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PHELAN SORE IN DEFEAT TAKES REVENGE ON BIGGY

Complete Collapse of the Mayor's Ante-Election Conspiracy to Elect Frederick L. Esola, Alias Harrington, Chief of Police.

Police Commission Reorganized, William J. Biggy Removed, William T. Wallace and D. I. Mahoney Appointed and Colonel William P. Sullivan Jr. Named as the Successor of Lees.

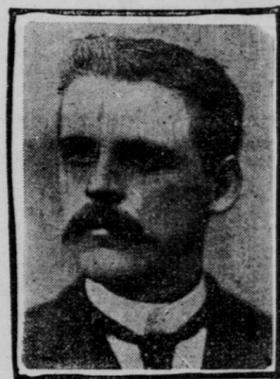


HON. WILLIAM J. BIGGY.

But it is worth while to call particular attention to one man whose election would materially aid good government, even if he did not have a single honest associate on the board. We refer to ex-Senator Biggy. He is the sort of man who could make himself felt whether he stood with eleven or alone. If he were in the minority he would meet every corrupt scheme with an opposition so vigorous, persistent and disturbing that he would attract the attention of the whole community.—Examiner, October 4, 1896.

Gross Misrepresentations of the City's Chief Executive, Made to Bolster His False Accusations, Bitterly Resented by Commissioner Newhall.

Biggy, Relieved From Obligations of Secrecy, Exposes the Entire Shameful Plot to Deliver the Police Department of San Francisco Into the Hands of Scheming Blackmailers.



D. I. MAHONEY



WM. T. WALLACE

THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE POLICE COMMISSION.

WILLIAM J. BIGGY LAYS BARE THE PERFDY OF THE MAYOR

Quoted Commissioner Reveals the Workings of the Plot to Elect Esola Chief of Police.

THIS afternoon between 5 and 6 o'clock I received a brief note from the Mayor notifying me that I had been removed from the office of Police Commissioner "for the reasons specified in a communication of this date to the Board of Supervisors." No copy of the communication was furnished me. The office of the board was then closed and I could not see the communication. I learned of the alleged cause at a late hour to-night through other sources. I deem it due to the public as well as to myself to reply to the charges without delay and as fully as the lateness of the hour permits.

The charges are a mere pretext. The real reason for my removal is that I defeated and overthrew the conspiracy between Mayor James D. Phelan and Andrew M. Lawrence, the managing editor of the Examiner, to make Frederick L. Esola Chief of Police of San Francisco. It was to revenge himself upon me for exposing his infamous bargain, which, if carried out, would have put a bad and incompetent man in office for purposes which the other newspapers have already made plain.

I said I never had met him. Esola was sent for and we were introduced. I was favorably impressed by him. I told Lawrence that I would be glad to vote for his friend if his qualifications were as represented, but I added, "Mr. Lawrence, the man I vote for for Chief must be a man that I can back with my honor."



COLONEL WILLIAM P. SULLIVAN JR., NEW CHIEF OF POLICE.

COLONEL W. P. SULLIVAN JR., the new Chief of Police, is a San Franciscan and has lived in this city all his life. In his early career he was employed as a bookkeeper in several commercial houses in this city, and his first entry into public life was several years ago, when his comrades elected him an officer in the National Guard. He was promoted several times, and was ultimately elected to be colonel of the First Regiment, N. G. C. In this position he was very popular and was judged to be a good disciplinarian and a capable officer.

MAYOR JAMES D. PHELAN removed William J. Biggy yesterday afternoon as Commissioner of Police and appointed D. I. Mahoney to fill the vacancy. The resignation of William Thomas as Commissioner was accepted and his place was filled by the Police Commission met last night and elected Colonel William P. Sullivan Jr. Chief of Police. These decisions of removal, resignation, reorganization and appointment mean much to the people of San Francisco. These incidents tell the story of a political crime and of a victory won for decency against the terrific odds of a corrupt and criminal officialism.

stood between him and his designs to dislodge the Department of Police. He has thrust himself again into the pillory of public disgust by admitting his guilt, defying public opinion, sneering at public morals and removing from office the man who said that even the Mayor of this city cannot throw open the town to criminals, make prey of decent men and honest women and bring the city to humiliation and dishonor.

There never was, either by the board or by any member, in session or elsewhere, the slightest criticism on any of my acts as Chief. What I did was what the Chief is authorized to do. Acting as Chief I performed the duties of Chief to the best of my ability. It is true that I closed up the notorious Hotel Nympha and the gambling dens of Chinatown. Does Mayor Phelan complain of that work? The commission never did.

When I referred to Esola's perjury as a matter known to the Mayor and all of the commission personally, Mayor Phelan made excuses for him and said Esola so testified in order "to shield the commission." This was in Mayor Phelan's office on Monday afternoon, January 22, 1900, the Esola investigation having been completed the previous Saturday night.

may deem beneficial to public interest." This authority applied to the Police Commissioners as Mayor Phelan understood their duties may be very clearly stated. His Honor had entered into a criminal ante-election compact to deliver the Police Department of this city to the manager of a local newspaper in exchange for the support of that newspaper. One of the terms of this compact was that Frederick Lawrence Esola, alias Harrington, a notorious incompetent, a blackleg, was to be elected chief of detectives.

tion, Biggy announced that he was ready to vote for Colonel Sullivan. So much for that "reason" submitted by the Mayor. It means that his Honor, enraged at the failure of a shameful conspiracy, had determined to punish the man who had defeated his plans.

But Phelan has not yet exhausted his resources of artifice and misrepresentation. He declares that Biggy had made it impossible for the Police Commission to hold executive sessions; that the other Commissioners had complained to the Mayor because of Biggy's alleged violation of secret session promises and refused to sit with him any longer; that to correct these abuses and to prevent the commission from being reduced to three members Biggy had to be removed. These "reasons" have no more and no less a value than the others already given.

Biggy insisted once upon defending himself from a gross misrepresentation of his

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SULLIVAN SAYS HE IS UNPLEGGED

New Chief Has Not Fixed on a Captain of Detectives.

Colonel W. P. Sullivan Jr. was at the Mayor's office when his nomination as Chief was made. As soon as he had been elected he was overrun with callers and congratulations. In answer to questions as to his plans, he said:

"I enter upon my duties as Chief of Police absolutely unpledged to any person. I have not as yet decided whom I shall appoint Captain of Detectives. So far as I am concerned there is no foundation for the rumor that Lieutenant Esola will be appointed to that important position. I have not outlined a course which I will pursue. I will be guided largely by the conditions as I find them from personal observation. Before anything of importance is done I shall have a thorough understanding with the Commissioners. In other words I feel that the commission is responsible to the Mayor and the citizens of this city for the proper administration of the affairs of the department and that I am only the executive officer of that commission. And before any steps of a radical nature are taken they will be fully and freely discussed between myself and the Commissioners and, having arrived at a conclusion, work decided upon will be prosecuted vigorously and effectively."

"I have had sixteen years' experience in the National Guard and the military knowledge thus obtained will stand me in good stead in bringing the department up to that degree of efficiency that I think the Commissioners desire and that I know the people of the city would like to see. I take charge in the morning."

COMMISSIONER NEWHALL CONTRADICTS MR. PHELAN

SOME statements in Mayor Phelan's notification to the Board of Supervisors that he had ousted Police Commissioner Biggy are so at variance with the facts that they cannot be passed without contradiction. As some of them concern the actions of Police Commissioner Newhall they were called to that gentleman's attention last night by the Call. He was asked:

Q.—Did you complain to Mr. Phelan, as he stated in his notification to the Supervisors of the ousting of Mr. Biggy, about Mr. Biggy giving out the secrets of the executive session?

A.—I made no complaint whatever.

Q.—Did you tell the Mayor, as he has stated, that you had informed Mr. Biggy that you would not sit with him any more in executive session?

A.—My answer to that question is that I have always sat in open and executive session with every member of the commission. I did not inform Mr. Biggy that I would not sit with him.

Q.—Did you tell the Mayor that the statement issued by Mr. Biggy regarding the compromise report on Lieutenant Esola was not only unauthorized but untrue?

A.—I did not say so in so many words. I told him that we all agreed to sign the report.