux.

Compared with the total vote of yesterday, when the Senate and Assembly voted separately, the changes were insignificant. Sheehan lost one vote, Shepard one, and Judge Parker and Justice Gerard, each gained one. That the "insurgents" regarded the result as a victory, was apparent from their eagerness to continue balloting. But the party leaders had agreed to postpone further voting until tomorrow. The second joint ballot will be taken at noon tomorrow.

Insurgents Seek New Man. The talk tonight was mainly of compromises and of whether the Sheehan leaders could prevent any more legislators from breaking away from the caucus selection. The "insurgents" held two meetings but failed to agree on any candidate, although A. B. Parker, D. C. Herrick and M. W. Littleton were the possible candidates discussed.

DOMINANT FIGURE IN NEW YORK FIGHT AND TWO POSSIBILITIES FOR SENATOR.



ABOVE, CHARLES F. MURPHY, BELOW, ALTON B. PARKER AND D. CADY HERRICK.

Huntington, but, when the break finally came, Watson won, receiving 40 votes, a bare majority. Clarence W. Watson is a native of Fairmount, W. Va., and is 46 years old. In early life he worked in his father's mines as a mule-driver. He was educated at Fairmount State Normal School and West Virginia University. He became a teacher, working on a farm in summer. While teaching, he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1878. He later was appointed prosecuting attorney of Kanawha County. He became the law partner of the late United States Senator John E. Kenna and, upon the death of the latter, formed a partnership with ex-Governor W. A. McCorkle, with whom he continues as a partner. Mr. Chilton was prominent in West Virginia politics.

KERN ELECTED IN INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 18.—John W. Kern, Democratic nominee for Vice-President in the last Presidential campaign, was formally elected United States Senator to succeed Albert J. Beveridge in a joint session of the Indiana Legislature.

In his speech of acceptance, Mr. Kern said that, if ever called upon to choose between party and country, he would subordinate party interests to those of the people.

Montana Makes No Choice. HELENA, Mont., Jan. 18.—The vote of the Montana Legislative Assembly for United States Senator today was: Carter (Rep.), 34; Walsh (Dem.), 23; Conrad (Dem.), 17; scattering, 17. Necessary to choice, 51.

Missouri Confirms Reed's Election. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 18.—Reed, of Kansas City, was formally declared United States Senator in the joint session of the General Assembly today.

Oliver's Election Confirmed. HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 18.—United States Senator George T. Oliver was today declared, in joint session of the Legislature, to have been re-elected Senator for the full term of six years.

Hitchcock Is Nebraska's Man. LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 18.—G. M. Hitchcock, Democrat, today in joint session of the Nebraska Legislature was declared elected United States Senator to succeed E. J. Burkett.

Lodge Is Re-Elected. BOSTON, Jan. 18.—A notable campaign for the election of a United States Senator from Massachusetts terminated today in the re-election of Henry Cabot Lodge, Republican.

JERSEY FIGURES WILL DEADLOCK

Neither Smith Nor Martine Can Succeed and Dark Horse May Win.

WILSON INFURIATES SMITH

Governor Answers Threat to Block Legislation by Calling Boss Desperado in Politics—Republicans Hold Aloof.

BY LLOYD F. LONERGAN. NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—(Special).—The battle for the Senatorship in New Jersey has now reached the stage where it seems safe to predict that both James Smith, the state boss, and Woodrow Wilson, the Governor, will be defeated. Smith's chances have taken a turn for the worst during the past few days, but he still retains a number of devoted followers. In the course of conversation with a friend the other day, one of the Smith men declared: "We may not be able to land the old man, but we are strong enough to block the Governor's game plan and send Martine to the Down-and-Out Club with his sponsor."

In the Jersey Legislature there are 60 Assemblymen and 21 Senators, a total on joint ballot of 81. There are nine Democratic Senators and 42 Assemblymen, 51 in all, or nine more than the 42 necessary to control on the joint ballot.

Chance Good for Dark Horse. The indications are that Smith can keep enough men out to cause a deadlock, the chances are that the Governor is in the same position. All of which inclines well-poised observers to believe that the successor of John Kean will be some Democrat whose name has not yet figured in the contest.

The death of Robert Davis, boss of Hudson County (Jersey City) has been a sad blow to Smith. Davis had promised that his resignation would line up behind his fellow-leader. Many persons doubted this, as Smith and Davis have been enemies often than they have been friends.

The removal of Davis has cost Smith a number of votes. While the old leader was alive he was powerful enough to hold a crowd in line if he wanted only. Now that he is gone and there is no recognized successor, the Hudson men are anxious to stand in the good graces of the new Governor, who has lots of patrons to give out.

A third element has entered into the case which has given Smith much concern. The South Jersey Democrats do not like the man from Essex. He is delighted to see him in difficulties and are doing all they can to help the trouble along. The principal member of this faction is ex-Mayor Frank Katzenbach, of Trenton, who was the candidate for Governor in 1907 and ran against Wilson in the convention last fall. He is determined that on that occasion by Smith, who handled the Wilson forces, and there were some bitter exchanges of compliments on the floor while the battle raged.

South Jersey Wants and Hopes. In a few words, they regard Smith as a foe and Martine as a joke. Neither man would suit them as Senator, and they hope that one of their own faction will land the prize. Katzenbach is secretly hoping for Martine, the "Farmer Orator," who carried the primaries.

Wilson is calmly confident that Martine will be the next United States Senator. Smith also expresses himself as thoroughly satisfied, but his lieutenants are working with a desperation that does not conform with his words. And the Democratic leaders are being wise, they are created in a way that is turning their heads.

Smith Makes Threats. The Democrats at Trenton are so wrapped up in the Senatorial snarl that they have had no time to consider the various reforms which they advocated during the campaign. One thing that is certain is that no distinctively partisan legislation will be passed, owing to the fact that the Republicans control the Senate and can block it.

New Title Enrages Boss. This threat of the boss was communicated to the Governor by a politician who would like to train with Wilson, but is really afraid of Smith. He says that the Governor received the information calmly, smiled and then replied: "I am really sorry for Smith. He fails to realize that the day of the desperado in politics has passed. He may be able to block bills that I promised the people should be made into laws. It was because of these promises that I and the others on the ticket were elected. But I can promise that, if our party pledges are ignored, the voters will know who are at fault and personally I'd hate to be one of the poor little Smith Assemblymen."

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BUBONIC PLAGUE MENACES Epidemic Decimating Manchurian Provinces Spreads Terror. HARBIN, Manchuria, Jan. 18.—The epidemic of bubonic plague threatens to become an international danger unless foreign control is introduced, because of the ignorance of the Chinese authorities. The Taitai remains cooped up in the center of the city, his residence guarded by troops, and the extent of the plague is concealed.

Portland Pair Weds in Vancouver. VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special).—William L. Johnston and Mrs. Henrietta L. Ripperdan, of Portland, were married here today.

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