

FUSION FUND USED TO BET ON HYLIAN

City Democracy Leader Says He Knew Mitchell Hadn't a Chance.

MONEY FLOWED FREELY

District Attorney Gets Further Line on Campaign Disbursements.

Inquiry into the Fusion fund's origin and its disbursement conducted by the District Attorney's office moved swiftly yesterday. The testimony of twenty-five campaign treasurers and workers was taken, and subpoenas have been issued for the appearance of at least twenty more to-day.

William H. Black, Assistant District Attorney, yesterday revealed the intricate details of the political game as he played it at the late Mayor's campaign. He stated that he had received \$500 and that "naturally he took his living expenses out of it."

Robert Phillips, treasurer of the City Democracy for the Seventeenth Assembly District, said: "What I did at this last election I did not do for love. I did it as a business matter in one sense, and, to be honest, I am not ashamed of it."

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"How long did you live on that amount?" he was asked.

"I can say I lived a couple of months," he said. "It didn't make any difference to you whether you were not—you were looking for the good of the city, weren't you?"

"Well, I don't know I had a different opinion as the start when I was elected, but afterward I saw it was a mistake I didn't take any active interest politically."

"But you seem on taking the money just the same?" Mr. Black insisted.

"The amount of money that I got wasn't much," was the answer.

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Ultimatum Is Sent to Yorkville Landlords.

Taking the late Marcos Bozari, the Greek person who advised his men to strike for their fire during an altercation with the Unspeakable Turk about a century ago, as their patron saint, the tenants of heatless flats in Yorkville have issued a union to demand some activity in the radiator as a condition prerequisite to the payment of rent.

"No steam; no rent," was the ultimatum sent to the owners of many of the Yorkville tenements.

The landlords replied by tacking those urgent invitations to move that are vulgarly called "dispossession notices" on the front doors.

But no process of law served to curb the insurrection that had got under way before the landlords realized its extent, and the Yorkville Tenants' Union sent out a call to all adjoining tenements to join the movement to shut off the rent until the landlords turned on the steam.

"We've paid \$7 to \$10 more a month for supposed heat than is being charged for non-heat houses," said the call, "and we are compelled to freeze, while lung troubles are prevalent. The time has come to look out for our rights. We'll do cold storage and icebox flats for ours!"

The union says that it is extending all through the northern section of the city and is a result of the action to fight the dispossession of members who wait for the radiator to sizzle before loosening up with the rent money.

NEW SPY HUNTING SYSTEM PLANNED

Breakdown of Service Forces Move to Merge Bureaus Under One Head.

For some time prior to the resignation of William J. Flynn, chief of the secret service, there was rumor of friction and lack of sympathy between the many Federal bureaus engaged in watching, rounding up and internment those enemy aliens whose activities ran counter to rules and regulations prescribed for them.

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DOYLE HEADS FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Man McCooey Opposed for Commissionership Gets Second Best Post.

Commissioner Drennan, Thomas J. Brennan, has appointed William F. Doyle chief of the Bureau of Fire Prevention at \$4,000 a year. The announcement was made at the Mayor's office last night after a general order to the same effect had been issued by Commissioner Drennan.

Doyle, as the department's veterinarian with the rank of deputy chief, has been drawing a salary of \$4,200. He came within an ace of being made Fire Commissioner, but persistent objection by John H. McCooey rubbed him off the slate. Charles F. Murphy, who favored Doyle for Commissioner, eventually yielded and a compromise was effected, which resulted in Drennan, a Brooklyn district leader, getting the Commissionership, and Doyle the important post of chief fire preventer.

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CONTINUOUS THROUGH STORM NEW JERSEY RAILROAD STATIONS

Erie, Unable to Get Water for Engines, Annuls All Suburban Schedules and Runs Trains "Whenever It Can."

Continued cold weather, with no relief from the coal or water famine, added to the distress in suburban New Jersey yesterday and last night. Thousands of commuters came to their work in New York late and were thankful if they reached their homes at any hour on the return trip.

Fights, faints and fits enlivened the day at the railroad stations, where thousands struggled for space in trains which had accommodations for only hundreds.

Unless railroad schedules are resumed speedily many commuters will be forced to move into New York temporarily, in need of some of them already have done so.

No Water for Engines. Lack of sufficient water, due to the unusual shortage and frozen pipes, is the principal cause of the most disorganized traffic of the New Jersey suburbs ever have suffered.

The Erie Railroad yesterday posted notices in its stations announcing that all suburban schedules were annulled for the time being, which meant that ever possible. The Erie yesterday drew the fire from fifty-one locomotives in its Jersey City roundhouse because it was unable to operate them to advantage because of the water famine.

Scenes at the stations, particularly that of the Erie, which handles the greatest volume of traffic, are poorly into any pen picture of the truth is so near the popular conception of wild exaggeration.

Crowds began to gather at 6 o'clock. By 6 there were thousands of men and women waiting for the trains to start. Many yards are empty and others are practically so.

Ministers Rebuff Fall. Charles Pail, Fuel Administrator of Hudson county, met with an effort at the Jersey City City Hall yesterday to get the attention of all denominations with a request that churches hold union services until the situation is relieved.

"Flying Wedges" Operate. Men formed "flying wedges" of the old football school and plunged down the field of the Jersey City stadium yesterday. The flying wedges were blocking the doorways of overcrowded coaches.

A few men in various trains, who apparently thought the coaches in which they were standing were sufficiently filled and therefore resisted the efforts of others to gain entrance, were roughly handled and some flat fights occurred.

Public School Teachers. The lack of gas pressure continues also. Jersey City agent its second enforced lightless night last night. No street lights whatever could be observed in North Jersey. This situation is due to the fact that the gas pressure is so low that the gas pressure continues also.

DAN CUPID'S RECORD BROKEN BY CRUISE

More Than 16,000 Couples Married in Past Year by Deputy City Clerk.

D. Cupid, dealer in perfect happiness, matrimonial bliss and marital mirth, has been forced into bankruptcy, all because he could not stand competition with Mike Cruise—Michael J. Cruise, if one wishes to be exact and duly polite. Up to the end of the year last year Cupid held all records, distance, hurdle and speed, for the promotion of the matrimonial furniture business, and the renting of new flats, built for two. But Mr. Cruise, acting with the State as secretary before the fact, started a marriage trust in June of 1916 that put Cupid out of business and gave to Mike the world's record as a marrying agent.

With the diabolical cunning that marks a man bent on cornering the market and killing competition Mike began his attack on Cupid's business in 1916. The month of brides, when guitars are strung and lovers sing of nights of bliss, "beneath the stars," among the roses." Then by act of the Legislature, which goodness knows has no sentiment, Cruise, as a Deputy City Clerk, was empowered to perform wedding ceremonies.

Up to that time he had been one of the trio composed of Charles Murphy, Edzie Boyle and himself that bossed the Gas House district. What possible chance, we ask you in all fairness, had an undoubted child like D. Cupid against that combination?

Well, to get down to cases, when the Legislature authorized clerks to perform marriage ceremonies Mike jumped into the game and performed most of the 18,000 marriages that were performed last year at the City's Marriage Bureau, which is a new record for marriages in any clime at any time.

During the year's progress, assuming that two become one after the license is issued, or 147,602, if you want to count them separately, got licenses to wed in all the 1917 calendar year. The clerical marriage increased at the rate of 800 a month over the last half of the year preceding. One-third of all of the persons married picked out Manhattan as the spot, and the marriage chapel is located on the third floor of the Municipal Building, and sometimes it got so crowded and Mike got so overworked that he had to send over to Richmond for John R. Dalton, who is some plain and fancy matchmaker, to help him out of the hole.

The figures by boroughs for the year are: Licenses issued—Manhattan, 41,968; Brooklyn, 31,277; Bronx, 5,740; Queens, 18,871; Richmond, 1,800. Altogether, then, 104,664 were married by the clerk in Manhattan, 418 in the Bronx, 2,048 in Brooklyn and 168 in Richmond.

During 1916, 64,757 licenses were issued, and 104,664 were married by the clerk. Last year, 8,648 were married by the clerk.

O'CONNOR OUSTS MCCOOEY MEN. Political Trace. The trace between John H. McCooey, Brooklyn Democratic leader, and Commissioner Drennan, who is in charge of the election of three Democrats in O'Connell's office on condition that the jobs of Independence League in the Sheriff's department office be sold to the party by O'Connell, Deputy Commissioner William H. Thompson, Superintendent Joseph J. Timmer and Assistant Superintendent J. J. Conroy, who are being placed by Charles H. Wilson, Frederick Shuckie and Max Heyman. The last named was dismissed from the Sheriff's office because he supported Register O'Connell in the election.

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WANTS PROMOTION NEW PLAN TO SOLVE WEST SIDE PROBLEM

Camp Upton Sergeant Won't Take Chances in Officers' Training School.

BETTING IS IN HIS FAVOR "Bully Good Idea," Says Colonel Vidmer, Who Admires Seewald's Spirit.

CAMP UPTON, N. Y., Jan. 3.—A square built, stocky young soldier with a first sergeant's chevrons on his sleeve stood before Capt. C. F. Johnston in the orderly room of Company P of the 308th Infantry this morning and saluted with a snap.

"Capt. Johnston," Sergeant Edward Seewald began, "I wanted to thank you for recommending me for the officers' training school and for your part in having me selected as a candidate, but I guess I won't accept it. I think I'll just stay right on here with you and the company and the regiment."

Capt. Johnston had difficulty in believing his ears. "It came down here," he said, "that you were passing up a chance of getting a commission?" he finally asked. "And commissions don't grow on scrub oak trees, do they?"

The sergeant nodded in approval. "I appreciate that," he went on, "but I guess I'll take my chances of getting into the fighting line. I'll be glad to get in action will be time enough for me, and in the meantime I'll be thoroughly learning all the details of this job. I think I'd make a better officer in the long run, and my chance will come again when we get over there and we get into the trenches."

"Well, I'll be glad," and Capt. Johnston broke an army regulation without noting it.

Refuses to Leave His Post. "Then there's another reason," First Sergeant Seewald continued. "I came down here with the rest of the men of this company and I've been with them for almost four months now. I've worked with you and the other officers, and I don't want to leave. All my pals are here in P Company, and I don't want any other officers, and you've just made me first sergeant and I guess I'll just stay right on with my job and let the others go to the officers' school."

"Better go over and talk with Major Bulger," Captain Johnston suggested. "I'll be glad to see you, but I don't want to see you go to the officers' school."

So the top sergeant of P Company trailed on over to the Second Battalion headquarters, and in the same straightforward way he laid out his case to Major Bulger. And when he had finished, the battalion's commanding officer likewise offered up a forbidden but quite necessary word of explanation.

"I'd just like to earn my commission when we get across. Wait until I get in the trenches and then you can tell me whether I should be an officer or not," he said, non-committal.