

"REAL BOSS, I" SAYS "SPORT"

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"MURPHY'S INDEPENDENT OF CROKER" CRISLS "BIG TIM"-"DEED I AM" ECHOES "SPORT"

After due deliberation and careful consideration, "Sport" Murphy, sole potentate of the Tammany Hall realm, yesterday broke his rule of silence and made a public declaration of independence of Richard Croker, of Wantage. Perhaps the most significant thing about this utterance is that it might be almost word for word a quotation from the public speeches of the former vicegerent, Lewis Nixon. The outcry of the Devery and Carroll people, and particularly the hot shot of the new leader of the IXth Assembly District, have apparently irritated Murphy into talking. Equally significant is the fact that Murphy consented to speak only after he had learned that his friend, philosopher and guide, Senator "Dry Dollar" Sullivan, had spoken in a

similar fashion. Where Sullivan roared Murphy followed with a mild echo.

"I am no dummy for any living man," he declared at Tammany Hall yesterday, as he sat at Richard Croker's old desk.

"I never was and never will be any man's mouthpiece," he continued, passionately. "I am no dummy for Richard Croker. Tammany Hall's executive committee elected me, and Tammany Hall's executive committee rules in this place. Richard Croker has declared that he is out of politics. He said that he had retired from politics once and forever. As a member of the old advisory committee I put my name to a paper that proclaimed this fact.

"Of course, I have the greatest respect for Mr. Croker. I ought to have. But my respect for him compels me to believe that when he said he was out of it he meant it. Now, Croker never had the slightest communication with the advisory committee. On the subject of the choice of a leader he was never consulted and never volunteered a suggestion.

"Now, let me speak clearly. I don't believe that Croker intends to come back, but if he does I will not get out of his way. I will not get out to make way for him. Once and for all, let me say that I am holding down no man's place. Moreover, while I am a member of the Democratic Club, and will continue to go there as I always have when time permits, Tammany Hall will be the headquarters of the Democratic party in this city, and all business will be transacted here in this building and nowhere else."

Mr. Murphy was moved to this statement by an interview given out by Sullivan, in which the latter vehemently denied the rumors of Croker's control of Tammany and of Murphy.

"Mr. Croker has no more to do with the selection of Charles F. Murphy as leader than a man in China," said the Senator. "I'm telling you God's truth. Croker's day is over. He realizes that, and so do we. He retired voluntarily and said he would never return. We have taken him at his word. I have the greatest respect for Croker, but I do not believe that even if he should return, Mr. Murphy, who was elected by the people, would step aside. Mr. Murphy's election is definite."

Senator Plunkitt, who happened to be in Tammany Hall at the time Murphy made his statement, added his indorsement to the words of Murphy and Sullivan.

Murphy's declaration about the Democratic Club confirms the prediction of its story made in the Tribune on Monday. Henceforth, if the word of the leader holds good, district leaders will not be obliged to hire evening clothes and wait on their boss at the club when they have matters of importance to discuss. The frankness and outspoken character of Murphy's talk shocked some of the old time leaders, who still regard with suspicion the tendency to loquacity on the part of a leader. They regard this interview as a triumph for Devery, whose bitter jokes about Murphy have elicited the reply.

Prior to the statements made by Murphy, who has now arrogated to himself the title of "the chief," "Big Tim" Sullivan and he had a long consultation behind closed doors. Senator Sullivan was followed in his visit yesterday by "Half Dollar" Sullivan, "Florry" Sullivan and all the other Sullivans, who added their voices to the general pean of acclamation sounded by Murphy.

After declaring himself on the subject of Murphy, Senator Sullivan, who was in a talkative mood, brought the talk round to Mr. Coler and his candidacy.

"Coler is the only man in sight," said the Senator. "Something may break loose in the next few days, but it looks like a walkover for the ex-Crocker." Thereupon all the other Sullivans burst into a round of praise for the Senator's choice.

Frank J. Goodwin was also at Tammany Hall yesterday to get advice as to the part he should take in the selection of delegates to the convention to nominate a successor to the Municipal Court Justice Joseph H. Stiner. No one would tell what advice was given to him, but he said later that he did not intend to let Devery have all his own way in the IXth, and that his delegates would go to Saratoga and oppose the seating of the Devery delegates. Other callers on the new leader were William Pitt Mitchell, an old time Croker follower; Senator Donnelly, ex-Councilman Harry Hart, "Florry" Sullivan, "Nick" Little Tim Sullivan, Maurice Featherston, and "Hank" Hayes and a host of others, including a delegation headed by Robert H. Miller, of the Knights of Labor, who ——— Murphy to help Congressman Goldfogge to the Supreme Court bench.

DEVERY HITS AT M'LAUGHLIN. SAYS BROOKLYN DEMOCRATIC BOSS MUST APOLOGIZE OR STAND LIBEL SUIT.

The latest development in the Tammany troubles in the IXth District is the announcement of William S. Devery that he will prosecute his suit for libel against Hugh McLaughlin, the veteran Brooklyn leader.

"He called me a criminal," said Devery, with some show of feeling, last night. "He's jumped the hurdles and I'm a goin' to make him jump 'em back. He's got to apologize or the courts

will decide. We'll see who's the better man between us. I won't stand for no such thing as that. I've got a family over in Twenty-eighth-st., and I got to look out for them. I don't mind the fun the papers has made of me, but there's got to be a dead line somewhere, and he's inside it. I've always lived here, and lived always peaceable, and I won't stand for that.

The "chief" had no further comment to make on the political situation, beyond reaffirming his intention to go to Saratoga in a special train with his constituents.

NAGLE LOSES HIS FIGHT. JUSTICE O'GORMAN, GRAND SACHEM OF TAMMANY, RULES OUT INJUNCTION.

By virtue of a decision handed down in the Supreme Court yesterday by Justice O'Gorman, ex-Commissioner Percival E. Nagle loses his fight for the Democratic leadership of the XXXIVth District. Justice O'Gorman is the grand sacheM of the Tammany Society.

The case came before Justice O'Gorman yesterday upon the argument to make permanent an order which Nagle secured from Justice Blanchard, temporarily enjoining the Board of Elections from issuing certificates of election to delegates de-

clared elected in the XXXIVth at the recent Democratic primaries. The court showed that Nagle, in his own part of the XXXIVth, south of the Harlem River, had polled 1,232 votes, while Haverson and Cowan received 578 and 463, respectively. Moebus polled 1,233 votes on the north side, while McGuire polled 2,123. Nagle and Moebus polled together 2,336 votes, while the total vote for their opponents was 4,170. Taking the entire district as the unit of representation, the Board of Elections decided that Nagle and Moebus had been elected, and signified its intention of issuing certificates of election to McGuire and Haverson.

Nagle declared that he had won by a big majority over Haverson and Cowan. He said the vote in the south end of the district should have been kept separate and distinct, instead of each ballot containing the names of all the candidates from both the north and south sides.

Joseph I. Green, who appeared in behalf of the Tammany law committee, contended that under the election laws the XXXIVth District was entitled to only one representative on the Executive Committee of Tammany Hall, but that in order to expedite its business the organization had passed an arbitrary rule providing for two representatives. Each of these two delegates to the committee was, Mr. Green said, entitled to only half a vote in the committee. Mr. Green declared that the law never intended that the district should be divided.

In his decision Justice O'Gorman agrees with Mr. Green, saying:

The contention is manifestly correct and must prevail. Article 11 of the rules and regulations of the Democratic party expressly provides: "The unit of representation to be observed in the election of delegates to the county general committee and to the several committees shall be the Assembly district and the annexed District." Here there is no reference to either side of this district being a unit and the contention of the petitioner cannot be sustained without doing violence to plain and unambiguous language. Motion is denied.

In accordance with Justice O'Gorman's decision President Voorhies of the Bureau of Elections handed over the proper papers to George F. Schoonveld, secretary of the Democratic County General Committee, at four o'clock yesterday afternoon.

GUESTS OF "COLLIER'S WEEKLY." One hundred and fifty of the foremost men of the advertising business in the United States, representing advertising patronage amounting to \$150,000,000, met in this city Monday as the guests of "Collier's Weekly." They came here in special trains chartered by their hosts, one from Chicago and the other from Boston. The object of inviting the agents to this city was that they might be present at the formal opening yesterday of the new publishing plant of P. F. Collier & Son, in West Thirtieth-st.

At the Waldorf-Astoria a floor was engaged for the visitors. At the hotel on Monday evening a dinner was served, at which Conde Nast, manager of the advertising department of "Collier's Weekly," presided. Afterward the visitors went to Weber and Fields' store, at No. 100 West Thirtieth-st., where a searchlight was directed at the members of the vaudeville company.

Yesterday morning the visitors inspected the magazine's plant, which is said to be the largest and best equipped of its kind in the country, extending only the Government Printing Office, at Washington. A luncheon was served in the building by Sherry for 200.

Many admits being brought the Western agents to this city was made up of Pullman sleeping and drawing room cars, fresh from the shops, and was made to shoot Mrs. Worcester, Captain Albert has Chicago over the New-York Central's tracks.

Cross were warm personal and political friends and now it is known that nothing which occurred at the primaries has disturbed those relations. A close friend of Congressman Fowler said to-day that no one would be more aggressive and sincere in his advocacy of the re-election of Senator Cross than Mr. Fowler. Continuing he said:

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