

HOT PRIMARIES IN ESSEX.

THE RETURNS AT A LATE HOUR INDICATED THAT EX-SENATOR SMITH HAD CARRIED THE COUNTY.

One of the most notable fights in the history of New-Jersey's Democracy was waged last night in Essex County, and especially in the city of Newark. Ostensibly it was a conflict at the primaries over the election of delegates to the State convention. In reality it was a political duel to the death between James Smith, former United States Senator, and James M. Seymour, Mayor of Newark.

The Democratic nomination for Governor of New-Jersey was the principal factor in the fight. Mayor Seymour wanted it, and ex-Senator Smith says that Seymour can't have it. To make good this assertion Smith is said to have expended money, and the efforts of his well-organized machine, which includes the Democratic County Committee, are being directed to that end. Seymour has built up a machine of his own, and this, with the control of the Newark police force, enabled him to make things interesting.

Charges of fraud and trickery were flying so profusely that nobody attempted to keep count of them. Scrimmages and small riots were so common as to attract little attention. At a late hour last night both sides were claiming a majority of the delegates.

On the face of the returns it appeared that Smith had 101 delegates in the entire county and Seymour only eighty. The feature of the fight in Newark was a rule which the Smith machine election officers followed. It was something like this: "If the district is strong for Seymour try to break up the primary by running away, as though you were afraid of the crowd. In our districts let the Seymour people vote."

Ex-Senator Smith is convinced that Seymour is an ingrate. "I made him Mayor of Newark and then he threw me down," is the way the machine leader puts it. "Now, he wants to be Governor of New-Jersey, and I'll get even."

At the Smith headquarters the Seymour charges were laughed at. "They are crying wolf on us to hide their own crimes," said a Smith follower. "They have imported repeaters from New-York themselves. If they had the money they'd gladly buy votes."

PLAN TO DEFEAT PRICE.

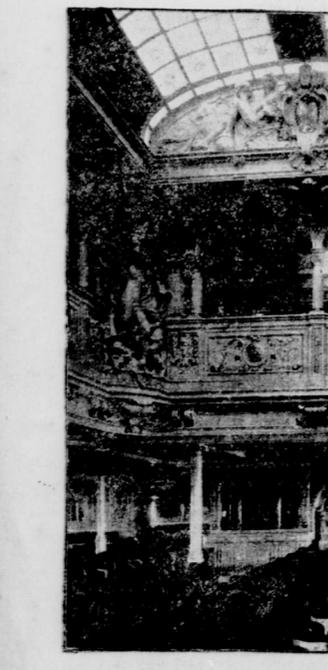
At 7 p. m. the fight began in earnest. In the Fifth Ward Colonel E. L. Price, who is City Counsel and manager of the Seymour boom for Governor, according to the Smith programme, was to be defeated as a delegate by Frank R. Kelley. Kelley was once Price's district leader, but he ran for Police Commissioner against the colonel's advice and the political friendship ended. Price had the energetic support of the Police Department in the shape of ten special policemen, in full uniform—six of the best regulars, two headquarters detectives and two precinct "fly bulls."

In Colonel Price's district the county machine had chosen an old building at No. 96 Union-st. as the primary room. It was a dark spot, but the colonel remedied that by planting an electric light directly in front of it. The Seymour voters found that they had to pass their ballots in through a window, and that none of their representatives would be allowed in the room which sheltered the officials.

"Break down the door!" cried the crowd. "Get a crowbar!" said one of the Seymour leaders. "Get a rope!" echoed the crowd. "The crowbar was forthcoming, and the door, though strongly barricaded, began to give way. "Run for your lives!" cried one of the judges, and they ran, leaving an empty ballot box behind them.

"Now, we'll elect officials to take the place of the 'fakes' who ran away," said the man who was managing things for the Seymours. The first three men proposed by the crowd were elected. The anti-Seymour crowd opened a rival primary across the street.

In the 15th District of the same ward there was



DINING ROOM OF THE KRONPRINZ WILHELM.

similar trouble. The Seymour men were in the majority, and the regular judges ran away. One man was nearly choked to death in the series of fights which followed. The crowd elected a new set of primary officers, and moved the voting place to a saloon a block away.

SEYMOUR LOSES HIS DISTRICT.

The prime object of the anti-Seymour men was to defeat Mayor Seymour in his own district, the 11th, of the Eighth Ward. Owen Conlon, a stock broker and active politician, was put up as the anti-Seymour candidate for delegate, and money was lavishly used. His opponent was William C. Dawson. The primary was held in the office of a feed store at No. 388 Belleville-ave. The Seymours had in every district in the ward a vigilance committee. Policemen were near by to make arrests. There was no disorder. Many challenges were made, and many votes were rejected. The count showed 95 for Conlon, anti-Seymour, and 74 for Dawson, the Seymour candidate.

In one precinct of the First Ward before the voting began the Seymour men insisted on looking into the locked ballot box. The election officers said it was unnecessary, and refused. The police declared that the box ought to be opened for fair play. The box was opened, and was found to be one-quarter filled with anti-Seymour ballots.

Ex-Senator Smith was elected in the First Ward. Elvin Crane was barely elected in the Second Ward. Ex-Senator Jacob Haussling, anti-Seymour, was defeated in the Eighth Ward. Eight out of nine districts elected Seymour delegates. In a number of districts rival delegations were chosen. East Orange gave a solid anti-Seymour delegation, Orange all but two anti-Seymour, and in Newark. In South Orange there were two Seymour and one anti-Seymour delegates. In Montclair six out of the seven delegates chosen at the primaries are anti-Seymour men.

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LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE'S WORK.

THE ORGANIZATION GETS MANY INDICTMENTS FOR SUNDAY SELLING, ETC., IN CAPE MAY.

Cape May, Sept. 27 (Special).—The New-Jersey Law and Order League, by reason of the work of its detectives last summer, was the means of getting 119-120 indictments for Sunday liquor selling in Cape May. Most of them are against hotel men, soda water dealers and bathroom keepers of Cape May. In Ocean City and Sea Isle City fifty persons were charged with selling liquor on Sundays. Mayor Robert Fisher of Ocean City, a druggist, was indicted for selling liquor without a license. Those who played progressive euchre and whist were indicted for game, and several for selling soda water and hired bathing suits at Ocean City on Sunday were indicted as nuisances. Some of the defendants had been arrested several times. The grand jury was made up of temperance men, and several were most ardent prohibitionists. The liberal element is furious.

CORNISH FEELING IN ELIZABETH.

Elizabeth, Sept. 27 (Special).—There is every indication to-night of a determined effort here at the Democratic primaries to elect anti-Seymour delegates in some of the wards. The party leaders in Elizabeth have prominent New-Jersey anti-Seymour delegates from this city, but it was only asserted on the streets here to-day that they would be unable to deliver the goods. Those who are talking against Seymour in this city declare they want Johnson Cornish, ex-Congressman, nominated for Governor, and a significant fact in Plainfield, where opposition has also developed to Seymour, Cornish is the favorite of the anti-Seymours.

TO BLESS A CHURCH.

The renovated Church of St. Paul of the Cross, in Hancock-ave., Jersey City, will be blessed to-day by Bishop O'Connor, who will celebrate mass at 5 o'clock this morning and bless the church. Services will be held to-morrow morning, and a special choir of sixty-five will sing. The church has been practically rebuilt. The new altar cost \$10,000.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION.

Trenton, Sept. 27 (Special).—The State convention of the New-Jersey Christian Endeavor Society will be held in the Central Baptist Church, this city, on Thursday, October 10. An interesting programme has been arranged.

NEW-JERSEY POLITICAL NOTES.

The Democratic State Convention will be held next Tuesday at Trenton. It promises to be entertaining and, possibly, instructive. The opinion of several energetic Democrats yesterday was that almost a prevailing number of the members of the party had abandoned the pursuit of harmony and were now looking for a fight. This was conspicuously the opinion of the situation in Newark. While it was regarded as possible that the primary might determine the Democratic candidate for Governor would be. It was not believed to be probable. Disputed eyes and enlarged noses were yesterday in progress. Afterward, contents in the State convention were prepared to be ready for the fray, and with possibly some crimination and recrimination as solvent ingredients in the settlement of factional disturbances.

GLASS WORKERS PREFER AMERICA.

Washington, Sept. 27.—The Belgian authorities are doing their utmost to protect the glass working industry of that country, and are discouraging glass workers from going to other countries. United States Consul Roosevelt, at Brussels, reports to the State Department the recent departure of 240 glass workers from Charleroi, Jumet, Lodezart and Courcelles, Belgium, for Muncie, Ind. He says the Belgian glass union did all in its power to dissuade the men from expatriating themselves. Mr. Roosevelt says that all the workmen in the Muncie party are men who had returned to Belgium with the hope of never again leaving it. The prospect, however, of finding work in the United States at more remunerative wages than are paid in Belgium overcame all other considerations.

FUNERAL OF MAJOR CONOVER.

The funeral of Major Augustus W. Conover, of the 7th Regiment, was held with military honors yesterday at the Reformed Church, Fifty-seventh-st. and Madison-ave. Under general orders sent out by the adjutant of the 7th Regiment, five companies were to escort the body to the church and to the grave. More than 75 per cent of the strength of the regiment performed that service. The services were conducted by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Dr. Abbott E. Kittredge, assisted by the Rev. William Dana Street. There was a special musical service by a quartet and choir. At the close of the service the body was carried back to the station with the same impressive solemnity, and the procession started to the Twenty-third-st. ferry. The line of march was down Fifth-ave. to Twenty-sixth-st., then east to First-ave. to the ferry. The burial took place at Greenwood Cemetery. Company A of the regiment fired three volleys over the grave, and the band sounded "Tap." The pallbearers, all of Company B, were Sergeant Stewart, Halstead Fowler, Kennelle, Wood, Kyle, Allan Gilman.

P. P. Edgar, Middlesex County Democrat who lets his interest in politics run down, said yesterday it was his belief that, apart from the

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Miles Ross influence, the Democrats of that county were in favor of the nomination of Seymour. In fact, he said it would not surprise him if all the delegates, with the exception of a few from the wards in New-Brunswick, would support Seymour.

Mr. Ross of Lowell said without giving his personal guide to his footstools, the Democratic party in Middlesex is in much the same condition.

Colonel Edward Livingston Price, of Newark, yesterday admitted, with some ailments of vanity in his demeanor, that he was the "Bald Eagle" at whom ex-United States Senator Smith's largest and most heavily loused gun was aimed. Mr. Smith, it was said, had expressed the belief that he would have the "Bald Eagle" properly caged and labelled immediately after the results of the Newark Democratic primaries were announced.

The Republicans of Camden County, according to a leading member of the party from that section who attended the State convention on Thursday, would be wise if they would take the Hatch trouble out of the incubator and put it on ice. Mr. Hatch is the reform Mayor of Camden, and it was said that he expected a nomination and endorsement by the Republicans in return for favors bestowed and in recognition of the superior character of his administration.

George R. Gray, ex-State Treasurer, when asked yesterday what probably would be the result of the Essex Democratic primaries, tersely replied: "We will not elect Seymour delegates. I can tell you that." Asked if there was likely to be rioting at the polls, he said: "Oh, no, no! That's all humbug."

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