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CROKER TO QUIT AFTER MAKING JUST ONE FIGHT MORE

Leader's Nearest Friend Tells Evening World That Next Mayoralty Campaign Will End Active Career.

"Mr. Croker will return to New York in ten weeks as he said he would; he will conduct the Mayoralty campaign, as he said he would; but you can state positively that this is to be his last fight as leader."

"After the fight is over he will retire permanently as leader of Tammany Hall, although he will undoubtedly continue to have a voice in the councils of the organization."

This statement is made to the Evening World by a man closer to Croker than anybody else.

SAY TAMMANY LEADER IS ILL.

(Associated Press.) LONDON, Feb. 16.—Intimate friends of Richard Croker openly declare he will never re-enter active political life in America. Those who have seen Mr. Croker recently noticed his general physical weakness, which is said to be a form of nervous melancholia entirely opposed to his usual activity.

TAMMANY IS DEPRESSED.

The Associated Press cable from London telling of Mr. Croker's apparently impending breakdown, following so closely upon President Guggenheimer's letter from Croker himself, in which the leader spoke of his "much improved health," had the effect of depressing Mr. Croker's long-time political associates to-day.

The letter to Guggenheimer raised a doubt in their minds. It was their first intimation that their leader was ill. The cablegram deepened their gloom.

Mr. Croker's friends have known that the death of Mr. Warren, Mr. Croker's best beloved sister, threw him into a depression bordering upon melancholia. This was plainly seen in his manner in the few days before he left for Europe.

His manner of discussing the reports may be given in illustration. Instead of waving them off with a bluff "that's all I have to say to-day," or of brusquely refusing to talk at all, Mr. Croker would come moping up to the telegraph lobby at the Democratic Club, and head down, his air quite dejected, he would lean against the door jamb at the reception room and listen to and answer a question or two quite humbly, replying in a mournful cadence, and then, with a hard suppressed sigh, would say almost imploringly: "Now, gentlemen, you will excuse me from any further interview."

Even after that he would remain a moment, then withdrawing in the same moping fashion. There was only a little of the old fighting fire in him when he told an Evening World reporter he would be back to New York in time for the Mayoralty fight. In his absence, John Whelan has been more of a leader of Tammany than ever since, though Whelan has not assumed leadership. He has spoken in the name and voice of Croker. He is out of town now, ill with grip.

Naturally the leaders left in town are reticent regarding the news conveyed in the cable dispatch, and those seen were guarded in expression, but it is plain to the news is believed because it has been substantiated by those who know Richard Croker best.

SCANNELL'S TRIP TO SEE CROKER.

The proposed visit of Fire Commissioner Scannell to Mr. Croker explains the introduction of the McMahon bill in the Assembly, giving Deputy Fire Commissioner fully of Brooklyn, the powers and authority of the Commissioner, in the absence of the latter.



RICHARD CROKER.

LOST MAN SHE LOVED, SHE TOOK HER LIFE.

Mrs. Sadia Wilkins Wrote Letter to Marks and Swallowed Poison.

"I told you often if ever I lost your love I should want to die."

Writing these words to the man she loved Sadia Wilkins ended her life to-day at her home, No. 21 East Ninety-sixth street. When found in bed she was fully dressed and by her side lay an empty four-ounce bottle which had contained carbolic acid.

"WHOLE CITY IS FOUL."

Mayor Hears Some Plain Words from a Knight of Labor. A man who said he was Jeremiah Murphy, of West One Hundred and Second street, and representing the Knights of Labor, called on Mayor Van Wyck this morning and protested against the condition of the streets in the lower east side about Roosevelt and Cherry streets.

per in your heart for your own lovely Jack, who loved you not too wisely, but too well.

You will find my insurance policy, a deed of gift. It is all I have in this world. Good-by, and God bless you. Once more I am dosed to death. Without your love I have no further hold on life.

COL. MICHIE DEAD.

Professor of Philosophy at West Point Victim of Pneumonia. WEST POINT, Feb. 16.—Col. Peter S. Michie, Professor of Philosophy at the Military Academy here, died to-day of a short illness from pneumonia. He was seventy-five years old. He had served here thirty years.

AMERICAN CONSUL AT KENL, GERMANY, BECOMES INSANE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Max Adler, the Vice-Consul at Kenl, States Consul at Kenl, Germany, has filed the State Department that the Consul there, Alexander Wood, has become insane. He has been taken to the asylum at Strasburg, where the physicians give hope of his ultimate recovery.

HORSEWHIPPED DOCTOR FOR FLIRTING.

PADUCAH, Ky., Feb. 16.—Miss Mary Murphy, a well-to-do young woman, publicly horsewhipped Dr. Warwick Conroy in the street here to-day. She said the doctor attempted to flirt with her. Dr. Conroy is 6 feet 4, and built in proportion, while Miss Murphy is about half his size.

WANT NEW STREET FOR EAST RIVER BRIDGE.

Louis Nixon, President of the new East River Bridge Company, has requested Borough President Cogan to take steps toward opening a street to lead from the bridge terminal at Norfolk street diagonally across town to Cooper Union square, Fourth avenue and the Bowling. The new street would enable all the streams of traffic from uptown quarters to converge upon the bridge extreme.

WINNERS AT NEW ORLEANS.

FIFTH RACE.—H. H. Sloan 1, Burlington Route 2, Cape Jessamine 3.

CHASED THIEVES OVER THE ROOF.

With Revolver, Mme. De la Pointe Pluckily Drove Burglars Away.



MME. ZUCKER DE LA POINTE.

Revolver in hand, Mme. Zucker de la Pointe, whose husband was a grandson of Count de la Pointe, of Napoleon's body guard, met and put to flight several burglars at No. 137 Broadway early to-day. The building is of two stories. Mme. de la Pointe was aroused by a burglar alarm, and found thieves trying to enter the scuttie in the roof over the rear of her apartments.

SERGEANT SHOT DEAD HENS.

In Nightmare He Blazed Away at Captured Poultry. A trio of alleged chicken thieves were caught at One Hundred and Seventy-seventh street and Jerome avenue, in the Bronx, at 2 o'clock this morning by Policeman Trotter, of the Tremont station.

TOO ILL TO APPEAR.

Girl Rescued by Committee of Fifteen Doesn't Appear in Court. Deputy Assistant District Attorney Arthur C. Train appeared in the Essex Market Court to-day to prosecute Frank Gross, twenty-two years old, of 111 Allen street, on a charge of abducting fifteen-year-old Sarah Zimmerman, of 45 Essex street. She is confined in Bellevue Hospital in a critical condition, the result of a fall from a disordered house.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 3 P. M. Sunday for New York City and vicinity.—Generally fair to-night and Sunday; fresh westerly winds.

YORK TO BE CHOSEN AS THE NEXT POLICE HEAD



BERNARD J. YORK.

Against the Power of Hugh McLaughlin Devery Cannot Prevail and Even Croker Cannot Save Him—York, Brooklyn Boss's Right Hand Man.

Bernard J. York, President of the Board of Police Commissioners, is slated for next Chief of Police in place of Chief Devery.

Tammany has endorsed York's claims to the position, which are backed up by the Brooklyn Democracy under Hugh McLaughlin. When the time comes for Devery to retire, York will step into his position.

As a matter of fact, York is practically Chief of Police now. He has made all the recent changes, and Devery has had to acquiesce whether he liked it or not.

Many of these changes have been against Devery's wishes and in flat contradiction of his published orders, but he has had to give way.

York is the MAN in the Police Department to-day and will be the next Chief of Police.

Willoughby street has proved too strong for Devery, and Croker cannot save him.

Chief of Police William S. Devery, it was said to-day, would retire Monday. He will end his term as head of the police force at 4 o'clock in the evening. It is said to have come from "inside" authority.

Devery is to be allowed to go on a pension. By the unanimous vote of the Board he is to be relieved from office with a pension honor and emolument as if he had been the best Chief that New York ever had. The taxpayers are to be saddled with a big pension, although Devery under the law is not entitled to retire with a pension at all.

To secure it the unanimous vote of the Board is necessary. It was by his transfer of Brooklyn police captains about a month ago that Devery angered President York to the point where open war was declared between them.

The move was taken as not only an attack against the President of the Board, but as a direct slap at Hugh McLaughlin, who had up to that time supposed that the right to transfer Brooklyn police officials was one of his prerogatives.

LAWYER SAYS YORK IS UNFAIR.

Compelled to Go to Grand Jury with Charges Against Policeman.

District Attorney Merrill, of Queens County, expressed his opinion of the Police Board of Greater New York in no measured language before President York in Brooklyn Police Headquarters to-day.

President York was acting as trial judge in the case of Detective Jones, of the Jamaica police force, accused by District Attorney Merrill with having warned gamblers and dance-hall keepers of intended raids.

After making his charges Mr. Merrill said that he would submit them in writing. Commissioner York said that he would acquit Jones, as the evidence was not sufficient to convict.

"Very well. I will take the case before the Queens County Grand Jury. I ought to have your consent that I could just go here," said Mr. Merrill angrily.

Continuing as he gathered up his papers to walk out he said: "The trouble with you is that you prejudice a case. A case is all settled by you before the evidence is presented. President York protested against the use of such strong language by District Attorney Merrill, but Merrill continued to contend that the cases in which Police Commissioners act as judges were prejudged or not treated fairly. On leaving he said he would make an effort to have Jones indicted by the Grand Jury of Queens County next week."

\$25,000,000 PAID OVER TO CARNEGIE.

Transfer of Huge Sum Shown by Bank Statement To-Day.

Wall street waited for some definite announcement of the big new steel company to-day and gossiped meanwhile. All that indefinitely known of the big combine is that it is to be called the United States Steel Company and is to be capitalized at \$300,000,000.

Lawyers were busy all day preparing the papers necessary for the incorporation of the new company, which will be made next week.

It was said that Andrew Carnegie had been paid \$25,000,000 in cash and that he had accepted the amount as "an account" with a certain bank so as not to disturb the financial condition now existing.

Financial students thought that they could detect this enormous transaction—the payment of \$25,000,000 in cash—in the announcement to-day. They called attention to the increase of \$12,321,000 in the statement of loans as an evidence of some mammoth transaction, and also to the increase in deposits of \$16,735,000, which was surprising in view of the fact that fewer dividends have been paid during the past week than any week so far this year.

It was also said that if payment was made, using three banks, the transaction would simply be shown upon the books of the banks, although figures in the general statement would be changed by payments made by out-of-town banks, which would account for the increase in deposits.

The loan account would show money borrowed to make up the difference in the amount on deposit and that necessary to complete the payment.

COLER FLIRTING FOR MAYORALTY.

Visitor to Willoughby Street and Smiles at Question. Comptroller Bird S. Coler is in training for the Mayoralty nomination next fall and politicians in both sides of the East River admitted this to-day.

Who suggested to Mr. Coler that the breakfast dinner might be a good opportunity for coming out? There are many shrewd guessers who say it was James Shevlin of Brooklyn, with whom the Comptroller is on more than intimate terms just at present, although they were not even friendly a few months ago.

LURED BY TALE OF BIG LEGACY.

Bader, Exhausted, Arraigned in Court as Vagrant.

Andrew Bader, decently dressed and respectable, who says he is heir to a large estate in Germany, was arraigned to-day in the Gates Avenue Police Court on a charge of vagrancy.

At 9 o'clock last night he walked into the Atlantic Avenue Station and asked for shelter for the night. He said he was in search of the German Consul in order to obtain some information about his mother's property.

In court Bader told Magistrate Worth that he had walked nearly all the way from West Troy, N. Y., to Manhattan. He added that he had received information from a notary in Minnoch, Germany, that his mother had died last December and had left a large estate.

He was cold and exhausted when he reached the station. "I have got a wife and children in West Troy," he said to Magistrate Worth. "How are you going to reach West Troy if I let you off?" asked the Magistrate. "I can walk there," declared the German confidently. Magistrate Worth discharged him, and he started at once on his long journey.

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