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WIDENER GAVE GANG A SHOCK

Eulogy of Quay by the Philadelphia Millionaire Upset Their Calculations.

HAD EYES ON HIS BARREL.

Insurgents Hoped to Swell Their Corruption Fund to Continue Their Fight Against the Regular Republican Organization in the Legislature at Harrisburg.

(Special Correspondence.)
Harrisburg, Nov. 27.—The political sensation of the last week was the publication of an interview with Senator-elect Benjamin K. Focht, of Union county, in which he recounted the circumstances of a visit which he and former United States Senator John J. Patterson paid to P. A. B. Widener, the street railway and gas magnate, who has been prominently mentioned for United States senator to succeed Col. M. S. Quay.

The insurgents of Pennsylvania, after trying all others who were regarded as available to be pitted against Col. Quay for the senatorship, agreed that Widener was the best equipped man to play up against Quay. His "special equipment" was, of course, the millions of dollars which he has invested in many enterprises, and which they assumed would be drawn upon to meet the ever pressing financial needs of the politicians who have been making the anti-Quay movement their sole means of livelihood for some time. These tricksters have had different men to meet their demands for cash, all with ambition to fill office and all willing to be presented to the public as great reformers, who have only the interests of their dear commonwealth at heart in making their campaigns against this terrible man Quay.

One after another of these "good things" for the political maces have gotten tired of being lied by the professional politicians, and these vamps have been looking around for a candidate who would produce liberally to keep up the "fight on Quay."

Widener evidently seemed to be their last resort, and they immediately proceeded to boom him for the United States senatorship and pass the word along the line that Widener would produce "big money" if he could get the senatorship.

Democrats were given the cue to intimate that possibly after they found that they could not elect a Democrat to the United States senate they would take up Widener in order to defeat Quay. This was done to keep Widener in line.

This sort of talk had been going on quite freely, when Senator-elect Focht happened to call upon Widener in regard to some railway business in which former Senator Patterson was interested.

To these gentlemen, possibly without thought of having his remarks published, Widener expressed himself quite freely regarding Col. Quay. He introduced the subject himself, and apparently could not find anything too good to say about the Beaver statesman.

Senator Focht declares that Mr. Widener not only made it quite manifest that he was not a candidate for senator in opposition to Col. Quay, but expressed the opinion that he should and will be re-elected.

WIDENER TALKED FREELY.
Regarding Col. Quay's political record, Senator-elect Focht quotes Mr. Widener as having spoken as follows:

"Col. Quay has done much for the advancement of our industries. His action in the United States senate when the Wilson bill was up for consideration was a master stroke. With the introduction of his many amendments to the free trade measure and his following speech, the longest on record as having been delivered in the United States senate, he saved the industries of Pennsylvania from wreck and ruin with which they were at that time confronted.

"Senator Quay has really been the champion of reform legislation in Pennsylvania instead of the opponent, as some of his adversaries would like to make it appear. Back in the 70's, as chairman of the committee on ways and means of the Pennsylvania leg-

islature, he reported the bill, which is now a law, that transferred the burden of taxation from farm lands, real estate and horses and cattle to the corporations.

"This was a most equitable arrangement, for while the individual property owner has been relieved of former oppression the corporations have been able to meet their obligations and they have not been unduly taxed. From this splendid revenue came the eleven million dollar school appropriation, which, besides building countless schoolhouses in every section of the commonwealth, gives free books and free education to the children of Pennsylvania.

QUAY FOR REFORM.
"It was Col. Quay who, recognizing the demand of the temperance element of the state, gave the people the opportunity to vote upon the question of the prohibition amendment to the constitution which was submitted to a popular vote by direction of a Republican legislature, in which Col. Quay's friends had an overwhelming majority. The outcome of this was the passage of the present high license law, which eliminated seven-tenths of the saloons in Philadelphia and 50 per cent of the liquor shops of Pittsburgh, and which assured an absolute observance of the Sunday laws in regard to the sale of liquor in all the large centers of population. This law likewise practically placed the granting of liquor licenses in the hands of the people, as no court dare refuse to recognize a properly submitted remonstrance from the people.

"Then there is the question of ballot reform. Col. Quay should be given full credit for what he did in that direction. He was the pioneer in the movement for ballot reform in Pennsylvania. He and his friends passed the present law which was the first step toward the accomplishment of the desired result. The natural evolution from this act will be the final attainment of a perfect ballot system as the needs of the several localities of the state are made manifest.

"Senator Quay is a man who has made his impress upon national as well as state politics. He has been the victim of many conspiracies, as have most men who have been distinguished in public life. He will outlive them all.

WORDS OF GREAT PRAISE.

"His speeches in the recent campaign were splendid specimens of fine English diction, arresting his scholars, and throughout all these public utterances there was not a particle of resentment toward those who have been maligning and traducing him. In the present campaign the issue has been submitted to the people, the verdict has been rendered in favor of Col. Quay, and he should be accorded the honor due him and without that bitterness and turmoil which attended the last session of the legislature. I have no doubt of his election."

Senator Focht also stated that Mr. Widener had commented upon Col. Quay's home life, and paid a handsome tribute to him for a side of his character which is not appreciated by those not familiar with his domestic relations.

INSURGENTS IN A RAGE.

Since the publication of this interview the insurgent newspapers have been making all sorts of excuses for Widener. Some have gone so far as to print statements purporting to come from Widener, denying that he said what has been credited to him, but the fact remains that no authorized denial has been sent out by Mr. Widener, and Senator Patterson, to whom Mr. Widener referred several newspaper men, has, over his own name, corroborated Senator Focht in his report of the eulogy of Col. Quay by Mr. Widener.

The insurgents seem to forget that Widener is a practical man, that he knows that a large majority of the Republican members of the state senate and the house of representatives are favorable to Col. Quay for United States senator; that many of them were nominated and elected on this issue, and that they could not if they wanted to go back upon the expressed will of their constituents without forever blasting their political futures.

Mr. Widener wants to go to the United States senate. There can be no doubt of that, but he recognizes that he must have the support of the regular Republicans to go to Washington, and that no alliance between the insurgents and the Democrats could elect him to the senate.

Specie.
McMurtha—F. J. Phelan had three melons twice in died at night.
Malroon—Th' fur-rst or secon' toime!
—Kansas City Independent.

FLINN AND GUFFEY PLOT.

Insurgent and Democratic Bosses Scheming Against Regular Republicans.

A QUESTION OF THE FUTURE.

Members of the Legislature Elected by the Republicans Cannot Assent to Place Democrats in Position of Power, Profit and Influence.

(Special Correspondence.)
Philadelphia, Nov. 27.—Republicans of Pennsylvania have just been given another exhibition of the extent to which the insurgents of the Martin-Flinn type will go to prevent the election of the choice of the majority of the Republican members of the legislature to the United States senate.

William Flinn, of Pittsburgh, the acknowledged leader of the insurgents, held a conference in this city last week with James M. Guffey, the Bryn Mawr member of the Democratic national committee from Pennsylvania, regarding the organization of the legislature and the election of a United States senator to succeed Col. Quay. Flinn realizes that he and his followers are in a hopeless minority in the Republican party, and that he has to go to the Democracy for support in his schemes.

In a free and fair fight at the Republican primaries Flinn and his friends were successful in but seven counties in Pennsylvania, and outside of his own machine following in Pittsburgh and the Martin henchmen in Philadelphia there is less than a score of Republican members of the legislature who will co-operate with him.

REGULARS IN MAJORITY.

The regular Republicans, with a majority in both the senate and the house, are entirely satisfied with the situation, but it does seem strange that men who are so successful in the legislature should be conspiring with Democrats to defeat the will of the majority in the Republican party.

Even though they had a secret compact in the last campaign to defeat regular Republican candidates for the legislature, who would not submit to denunciation from Flinn or Martin, the insurgents and Democrats were badly routed in every county in which they made their most conspicuous effort.

The people were not with them, and they are going to do all in their power to make trouble for the regular Republicans at Harrisburg, even if they cannot prevent Col. Quay's election.

Their first effort will be to agree upon a candidate for speaker of the house of representatives. There are many difficulties in the way of a deal on the speakership, especially in view of the fact that the stalwarts have a majority in the house, and the regulars have no doubt about the election of their favorite, Representative W. T. Marshall, of Allegheny, as speaker.

Republicans who may be opposed to Col. Quay's election to the senate will hesitate before committing themselves to a losing game in the organization of the house, on account of the local interests directly involved. A deal on the speakership would mean promises to the Democracy of clerkships and other patronage which properly belongs to Republicans in this stalwart Republican state. It would mean the giving of important places on committees to Democrats, and thus depriving the Republican party of credit for important legislation which may be passed, and for which credit should be given. The appropriations to charitable institutions and hospitals, where patients are treated free, have always been made through Republicans on the appropriation committee, and the party has been commended for its liberality in this direction.

The generous appropriations to the public schools of Pennsylvania have been made under Republican auspices, and the Republican party has been justly praised for its action in this matter. The schemes contemplated by Flinn and Martin is to place Democrats in position to take credit for what should properly belong to the Republican party and thus give the Democratic members an undue share of the glory and deprive the Republican members of an opportunity of advancing the interests of their party organization.

THINK OF THE FUTURE.

Members of the legislature elected as Republicans will hesitate a long time if they consider the interests of their constituents and their party before they allow their names to be associated with a scheme which permits Guffey and his cohorts to step into places belonging to Republicans by the votes of the people, and which should be employed to advance the interest of the Republican party.

A speaker elected by a combination of Democrats and insurgents would have to give due recognition to the Democrats in all his appointments, and accordingly the Republicans would suffer.

ROW AMONG THE DEMOCRATS.

There is a lively row on between several of the Democratic aspirants for the speakership, for the honor of their caucus nomination. None of the Democrats are thinking about bolting their party caucus. They are leaving all the bolting to be done by the Republican insurgents. They see no benefit to be derived for the Democratic party through bolting, so they are determined to stand together. The rivalries between the aspirants for the speakership may, however, lead to trouble later on. Guffey is supposed to want George R. Dixon, of Elk county, for the Democratic candidate for speaker or to have him get the caucus nomination, so that the Democrats will be tied up until he can deliver them over in a body in any deal he may make with Flinn.

Creasy of Columbia, Palm of Crawford and Burnett of Monroe are also spoken of for the Democratic nomination for speaker, and they may get into a snarl before the caucus shall be held.

WANTS DEMOCRATIC HARMONY.

A fight in the Democratic ranks will not be pleasing to Flinn, as he is anxious to have all the Democrats turn in for Hall, of Pittsburgh, one of his goals in the contest for the speakership. Flinn would guarantee that the Democrats will be well cared for in the matter of committee appointments and patronage.

Gen. Koons, of Somerset, is another insurgent mentioned for speaker. While Flinn and Martin can probably turn in all of their followers to carry out any deal Flinn and Guffey may make, it is not at all probable that many of the so-called insurgents in interior counties will risk their political futures in a combination with Guffey Democrats against the regular Republican nominee.

Representative Marshall, of Allegheny, was in this city last week and met Representative Keyser, of this city, and McClain, of Lancaster, stalwart Republicans, both of whom were announced as candidates for the speakership. They both assured Mr. Marshall that they were in favor of his election and that they had no doubt about his winning the speakership.

Following the many county delegations which had already declared in his favor, Dauphin county last week unanimously endorsed Mr. Marshall for speaker and pledged him its four votes in the house of representatives. These representatives, with Senator-elect Fox, of Dauphin, also pledged themselves to go into the Republican caucus on the United States senatorship and vote for Col. Quay for senator.

During the last week the insurgents have been working a sort of slim flim game upon the Republican of the state. They have been taking out and out insurgents, men who voted against Col. Quay at the last legislature, and heralding them as converts to the insurgent movement. They profess these declarations with statements that these men have been counted upon by friends of the Beaver statesman to vote for Quay and they then follow this up with the announcement, with big display articles in the insurgent newspapers, giving "another Quay lie."

That they believe the people at large do not follow up these matters closely is quite apparent, for anyone familiar with the facts can at once see that these stories are false pure and simple, and are intended to mislead the people in the counties where attempt may be made to induce the members of the legislature to join the insurgent cause.

In commenting upon the arguments of the subsidized newspapers of this city in urging Republicans to join with the Democrats in the organization of the legislature, the Commercial Gazette, of Pittsburgh, says:

"That the item of party regularity is the most valuable of all assets, and that without this no organization can maintain its influence or even its existence, is a truth against which no sophistry can prevail."

"Pitiable, indeed, is the confession of weakness made by The Press when it seeks justification for bolting party caucuses and primaries in the declaration that others have done the same.

"The Philadelphia insurgent organ editorially advises its readers that there is no party obligation that compels them to respect the decisions of the Republican primaries or the Republican caucus. In the recent campaign it urged defeated insurgent candidates to join with Democrats in order to defeat at the polls the stalwart Republicans nominated at the Republican primaries. Failing in this effort to secure majority legislative control The Press now vehemently declares that insurgent members must not take part in the senatorial or organization caucuses, contending that the party rules and usages do not impose such an obligation.

"The primary and the caucus are the means through which the will of the party is ascertained. Once ascertained, it should be binding on all members of the party. The party will be ascertained for the purpose of being obeyed. The policy of The Press is to subvert the ascertained will of the party."

HIS HARD PROBLEM.

An Obstreperous Wife and an Insurance Policy in Her Name.

It happened in an insurance office. The caller, who was a large man with very red whiskers, came in and introduced himself as Mr. So-and-so, who had taken out a life policy for \$10,000 about four years before.

"I remember," said the man at the window.

"I had the policy made out to my wife—that is, I had it made payable to her. Well, I want it changed. We've had a falling out, and she's gone back home, and so, of course, I don't want to carry that policy in her name any longer."

"In that case the thing you want to do is to have her formally transfer the policy to you."

"What's she got to do with it? You know that I took out that policy and that I've made all the payments, carried it in her name just to make it easy for her to collect in case I died. Now I want to take it out of her name. We've dissolved partnership."

"What you want her to do is to have her sign over the policy to you."

"She wouldn't sign over anything. Why can't you just change this policy and put it in my name?"

"She is the policy holder, and so far as the face of the policy shows you have no rights whatever. So far as the reading of the policy goes to show you have an interest in the policy except as the person upon whose death the payment of the policy is contingent."

"That is the only thing I can do in the premises is to go and die?"

"That is the only thing you can do which will in any way affect the operation of this policy."

"If I die, I suppose she gets the money."

"Yes, if she can produce the policy."

"Well, she can't because I've got it locked up. But it ain't worth anything to me as it reads now, is it?"

"Nothing whatever."

"If I stop paying on it, though, I lose all that I put in."

"You lose all except a surrender value. But you can't collect that. The policy holder is the only one who may claim that."

"What in thunder can I do?"

"Go and make an arrangement with your wife."

"Do you know my wife?"

"No."

"Then you don't know what you're suggesting. It seems to me the only thing I can do at present is to guard my health and keep her out of that \$10,000 until my lawyer can tame her down enough to have a talk with her."—New York Telegram.

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