

POLICE SCANDAL IS DEATH OF GAYNOR

Murphy Will Not Nominate for Governor Man Who Once Upheld Becker.

"HIGH-CLASS" MAN SOUGHT

Tammany Chieftain Has Word as to Woodrow Wilson's Desires, and, Having Eye on Future, Is Inclined to Yield.

BY LLOYD F. LONERGAN. NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—(Special).—The bullet that killed Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, also inflicted a death wound upon the political fortunes of William J. Gaynor, and even he realizes now that he cannot and will not be nominated for Governor, despite the fact that Murphy some months ago promised him that he should succeed John A. Dix.

It must be said to Murphy's credit that he seldom breaks a promise. In the present only the most fanatical of Gaynor's friends blame the Tammany Boss for going back on his word. They realize that with Gaynor as standard bearer the state campaign would be fought out on the issue of Tammany Hall and the police system, and the result would be almost certain defeat.

Gaynor is now much in the position of the parrot who suddenly awoke to a realization of the fact that he talked too darned much. Gaynor has written too many letters. He bitterly assailed Rosenthal in letters to Waldo and forbade the Police Commissioner to suspend Lieutenant Becker. In fact, the mayor woke up only when Becker was indicted at a night session of the grand jury and locked up without bail.

Voters Are Skeptical. The Mayor's friends are going about now declaring that it is preposterous to say that he had anything to do with the system. This may be true, but they cannot make the ordinary voter believe it. Gaynor has defended the leading lights of the system so vociferously that many folks are mighty suspicious.

"I believe Gaynor is honest," said one Tammany leader today. "In my opinion he has simply been misled by men around him. But it would be just as sensible for the organization to run Jack Ross or Becker as to place the Mayor on the ticket."

Murphy has communicated the sad news to the City Hall. The Mayor has been informed that the best thing for him to do is to squish the boom which was started some time ago, and be glad that he has another year to serve in his present office. Murphy will control the state convention, and he does not want to have Gaynor's name even whispered there. The Tammany Boss has troubles of his own, and he knows the police scandal will be enough of an issue without any loud cheers for the man who made it possible.

Under present conditions Murphy is veering around to Dix again, and unless there is another quick shift in plans the Governor will be renominated. Still, as the Tammany Boss has already changed his mind twice, another alteration would not be surprising.

Bensel's Name Also Recalled. When Murphy prepared his state ticket two years ago, he was in no manner sure of election. That was why he selected Dix, an upstate unknown, believing that if he were elected he could partially remove the curse of Tammany. With success at the polls, Murphy brightened up immensely, and the word went out that the Governor would be John A. Bensel, State Engineer and Surveyor. Last year the voters took the lower house at Albany and the Board of Aldermen away from Murphy and would have removed other things from his grasp if they had had the power. In consequence, Murphy saw a great light, and the Bensel boom died a sudden death. Dix has grown unpopular and Murphy, regarding Gaynor as the best vote-getter in the organization, informed the Mayor that he was to be promoted. Everything was running along in the shape when the police department blew up. Now Gaynor is a political lost soul, without friends or a future.

Murphy is far from being enthusiastic on the subject of Dix. He regards the Governor as a "weak inter" who would like to be an independent but has not got the nerve. At times Dix has been against Murphy, at other times he has been with him. In fact the Tammany boss has wasted a great deal of time in making the Governor "a senator." But, as Murphy says to his friends: "What else can we do? At our convention in Syracuse we mean to point with pride to the work of the Democratic state administration. How can we do that if we turn the head of our ticket down?"

Murphy does not explain why he is interested in Dix now, when, up to a short time ago, he was ready to eliminate Dix, first in favor of Bensel and then for Gaynor. The explanation is according to well-informed politicians, that the Governor and the boss have come to terms. Dix promising that if re-elected he will be as good as any humble district leader.

Anti-Dix Men Form Party. The announced intention of Murphy to stick to Dix has caused a great uproar. Already the Empire State Democracy has been formed with its chief object apparently the scalping of Dix. Its members have organized a "state party," and have served notice on Murphy that conditions call for the selection of a man who is not a Tammany puppet. Furthermore, they are threatening to bolt if Dix is named.

The "Two Toms" of the state administration are also uttering loud and unhappy cries. These individuals are Thomas Conway, Pittsburg, Lieutenant-Governor, and Thomas Carmody of Penn Yan, Attorney-General. Each had hoped to be the next Governor and are attacking the state party with a vengeance, where their homes are. Murphy is much more interested in them than in the Empire State Democracy. He regards the latter as a bunch of schemers and takes comfort in the reflection that they seldom vote the party ticket anyway. Carmody and Conway, however, are old party leaders and have following. Should they leave the reservation it would have a considerable effect on the vote. Therefore, Murphy is trying to soothe them by telling them that everybody will be renominated, and that "next time"—well, who knows?

The "Two Toms" reply that they are opposed on general principle to a "next time." They know what they want and they want it now, and they object most strenuously to remaining in their present jobs.

Murphy's friends believe he will stick to Dix, for there is really nothing else to do. He does not trust Carmody or Conway, believing that either one is ready to head an anti-Tammany revolt if the conditions look promising. So far as Dix is concerned, Murphy is confident that he will be

SCENES ATTENDING PRESIDENT TAFT'S NOTIFICATION OF RENOMINATION BY REPUBLICAN PARTY



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Above, Committee on the Way to the White House; Representative Hatfield, of Massachusetts, Congratulating President Taft After the Notification (Photos Copyrighted by American Press).—Below, at Left, William Sulzer, of New York, and Secretary Knox on Their Way to the White House (Photo by Hata); Right, "Uncle Joe" Cannon, Who Was Conspicuous at Taft's Nest Heated—"Uncle Joe" Passed Especially for This; Photograph for the Press on the Steps of the White House (Photo Copyrighted by American Press).

able to manage him. He would prefer a city man, one he could absolutely rely upon to stay hatched, but conditions are not favorable, and no one knows it better than does the Tammany Boss.

Woodrow Wilson has declared that he is keeping his hands off state fights, but it is an open secret that he is most interested in conditions here. So far as known, he has not communicated with Murphy in any shape or manner, but the same cannot be said of his friends. The Wilson herald is United States Senator O'Gorman, and he has told Murphy that the Presidential candidate's advisers would appreciate a high-class state ticket. O'Gorman is against Dix, and favors some active upstate Democrat who would inspire confidence. Murphy, while listening to the Senator, has not indicated what he will do, but sends word back to Seagriff that the field is still open.

Murphy Would Avoid Fight. Murphy naturally does not want a fight with Wilson. He hopes to land some good Tammany men in Government positions if the Democrats are successful in the National election. On the other hand he is opposed to placing at Albany a man who will cut his throat, and would far rather see a Republican Governor than an anti-Murphy Democrat.

Here is the situation as it stands at present. Murphy is willing to oblige Woodrow Wilson, and will nominate anyone whom the candidate's friends may suggest, providing that he has assurance that the organization will be taken care of. In the lack of such conditions, Murphy will renominate Dix on the plea of party expediency, and do his best to elect him.

Murphy and his friends generally agree with their leader, although they are far from being pleased with the outlook. They regard Dix as a weak candidate, but hope he will slip in because of the split in the Republican party. For as one of them says: "It is far better to take a chance with a weak man when you know he is good to the organization, than it is to have a clinch with a strong chap, who has the knife all ready to cut your throat. Politics is a business, and it is not an amusement."

And everyone will admit that there is mighty little amusement in cheering for a cold-blooded individual like John A. Dix, Governor, by the grace of A. Dix, Governor, of the State of New York.

RIPLEY STAYS WITH ROAD Santa Fe President Calls Railroad-ing His Recreation.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 6.—E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe system, makes an emphatic denial of rumors that he soon would resign, which have been agitating subordinate officials for several days.

TAFT WANTS ACTION

Congress Asked to Provide for Operating Canal.

FREE TOLLS LATER ISSUE

President Says Differences of Opinion Should Not Delay Legislation on Questions Not in Controversy.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—President Taft today in a special message to Congress urged immediate enactment of legislation to provide an operating force for the Panama Canal, the government of the canal zone and the fixing of maximum tolls. The President indicated that the question of free passage to American ships might be determined later.

"The discussions and differences of opinion which have arisen as to other phases of canal policy," wrote the President, "should not in my opinion be allowed to delay action on these vital and pressing subjects."

The canal bill, amended, is now before the Senate. The Panama Canal bill was taken up by the Senate today. Senator Brandegee declared he proposed to keep it before that body continually for final action.

Senator Thornton, Louisiana, a Democrat, in the opening speech, held that the United States had the undoubted right under the British treaty to exempt American coastwise trade from the payment of tolls.

Senator Jones of Washington also advocated the remission of tolls to American ships.

"The United States has assumed all obligations for the neutrality of the canal," said Senator Jones, "and it can hardly be held, therefore, that the equal treatment guaranteed to other nations applies also to this nation."

NICARAGUA FEARS SSEIGE (Continued from First Page.) his troops and three machine guns, left the City of Managua. He was joined by the entire police force and marched to Masaya, about 12 miles to the south. Some of the police have since returned here.

was addressed to certain liberal leaders of the Province of Leon.

The allies captured two boats belonging to the American company which operates the service on the Great Lakes and also seized the American railroad, taking possession of one locomotive and a number of cars. They tore up a portion of the track near Masaya. The trains, however, under American management, continued running on their regular schedule to Corinto.

Federal Are Victorious. The first engagement between the government troops and the rebels occurred at Tipitapa, on Lake Managua. The government forces were victorious and held the place. Several wounded men were brought to Managua.

It was reported on August 3 that the rebels were about to attack Rivas and San Juan del Sur, and the government sent troops from Managua on steamers to San Juan del Sur for the protection of that port and its customs house.

The United States sunboat Annapolis, which was at Corinto on August 1, landed bluejackets and sent them up to the capital.

Long Struggle Feared. On the arrival of the American sailors here they found all quiet and orderly. Business continued during the day, but at night military patrols marched about the streets.

Recruiting continued, and it was feared if the liberals rose a long struggle would ensue. American interests in the customs house and the National Bank have remained safe.

Telegraphic communication with the south is entirely interrupted, but remains open to Corinto and Bluefields. Martial law was proclaimed throughout the republic on August 3.

TAXIS ARE CHEAPEST Attempt to Abolish Hotel Buses in Seattle Causes Queer Prices.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 6.—(Special).—From the King-street passenger station to hotel at Second avenue and Stewart street, in a taxicab, 25 cents. From the King-street station to the Arlington Hotel, four blocks nearer, in a hack, because the taxis are "busy" standing in line at the station, \$1.50.

This is the scale of prices a recently-arriving state official tried in vain to break through.

Eight other hotels could have had the state official as a guest at a 25-cent rate.

Investigation reveals that the discrimination in transportation charges is due to an effort by the taxi owners to force all the hotels of the city to abolish their free buses.

Clark's District Renominates Him. MONTGOMERY, Mo., Aug. 6.—Speaker Clark was renominated for Congress in this, the Ninth District of Missouri, at the primaries today, without opposition in his party. This makes nine times the Democrats of this district have nominated the Speaker.

PACIFIC HIGHWAY FULL PLAN TOLD

Founders Conceive Fine Roadway From Boundary Line to Mexico City.

BOWLBY MAY BE HONORED

Ex-Commissioner of Washington Likely to Be Named Executive Officer—Auto Privileges in National Parks Urged.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—The full length of the Pacific Highway, as its founders plan it, will stretch from the British boundary on the north to Mexico City on the south.

The third annual congress of the Pacific Highway Association passed resolutions today inviting the Mexican government to extend the highway from San Diego southward to the Mexican capital. Other resolutions were:

That the Legislatures of Washington and Oregon appropriate adequate sums for constructing the portion of the highway passing through their territory. California has \$18,000,000 set aside for good roads.

Auto Privileges Urged. That the Federal Government bridge the Colorado River at Yuma and the Columbia River at Portland.

That all Federal parks be thrown open to automobiles.

That \$6000 a year be appropriated from the revenues of the association for (1) patrolling the route of the highway and (2) the salary of an executive officer at \$3000 a year.

It was said that this officer would probably be Major Henry L. Bowlby, a West Point graduate, and formerly highway commissioner of the State of Washington. Whoever the officer may be, his expert services will be available for any county or section that may desire them.

The principal address of the day was that delivered by Thomas Taylor, Minister of Public Works for British Columbia, who described the good roads of British Columbia. He said in part:

British Plan Is Told. "While you have mapped out a plan for the building of a highway from Blaine on the international boundary to the border of Mexico, our association, aided and encouraged by your enthusiasm, has evinced an undertaking of even greater magnitude, the building of a highway from Albert on the Pacific to Halifax on the Atlantic."

Samuel Hill, the "father of good roads in America," delivered an illustrated lecture on his experiments to-night.

Tomorrow the delegates will visit San Mateo as the guests of San Mateo County to inspect the actual construction work done on the \$18,000,000 California state highway.

Granger, Wash., Man Released. MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 6.—(Special).—E. B. Jones, of Granger, Wash., who was arrested here on a telegram from the Sheriff at North Yakima, has been released. The telegram stated that the Sheriff held a warrant against Jones charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses. Later word was sent that the case had been dismissed. In the meantime, Jones had been released from the County Jail on bail. He has made a statement to the effect that he had no transactions in Washington which were not legitimate and could not understand why a warrant had been sworn out against him.

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