

THE ISSUES IN NEW YORK CITY

Twins, Republican, McClellan, Tammany Hall, and Hearst, Municipal League, Candidates for Mayor. Who They Are, What They Stand For and Their Views on Their Prospects.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—If you walk down Broadway you will see the banner of the Republican candidate for mayor, minus the party name. If you buttonhole almost any Republican you will be told that he is going to vote for McClellan or Hearst. If you go to see Mr. Ives you will find that his only concern is that Hearst may not poll 100,000 votes, because he is convinced he will be elected by Mr. Hearst and only hold that strength.

Again, if you visit Tammany Hall or the McClellan headquarters, as likely as not the first man you meet will be a well-known worker for the "Chestnut Union" wearing a Tammany button. If you ask the Tammany leaders about the outlook you will find them making long faces about Hearst, in the effort to scare more Republicans into the McClellan column.

But if you visit the headquarters of the Municipal Ownership party, whose candidate Mr. Hearst is, you will get the genuine news of the "Chestnut Union." Some of Mr. Hearst's friends are convinced that he will have 95 per cent of the vote polled.

Wherever you go you pay your money and take your choice. All three of the candidates are in a fair way to be convinced that under certain contingencies they are sure of being mayor for the next four years, and three are engaged in amazing party lines.

The most interesting figure in the campaign is William Randolph Hearst, formerly of San Francisco, and owner of the Hearst newspapers. Mr. Hearst heads the first ticket ever voted for in New York distinctively of the municipal ownership type. He is very much in earnest about it, and Tammany leaders confess that a surprising number of their own voters are showing signs of breaking away from Tammany ties to follow the leader of the new doctrine. Mr. Hearst says that municipal ownership of the operation of public utilities is no longer a Socialistic dream, but a tangible thing that may be put into practice if he succeeds in getting enough voters to place him in the city hall. He does not explain precisely how he is to put his proclaimed principles into practice, but there are many voters who are evidently willing to take his word for it and give him the opportunity to try.

Here is Mr. Hearst's platform:

Public necessities and public values created by the people should be owned by the people.

We demand the immediate establishment and operation by the city of a plant for the sale and distribution of gas to all the citizens.

We demand that such franchises as have lapsed or have never had a legal existence shall be taken over by the people.

During the coming majority term of four years the city will grant subway franchises, the value of which is so great that it can scarcely be estimated. It runs into hundreds of millions of dollars. The operation of these should remain the property of the people.

We demand the construction of these subways by the city, and their operation by the city as soon as the city shall be legally and financially able to undertake their operation; property to be devoted to the lowering of taxes, to better pay and shorter hours for employes.

The rapid transit act as it now stands is undemocratic, unjust and a menace to the safety of the city.

We demand an amendment to this act, which shall permit:

Separation of contracts for construction from leases from operation. The contractor should be allowed to make as cheap a bid as he can, not forced to become an operator of the system and to give an impossible bond.

Short term leases for subways built by the city.

Mr. Hearst, in 43 years of age. He was married two and a half years ago, and has one child, a boy. He was educated in the common schools of San Francisco, and went on to Harvard, where he became publisher and proprietor of the San Francisco Examiner when he was 25 years of age. In 1895 he purchased the New York Journal, and has since established newspapers in other cities. He has served two terms in congress from the eleventh district of New York. He has been a large contributor to charities of various sorts, headed a subscription for the persecuted Hebrews in Russia, sent a relief expedition to the sufferers of the Galveston flood, sent an expedition to Mont Pelé, and has been conspicuous in many other similar undertakings.

His father was George Hearst, a United States senator from California and a man of wealth. His mother, Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, has been prominent in social and charitable work in San Francisco, New York and Washington.

In his own right Mr. Hearst is a man of considerable wealth. He is the only candidate who is not controlled by bosses and ulterior influences.

Colonel George B. McClellan, son of the late General George B. McClellan,

has inherited from his father a faculty for looking matters fairly in the face and forming his own conclusions. He is the most popular man in the city. He has been a candidate for election eight times, and he has never been defeated. He was elected president of the board of aldermen in 1892 by the largest vote given in the city of New York since the city was incorporated in congress in 1854, 1856, 1893, 1900 and 1902. He defeated 8th Low for mayor in 1903 and is now running again with two candidates against him, these being 4th and 9 o'clock. He is going to try to keep this up, although during the last two weeks of the campaign last night will have been long passed and he seeks his nightly rest. He works until 4:30 o'clock. Then he closes his desk and goes directly to his political headquarters in the Bartholdi hotel, at Twenty-third street and Broadway.

His day's work as mayor has been finished. He has opened and read his reports. He has thrashed out a long batch of work with the board of estimate and apportionment. He has received his callers, listened to petitions, complaints, blame, praise, grovels, kicks and commendation, and has generally gone through the daily grind. He has answered his letters, brought everything up to date and is ready to face the contest in that year in the other third assembly district of Kings. Mr. Ives supported Horace Greeley, while his father advocated the election of Charles O'Connor.

He was a leader in the movement for General Slocum in Brooklyn in 1875 which broke the McClellan ring; he was one of the organizers of the State Bar association; he sent a majority of the Brooklyn board of aldermen to Raymond street jail for contempt of court; as Mayor Grace's secretary in 1881 he impeached the police commissioners because they failed to clean the streets and caused the



Scene on the platform at Carnegie hall as William R. Hearst arose to speak following his unanimous nomination for mayor of New York by the mass meeting convention.

passage of the law taking the bureau of street cleaning out of the police department and making it a department of itself; he sided Mayor Grace by personal inspection in seeing that the new law was enforced; he began the agitation which later gave the mayor power to appoint and remove his heads of departments, without the governor's approval; he was the author of the earliest dates of ballot reform, bringing about the passage of the present law in 1890; he exposed the corrupt use of money in elections; he investigated ten schools and tenement-house evils, being the first advocate of manual training in the schools; and he was counsel to the Passot investigating committee in 1890. He retired from political activity in 1890, and for 10 years devoted himself to business. He severed all corporate connections in 1901, and since then has devoted only a small portion of his time to law practice.

It was he who in 1893 volunteered his services to defend General Garret, accused of having violated the neutrality laws and who obtained his acquittal.

The New York Herald interviewed the candidates as to their motives and methods and these are some of the things they said:

Mr. Ives estimates Mr. Hearst's vote from 75,000 to 135,000. I think the total vote will be about 685,000. Under these conditions, if I get the same vote that Governor Higgins did, I shall be elected. The first thing that I shall do will be, so far as possible within the law, to clear out every man who holds his office merely by virtue of his allegiance to Tammany Hall. What I desire is a position from which I can do good. Mr. McClellan or Mr. Hearst is that if I am elected mayor I shall have the legislature to back up my principles. Would Mr. McClellan or Mr. Hearst have that advantage?

Mr. McClellan says his administration in the issue of the campaign. He is for reelection. He is the friend of labor and has shown it by acts, not words. Under his administration he would strive for municipal ownership than any other city. No sane man would promise that the city should build rapid transit tunnels and condemn gas plants, and then ask for the money to do it, it would wait for many years. He agrees with Roosevelt on government ownership of things private capital can handle just as well.

"I believe that of the 50,000,000 people in this country, 5,000,000 or 6,000,000—the most prosperous 5,000,000 or 6,000,000—are ably represented in congress. In the country there are 40,000,000 more. My ambition is to forward the interests of the 70,000,000 or more of typical Americans who are not so well looked after. I feel that any man who directs great capital will ordinarily be able to secure all he desires."

He has been called a radical, an enemy of capital, a foe to business. Answering these charges, he says that he himself is a capitalist, a business man and one of the largest employers of labor in the country. He says he has 10,000 men on his payroll. He is the owner and publisher of newspapers in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, New York and Boston.

German Army Maneuvers

MY British Officer.

Military education having led me to look up to the German army as the "me plus ultra" of military perfection, it was in a spirit of curiosity that I slipped my notebook and my official pass into my pocket and, taking my bicycle with me, set out for the scene of action. This year the Kaiser's maneuvers, which are held in the average 1,000 feet high and valleys about 400 feet above sea level. The troops engaged numbered some 100,000 men, and consisted of the eighteenth and eighteenth reserve divisions.

I do not propose to dwell in any way upon the strategic dispositions of the troops or to describe the nature of their movements, for strategy, after all, is the same in all countries and in all times. Had the German army invaded India from the northwest, I doubt whether he could have improved upon Alexander's strategic dispositions. It was rather with a view to watching the individual movements of the troops, the organization of companies in the firing line, the organization and idiosyncrasies of the German army, and comparing all this with that of our own army, that I attended these maneuvers.

Any one who has seen the German troops on parade and on the march cannot fail to be struck by the exceptionally fine physique of the men. The infantry especially won my admiration. These are fine, sturdy men, with intelligent, bright faces, and most of them have been blessed by nature with chests that denote steadfastness and determination. The average height is about five feet seven inches, and they are all square, and their figures speak rather of physical strength and endurance than of activity. They are heavy men, and would be all the better if superhumanly strong. They are swifter of foot than by a long course of hard athletic training. When marching they take a long, slow step, as becomes men of large proportions, but they manage to get over the ground at a steady pace of three miles an hour, and this with their heavy packs on their shoulders, be it remembered, I noticed but very few of them fall out on the way, and this not through soreness of foot, but from bodily exhaustion. I am inclined to attribute this to the immense quantity of water they consume on the march. At every hamlet the villagers line the road with pale ale, and the men make greedy raids upon this supply.

They do not sing, whistle or talk much while marching, although they appear to give all their attention to the business in hand, namely, covering ground. They show but little interest or curiosity in the task before them. Their destination, the whereabouts of the enemy, the nature of the country, are matters of supreme indifference to them—they leave all that to their officers.

In camp the German soldier is an amenable creature. He needs but little, and is not particular as to the way in which he gets it. If the ground on which he has to lie is wet—as it was throughout the week—he does not waste time grumbling over it; he shakes down his blankets, and is ready for bed. He could see there is very little chaff or horseplay among the men; each man goes steadily about his own business, and having achieved that, sleeps. The German infantryman matches eight hours a day; eats and drinks—camp-brewed meat soup and stolen apples be-

equally punctilious in the field and in the mess-room, the rest of his time is apparently employed in sleeping.

He does not love to make friends with the inhabitants of the neighboring villages, nor does he evince any desire to talk to comrades of the regiment who are not of his own unit. He is a little attracted to the women (in snatches, of course) he must get about 12 hours out of the 24.

The cavalryman did not impress me quite so favorably as the infantry soldier. Speaking generally, they are far too heavy for their horses, and struck me as being good riders, but poor horsemen. They are somewhat too prone to look upon the horse as a mere means of locomotion, and not as a sentient animal to be carefully treated and spared all unnecessary fatigue. Every German horse-soldier is seriously handicapped by having to carry a lance. This instrument of torture is about 15 feet long and made of steel tubing pointed at either end, and provided with a wooden cross. As may be imagined, this is no light thing to drag about, more especially after one has been in the saddle for several hours. He holds it continually at the "short trail," thereby perpetually threatening with the butt-end of the lance of the horse on his neck, and after one has suffered myself three or four times, I learned to stand wide at a passing squadron. The pointed butt-end of a steel lance is not a comfortable thing to have knocking about the rear of one's neck.

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