

Small picture of a man in a suit, likely related to the 'BIG BILL' DEVERY article.

'BIG BILL' DEVERY HONORED AT GRAVE BY FRIEND AND FOE

Leaders in Municipal Life for 25 Years Attend Funeral of Former Police Chief.

Honored by the presence of judges, city officials and police officers of the old and the new dispensation, the body of William Stephen Devery, Chief of the Police of New York from 1898 to 1903 and for twenty-four years one of the most picturesque figures in the daily life of the metropolis, was laid at rest today in Calvary Cemetery.

Far Rockaway has not been visited on a week-day in many years by so large and representative a number of New Yorkers as those who began to arrive with the earliest trains or in motor cars.

Frank Goodwin, in the old days a stout political foe of the Big Chief in the 9th Assembly District; Curley Joe Cassidy, the political boss of Queens; Bob Nelson, ex-Capt. John Conroy, ex-Capt. Steve McDermott, ex-Chief

Inspector James E. Dillon, ex-Capt. Joe Gehagan and ex-Inspector (later Deputy Commissioner) Tom McEvoy; Supreme Court Justice Victor J. Dowling and Judge Joseph M. Quinn and Otto A. Rosalby; former Ambassador to Turkey Abraham L. Siskin, in the fighting days Mr. Devery's attorney; Water Commissioner "Nick" Hayes; Dick Butler, John Reichenbacher, Deputy Fire Commissioner Charles W. Cullin.

Between 400 and 500 uniformed policemen, many alert young men to whom "Big Bill" was little more than a tradition, went down with the Police Band, wearing white uniform caps and white gloves, they stood at attention in front of the house while the body was borne to the hearse, the band playing "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

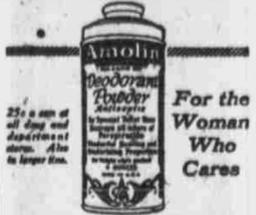
The honorary pall bearers were Internal Revenue Collector William H. Edwards, Col. Caleb Van Hamm, President of the Auditors Club, Eugene Woods, the horseman; Police Lieut. John T. "Johnny" Howard, whom the Chief always called "my boy"; Judge Peter F. Schmuck, ex-Sheriff Big Tom Foley, Capt. Tom Diamond, Eddie Glennon, Kenneth Krueger, Matthew and George Corbett, William Henkel, William Shannon, ex-inspector John D. Herlihy and Patrolman Patrick J. Healy.

A solemn mass of requiem was sung at 11 o'clock in the Church of St. Mary Star of the Sea by the rector, Very Rev. Herbert F. Farrell, V. F. assisted by the Rev. Martin O'Malley and the Rev. John H. Benemann as deacon and sub-deacon. Stores along the route of the procession were closed during the funeral hour.

Mrs. Anna Marie Devery, widow of the former Chief, was too ill to attend and is reported to be constantly attended by two physicians. The funeral was represented by the Devery girls, Anna (Mrs. Fred B. Fink) and Florence (Mrs. Herbert G. Oliver), and their husbands. There were also present Lieut. Patrick Devery, who, not himself a blood relation of the Chief, married the latter's sister, and Mrs. Devery.

Not even the oldest inhabitant of Far Rockaway can remember another funeral with so many flowers. They filled an entire room and were banded high in the hallway and on the stairs. There were remembrances from the inspectors and "Captains" Association, from Lieut. Johnny Howard, from the Lieutenants' Association, from scores and scores of personal and family friends and there was one marked "From the Pump," the testimonial of old friends at Devery's old hydrant headquarters on the northwest corner of 9th Avenue and 24th Street.

The cortege was a pageant of Old and New in the police history of New York. At the head, under Inspector Thomas J. Kelly, marched the uniformed contingent, back of the Police Band, and with five captains, ten lieutenants and ten sergeants. Behind the hearse walked the policemen of an earlier day, "Big Bill's" friends and associates.



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Advertisement for Cowperthwait & Sons, showing a dining room set and text about furniture and home goods.

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