

Often Tempted, Says Hylan, but He Never Fell

Honest John Tells Admirers How Crafty "Interests" Sent Their Flatterers to Try to Divert His Mind

Avows He Foiled Them All

Asserts He Was Not Overbalanced; Cites Mystery Message About Shonts

Mayor Hylan, in his campaign speeches last night, told four large audiences of the temptations which had beset him during his four-year stay in the wilderness of the City Hall and how he had overcome them all. He also reviewed in detail the fight of the "reaction interests" for higher fares and told "how we in the board withstood their efforts."

Speaking at the Town Hall, he said: "After my election I made up my mind that I would serve the public interest no matter what effort were made to influence me against the general good. I had no social aspirations beyond my own home, and the associations with men of great wealth did not attract me. I felt that I would be a hard road to hoe if I followed the City Hall. I mapped out for myself, but I accepted the verdict of the election seriously to do as I thought the people wanted me to do."

"I was early beset by influences that sought to deflect my mind in various channels. I listened to these urgings, but paid no heed to them. I was told early that President Shonts of the Interborough had said that they would soon have me thinking their way—that is, toward a higher fare. I had studied the affairs of the traffic lines and knew the Interborough was making large profit on a recent fare. I also knew, as a private citizen, I had severely condemned the terms of the dual subway contracts on which this large Interborough profit was based, and I know that the late Mayor Gaynor himself, before the contracts were signed, had severely arraigned the Interborough and its bankers for overreaching the city in the terms of the contract."

"I listened to the flatteries of those I knew were emissaries and friends of the traction corporation, and I listened to the 'advice' of the business men who were ostensibly trying to guide me 'right.'"

"I was not affected by what I was told, but I learned a great deal. My main effort in the early stages was to keep my feet on the ground and my head level. Those influences and persuasions did not overbalance me, and I soon realized that my course was not acceptable to those 'big men' who had apparently gone out of their way to advise me. Hylan is not amenable, I heard from various sources. 'He is too stubborn.'"

"The City of New York is the largest business concern in the world and the Board of Estimate can be considered

the board of directors of the municipal corporation. The business of the city is far more complex than that of any business corporation because of the various social elements involved, and in sitting in the Board of Estimate and voting the city's money this fact must be considered. We have tried hard to do our duty by the people generally, by the taxpayers and rentpayers, and we have not permitted outside influences to sway us."

Hylan Campaign Manager Makes Charge of Fraud

John H. Delaney, manager of Mayor Hylan's campaign, last night made public a letter he had written to Police Commissioner Enright and a supplementary statement making indirect charges that the conditions were preparing to practice fraud and intimidation at the polls on Tuesday.

Delaney's statement attacked the published allegations of a gigantic colonization scheme promoted by Tammany Hall in the 4th Assembly District, and the "planting" of more ballot box stuffers by Tammany in other East Side districts.

Further evidence of the existence of this scheme was obtained yesterday by Special Deputy Attorney General Alexander Wolf.

Before Mayor Hylan's campaign manager wrote his letter to Enright, the Socialist candidate for Assembly in the 4th District had written to Governor Miller assuring that the ballot boxes in the East Side, especially in the 4th Assembly District, be protected from terrorism and lawlessness, and complaining of the treatment by the police at the polls.

Gummen," wrote the Socialist candidate to the Governor, "are known to boast that they will stop at nothing short of murder to carry the district for Tammany Hall."

The fact is that not a single charge of fraud against any political group other than Tammany has been made in this campaign.

Another fact is that the charges made against alleged Tammany frauds have resulted in an investigation by the Attorney General, through Mr. Wolf, who declares that he has found evidence of widespread colonizing by repeaters and floaters in some of the East Side districts, notably the 4th District.

Mr. Delaney's letter to Commissioner Enright, signed by him as "Chairman, City Committee, Hylan League," follows:

It is in the 4th Assembly District that Special Deputy Attorney General Wolf, investigating complaints of improper registration, has found the greatest number of cases. Altogether, it was said that 90 per cent of the entire number of complaints had come from the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 7th and 8th districts.

men declared at first that they slept in office chairs. Two of them were married. When the absurdity of this situation was pointed out by Mr. Hays, they finally admitted that they lived in various parts of the city, but had registered and had intended to vote from their place of employment, to help "friends" who were running for office. All of these persons will be arrested if they attempt to vote.

Hylan Electioneers at Ferryboat Launching

With a spanking breeze whipping her flags in the wind and carrying the cheers of several thousand spectators along the shore of Staten Island, the new municipal ferryboat President Roosevelt, slipped down the ways of the Staten Island Shipbuilding Company, at Mariner's Harbor, yesterday afternoon. Mayor Hylan and many other city officials participated in the launching ceremonies and on behalf of the city again paid formal homage to the memory of a great American.

Mayor Hylan, as he has done frequently at the many dedications and celebrations observed during the present campaign, told the audience at the launching that it was "one of the happiest days of my life." He told the people of Staten Island present that their borough was bound to become one of the greatest of the city, if given its place and the chance to progress that his administration had offered.

"This has been an administration of progress, of deeds and accomplishments," said the Mayor, "although we have been criticized, misrepresented and maligned. Despite the fact that these same forces which opposed us four years ago are opposing us now, Staten Island has grown and the city has advanced. We have made progress all along the line and we are going to

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keep right on working in the interests of all the people."

The Mayor received the new ferryboat on behalf of the city from Commissioner Grover A. Whalen, of the Department of Plant and Structures. Mrs. Whalen, wife of the Commissioner, christened the new boat. Cornelius G. Kohn, president of the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce, presided at the ceremonies and introduced Commissioner Whalen and the Mayor. Calvin D. Van Name, Borough President of Richmond, also made a brief address.

The city officials and guests assembled at South Ferry just before noon and made the trip to Mariner's Harbor on the ferryboat Queens, one of the old Staten Island municipal fleet. Upon the arrival at the shipbuilding plant a procession was formed, headed by the Mayor and Rodman Wanamaker, Special Deputy Police Commissioner, who marched in front of the Police Band to the scene of the launching. Several hundred Staten Islanders, including workers in the shipyards, lined the route and applauded the Mayor. He doffed his hat repeatedly during the short walk from the Queens to the stands constructed at the stern of the new boat.

Mrs. Hylan and a party of women accompanied the Mayor and the official party.

Jerome Quiets Hecklers; One Flees to Police

Part of Audience After Meeting Seek Man Who Voiced Objection to "Coalition" Instead of "Fusion" Term

Allowed to Tell Views

Lawyer Says More Docks Than Schools Are Built, as Graft Lasts Far Longer

A number of Hylan hecklers attempted to embarrass William Travers Jerome while making an address last night at Public School 65, on Eldridge Street, near Hester. Instead of dis-

turbing the former District Attorney all of them were silenced in the hall and one of them who had an opportunity to express his opinions from the speaker's platform was forced to seek a patrolman's protection from the wrath of those who attended the meeting.

Mr. Jerome had hardly begun his attack on the Hylan administration when a man who afterward gave his name as W. J. McCarthy stood up and said that he would like to make a few remarks. Mr. Jerome promptly invited him to step up on the platform amid some murmured objection at the interruption. Mr. McCarthy said that he had seen service in the war, and that his chief objection to Curran was the fact that he affiliated himself with a party "coalition" instead of the good American term "fusion."

Jerome Cites Curran's War Record Many in the audience arose at this trivial objection, and asked to have him thrown out, but Mr. Jerome requested that he be left alone, and then answered the objection by pointing out the war record of Major Curran.

At the conclusion of the meeting a number in the audience made a rush to reach McCarthy. He was forced to leave the hall by a side door and seek the protection offered by a patrolman

stationed at the entrance of the school. When the hall was empty, McCarthy called a taxi and was driven away.

Mr. Jerome in his address charged that millions of dollars more had been spent for docks under the Hylan administration than for schools, because once a school house was built the grafting ended, whereas a public dock could be made a source of private revenue as long as it stood.

Scores Hylan's Committee

In concluding his address at Public School 103 at Bedford and Seventeenth avenues, Brooklyn, Mr. Jerome called attention to the fact that Mayor Hylan had failed to answer any of the charges which he brought against many of the office holders in his administration.

Mr. Jerome, after denying that the connection between the police and the gamblers of the city had been broken by Mayor Hylan and Police Commissioner Enright, said that as early as 1894 such co-operation had already come to be looked upon as bad politics by Tammany Hall.

"It was at that time," Mr. Jerome said, "that the Tammany Hall leaders reverted to that older type of graft which was so prevalent in Tweed's time—I refer to the practice of grafting on public contracts. And here we have the reason why \$15,000,000 only as spent on the schools under the

Hylan administration as against \$30,000,000 spent on docks. There is no graft in a schoolhouse after it has been built, while the docks can be made to produce as much as is desired or the people will stand."

Mr. Jerome then cited the handling of twenty-four typical docks and reviewed the testimony submitted to the Meyer investigating committee. "The law requires that docks be assessed, as other property, at their true value," he said, "and if the city docks were assessed at their true value it would be better if New York City gave away these docks to the first person who came along, because then they would bring in more in taxation than they have collected in revenue under the Hylan administration."

Disbarment Action Ordered For Ousted District Attorney

BOSTON, Nov. 5.—The Council of the Middlesex Bar Association voted today to bring disbarment proceedings against Nathan A. Tufts, who was removed from office as District Attorney of Middlesex County by the Supreme Court recently.

The question of disbarment was considered soon after Tufts was found guilty of using the District Attorney's office for improper purposes.



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