

## SQUIRE SAYS SHEPARD'LL WIN

### REALLY, THOUGH, HE HOPES TO SAVE HIS COUNTY TICKET.

Extremely "quiet" canvass for Unger—Tammany Needs Him—Croker Calls the Acounts the Popovers, and Goes After Diner to Hear Belated Oratory.

The Squire said at the dinner table last evening that he was going to set a good example of interest in public matters to all of the tenantry and that, in order that some of them should think that he was holding aloof from the municipal canvass, he would attend the meeting of his political advisers that was to be held at the Fourteenth Street Theatre.

"You may quote me as saying that Mr. Shepard will be elected Mayor of this city on Tuesday," said the Squire. "I will not say by how much we expect that he will be elected, nor will I go into any of the details of the matter. All that you are authorized to say as coming from me is that he will be elected with ease. That is all that I have to say about the matter."

Then the Squire was asked if he had read any of the literature that has been sent out to the electorate by the Order of Acounts. He said that he had read some of it.

"What do you think of it, Mr. Croker?" asked a reporter.

"The Popovers are a lot of paid vilifiers," said the Squire, showing some heat, and this was all that he would say. He went off with some of his friends to the meeting at the theatre, which bored him a great deal. The Squire does not like public meetings and he seldom attends them, but he thought that the tenantry would be pleased to see him last evening and it was for their benefit that he put himself to the trouble of attending the meeting.

The few members who were at the Tipplers' Club, as the Squire's American tavern house is called among the irreverent, were not in a cheerful frame of mind. Many of them think they will have to go to work after the first of January, and they do not like the outlook. It is a long time since they have done any work to speak of, and some of them have forgotten how to do any.

It is not possible to get any of the Tammany men to admit for quotation and publication in the newspapers how he feels about the election. It is in the power of some of the members of the club, however, to tell their friends with the utmost frankness what they really think and THE SUN has learned from one of these friends what the sentiment of all of the members of the organization whose word is worth anything is in regard to this matter. The situation as they view it may be summed up as follows:

For two weeks these members of the organization have known that Edward M. Shepard, their candidate for Mayor, was going to be defeated. Two weeks ago these far-sighted ones told their associates that the only thing to be done was to work as hard as they could for the election of the county ticket, and especially for the election of Henry W. Unger, the candidate for District Attorney. The reason for this is clear. No matter what the administration of the Police Department is, no far-reaching reforms can be carried out without the hearty and full cooperation of the prosecuting officer. The members of the Hall would rather have a man politically friendly to them in the District Attorney's office than in any other, not excepting the Mayoralty. Tammany will try to elect the District Attorney, no matter what the cost may be.

The Tammany men think that Van Wyck, for President of the borough of Manhattan, will run behind the rest of the county ticket. They think that Van Wyck will be the worst cut man on the ticket, and the worst cut man who has run on a Tammany ticket for many a day. They do not think, however, that if they can elect the rest of the ticket, this cutting will amount to enough to beat either of these candidates. They count on the straight vote to pull them both through, and they think that the average voter will fear to split his ticket lest he spoil the ballot.

They think that the result of certain efforts that have been put forth to elect Mr. Unger will be shown in a groovy vote, however, and they will be surprised if he does not run ahead of the ticket. The Unger canvass has been a very complete and extremely "quiet" one.

They think the candidate for Sheriff, John T. Oakley, will run well, for they count on his personal popularity to pull him through. He will not be out by any of the elements that vote the ticket.

They look for good votes for Charles H. Knox and Charles W. Dayton, candidates for the Supreme Court, because of their personal popularity. Fairbank, for County Clerk, and Frank J. Goodwin, for Register, are expected to run with the ticket. The candidates for Coroner, Fitzpatrick, Zuena, Hart and Buehler, are all expected to run with the ticket.

They think the candidate for Mayor should pull through no one would be more organized than the members of the Tammany organization.

## FUSION FIGURE, 30,000 FOR LOW

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"I will receive several surprises in store when the votes for Aldermen are counted. Among the districts which we expect to carry are the Fifty-fifth, in Brooklyn, the majority of W. A. Walker, the fusion nominee, will not be far from 500. The district is Democratic. It is reasonably certain that we shall carry the Twenty-fourth, in New York county, by a majority of the Twenty-sixth, also the Fifty-eighth Aldermanic, in Brooklyn, and the Thirty-first, in New York. The fusion nominee will be elected by a small but sufficient majority. Charles P. Howland, fusion candidate in the Fifth district, will be elected by a majority of 300 to 500."

Figures predict the election of Noah Tebbels of the Fifty-sixth, in Brooklyn, by a small majority. The local candidate for the district is controlled usually by the Willoughby street organization. The Thirty-second, in New York, gives indication of being carried by Joseph E. Eliot, the fusion candidate. In the Tenth, in New York, district the vote will be close. Herbert Parsons, in the Twenty-fifth district, will give a majority against the fusion candidate. The Sixty-first, in Brooklyn, will give a majority against the fusion candidate. The Sixty-second, in Brooklyn, will be returned to the board by 1,500 majority. Tammany is making a desperate fight to defeat Mayer Shoenfeld in the Fifth district. It is possible to have a fusion election in that district, I believe we would carry it by fully 1,000.

John L. Doyle, in the Eighteenth, is making a hard fight to reduce a large normal Tammany majority. Alderman John Diemer will be re-elected from Brooklyn by a majority in the vicinity of 1,000. The Fifth Aldermanic district is normally Democratic, but it is conceded that John Otto, the fusion candidate, will come close to carrying the district. The Twenty-first district, will be about 2,000. Robert F. Downing, in the Forty-fifth, will win by 1,000 majority.

The fusionists will normally anti-Tammany district will be carried by a largely increased majority, and we shall win in enough besides to bring over our majority in the board up to seven.

## MYSTERIOUS PRINCE'S TOUR.

### He Arrives at Montreal and is Coming Here—Calls Himself Rajjit of Beluchistan.

MONTREAL, Nov. 3.—Among the passengers on board the Elder Dempster steamer Lake Simcoe, which arrived here this afternoon, was a mysterious individual who styles himself Prince Rajjit of Beluchistan. He was accompanied by a suite of twenty-eight persons, including a dancing girl.

Who the man really is remains a mystery. The Indian authorities have issued the official notice that there is no such Prince, but he certainly travels as a nabob. He was the talk of London for several weeks, during which time he stopped at one of the big hotels, where he had twenty-three rooms and spent money lavishly. He declines to see newspaper men or to hold interviews with persons outside his suite. His only reply to questions being "I am a King. He is a man of fine physique, dark-skinned and handsome. He had preceded him, and when the Lake Simcoe steamed into port this afternoon a crowd of interested spectators was waiting to catch a glimpse of him, but they were disappointed. The Prince remained in his stateroom. It was stated that he had a London time to be present at the King's coronation.

When most of the crowd had dispersed the Prince and his suite took carriage to the Windsor Hotel. He intends to make a tour of the principal points of the United States and Canada and will return to London in time to be present at the King's coronation.

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## VOTE AND WATCH THE VOTE.

### CROKER CROWD LOOKING TO BROOKLYN FOR RESCUE.

They Won't Get It—But There's Work for Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff Over for Croker and Supt. McCullagh is Likely to Find Work for Him—Word Is, He Early at the Polls

"Now put on full steam!"

"Let 'er go lockity-split!"

"Keep right at 'em!"

That's what the fusionist campaigner says now cry to all voters, Republican, Democratic, Independent, and all good citizens who desire the overthrow of Croker and his cronies to-morrow. Don't imagine for an instant that Croker and his cronies are asleep. They are working like steam engines to prevent the catastrophe which is to overtake them.

Last night Richard Croker issued orders from the Democratic Club to all the Tammany leaders that they must have their men at the polls when the polls open to-morrow morning. Mr. Croker was very emphatic about this. He issued similar orders in 1894, when Tammany was overthrown in New York city alone by 45,000 plurality.

The fusionist campaigners know exactly what is going on, and they request that all voters who want to turn out Croker and his cronies will also go to the polls the first thing to-morrow morning. This is a patriotic duty.

"Seth Low is marching on!"

"He's a sure winner!"

"Send Croker and his cronies over the precipice!"

Richard Croker and his cronies started out yesterday morning to attempt to stem the deluge in Brooklyn. The Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff, who is leading the Republican front in the fight in Brooklyn, understands exactly Mr. Croker's tactics. So do other fusion campaigners in the City of Churches.

For a little over a week Mr. Croker and his cronies have been quietly at work in Brooklyn.

It is time that John McCullagh and his deputies should look into the situation in Brooklyn. Mr. Croker notified the Brooklyn Democratic campaigners yesterday that they must do everything possible to make the county break even between Low and Shepard.

"You are just as much interested in this ticket as we are," said Mr. Croker to the Brooklyn Democrats; "now pitch in and help us out. Get right to work."

Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff and all of the fusionist campaigners in Brooklyn should keep their eyes wide open until the last vote is cast in the borough of Brooklyn and the County of Kings. Richard Croker is now banking on Brooklyn to save him from political oblivion.

"Don't mangle your ballot!"

"Don't bungle it!"

"Put an X mark within the circle underneath the ballot box and eagle!"

"Vote the straight fusion ticket from top to bottom, and then the Tammany inspectors will have no opportunity to tamper with your ballot."

These Tammany inspectors hope to resort to all sorts of tricks. They cannot work them if the Republican inspectors and the Republican and Citizens' Union watchers keep their eyes wide open.

Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff and all of the fusion campaigners in the borough of Brooklyn are especially warned to look out for the tactics of Croker and his cronies in that borough. Croker and his cronies are making a still hunt for votes in all of the Brooklyn districts. John McCullagh and his deputies have been warned of the situation in Brooklyn, and it is expected that they will put in some pretty stiff work before sunrise to-morrow morning.

"Seth Low is marching on!"

"Croker and his cronies are to be snowed under."

"Smash 'em every time!"

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## SAMAR ISLAND BLOCKADED.

### Fourteen Warships Keep Supplies Out of the Hands of the Insurgents.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

MANILA, Nov. 3.—Fourteen warships are maintaining a very strict blockade of the island of Samar, with the result that the insurgents there are not able to obtain supplies of any kind from outside the island.

The Philippine Commission has held a stormy public hearing on the Troston bill. Prof. Worcester, who presided in place of Gov. Taft, was forced to silence the notorious editor, Isabelo Rey, who maintained that political crimes do not exist and that the assassination of President McKinley, therefore, was not a political crime. Civil Service Commissioner Buenavista attacked the bill. Further hearings will be held.

Under the new law Chinese are pouring into Manila and quickly settling in the provinces. During the past two weeks 3,000 Chinese have come here.

The disturbances in central Luzon have materially subsided under the activity of the army and constabulary.

The October report of the Insular Treasurer shows that nearly \$1,000,000 is available for appropriations. The financial condition of the provinces is slowly improving. Several of them have surpluses amounting to \$10,000.

Owing to the high prices of all kinds of supplies here the Philippine Commission has issued an order making optional the payment of laborers in rice or money in the poorer districts.

## BOTHA DIRECTED THE ATTACK.

### He Was in Command of the Boers at the Recent British Defeat.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PRETORIA, Nov. 3.—The battle in the neighborhood of Bethel, in which Col. G. Benson was killed, was one of the stiffest of the smaller fights of the war.

Commandant-General Botha suddenly concentrated 5,000 Boers to catch Col. Benson, who had been doing magnificent work. Under Botha's personal command the Boers charged the British rear guard. Col. Benson went back in order to direct the defence, when he was mortally wounded. When he was carried in he gave the command to Col. Sampson, who continued the defence skilfully and heroically.

Under a heavy fire the convoy was taken behind the cover of a hill, while the British were deployed in a firing line around the hill. The Boers galloped up under cover of a terrific rainstorm, which drove in the faces of the British. Col. Sampson refused to surrender, and the Boers then attacked bravely, but were always repulsed. They then dug trenches, with the intention of sapping up to the British lines, the distance between the combatants being only 500 yards.

Two guns, which the Boers had captured at the beginning of the fight, lay between them and the British in the zone of fire, and the burghers could not take them away. Eventually Col. Barter relieved the British force.

The heavy casualties of the British were compensated for by the heavier losses of the Boers, which are estimated to have numbered between 300 and 400.

## ATTEMPT ON DOWAGER'S LIFE.

### Report Apparently Confirmed and Safeguards Will Be Increased.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PEKIN, Nov. 4.—The Chinese officials do not deny that an attempt was made to assassinate the Empress Dowager shortly before the court's arrival at Howan a few days ago, but say that they have received no authentic official information. This statement is regarded as confirmation of the report. The court is now in the region of the Allied Villages Society, fear of which caused a change of the imperial route lying in the southern part of the Province of Chili.

The effect of the attempt to murder her Majesty will be to increase the safeguards surrounding her. It is reported that between 20,000 and 30,000 troops are attending the imperial party.

## CAPT. SPELLMAN SENTENCED.

### Five Years Imprisonment for Illicit Trading and Bribery in the Philippines.