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IS IT BELMONT'S GREAT BOODLE?

A Leader of the Anti-Perry Belmont Faction Makes Startling Charges Against the Young Millionaire Aspirant for Congressional Honors.

A leader in the fight against Perry Belmont, in the Seventh Congressional District, gave The Evening World to-day the inside reasons for the unusually bitter fight to defeat Mr. Belmont.

"Perry Belmont," said he, "is the nominee of Nicholas Muller, the discredited boss of Staten Island. Before this election these two men were known to be only casual acquaintances, but a millionaire wanted to go to Congress and the boss, had a two years' term ahead of him, agreed to let him go.

"I do not care about going into the rumors flying about the district as to why Muller gave up \$10,000 in salary and the honor of a seat in Congress. Belmont had a meeting with Mr. Croker at the Hoffman House to ask his support for Muller's place two days before Muller's resignation was sent in, and before even Croker knew he intended to resign. This shows how early friend Muller advised him.

Two Manhattan Delegates Needed. Even with every one of Muller's Staten Island votes it was necessary to have at least two Manhattan delegates to secure the nomination, and Thursday, before the convention, every Tammany leader and every delegate on Manhattan was believed to be against Belmont. Col. Murphy was outspoken against him, so was Ryder, so was Foley, so was Finn. On Friday, before the convention, Finn and Belmont and Tim Sullivan had a conference in the Astor House.

"It began to be whispered after the meeting that Finn had been 'influenced' by Belmont and that although he still claimed to be for Driscoll he was really to furnish the necessary New York delegates for Belmont. Of course you know that Finn headed the Belmont men in the convention and led the bolt. After a few nominations of Driscoll by Finn, in the rump convention, Belmont's was made.

"As in Muller's case, I do not care to go into the stories which have been circulated about the real causes in consideration of which Finn utterly changed heart. Those are the facts about how Belmont's nomination was secured.

"There is not a man in the district who doesn't know that Belmont has already spent thousands of dollars, at least \$20,000, on Staten Island and as much more in New York.

"Who got this \$40,000? You might tell in three guesses. The people in the district don't want Perry Belmont. He is a carpet-bagger. If he wants to get a moral endorsement let him run for Congress in Newport or on Fifth avenue. Why does he come to our people for his endorsement, we, who for a generation, have been sending one of our own men to Congress?

Known to Few in District. "Few in the district know him even by sight and those who do know him or know of him do not want him. In public life what has been his record? We all know how he toadled to Hill and then to Cleveland and back again to Hill as one or the other was able to reward his fawning. We remember how he crouched before Croker and was made President of Croker's Club only to turn from Croker to Sheehan when it seemed to serve his interest best.

"A gold man and author of a book on the Gold Standard, he went to the Kansas City Convention the humblest of Croker's puppets and swallowed Bryan and 16 to 1 with cheerful subservience. Is it any wonder that when a few days ago he tried to crawl back to Croker for his seat in Congress that he was treated with cold contempt?

"In all this fight no one has urged a single argument why Perry Belmont should be elected. Has he great intellect? No. Has he convictions? No. Is he popular with any class in the district? No. Has he a strong political record? No. Take away the millions and what is left of Perry Belmont? "The decent people of the Seventh Congressional District do not propose

JOSEPH F. O'GRADY.

Educated at Manhattan College. A school teacher in Staten Island until 1890. Was clerk of the village of New Brighton. Accused by Comptroller Coler of aiding alteration of vouchers in New Brighton records. Richmond Grand Jury by vote of 15 to 4, refused to indict him. Candidate for County Clerk in 1896. Member of New York City Council. Democrat, formerly a Muller man.

to have Fifth avenue send its dirty linen down to them to be washed."

BELMONT'S REPLY TO THE CHARGE.

Perry Belmont said to-day: "In regard to the statement that Mr. Croker dictated my nomination, I will say: "If I had been the candidate of Mr. Croker, I would not have accepted the nomination. Mr. Croker's assertion that he has been neutral in this matter and has, as he expressed it, 'kept his hands off,' has been discovered by me to be false in every particular. "He dictated the nomination of Mr. O'Grady in the convention which met illegally last night. He said what was false when he said he would leave the matter to the district leaders. Col. Murphy has represented him throughout. "If Croker had the courage and frankness that men should have, he would have told me and my friends that he was against me. He has been against me from the beginning, and he will be against me to the end of this campaign, and I invite his opposition."

Mr. Belmont supplemented his first statement with the following, given out by his campaign manager, John B. Trainer: "Why is Col. Murphy raising such a hue and cry against carpet-baggers? Murphy supported Wood against Muller when Wood was living at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Murphy also supported Col. Bartlett, Robert B. Roosevelt and the late Col. Fellows. None of these men lived in the district. "As for Mr. Belmont not representing the Seventh Congressional District, he is now State Committeeman for Staten Island and has represented Staten Island for eight years in Congress. Mr. Belmont met Muller when both were in Washington twenty years ago, and

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FAMOUS OLD MINER DEAD.

George D. Roberts, One of the First Discoverers of Gold in California.

George D. Roberts, of Oakland, Cal., died in the Alhine Hotel, No. 41 Fourth avenue, to-day. It is believed he died from cancer.

Mr. Roberts was seventy-three years old, and the only living relative he has are two sisters in Oakland, Cal. The body will be embalmed and sent back to California for interment. Mr. Roberts was one of the grand old men of mining. He was one of the first discoverers of gold in California. He had since passed the earth from Cape Nome to Siberia. In the latter country he secured a concession only last year to explore the Siberian coast for gold, the Emperor of Russia granting permission to Col. Vladimir Worlatarsky, who was associated with Mr. Roberts.

It is believed that English capital was largely interested in this venture. "George Roberts was one of the grandest men I ever knew," said a close friend of his to-day. "His life reads like a romance. Why he grub-staked old man Hearst, when the latter didn't have a dollar. He practically built the Postal Telegraph and never got a dollar out of it. He was generous and unselfish to a fault, and he died to-day not worth a penny, so to speak. "He was an intimate of Senators Fair and Stanford. You can ask D. O. Mills if George Roberts was not responsible for being where he is to-day. George Roberts was a grand man and in my opinion the greatest miner ever born."

U. S. PUP COMES HIGH.

The Jackshund pup and the two white bantam chickens brought to this country on the Deutschland recently and seized by the Government because the duty was not paid nor the animals claimed, were sold at auction this morning in the seizure-room of the Public Store. More than thirty persons were on hand and the bidding was very spirited. The Jackshund brought \$2. He is a proud pup and took the price paid for his fellows. The bantams brought \$7.50, about seven and a half times their market value.

Joseph F. O'Grady Is Named by Tammany—\$40,000, It Is Said, Has Been "Placed," to Bring About Belmont's Election—A Bitter Fight Is Expected.

They have been intimate personal friends ever since. "I have been present at every interview held between Mr. Belmont and Finn since the inception of Mr. Belmont's career, and the report that the use of money influenced the nomination of Mr. Belmont is absolutely false. Any one who insinuates that Mr. Belmont used money to further his political ends is a liar in the strongest sense of the word."

TAMMANY NAMES JOSEPH O'GRADY.

Councilman Joseph O'Grady, of Staten Island, is the Tammany nominee for Congress in the Seventh District. His certificate of nomination was filed shortly before midnight with the Bureau of Elections. The courts will have to pass on whether O'Grady or Perry Belmont is entitled to recognition as the Democratic candidate for the district. The certificate of nomination of Mr. Belmont by "Battery Dan" Finn's convention on Saturday night has been filed at Albany. Councilman Joseph O'Grady, in talking to an Evening World reporter at New Brighton, S. I., to-day said: "Belmont talks about irregularities. If there are irregularities and illegitimate practices, they are not on our side. "I was nominated fair and square for Congress in the Seventh District. It is foolish for Belmont or anybody else to talk about irregularities. I was nominated without a dollar. I have not put up one cent for the nomination, and every clean Democrat in the district appreciates that fact. "I do not consider there is any trouble in the district. I expect to be elected and I believe the people are with me. I do not care to discuss the matter at present till the contest is settled."

Justice Giegrich decided this afternoon to allow Mrs. Eva G. Bolles of No. 104 West Ninety-fourth street, \$20 a week alimony, and \$100 to pay a lawyer to defend her in his suit for absolute divorce.

COUNCIL CHEERS BELMONT'S FOE.

The principal feature of the meeting of the Council this afternoon was the spontaneous ovation tendered to Councilman Joseph F. O'Grady, nominated for Congress last night in opposition to Perry Belmont, when he entered the chamber. A mild ripple of applause grew into a roar from hands, feet and voices. O'Grady blushed furiously and acknowledged the compliment by bowing as he took his seat.

SHE STONED BRIDE'S HOME

"Pleasant" Xmas for Wealthy James Batchellar Planned by Mrs. Kadowsky.

"A year ago last night, Mr. Batchellar and his wife were having Christmas presents for their children. "How happy we'll be," said he, "next Christmas when we're husband and wife." "And," added Mrs. Wilma Kadowsky, "the thoughts of it all tortured me so I just had to come over and make his Christmas pleasant for him."

He Married Another. Wealthy James Batchellar, who lives at No. 23 Summit avenue, Jersey City, it seems changed his mind and married Miss Jessie McGoldrick, of Lyons, N. Y. Mrs. Kadowsky left her home at No. 41 West Sixty-fourth street, Manhattan, last night with three large stonies in a sack, and went to the fashionable home where Batchellar had installed his bride. The first stone crashed through the parlor window. The second missed. The third broke a pane of glass. There was a scream. Some one in the house sounded a police whistle. A policeman ran up. "If you don't arrest me I'll throw more stonies!" screamed Mrs. Kadowsky. Another policeman arrived. "Arrest me!" demanded Mrs. Kadowsky.

Heide Was Badly Sore. Meanwhile the lights in the house went out. The policeman knocked. Mrs. Batchellar answered and was asked to come out. "I'm afraid she'll shoot me," she replied, but she told where her husband was, and he was sent for. Batchellar didn't want to make any charge against the woman. She said she'd throw more stonies if he did. "James," she said feigningly, "I promised you a Thanksgiving surprise. Well, I've postponed it till Christmas." So she was locked up. In court this morning Justice Murphy asked Batchellar at what he figured his loss. "It isn't the loss," said Batchellar sadly, "it's the shame." "Shame," sniffed Mrs. Kadowsky.

VERY LATEST NEWS IN BRIEFEST FORM. TAMMANY GRAB ENJOINED.

An injunction, issued by Justice Marean, of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, prevented the Board of Public Improvements to-day from adopting a new map for the Far Rockaway section of Queens, which, it is said, would greatly enhance the value of property owned by prominent members of Tammany Hall, among them John F. Carroll, Police Commissioner Murphy and Street-Cleaning Commissioner Nagle.

President Hoban moved the adoption of the map and was about to order a vote taken when the lawyer of Oliver Whitson jumped to his feet.

"I have an injunction," he said, "restraining the present Board from taking any action in this matter until it has been heard in court."

Mr. Holcher looked the picture of confusion. Then he accepted a copy of the injunction and said quietly: "The matter is laid over."

TICKET SPECULATOR ARRESTED.

John B. Lang was arrested this afternoon by Special Policeman Parsons, of the Criterion Theatre, Forty-fourth street and Broadway, on a charge of violation of Section 541, of the Corporation Ordinances. He is said to be a ticket speculator. Magistrate Zeller paroled him for examination Friday.

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KILLED BY FALL ON STEAMSHIP.

John Peterson, thirty-one years old, of Giltress and Varick streets, Jersey City, fell into the hold of the steamship Proteus at pier 34, North River, this afternoon and was killed instantly. He was a roustabout and was working near an open hatch.

LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Fifth Race—Death 1. Arak 2. Farrer Bennett 3. Sixth Race—Sir Florian 1. Moroni 2. Campus 3.

MAGISTRATE THREATENS CHIPP WITH SIXTY YEARS.

"I Have No Sympathy," Says Brann, "with a Man Who Steals and Weepingly Says He Did It for a Woman."

Charles F. Chipp, the embezzling clerk in the Finance Department, was arraigned before Magistrate Brann in the Centre Street Court to-day charged with the larceny of \$250 from the city. He was represented by counsel retained by his abused wife, who is still clinging to him with the utmost devotion, and through this counsel he waived examination and was held in \$10,000 bail for the Grand Jury. Magistrate Brann was very severe of the prisoner. He denounced him as a rogue, for whom he had not the least sympathy, and he warned him ominously of the sixty-year sentence which the arch-thief, Tweed, never lived to serve out. Chipp had a talk with his wife in the Tombs before he was arraigned. She went to his cell with Francis H. Boland, the lawyer whom she has retained to protect his interests. She took with her money, clothing and dainties and she told her husband that she would stand by him to the last.

Wife Cheers His Hope. She has been trying to get bail for him and she encouraged him by saying that if the Magistrate would reduce the amount to \$500 she could make it. So Chipp went in court feeling pretty cheerful for him. He did not know what a hard fifteen minutes he had before him. As soon as Boland waived examination he made his plea for the reduction of the bond, and this led Brann to open up the vista of his wrath. "Why, I wouldn't think of it," he said. "This man could have been charged with forgery for falsifying public records. I tell you the way of the transgressor is hard, and justly so. I have no sympathy with any kind of rogues, public or private. "There certainly isn't any sympathy coming to a man who steals and then weepingly says that he did it because he was infatuated with a woman. Such appeals don't go with me."

Hangs Head in Shame. During this arraignment the face of Chipp flushed and he hung his head in shame. He apparently had not expected such treatment. Mr. Boland reminded the Court that nothing of this appeared on the record and he renewed his application for reduced bail. "No, sir," retorted the Magistrate. "I deny the motion." Turning to Assistant District Attorney Brann, he asked just what the charge against Chipp was. "Grand larceny," replied Schurman, "and a very serious charge it is, too." "Well, I should say so," said the Magistrate. "Chipp, do you know what we can do with you? Do you know what we can do with you?"

Wartburg Orphan and Farm School, Mount Vernon, \$1,000. German Ladies Society for the Relief of Needy Orphans, Widows and Sick Persons, \$1,000. St. Francis's Hospital, \$500. Montefiore Home, \$200. Fritz Reuter Alms Home, \$200. German Poliklinik, \$500. German Society, \$500. This is the third time Mr. Stemme has taken himself a Santa Claus. His Christmas gifts to charity the last three years have aggregated \$30,000. He is a globe trotter and for that reason his name is not often seen in the newspapers of New York save in connection with his charitable donations. In the past owned by Mr. Stemme in Greenwood Cemetery stands the largest monument erected in the United States. It is a shaft of granite, quarried in Vermont, and weighs 10,000 pounds. Mounted on a pedestal fourteen feet high, the top of the monument is fifty-two feet from the ground. Its summit is gilded and can be seen for miles.

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RICH MAN'S SON FOUND DRUGGED.

Young Baron White Unconscious on Park Bench Two Hours After Leaving Home.

Baron White, the twenty-three-year-old son of C. W. White, a prominent builder, living at the Warwick Arms, No. 101 West Eighty-eighth street, was found to-day in a stupor on a bench at Seventy-seventh street and Riverside Drive, where he had been placed by two men who hurried away. The young man appeared to be suffering from the effects of a drug, and at first it was thought that he was dead. He can give no connected account of himself. When a citizen first saw White the young man was being supported by two companions, who were hustling him along as though anxious to be rid of him. They dumped him on a bench and almost ran through Seventy-seventh street. The citizen reported to Policeman Thomas F. Sheridan. In the mean time some neighbor had telephoned to Police Headquarters that a murder had been committed. Police from the West Sixty-eighth street station found that White was not dead, but close to it, apparently. He had been drinking, but liquor, in the judgment of the police, could not have rendered him so helpless as he was. The young man was well dressed. In his pockets he had \$14. He wore a watch, but no other jewelry. When revived he was able to give his name, but could not answer other questions. White was graduated from Yale a year ago. Since then he has devoted himself chiefly to amusement. It was not necessary for him to work, as his father kept him plentifully supplied with money. Mrs. White, the mother of the young man, is in the country. The older White left the Warwick Arms to go to his business about 9 o'clock this morning. Son after this young White went out. He was alone, perfectly sober and in good health. His symptoms indicate that he was given knockout drops. The Sergeant in charge at the West Sixty-eighth street station decided that it would not be necessary to send White to a hospital. The young man was discharged.

Other Cannot Explain. The Evening World notified Mr. White by telephone of the plight of his son and he went at once to the West Sixty-eighth street station, where he was met by an Evening World reporter. "I cannot understand this at all," said Mr. White. "Baron drinks very little and I am sure that he has been drugged. I have heard of several instances of the kind up in our neighborhood recently and this convinces me that there is something crooked in them. "Generally my son carries quite a sum of money. I do not know how much he had when he left the house this morning. He was in bed when I went away, and it was after 9 o'clock then." Mr. White telephoned to his family physician, who went to the police station to inquire of the young man. Late this afternoon he was removed to the apartments of his father in the Warwick Arms, which was unable to tell what had happened to him.

FIRST DAY IN TENDERLOIN SHEEHAN MAKES BIG RAID.

Batters in Door of Poolroom, Throws Fifty Patrons Into Panic and Takes Many Prisoners—Alleged Proprietor Held in \$1,000.

Capt. Michael Sheehan, who only yesterday caught charge of the Tenderloin precinct station, has already made his hand felt. To-day, assisted by Sgt. Cruise and Detectives Nugent, Fay and Costigan, and the Inspector's staff, with four patrolmen of the West Thirtieth street station, he made a raid on an alleged poolroom on the second floor of No. 98 West Eighty-eighth street. They proceeded in a body to the place, which is situated over a saloon. The look-out was seen coming and shut the door in their faces. Without wasting any time in parleying the Captain put his shoulders to the door and forced it open. The invading force found themselves in a large room divided into two by a high wooden partition. The first half of the room was occupied by about fifty men, who were all greatly alarmed at the coming of the police. "With these, however, the police had no time, but rushed behind the partition, where, it is said, they found a complete poolroom outfit—telephone, racing charts, books, etc., and five men, all of whom were taken into custody. All the paraphernalia was seized by Capt. Sheehan and bundled into a wagon and taken away. The prisoners were taken to Jefferson

Market Court and immediately arraigned before Magistrate Duell. They said they were: Thomas Harrison, thirty-nine, a clerk, of No. 25 East Twenty-seventh street, whom Capt. Sheehan accused of being the proprietor; Dan Walker, twenty-eight, of No. 208 West Sixtieth street; Charles Roth, twenty-six, "sporting man," of No. 209 Third avenue; Edward Clark, twenty-five, a clerk, of No. 236 West Sixteenth street, and Frank Waldron, forty-four, commercial traveler, of the Adams House, Boston.

All were discharged with the exception of the alleged proprietor. He was held for further examination on Thursday in \$1,000 bail.

OCEAN'S IRE SHIP BRINGS SPARES THEM IN SMALL-POX

Crew of Wrecked Schooner Safe Home with Harrowing Story to Tell. One of the Crew of the Minnehaha Comes to Port Dying.

It was learned to-day that the steamship Minnehaha, of the Atlantic Transport line, came in Sunday with a case of small-pox on board. The man, who was one of the crew, was taken to North Brother Island to-day, dying. It is claimed that the ship's physician, Dr. J. Leeming Walker, made out a clean bill of health for the ship Sunday and went to Canada, leaving the case in charge of a friend, Dr. Green, who reported it to the Board of Health. The matter is now in the hands of Dr. Doty, of Quarantine, and will be subjected to a rigid investigation. The Minnehaha arrived with fifty-seven first cabin passengers, carrying none other, and her usual crew of about fifty officers and men. Dr. Barnesby boarded the vessel and was handed a clean bill of health by Dr. Walker. The ship was permitted to pass up to her pier at the foot of West Houston street and the cabin passengers were let out, including Enoch Wishart, the horse trainer. They dispersed in all directions. Dr. Green reported to the Board of Health to-day that there was a case of small-pox on the Minnehaha, and the Health Board was instructed. Inspectors were sent at once to the steamship and the diagnosis of Dr. Green confirmed. Without an instant's delay the patient was taken to North Brother Island and isolated. His condition was said to be critical.

WEATHER FORECAST. Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. on Wednesday, Dec. 25, for New York City and vicinity—Fair to-night; Wednesday partly cloudy; slight temperature decrease; fresh westerly winds.

Taft Coming Home.

The Civil Governor of the Philippines Leaves Manila. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Secretary Taft received the following cablegram to-day from Acting Gov. Wright: "MANILA, Dec. 21.—Secretary of War, Washington: Taft sailed to-day, steadily and was met by acting Gov. Taft. Gov. Taft is coming to the United States on the transport Grant."