

## MAJOR LENTZ HAS WHACK AT COLBY

Major Also Pays His Compliments to Other Leaders, Including President Wilson.

Major Carl Lentz jumped into the political oratorical ring last night. He likewise jumped into Everett Colby, Progressive candidate for governor, and what he didn't say about the young Essex millionaire would consume very little time in the telling.

It was before the members of the Ninth Ward Republican Club, in their handsome headquarters, 27 Elizabeth avenue, that the doughty major delivered himself of his feelings, and he explained that he had a reserve supply of compliments which he expected to deliver on some other occasion.

**Like One Family.**  
"We are gathered here as one family," said the major, "and on this night, precisely, than we otherwise might. We can talk as brother to brother and as neighbor to neighbor, and anyway that is how I am going to talk."

In the course of his remarks the major paid his respects to President Wilson and "a few of his handy men," and severely criticized them for detaching New Jersey politics and "butting in" to "home rule affairs." He then called attention to the slight regard paid to United States senators and other high officials by the President, because they had opinions of their own that did not line with the views of the chief magistrate of the nation.

**Martine Expected.**  
"I expect from this list United States Senator James Martine" went on the major, "for, sick or sober (only he didn't exactly say 'sick'), Jim Martine is always a Wilson man and bows to the man who bows to him."

Speaking of Everett Colby's early career in politics, the major declared he would not do this and he would not do that and finally quit the Republican party after threatening to "turn reformer."

Mr. Lentz admitted that Colby had told him he (Colby) would not take orders from anyone, and went on to say that if Colby was not in the race Edward Casper Stokes, the Republican candidate for Governor, would have a walk-over.

**Colby's Motives.**  
"In order to give the voters here tonight a clear inkling of Mr. Colby's true character and the reason why he became a so-called 'reformer,' I will tell why he is in the race, why he is a reformer, and why he is a reformer. I am the responsibility for everything I say and I have never yet told falsehood willingly or knowingly."

"Mr. Colby came to Essex County about fifteen years ago. He was introduced to me by Governor Murphy while I was chairman of the Republican County Committee. Mr. Murphy personally asked the committee to put Mr. Colby in line for political promotion. As the committee was always in the line of the Governor, I was given a tryout. I was impressed with Mr. Colby at first, not because he was wealthy, but because he appeared to be genial and ambitious."

"Mr. Colby was placed in charge of the Twelfth Ward, and he made his first public in the Twelfth Ward, and he reported to the committee was that Mr. Colby was not a good speaker and did not impress his listeners, but owing to the repeated requests of Mr. Murphy Mr. Colby was still named by the committee."

"Because of a vacancy in the State School Board, caused by the resignation of Mr. Owen, Mr. Colby desired the office, and Mr. Murphy's request, backed by the county committee, the Governor appointed him to that position. Later complaints were received that Mr. Colby was not attending the board's meetings or taking interest in the affairs as he was supposed to do when placed in that office by the people, so I myself went down to Trenton and talked to him about the responsibility of his office. His reply was that there were no bright prospects for him in that position and that he saw no reason why he should attend meetings and do his duty. The result was that he resigned the office."

"When Mr. Colby became Assemblyman he appeared on a 'frolic.' His work in the Legislature that term was so unimpressive that there was much protest from the people of the State. Mr. Colby showed himself to be working for railroad and corporate interests. The only real work he ever did was last fall when he received \$1,000 for lobbying for a water bill at Trenton. Mr. Colby did nothing at all of any account at Trenton the first year. His second year was marked with the seeking of young Rockefeller. As leader of the House Mr. Colby showed that he was working in the interests of the Standard Oil Company when he backed the so-called 'twenty per cent bill.' In addition to this Mr. Colby kept other bills in committee and so kept them from being reported. He showed himself to be working in the interests of the railroads. Several Assemblymen personally told me that Mr. Colby was so unfair that it was a disgrace to the State for him to be in office. I had a conference with Mr. Colby and the result was that he told me that he was not given taking orders from any one."

**Career in the Assembly.**  
"Mr. Colby's career in the Assembly was disgraceful. When it was proposed that Mr. Colby be re-nominated I was firmly opposed to it, but when Mr. Murphy asked me to campaign for Mr. Colby I did it as a personal favor and found much difficulty in prevailing upon the people of Mr. Colby's own district to re-nominate him. The result was that he was elected for his third term."

"Several weeks before the session opened I was called to the late United States Senator John F. Dryden's office in Newark by the Senator himself. I went to the office and there I found Mr. Colby. He had demanded of the Senator that Mr. Dryden campaign throughout the southern part of the State so that he could be elected speaker of the House. I was astounded at Mr. Colby's action. I told him right to his face that it was wrong. Senator Dryden finally asked:

"Mr. Colby, don't you think it would be wrong for me to campaign for you, bring my office as United States Senator to bear on the people in your behalf?"

"Mr. Colby said 'No,' emphatically. Then Senator Dryden said he would have to refuse to do it."

"With that Mr. Colby jumped from his seat to his feet in a rage and replied:

"Very well, then, gentlemen; from this time on I am a reformer."

Major Lentz told of other incidents in Mr. Colby's political record, and also took a stab at former Governor Fort, who, he claimed, assists Mr. Colby in duping the people.

Without mentioning his name, Major Lentz spoke of President Wilson as one of Fielder's backers. He said that he would give to the President that is rightfully due him, but when he comes to the President of the United States dictating to the people of New Jersey what men they shall elect for State office, the voters of New Jersey should prove traitors in the eyes of the President of the United States, and also Mr. Colby.

Major Lentz was presided over by Chairman Goldingay. Several persons spoke.

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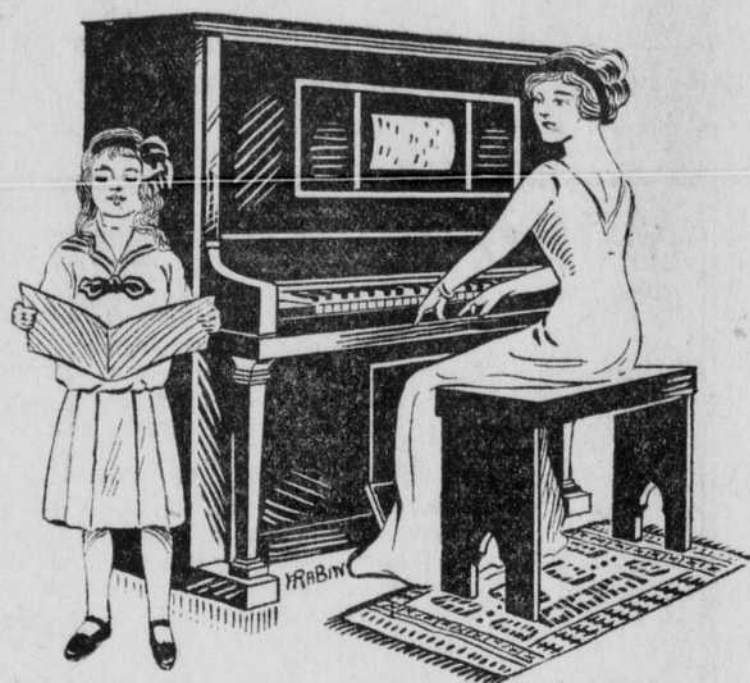
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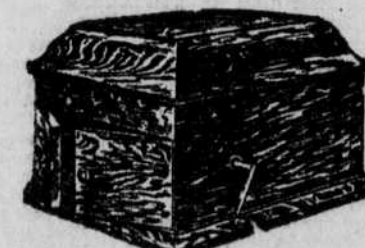


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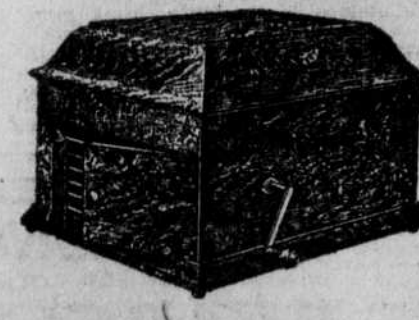


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