

### CAMDEN MAYORAL CONTEST CLOSE ONE

Victor King, Democrat, is Giving Acting Mayor Van Hart a Vigorous Fight

### KEEN RACE FOR COUNCIL

With the "wet" and "dry" issue between Governor Edwards and United States Senator Frelinghuysen adding a touch of uncertainty to the campaign, Camden is wending up its keenest political fight in recent years.

While the Republicans are expected to make a clean sweep of the city ticket Tuesday, with the possible exception of the Mayor, indications point toward Democratic victories in general of the councilman contests. For the first time in many years, Democrats are showing an organized effort against the strong Republican machine piloted by former Senator David Baird.

A keen fight is being waged in the mayoralty contest, in which Acting Mayor Frank S. Van Hart, Republican, is opposed by Councilman Victor King, Democrat. Van Hart is the favorite to win, but King is showing unexpected strength.

Acting Mayor Van Hart is completing the unexpired term of former Mayor Charles H. Ellis, who resigned last April to assume the duties of postmaster in Camden. Van Hart has represented the Seventh Ward in City Council for the last twelve years and is exceptionally popular. He has been one of the Organization's standard-bearers in Camden.

King in Second Term  
King is serving his second term in City Council as a representative of the Twelfth Ward, and is one of the two Democrats among the twenty-eight members of City Council at the present time. He is the only Democrat to be elected to a second term in City Council for a decade.

The vote on Frelinghuysen and Edwards is expected to figure prominently in the mayoralty contests, while the intensive councilmanic tussles being waged also may result in an unexpected turn either way.

Van Hart is the better known of the two candidates for Mayor, and unless King marshals unexpected eleventh-hour strength the Republican should win.

City Treasurer George A. Frey, Tax Collector A. Benjamin Sparks and O. Glen Stackhouse, all Republicans, are expected to win by comfortable margins. Their Democratic opponents are Isaac Albertson, Benjamin Meloney and George W. Tash.

In the councilmanic contests the Republicans are favored to win in seven of the fourteen wards, as follows: First, Second, Fourth, Sixth, Seventh, Tenth and Fourteenth. The Democrats appear to have the edge in the Eighth

and Twelfth, while it appears to be a toss-up in the Third, Fifth, Ninth and Thirteenth. A Socialist is the favorite in the Eleventh.

#### Independents Hustling

Independent Republicans are running in the Fifth, Seventh and Eighth Wards as the third party candidates in three-cornered fights and are threatening the overthrow of the Republican organization. The candidates in the Fifth are Councilman Louis Banti-voglio, Republican; Joseph Wood, Independent Republican; Verner Shinn, Democrat; in the Seventh; Joseph B. Davis, Republican; Patrick Carr, Independent Republican; Edward Sheehan, Democrat; in the Eighth; Councilman Fred W. Schorpp, Democrat; Dr. Thomas W. Bunting, Republican; William Smith, colored, Independent Republican.

With William K. Kimble, Democrat, throwing his support to Leo Harkins, Socialist, what was at first a three-cornered fight in the Eleventh, has narrowed down to a battle between Harkins and Edward F. Peard, Republican. Kimble's strength is expected to give Harkins the necessary votes to win.

In the Ninth, Councilman Enos B. Dellmuth, Republican, is being given a hard fight by Edwin L. Seabrook, while Fred W. Stanton, Democrat, and Harold K. Runyon, Republican, are waging a warm battle in the Thirteenth.

The recent death of Councilman John S. Dobbins, Republican, apparently has assured the election of Robert S. Burns, Democrat. Former Councilman John P. Rodan has been selected as the substitute candidate for Dobbins, but as the voters will be compelled to use stickers in voting for Rodan his election seems very remote.

In the other wards the results appear to be foregone conclusions.

### NEW JERSEY FARMERS PAID FOR THEIR WAR CLAIMS

#### Settlements Under Way for Delaware Ordnance Site

Parktown, N. J., Nov. 2.—Uncle Sam has loosened his purse strings and is paying New Jersey farmers for land taken over by the War Department four years ago for establishing the Delaware Ordnance Depot. There are thirty-seven parcels in all, owned by twenty-seven individuals, whose claims aggregate nearly a quarter of a million dollars.

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The Quartermaster General is represented here by Harry S. P. Neill. Red tape bound up the acquisition of the depot site here to such an extent that there was real suffering by several families, who were required to quit their farms, with many of their crops unharvested. The depot site covered more than 1800 acres, from which 1300 farmhouses, barns and other structures were cleared.

### MARILYN MILLER ILL

Marilyn Miller is out of the cast of "Sally" at the Forrest Theatre, and her role, the titular one, has been assumed by Mary Eaton, of the Ziegfeld Follies. Miss Miller, who in private life is Mrs. Jack Pickford, is said to be suffering with appendicitis in a New York hospital, but management of "Sally" announces that she will be able to return to the company in a few days to finish the Philadelphia engagement, which lasts for two more weeks.

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