

**THE WEATHER**  
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TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR									
8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5
60	60	62	64	66	70	71			

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## MOORE LEADS IN HOT FIGHT FOR CITY COMMITTEE

### Delany, Aron, Connelly Win at Primaries; Mayor Is Assured of Place as Delegate-at-Large

**FINAL BLOW DEALT TO VARE MACHINE, SAYS COL. MCGAIN**

Once Puissant Organization Defeated in Own Stronghold, City and State

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**Result of Election Throughout the City**

City Committee		
Moore	Vare	
Three wards in doubt.	19,078	12,060
CONGRESS First District (One Elected)		
Kearney	19,855	
Moore	12,060	
Second District (One Elected)		
Graham	15,043	
Conor	2,480	
Third District (One Elected)		
Delany	15,794	
Ransley	15,322	
Fourth District (One Elected)		
Edmonds	20,344	
Starr	2,094	
Fifth District (One Elected)		
Connelly	17,168	
Walters	15,078	
Costello	4,434	
Sixth District (One Elected)		
Darrow	25,141	
Waters	23,240	
Jeffery	6,097	
Congress-at-Large		
Burke	144,956	
McLaughlin	109,811	
Garland	103,711	
Walters	89,429	
Senate		
Penrose	133,429	
DELEGATES-AT-LARGE (Twelve Elected)		
Atterbury	139,078	
Sproul	131,116	
Schaffer	121,214	
Moore	117,738	
Kendrick	110,350	
Penrose	110,972	
Rinos	109,370	
Chandler	98,624	
Elverson	103,750	
Babcock	102,161	
Miner	102,085	
Morton	80,201	
Biddle	80,301	
McGrath	44,688	
Replige	46,850	
Nine scattering divisions missing at 1:30 p. m.		
DISTRICT DELEGATES		
First District (Two Chosen)		
Vare	21,059	
Hall	21,218	
Second District (Two Chosen)		
Evans	14,959	
Develin	13,508	
Third District (Two Chosen)		
Pepper	10,073	
Rowen	11,208	
Fourth District (Two Chosen)		
Burk	20,438	
Freilander	20,529	
Fifth District (Two Chosen)		
Broomey	18,916	
Knight	17,267	
Sixth District (Two Chosen)		
Rotan	33,998	
Henry	29,537	
STATE SENATORIAL FIGHT		
Fifth Senatorial District (One Elected)		
Aron	11,978	
McLean	11,008	
First Senatorial District (One Elected)		
Reinhardt	14,430	
Veinhardt	9,774	

**CONTROL HINGES ON RESULTS IN 3 CLOSE WARDS**

Mayor's Followers Claim 23 and Concede 22 Places to Vare Organization

CONGRESSMAN "BILL" IS LOSER IN OWN BAILIWICK

Division Elections in 11th, 46th and 47th Wards Are in Doubt

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"How did you like it?"

"All right. It suits me all right. I've got no comment to make."

**MOORE MEN BEAT VARES IN 3 OF 4 CONGRESS FIGHTS**

Delany, Connelly and Darrow Nominated; Downtown Leader Struggles to Save Self

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Daniel Waters Loses to "Dry" Incumbent—Edmonds and Graham Unopposed

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Charles B. Hall, Vare leader in the Seventh Ward, claims the Republican City Committee for the Vares. According to his figures the Vares carried 26 wards; the administration carried 18, three wards remain doubtful, and in one the Vares and administration are tied. Three of the wards claimed positively by Hall for the Vares, the 11th, 35th and 46th, are said to be in doubt by John Voorhees, secretary of the Republican Alliance.

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Graef probably escaped more serious injury because of the protection of the steel helmet he wore. The helmet was split by the force of the falling wall, but he escaped with a cut nose and forehead.

Four other explosions occurred during the height of the fire. A tankcar loaded with naphthalene standing beside the warehouse went up and three big tanks of the chemical, each containing about 50,000 gallons, exploded, scattering burning liquid over the firemen in the vicinity.

**Families Move Furniture**

So bad was the blaze at one time that many families living near the plant began to move their household goods to places in the neighborhood of the warehouse was blown off and the wall near which they were standing collapsed on the firemen. Four went to the hospital.