

'AL' THINKS HEARST WILL HELP CHANCES

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LAIID UP AT SEA GATE

Will Speak To-night on Hearst, However, Despite Rheumatic Foot.

The man who had his way at Syracuse came hobbling to the door of his Sea Gate summer cottage to greet a newspaper caller in the middle of yesterday afternoon. He put out a hand while he balanced himself deftly upon the good foot.

"How's the gout?" asked the caller. "Shhh—," barked the Hon. Alfred E. Smith. "No Democrat ever has the gout. This is rheumatism, my boy, and may the devil fly away with it!"

"But the word from Syracuse was Hearst and your rheumatic troubles quit the fight at about the same time. Wasn't that right?"

"Yes and no," said Al. "I thought I was all right when I came home, having made myself a slave to the doctor's every whim, but now it's worse than ever. I'm waiting for the tyrant now, and until he tells me what I can do and when I can do it I don't know any more than you do about when the campaign can get under way."

"Of course," he continued, dropping into a porch chair and thereby displacing an Irish terrier, who threw his master a look of utter reproach, "I expect to get going right away, and if the doc lets me I shall be in town to-morrow to help lay out a speaking campaign, and get the other machinery started. What's the Judge Miller doing?"

The caller furnished an outline of the Governor's plans, especially the Republican intention of using their big gun only in important centers of population, a speech a day to keep weariness away.

"He's got around to my own idea. When we were running two years ago I saw Miller in Syracuse and asked him what kind of a speechmaking program he had arranged. He told me—tail end stuff. I said that would never get him anywhere, that in these days of quick communications when most everybody owns a flivver it's a simple thing for pa to run into the big town to hear

the candidate and take ma and the kids with him. It's a waste of time, this call end stuff."

"Suppose," he continued, "that a candidate for Governor could speak before ten crowds of 1,000 people apiece every day for thirty days. That would only be 300,000 people out of the 3,000,000 voters he must reach. The sense and science of spreading the light of party doctrine and personal appeal lies in a correct use of the newspapers. A campaign built upon a certain number of what is called important speeches—that is, speeches delivered in the big cities and towns accessible to country people—gets the right sort of publicity, and voters are able to read every morning just what the candidate said and just about the impression he made."

"Have you read Mr. Hearst's letter of instruction to his editors ordering support for you and 'discriminating' support for the platform?"

"Yes," said the victor of Syracuse. "I've read it, but I don't know that I ought to comment on it or need to, I don't know whether I am surprised or not."

"Isn't Hearst's new attitude likely to contribute to your chances of election?"

"Well," said "Al," "put it this way, there is always a better chance for success when the party is pulling together."

"What do you think of the platform?"

"It's a good platform. I can make a good fight on it."

"What about the light wine and beer section?"

"It's what the majority of the people of this State want," said the former Governor firmly. "You couldn't arouse any enthusiasm or support for the restoration of the saloon or for the legal sale of hard liquor, but thoughtful men of honest minds see a real demand for a modification of the Volstead act, if for no other reason than to kill bootlegging and to restore respect for the law. It's a bad thing when law—any law—falls into disrespect, into contempt, and if you can't change public opinion then you have got to change the law."

He refused to discuss issues further. He said: "It isn't quite time to say some things and there are other things that probably should never be said. I have no comment to make about the convention except that Murphy did his duty by the Democratic party. There ought to be no misconception or misunderstanding about that. As for the campaign itself, it will be a decent self-respecting campaign so far as my part of it is concerned, and I have no reason to expect anything else from Judge Miller."

A tall man in light gray came up the steps to the sun porch carrying one of those bags that advertise the medical man as far as you can see him. The Hon. Alfred E. Smith came to his feet—his one good foot, rather—somewhat painfully, for the pain was coming in twinges.

"There's the tyrant now," he said, "and it's up to him, not to me, to say when the campaign is to get under way. Maybe he can catch me up in a day or two. Otherwise I'll have to campaign on a stretcher. Goodby. Good luck. Just tell 'em that you saw me—and that 'Al' says he's going to win."

After the doctor's visit the former Governor's secretary announced that Mr. Smith would make a statement relative to the Hearst letter at 8 o'clock to-night at 59 Madison street, the Downtown Tammany Club.

MILLER TICKET IS BACKED BY FULLY UNITED PARTY

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and other ancient landmarks of lower New York.

Mr. Hearst, cutting his eye teeth in New York politics, entered one of his employees against Mr. Foley. He threw the full power of his newspapers behind his man. Tammany, accustomed to direct and practical methods of campaigning, was swept off its feet by the campaign conducted by Mr. Hearst in the interest of his employee.

Now dead. He leveled his attacks against Mr. Foley, a rugged type of the companionable district leader of the old school, but with pronounced and ardent convictions of a religious nature.

Mr. Hearst's followers charged Mr. Foley with partnerships of a disreputable character, which aroused all the intensity of fervent emotions. Mr. Foley won the fight—but he never forgot or forgave Mr. Hearst. As one of the most influential leaders in Tammany Hall he never overlooked an opportunity to square accounts with the editor-politician.

"Al" Smith is the protégé of Tom Foley, and a most loyal and sympathetic one. The feud between the Foley's and the Hearst's slumbered until two years ago, when the agents of Mr. Hearst induced him to give battle to "Al" Smith for the gubernatorial designation. Mr. Smith won the designation and election.

Mr. Hearst, who is a good hater, attacked the Democratic Governor upon pretty much the same lines as had characterized his war on Mr. Foley. He accused him of betraying the Democratic party by making alliances with corporation interests. According to Mr. Smith Mr. Hearst's newspapers charged the Democratic Governor with assisting the milk monopoly to raise the price of its product so it would make it prohibitive to babies and invalids.

"Al" Fights Back.

This charge struck at the very foundation of Mr. Smith's hold on the people—his deep sympathy for the poor people among whom he was raised and his sense of religious responsibility.

Mr. Smith retaliated by attacking Mr. Hearst directly and without artifice. He denounced him as mendacious, untruthful and insincere. Mr. Hearst and his newspapers retorted in kind and the battle between the two men, which ended on Friday at Syracuse, was persistent and relentless. Mr. Smith declared months ago that he would not run on the same ticket with Mr. Hearst, but would oppose his ambition at every turn.

His record as Governor and his en-

gaging human qualities gave him a marked personal advantage, because "Al" Smith is one of the most likable men who ever figured in the politics of any State. If Mr. Murphy had followed the advice of Mr. Smith two years ago Mr. Hearst would not have been subjected to the humiliation which on Friday put an end to his present political ambitions.

The truth is that Mr. Murphy was afraid of Mr. Hearst, not personally, but because of the latter's control over Mayor Hylan on the payroll of the city of New York, which has provided comfortable jobs for many Tammany men.

Mr. Hearst used the Hylan administration as a club over Mr. Murphy to win the nomination for Governor this year—as the stepping stone to the Presidential honors two years hence. The Murphy machine in Manhattan and the McCooney machine in Brooklyn were comparatively easy to subdue. But the most plausible and persuasive arguments of Mr. Murphy and Mr. McCooney to bring Mr. Smith to terms completely failed. Mr. Smith possessed something that neither Murphy nor McCooney ever possessed. This was character, determination, loyalty and independence. It was this combination of qualities which finally forced Mr. Hearst out of the running for the nomination, compelled Mr. Murphy to become an "easy boss," destroyed the power of Mr. McCooney in the Brooklyn machine, reduced Mayor Hylan to a party satrap, and put the Democratic party of the State on a more substantial and higher plane than at any time in its recent history.

Democratic sentiment, free from dictation by Mr. Murphy and Mr. McCooney, rallied to the support of Mr. Smith. Three hundred delegates from rural districts, equally anti-Hearst and pro-Smith provided a situation that Mr. Murphy could not control—or did not wish to. The Tammany boss tried to and did for a time preserve absolute neutrality between the Smith and Hearst factions.

On the showdown Mr. Smith had more than 300 delegates, one-third of whom were women, and Mr. Hearst only twenty-nine. The reputation of Mr. Murphy responded to the influence of habit, threw the city delegates back at Mr. Smith and Mr. Hearst took himself out of the running. One of the most significant features of the victory which has elevated Mr. Smith to State and perhaps national leadership was the intensely bitter opposition of women throughout the State to Mr. Hearst, despite his claim that it was his influence which finally won franchise privileges for the members of that sex.

It is conceded by both Republicans and Democrats that the result of the

issue between Gov. Miller and Mr. Smith will depend on the strength of the latter among the voters up the State, where the Republican advantage approximates 300,000 under normal conditions. If Mr. Smith carries the city of New York by a majority of at least 250,000 the up-State vote becomes important.

The Republicans know that Mr. Smith is the best vote getter in the Democratic party. He carried the city of New York two years ago by more than 520,000, as compared to the 440,000 given to Mr. Harding as a candidate for President. If Mr. Smith can repeat his performance this year the fight between him and Mr. Miller will be close. That will depend on a good deal upon the strength of the Coahlan revolt against Tammany Hall or rather Mr. Murphy, and the actual influence of the wet program which the Democrats have enunciated in their platform.

The declaration of the Syracuse convention in favor of light wines and beer was by far the most popular of the many projects contained in its liberal program, which in fact reflects many of the so-called Hearst radical policies. In a general way the issue

between the two parties in New York turns on the liberal-conservative program of the Republicans and the more radical light wine and beer policy of the Democrats.

On the surface the Republicans, as said, appear to have a better chance of winning with Mr. Miller than the Democrats to coin the personal popularity of Mr. Smith into the greater number of votes.

Political leaders of other States are chiefly interested in the Congressional contests; particularly the Senatorship. The present advantage appears to be with Mr. Calder, the Republican nominee. Dr. Copeland, his Democratic opponent, is an unknown quantity, though he is a man of marked ability whose record as Health Commissioner in the Hylan administration has met general approval.

He is a good campaigner and is certain to receive the full support of the Hearst element. His nomination while unexpected seems to be generally approved. The chief influences which dictated it were his close relations with the Hearst wing and the belief that he can give Mr. Calder a vigorous fight in Brooklyn, where the Republican nominee is very popular.

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