

HIRSHFIELD ADMITS SOME IRREGULARITIES

Writes to Swann of Graft Conditions Revealed in Department of Markets.

O'MALLEY HANGS ON

Mayor Shows No Inclination to Invite Tammany's Wrath by Removing Him.

FEARS MORE EXPOSURES

Hylan Investigates Police Service List to Forestall Meyer Committee.

David Hirschfield, Commissioner of Accounts, in a letter yesterday to District Attorney Edward Swann, referring to the Department of Public Markets, "regretted" that such irregularities "something's creep in."

Hirschfield told the District Attorney that the Mayor about ten days ago had ordered the office of the Commissioner of Accounts to institute an investigation into the Department of Public Markets, but that since the Meyer committee has submitted to the District Attorney its findings for action the investigation the Mayor ordered would be deferred until the District Attorney is through with his inquiry.

"It is to be regretted," said Hirschfield's letter, "that irregularities will sometimes creep into a department even during the administration of an honest and public spirited Mayor. That cannot be helped in a large organization as is the city of New York."

The Commissioner of Accounts then launched into an attack upon Senator M. Meyer, chairman of the Meyer committee, in which he questioned the motives of the Senator in the introduction in 1918 of bills for the regulation of charges to be made by grain elevator men.

Renews Attack on Meyer.

Hirschfield said that Meyer put through a bill allowing the grain elevator men of this State to charge about 61 per cent. more than they were allowed theretofore, with the result that "the cost of flour, breakfast cereals and all grain products was increased to that extent."

"I have on a number of occasions," continued the Hirschfield letter, "requested Senator Meyer to take the public into his confidence and tell the people why he introduced this bill, but thus far he has remained silent."

Although his own investigating officer admitted that all was not well in the Department of Public Markets, there was no indication that Mayor Hylan was sufficiently disturbed by that condition to remove Edward J. O'Malley, Commissioner of Markets, from office. On the contrary, it appeared that Tammany politicians are fairly well convinced now that Mayor Hylan will not dare to break loose the important link in the Tammany chain that he feels O'Malley to be. They feel particularly that such is the case, because of the faithfulness with which the Mayor has stood by O'Malley and rapidly elevated him in the face of former charges of misconduct in office.

New Angle on Graft.

Wood D. London, Deputy Commissioner of Accounts, questioned yesterday nearly 200 policemen appointed from the civil service list by the Hylan administration in effort to beat the Meyer com-

mittee to the disclosure of any graft in connection with their having obtained appointments. At the same time Henry Klein, another deputy, was busy questioning freshmen.

Those examinations will continue next week and are another of the rapidly increasing indications that the Hylan administration is thoroughly aroused to the menace of further disclosures by the committee from Albany.

HINES TURNS GUNS ON ELECTION BOARD

Anti-Tammany Leader Sees Malfeasance in Office.

Following the refusal of Justice Guy yesterday to hear argument on the order to show cause, sued out by James J. Hines and designed to compel the Board of Elections to inform the anti-Murphy candidate for the Borough Presidential nomination what his number on the primary ballot is to be, it was said that Mr. Hines was considering bringing charges of malfeasance in office against the Board of Elections.

"It is high time," said Joseph Shalleck, the Hines manager, "that public officials should perform their duty according to their oath and not display a sharp partisan attitude. The law is clear that the Board of Elections is merely a ministerial body and has no judicial functions."

"The attitude of the Board of Elections and the Corporation Counsel's office in invoking legal technicalities as to why and whereof procedure is clearly subversive of the intent of the direct primary law. The adjournment of this argument means that the adjournment which Mr. Hines has contracted for during the last two weeks has been wasted."

DRAGGED FROM CAR, ATTACKED, NURSES SAY

Two Men Held After Court Hears Their Story.

An attack on two nurses, Miss May Watson, 27, and Miss Louise Pontzold, 26, of 230 West 144th street, by two men who dragged them from an automobile to a lot off the Grand Concourse, The Bronx, Friday night, was described to Magistrate Peter A. Hattling yesterday in Morrisania court.

This is one of the most revolting and high handed attempts at cave man tactics in many years in Bronx County, declared Albert H. Henderson, Assistant District Attorney. The defendants, James McKnight, 27, of 423 East 143rd street and Joseph Delaney, 25, 2197 Morris avenue, The Bronx, were held in \$5,000 bail each for examination next Friday.

The young women were on their way home, according to their affidavits, when two men came along in an automobile, and the nurses thought they recognized one of the men as a friend of a patient they had been attending. After getting into the car, the nurses said they discovered both men were strangers, and they tried to get out, but the driver speeded up the car until on the Grand Concourse they stopped. Patrolman Lynch heard the nurses' screams and arrested their companions.

FUSION PLANS HOT PRIMARY WINDUP

'Wet' Issue in Campaign Is Looming Strong—Haskell Curran's Hardest Foe.

HALLIGAN IS CONFIDENT

Some Republicans Prefer the Anti-Prohibitionist to Gilroy, Democrat.

Floods of primary campaign oratory will be let loose on Tuesday. Realizing that campaign speakers would be out of the question on Labor Day night none are scheduled, but the managers of the four candidates for the Republican Mayoralty nomination are preparing for a hectic week beginning the following day.

Judge Reuben L. Haskell, who is frankly running on an anti-prohibition platform, is already confidently predicting his nomination. Friends of Borough President Henry H. Curran, the Republican-Coalition candidate, are well aware of the appeal of this issue and are not taking the Haskell candidacy any too lightly. They realize it is the Kings county Judge that Major Curran has to defeat.

Both F. H. La Guardia, President of the Board of Aldermen, and former Senator William H. Bennett, the two other aspirants for the nomination, acknowledge the strength of Haskell. "Never before have the Republican clubs been open so freely to the anti-organization primary candidates as this year. All of them have received invitations to attend meetings arranged by a heavy schedule. But there have been surprisingly few complaints."

La Guardia to Fight in Bronx.

So far Brooklyn has been the battle ground, although several nights have been spent in Manhattan. This week attention will be paid to the other boroughs, particularly The Bronx, where Mr. La Guardia is conceded to have considerable strength. But the Curran managers feel that Brooklyn is the danger spot, and Queens to a lesser degree. They have not forgot what Judge Haskell did two years ago when he defeated the organization in Kings county and defeated their candidate for the County Court. Following that he made a runaway campaign for election.

Haskell managers are even more confident of the nomination of John J. Halligan, their candidate for President of the Board of Aldermen, than they are of victory for the Judge. They say that in addition to the Haskell "wet" strength Halligan has in his favor a not inconsiderable feeling on the part of many Republicans against having a regular Democrat on their ticket. Vincent Gilroy, nephew of a former Tammany Mayor and an enrolled Democrat, who is the Republican-Coalition candidate for Mayor, has encouraged this feeling and will make a strenuous effort this week to overcome the prejudice.

Curran Men Cutting Gilroy.

Managers for Halligan declare they have received hundreds of letters indicating that organization men who are going to vote for Curran and Lockwood will cut Gilroy and support him. In addition to being regularly on the Haskell ticket Mr. Halligan has received the endorsement of Mr. La Guardia. He is a typical Republican orator, with a two sided style of attack, who is using the "wet" issue with as much effect as Judge Haskell.

So far the primary campaign has been free of personalities, of scolding attacks and counter attacks, such as arouse interest to the boiling point, but there will be no howling of oratory on the part of any of the candidates until the decision goes to the polls on primary day, which is a week from Tuesday.

There were few campaign speeches made last night. Mr. Curran went out of the city for a rest over Labor Day. He will be back on Tuesday, prepared for a whirlwind finish. On that after-

GITLOW IN A PRISON CAPT RUN FOR MAYOR

Must Serve Term for Criminal Anarchy.

WILL NOT BE BULLDOZED

Segregates Groups of Political Fanatics and Defies Them to Do Worst.

Benjamin Gitlow, designated while serving a sentence in Sing Sing prison by one of the ultra-radical political parties for the nomination for Mayor of New York city, will be out of contact with the political situation in the metropolis for the rest of the campaign. Gitlow, who was sentenced to Sing Sing by Supreme Court Justice Bartow S. Weeks on conviction of criminal anarchy, and Isaac Ferguson, former lawyer, convicted of a similar charge, were transferred from Sing Sing to Auburn prison yesterday with thirty-five Sing Sing prisoners.

CONY BATHS TO BE LARGER.

Municipal Building to Have \$180,000 Addition by Summer.

Edward Riegelmann, Borough President of Brooklyn, announced yesterday that he had signed a contract for an addition to the municipal bathhouse, Coney Island. It will provide accommodations for 750,000 bathers next season and will cost \$180,000.

Mr. Riegelmann said that by delaying the construction until this time the city had saved upward of \$100,000 by the drop in the cost of materials and labor. The addition will provide 120 lockers, 700 rooms and many showers.

HASKELL ATTACKS HEARST AND HYLAN

Judge Denies Charge That He Would Be the Tool of Traction Trust if Mayor.

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Judge Reuben L. Haskell, "wet" candidate for the Republican Mayoralty nomination, launched an attack yesterday on William Randolph Hearst, declaring that, if nominated and elected, he would "not be a Hearst 'tool' in the City Hall, as Mayor Hylan has been for three and a half years."

Recently the Hearst papers have been denouncing the Judge as a "tool of the traction interests," to which he has replied he considered the criticism from that source a badge of honor and an indication that Hearst was afraid he might win the Republican primaries and be a powerful menace to the reelection of Mayor Hylan.

"If Hearst dictated or inspired that charge," the Judge declared, "he is a liar, and I want him to understand that term in its most offensive sense, and he should know what that means. I am not a 'tool' of any 'traction trust' any more than I am a 'tool' of Hearst or Tammany, and, moreover, I shall never appear in that role to disgrace the Republicans or the citizens of New York." The Judge added: "Hearst will have no more influence

with me than any other citizen who wishes to make any suggestion in the interest of better government. But I will make this qualification, that any suggestion from Hearst will be viewed with frank suspicion and must be tested for its sincerity before it will be considered at length.

"I have no intention of permitting Hearst, who represents one group, or Gov. Miller, who represents another group of political fanatics, to tell me what course I shall pursue. I shall not be bulldozed or intimidated by any sort of abuse or threats from any quarter."

Hearst's attack on him, the Judge said, showed Hearst feared he might lose control of the city government, "which he is destined to do as soon as the Republicans elect a Republican Mayor this fall."

Judge Haskell wound up by repeating that he was against Gov. Miller and "Millerism," one of the most offensive features of which was the turning over to two Democrats "the power to solve the transit muddle."

For the first time in thirty years union labor will put a complete Assembly ticket in the field in Essex county, N. J., this year. That was decided at a meeting of the labor non-partisan political party, affiliated with the Essex Trades and Building Trades Council, in South Orange avenue, Newark.

Neither the Republicans nor Democrats have placed a strong labor candidate on their tickets, it was said. Henry F. Hillers, chairman of the labor body, who was sent to interview the party leaders, reported that labor problems "were ignored by the Republicans and camouflaged by the Democrats."

Twelve Assemblymen are to be elected from Essex county, and the meeting decided to put up a complete Assembly slate. A nominating committee will report next Friday.

FIREMAN'S ARM BROKEN.

Engineer Husson Throws to Street When Engine Skids.

A false alarm to which Engine 17 at Ludlow and Delancey streets responded yesterday caused Engineer Charles L. Husson of that company to break his left arm. The engine skidded on wet pavement in Ludlow street, and when

the rear wheels hit the curb Husson was thrown off. He continued with the engine to the scene of the alarm, at Orchard and Hester streets, where it was found there was no fire. Then Husson found himself unable to drive back and Acting Battalion Chief Parker took him to Gouverneur Hospital, where the fracture was revealed. Husson lives at 248 East Twelfth street.

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