

Dr. Copeland, Taking Office, Defends Hylan

New Health Commissioner Declares Mayor "Is Not as Bad as Painted"

Loses Way on First Trip to Department

Asserts He Didn't Want Job and Insists on Having a Free Hand

Dr. Royal Samuel Copeland, Mayor Hylan's new health commissioner, formally assumed control of the health department at 9:15 o'clock yesterday morning. He would have reached his desk promptly at 9 o'clock, the hour at which the Mayor believes all city employees should begin work, had he not lost his way after emerging from the Canal Street subway station and walked away from the department headquarters in his effort to find it.

After taking the oath of office, the new Commissioner accompanied H. Kohler, secretary to former Commissioner Amster, on a tour of the Health Department building, visiting every bureau and being informed of the work done by each. Just before the Commissioner's first business day ended he welcomed newspapermen and expanded upon the policy he would pursue in his administration of the department.

"I don't know how to begin to talk as a public official," he began. "It's difficult for me to get accustomed to the title of Commissioner. Just ask what you want to know."

Questioned About Dr. Jacobi

"Will you retain Dr. Abraham Jacobi and Dr. S. S. Goldwater on your advisory council, despite the Mayor's request that they be removed?" was asked.

"The advisory council has not come to my attention yet. I don't know why I should drop those doctors."

"The Mayor asked Commissioner Amster to drop them."

"Do you really think he did?" asked the Commissioner. "I tell you I don't believe the Mayor's as bad as he's painted. I had occasion to talk to him about Dr. Goldwater some days ago, and he spoke quite kindly of him. The Mayor certainly has made no request to me to drop anybody, and I do not believe he will. Let me say this: When it comes to the appointment of an advisory council, a body which gives its service voluntarily, I'm going to appoint men who appeal to me as men who can do the job. In a sense the advisory council is the cabinet of the health commissioner, and he should be able to choose it himself. If I am continued as health commissioner, I shall, due to the time of an advisory council, and I assume my selection will be satisfactory to the Mayor."

Health Education Necessary

"Do you favor the abandonment of the Bureau of Public Health Education, as urged by the Mayor?"

"I think public health education is vitally necessary. I believe in giving the public all the facts that can be given them on the subjects of right living, right eating, right drinking and right breathing. I really do not know what the value of public health education is yet. I am going to wait a few days before asking me what my disposition of it is to be."

"How do you look upon the suggested plan to take the Bureau of Tuberculosis out of the jurisdiction of the Health Department and put it in the hands of the Charities Department?"

"I take it to be the function of the Health Department to deal with contagious, infectious and pestilential disease, and there are persons who need to be isolated in the hospital of the Board of Health to supply such isolation. But it is not the function of the Health Department to treat disease. It is the function of the Charities Department to take persons suffering from active pulmonary tuberculosis and put them under treatment."

"How about joint and glandular tuberculosis?"

"I regard them as safe neighbors."

Views on Federal Criticism

"Do you subscribe to Mayor Hylan's views regarding the undesirability of Federal criticism and cooperation?"

"I am glad you asked that question. We want to cooperate in every way possible with the Federal authorities. We are subordinate in every way to the necessities of the national government. I shall waste no time in getting in touch with the surgeon general of the army, the surgeon general of the navy and the United States Public Health Service officials. I am sure the Mayor desires Federal cooperation."

"He told Dr. Amster he 'didn't give a darn for federal government letters,' didn't he?"

"I don't believe he did. He's not the kind of man to say that."

"Have you discussed with him the possibility of Federal intervention in the New York Health Department situation?"

"I certainly have not; that has not been considered."

"Dr. Amster was ordered by the Mayor to abolish the baby health stations. Will you do that?"

"I have received no such instructions."

Promised Freedom of Action

"Can you say in advance what your attitude would be if the Mayor so instructed you, or if he should dictate the appointment of subordinates?"

"I cannot; for I do not believe the Mayor would do such things. I have been promised freedom of action. Understand me, I don't want to be a Commissioner going to be sincerely interested in the people's welfare has asked me to assume the burden as well as I can. There will be nothing radical, because I am not a radical, am going to find out what kind of machinery there is in this department. If it's antiquated I'll attempt to modernize it."

Commissioner Copeland said he felt there would be no complications arising from the fact that he is a doctor of the homeopathic school in an allopath institution.

"I see in the newspapers Dr. Goldwater said I am the first homeopath to hold any such office as this in any big city. That is not true. Dr. James W. Ward, homeopath, was health officer of San Francisco during the fire. If I can do half as well as he did I'll be well satisfied."

"Come in any time," concluded the

Commissioner. "Stay as long as you like and ask all you want to know. As soon as I can I shall arrange to leave the doors open, so that any one can walk in any time. I don't like any one to lock the gates and bars. I'll always be ready to talk."

MacBride Abandons Health Inquiry Along 'Administrative Lines'

James E. MacBride, chairman of the Civil Service Commission, announced last night that the investigation into Health Department affairs which had been occupying the commissioner for several weeks had been discontinued insofar as it affected "administrative lines." Mr. MacBride, in a letter to Dr. Royal S. Copeland, the new health commissioner, stated that the late appointment removed the necessity for further inquiry, "except along Civil Service lines."

Howard B. Elliott, auditor of the Health Department; Dr. Robert J. Wilson, director of the Bureau of Hospitalization; and J. J. Crane, acting superintendent of the Municipal Sanatorium at Otisville, were witnesses at the commissioner's hearing yesterday. Mr. Elliott was questioned concerning a letter sent by former Health Commissioner Emerson to the Mayor regarding the duties of the assistant auditor of the department. Mr. MacBride asked concerning the "favoritism" shown in the appointment of John J. Wilson as assistant auditor.

Tells of Employing Doctors

Dr. Wilson was required to explain how certain physicians were employed in the various city hospitals, in view of the fact that they were not licensed by the State. He explained that the shortage of doctors made their services necessary, that they were experts in their particular fields and that technical difficulties only stood in the way of the obtaining of licenses.

Mr. Crane was questioned concerning the manner in which he happened to be on the city payroll as an architectural draughtsman at the Municipal Sanatorium. He said he had been appointed in that capacity in 1912, that in 1914 the acting superintendent retired and that since then he had been in complete charge of the institution, performing the duties both of architectural draughtsman and acting superintendent, for which he received \$2,280 a year.

In his letter to Commissioner Copeland, Mr. MacBride said that "there has been so much misrepresentation of the investigation of the Health Department that you cannot possibly know what we have been doing."

People Not Deceived

"I am confident," he continued, "that this misrepresentation has not deceived the people, who are the same kind of misrepresentations as were made by the same agencies which were at work in the campaign last Fall to perpetuate a government which for four years had been in the hands of the profiteers and their satellites who were exploiting the people."

Mr. MacBride then proceeds to make charges against a family whose fortune is invested in the Borden Milk Company, against Lucius Polk Brown, director of the Bureau of Food and Drugs of the Health Department, William J. Schiefelin, head of the Health Department, and Leonard M. Wallstein, former Commissioner of Accounts.

"Mayor Hylan knew of these conditions in a number of ways," he continues. "He knew these exploiters would make a determined stand to hold their grip on the Health Department."

The fact that a man of the Mayor's standing had accepted the position of Commissioner of Health and stands ready to brave the raids of the White Horse cavalry is proof to me of the extent to which the volumes of misrepresentation that have been poured forth—that the Mayor never had a thought or made a suggestion which would in any way restrict the effort to improve the health conditions, living conditions and working conditions in this city.

Desires to Extend Work

"It was his desire to extend the work being done for the babies and children of this city by the Bureau of Child Hygiene instead of to restrict it, as the false propaganda has sought to persuade the people."

"His desire to do everything—and more—that is now being done by the Bureau of Preventable Diseases for the prevention of tuberculosis and other diseases and to better the conditions of the people is a matter of course. But it is his firm determination that that work must be done without waste and extravagance. The testimony under which he was appointed as Commissioner of Health was that vast sums can be saved by proper administration is a complete justification of his position."

He said your letter of even date with great interest," wrote Commissioner Copeland in reply. "You are to be congratulated upon its forceful statement of the reasons for your resignation and the results of your investigation. No fair-minded citizen, knowing that the facts summarized by you were obtained under the most lenient and unbiased conditions, could fail to be convinced that your resignation was contemplated by anybody in authority."

Actress Sues Brother Of James S. Brady

Miss Albertina Gilbert Widman, known on the stage as Allie Gilbert, in the Supreme Court yesterday hinted at some unpublished sidelights in the life of the late James B. Brady, better known as the late Senator from New York. Daniel M. Brady, brother of "Diamond Jim," as to alleged acts by the dead man that caused the twenty-year-old plaintiff to sue her brother.

Miss Widman sued for \$5,000 for information she says she gave the attorney for Daniel M. Brady which was used in a proposed contest of his brother's will. There was a settlement among the heirs, and Miss Widman received the \$250 offered for her information.

Miss Widman testified that the defendant told her his brother had caused his mother to be committed to an insane asylum, and that he neglected her and other members of his family.

Miss Widman also told Daniel M. Brady that his brother had ruined her career. "Dan said to me," she testified. "We want to prove to the world that we are not mad when he made his will. He not only gave his mother a dollar. He put my mother in an insane asylum and I had not spoken to him for twenty years. I know, he left me Dolly's ring, a pearl necklace and gave \$25,000 to each of his executors. That proves that he was crazy. The things that Jim did would make any sane man pay you to tell everything about him."

Miss Widman said that the defendant said he was the friend of Andrew Carnegie and that he got his money from life by introducing him to Charles S. Mollen, former president of the New Haven road. She added that she was made a witness when she did not receive the \$5,000.

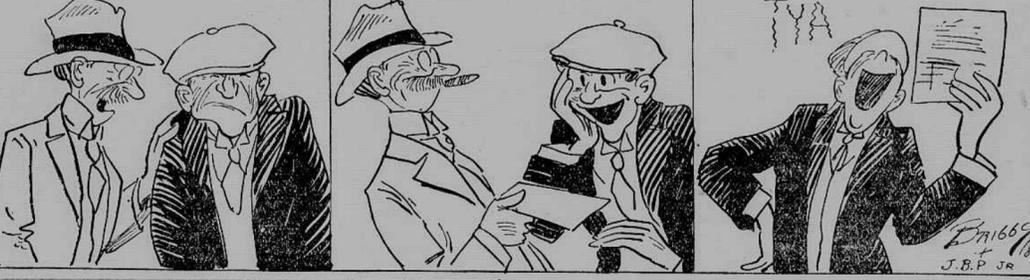
Justice Donnelly dismissed the action of Miss Widman so far as it applied to the proposed contest of the will, but sent the case to trial on her claim for loss of time for her professional work while waiting to be called as a witness. The jury will give a verdict today.

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ing on the stairs. "Ten miles we march in our winter woollens. It makes very warm."

Refreshments of a nature particularly pleasing to the Parisian taste were found for a select few, thanks to the good nature of Private Allan E. Mattox, of the United States Ambulance, up from Allentown, Penn., to thrill Broadway as the French officer in "Goodbye, Liberty" and the Frenchmen rubbing their chins worriedly, wandering up and down the sidewalk in front of the armory. He speaks French, and so offered his services as personal conductor to a barber shop.

Afterward he landed his party in Mouquins. There the Frenchmen had another lovefest with the waiters, and Private Mattox, we hasten to add, quenched his thirst with ginger ale. Then he took them to a bank to have some French money changed and down Fifth Avenue for a stroll. He found the Matron Building, "c'est la maison du far a reposer!" He had seen on posters the picture.

Private Mattox's little party proved so successful that Mrs. Oren Root, who in charge of entertainment for the visitors of the 69th Regiment Armory, appointed him official guide for the duration of their stay. It is he who has promised to pilot Jean Brochet to the 69th Regiment Armory, where his left, and has promised to take the entire hundred "blue devils" to the Statue of Liberty and to "Goodbye, Bill," on Friday evening.

J. P. Morgan is to entertain the French heroes in his library one afternoon on Saturday. They are to go to the Hippodrome, Sunday morning. Monsieur Lavelle will preside at a special high mass in the Cathedral. On Monday they are to be given a luncheon by the National League for Women's Service in the armory. "We mean to run 'em and feed 'em till they drop," said Mrs. Root. "I don't think the Germans could kill them with shrapnel we won't kill them with ice cream."

To-day the Frenchmen will stand guard over the relics of Verdun and the Marne which are on exhibition at the 69th Regiment Armory. The ceremony of posting the guard will be enacted with all the military formality of the posting of the guard in the trenches.

Hylan's Removal Will Be Sought, Says Alderman

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen yesterday William F. Quinn, of the 11th Aldermanic District, Manhattan, predicted that within a few months Democrats and Republicans would, with one accord, call on Governor Whitman to remove the Mayor of New York City.

"The Democrats will be unanimous with us in a few months in calling on Governor Whitman to remove the Mayor of New York City," said Alderman Quinn, "otherwise there will be no Democratic party in New York."

The alderman's remarks were made during the discussion of a resolution offered by Alderman Lee, Socialist, demanding that the Committee on Rules report out his resolution providing for a special committee to investigate the Health Department. Mr. Lee also asked that the proposed committee look into the resignation of Dr. Amster as Commissioner of Health. The Republicans lined up with the Socialists on the Lee resolution, but it was voted down.

Alderman Quinn said: "It makes me long to see the Democrats trying to fix things up for the Mayor, especially after hearing what they called him. It's funny how they try to defend the Mayor, for another of his commissioners. He's trying to make a family affair out of all the departments."

Several of the Socialist aldermen attacked the Mayor for his "petty interference" in the city departments, particularly the Health Department. One or two of the Tammany aldermen came to the Mayor's rescue, declaring that he had a right to supervise the departments. Alderman William P. Kennealy, one of the Tammany floor leaders, declared that it made no difference whom the Mayor appointed, the Republicans and Socialists were bound to oppose him as a matter of politics.

"I hope that the members will support the Committee on Rules," said Alderman Kennealy, "and let it report out Alderman Lee's resolution when it pleases. I want to serve notice right now that the Democratic members will stand behind the Mayor."

"For three months; that's the most," shouted an unidentified alderman from the center of the chamber, causing a general laugh.

Reynolds Indicted on Gambling Charge

Thomas L. Reynolds, former Tammany politician and associate of the late "Big Tim" Sullivan, was indicted yesterday on a charge of being a common gambler. Assistant District Attorney James E. Smith, in charge of the case, said last night he was investigating complaints that Reynolds had used a dog stamp in order to certify checks. These, Mr. Smith said, Reynolds never negotiated, but used them in order to convey the appearance of being "legitimate."

Reynolds' place in West Sixty-eighth Street was raided Sunday night. District Attorney Swann said last night he was investigating alleged relations which Reynolds had with a City Magistrate. He said Reynolds telephoned to the magistrate after he was arrested. Mr. Swann is also inquiring into the relations of the same magistrate with another man who, Mr. Swann says, is a notorious professional gambler whose name appeared often in the doings of the "Partridge Club."

Y. Bauble's "Partridge Club," an organization of gamblers which met every week in the Hotel Imperial.

Last Friday, said Mr. Swann, "this gambler's chauffeur drove downtown to get this magistrate and bring him up to town to the boss's hotel, after which they went to the ball game. This magistrate recently dismissed complaints against thirty-six keepers of disorderly houses. He has also stated to his friends that he believes the prosecution of gamblers who run den of iniquity is tommyrot. The statutes and state constitution say differently, and this judge has a sworn duty to perform."

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Tammany Boss Indorses Hylan Rule—So Far

Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, yesterday indorsed Mayor Hylan's administration—so far. Boss Murphy returned to the Tammany Wigwag after a sojourn at French Lick Springs, Ind. He looked fit, and said he felt the same. He had acquired a healthy complexion in the out-of-doors playing golf.

Mr. Murphy was asked what he thought of the Hylan administration as far as it had gone.

"Why, I'm perfectly satisfied," he replied. "I don't see anything wrong with the administration."

Murphy, However, Declines to Comment on Health Row

"Do the efforts of Mayor Hylan in the Police and Health departments appeal to you?" the Tammany leader was asked.

"The Mayor seems to be getting along with the Police Commissioner," was the reply. He would make no comment on the Health Department situation.

"But how about Mr. Bugher's experience with the Hylan administration?"

"That's past and gone," said Murphy with a smile.

"What do you think of District Attorney Swann appealing to the Tammany leaders to help him clean up New York City?"

"There is nothing to clean up here," he replied. "If Mr. Swann thinks the town is not clean he ought to get busy and go out and find the unclean spots."

Knows Nothing of Heist Plan

Asked if he had been invited to attend the recent conference of Democrats at Syracuse, the Tammany leader said he had not. He pointed out that it was a conference of upstate Democrats, and that he could not be called for such. Then the interview swung to the Heist gubernatorial possibilities.

"Do you think Mr. Heist will be a candidate for Governor?" he was asked.

"Mr. Heist is one of the men who can answer that," said Mr. Murphy.

The Tammany leader said he had not given any thought to the gubernatorial situation. He declared he had not read the newspapers for several weeks, since he had been away, and that the Syracuse conference had taken place while he was away. He said he had not seen the papers since he returned to the Indiana resort.

Hylan, in Reversal, Signs Subway Bill

Mayor Hylan about-faced yesterday and signed the so-called Lockwood bill providing for a readjustment of existing uncompleted subway contracts in order to afford relief to contractors from financial embarrassment owing to the scarcity of labor and the high price of materials under war conditions. The measure was vigorously urged by the Public Service Commission, and as vigorously opposed by the Mayor. The latter had insisted that the contractors deserved no relief and should be made to fulfill their contracts.

The Public Service Commission and others interested in the measure pointed out that some of the contractors would be forced into bankruptcy unless they obtained some relief, and that important subway work would consequently be tied up indefinitely. The Mayor made the following brief statement in regard to his action:

"I have serious doubts as to the necessity of this bill and the Corporation Commission advises me there is grave doubt in his mind as to its constitutionality. In view, however, of the persistent efforts of the Public Service Commission in support of this bill and after conferring with the Board of Estimate, I have concluded to accept it on behalf of the City of New York."

The Mayor vetoed the bill to abolish the Sinking Fund Commission. He issued no statement in connection with his exercise of the veto power.

Shoes and Ships And Sealing Wax

It's great to live in times of strife. It's fine to feel one's humble life is thrilled each day by stirring deeds that will live on while mankind reads. It's grand to feel that even we play our small part in History.

But when the guns shall speak their last and all the Kaiser's dreams are past; when far-flung battle lines are mute and all our hopes have borne their fruit, we'd like, if Providence decrees, to slip away and take our ease far from the newboys' raucous yell in some old town where home folks dwell.

There, freed from tales of conflicts won, we'd like to loaf till life is done, lulled by the song of bees that flock about the bending hollyhock in gardens far from trodden ways and read Jane Austen all our days.

When Lucia, of Harlem's Little Italy, gave up her job and began to appear in her Saturday night best every day of Ireland, a resident of New York feared the worst. But Lucia is as good as she is beautiful in her dreamy Italian fashion. She is just a good, honest, warm-hearted girl who is engaged to no less than twenty men in the service, and each, under the impression that he is the only one, is allotting her part of his pay.

It took place in Base Hospital No. 3 (the Mount Sinai Unit), somewhere in France.

Tom, one of the sergeants who fought in the South African War, is a native of Ireland, a resident of New York, and keeps the other boys from becoming too much wedded to routine.

A few weeks ago he walked up to a fellow sergeant and asked him to keep the latest news from overseas, and asked, confidentially:

"Don, you know more about history than I do, don't you?" Don admitted that he did.

"Well, tell me," said Tom, "when the French came over to help us in '76, did we make them get up so early in the morning?"

At times the air rifle grew pretty heavy and fairly begged to be thrown away, but twelve-year-old Harold Hugel still clung down by the road, too, to get to work more difficult the further you went along it. You had to imagine that you were making a forced march through the night, to hand the Germans a walloping to get along at all. Sometimes, it was only the thought of Frank, down in Camp Upton, that kept you from sitting down and resting a while.

Down one of the streets of Freeport early yesterday morning trudged a small figure. A policeman looked at him in amazement. The air gun which Harold Hugel carried on his back and the sturdy legs wobbled still along.

"How far is it to Camp Upton, mister," Harold Hugel asked.

"But don't fix me," said Tom, "when the French came over to help us in '76, did we make them get up so early in the morning?"

The Board of Education will convene to-day in executive session and make official its elevation of Dr. William L. Ettinger to the city school superintendency and the \$10,000 salary which accompanies that post.

In educational circles the hope was expressed freely last night that some eleventh-hour miracle might intervene to change the decision and relieve the schools of the charge that they, too, have succumbed to the political dictates of the City Hall. But every reliable indication is that the Ettinger contingent will stand firm and carry through its appointment as announced after the committee of the whole meeting last Monday.

What seems equally certain, though, is that the dissenting members of the board will withhold the customary courtesy of yielding to the majority at the end in order to make the final vote unanimous. President Somers, for one, announced last night that he did not believe he could bring himself to go on record as deeming Dr. Ettinger the best man to stand guardian over the destinies of the children of New York.

Predict Somers Will Retire

As a result of the situation that has developed, educators and politicians were a unit yesterday in predicting the resignation of Mr. Somers from the presidency of the board.

"This split has been reorchestrated all along," said one. "President Somers is a conscientious and competent official, and that is not the kind that is wanted. His openly now, in the showdown, has openly bolted his leadership. He will not be able to stand the pressure much longer."

President Somers, on the other hand, declared that he puts the interests of the school children above all else, and intends to stick just as long as he believes he can be of any service to them.

Yesterday he discussed the whole situation with great frankness.

"Until the present breach arose," he said, "the board has always deferred to my judgment, treating me with great courtesy, and, I might almost say, affection."