

## HIS FIGHTING CHANCE

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as they started six abreast on their march to the State House, an enthusiastic brass band blaring at their head.

All through the State House the excitement of the struggle was in the air. The telegraph instruments clicked incessantly, reporters scurried back and forth, and the lobby for each candidate kept the corridors hot. The Heath headquarters, strong, aggressive, capable, were in an office not far from the Assembly Chamber where the joint session was in progress. Here men went in and out constantly, conferring with those who worked and schemed behind closed doors; not a fluctuation in sentiment escaped them. They had not favored the joint session, but the obstinately scattered vote of the House the night before had made it necessary. Hammond's headquarters were in front of the building, and the Weldon men had established themselves in a branch court room upstairs; but where Mayor Wayland's friends held forth did not appear. The Mayor himself was known to be in a hospital in the southern part of the State, and his opposition counted little.

The balloting was stubborn, with Heath in the lead. It would take forty-one votes to elect the United States Senator, and the first ballot stood: Heath, thirty-five; Hammond twenty; Wayland, eighteen; Weldon, eight. The second was the same; but on the third the Weldon ranks broke a little, splitting between Heath and Wayland; Heath now led with thirty-seven, and Wayland crawled up to twenty-two.

The Honorable James Boylan smiled a little, but he looked toward the doors now and then, and cocked his head as though listening. The fourth and fifth ballots held stubbornly, then Wayland pushed up to twenty-four, and still the gentleman from Hanover listened, a little pucker between his eyes. They started the seventh. The Heath men were rushing things. They did not fear the threatened Wayland demonstration, but it was good politics to win their victory before the delegations arrived.

"What's that?" some one asked suddenly, and Boylan smiled again. It was the distant pean of a brass band.

"Friends of Mr. Boylan, gentlemen," some one else suggested, and an easy laugh went through the Heath ranks. They were so close to victory.

The sound of the band came nearer, and clamored through the building in a jovial outburst of sound. Then came the jar of many feet, tramping down the wide middle corridor in unison. An inquisitive Hammond man put his head out of a door and jerked it back again.

"Oh, hell," he snapped profanely. "The whole State's out there. Boylan ought to be smothered. He hasn't any right to interfere with other people's constituents."

The few who heard this peppy remark agreed with him, listening to the sounds outside.

Down every corridor the great delegation swarmed like the restless rush of great waters. In the Assembly corridor they packed up to the very doors and ran over into committee rooms wherever they found them available; in the rotunda they were an amalgamated mass. They filled every niche of the big building from front to back and the overflow sped upstairs and leaned over the railings to watch those below.

The band ceased and the battalions of the Wayland men arose like a great surf, gathering force as it rushed, and thundered against the closed doors of the assembly chamber.

"Wayland, Wayland, we want Wayland," Wayland, Wayland, we want Wayland!"

Inside, it did not sound pretty. Heath was within four votes of victory, but two Hammond men, who had broken ranks to go over to the leading candidate, changed their minds hastily and voted for Wayland. The crowd outside saw one of the big doors open a little, and a head was thrust out. It was the personal property of the Honorable James Boylan.

"Seventh ballot, gentlemen! Heath, thirty-seven; Wayland, twenty-six; Hammond, eighteen."

"Wayland, Wayland, we want Wayland!" they flung thunderously back at him, and as the noise died down, some one added a shout of his own.

"Any man from Carroll County who doesn't vote for Wayland will be licked at the polls next November!"

A huge roar of delight greeted this and Jimmy smiled again as he closed the door, and heard the hoarse battalions beating through it. One of his colleagues was cursing him with fine frankness of wrath, but he did not care. He wondered what the Heath lobbyists were doing, penned in their headquarters by the density of the crowd as effectively as though buried alive. Some of the Heath legislators were looking uncommonly sulky, as they began to realize that they were entirely cut off from communication with their commanding general, but all they heard to comfort them was that roaring chant, good-humored, orderly, but overwhelmingly insistent.

"Wayland, Wayland, we want Wayland!"

It was disconcerting, especially when one expected to be up for reelection in the near future. The Hammond ranks wavered again, and broke. The Heath men had counted heavily on these for their support. Then Mr. Boylan's head appeared to the crowd once more.

"Tenth ballot! Heath, twenty-eight; Wayland, thirty-five; Hammond, eighteen."

The rest was drowned in a mighty cheer, led by the lieutenants he had distributed among them. The railroad lobby, crowded back into its headquarters, said hot, unseemly things about Mayor Wayland and his backers, but they were helpless. The solid wall of men raised its warcry again, filling the State House with a huge volume of reverberating sound, until every department in the building stopped work to listen uneasily.

"Wayland, Wayland, we want Wayland!"

The doctors had said that Wayland might go up to the Capitol on this day, and when he arrived, Kane was at the station to meet him. The candidate was pale, yet still bore a striking plaster bicyclist on his

temple, a decoration for reckless valor.

"How is it going?" he asked impatiently, and Kane permitted himself a jubilant laugh.

"The twelfth ballot gave Heath thirty-eight, Wayland thirty-seven and Hammond seven. Four more votes and you get it. We have the crowd up there, and I think it is beginning to get on the Heath people's nerves pretty badly. Most of 'em want re-election, you know. I had to drop out of a window to get here at all."

"And I could do nothing," Wayland shook his head in irritation at his own helplessness, but Kane chuckled again.

"That's just the fine point that made this demonstration possible. You should have heard the rhetoric we've spilled around the State about our 'martyred candidate!' It was beautiful, and the exciting climax came as we pictured you with a refrigerator on your fevered brow and a wild-eyed doctor hanging fast to each hand, while you dictated the strike settlement to the P. & Y. with your last gasp. One of Jimmy's speeches was so pathetic he almost cried himself. Here we are, sir."

They left the carriage and went up the steps of the hotel which Boylan had designated as Wayland's headquarters. A score of curious eyes turned toward them from a group of men clustered six deep around a telephone, but Kane rushed his candidate straightway to the room which Boylan had engaged for him. It was a big room, with a tiny balcony giving on the street. Jimmy had prepared for victory.

Kane would have dashed out again to get the news, but the distant triumph of a brass band made him rush to the balcony instead.

"They're coming! They're our men!" he screeched excitedly, and just then some one pounded on the door and shouted "Heath!"

"Wayland's got it, fifteenth ballot! Heath went all to smash!"

Kane was prancing in time to the approaching band, as he stepped back to give the Senator-elect first place on the balcony, from which they could see the black mass of men swaying down the street in the delirium of triumph, the band crashing its noisy pean in the lead.

In the front ranks was old Joe McCortin, limping along with excited haste. Down a side street a barouche was coming with a fine dash and clatter, bearing all the members from Hanover County who could conveniently be packed in.

Wayland took off his hat and stood there, half dizzy, the thick gray hair brushing his wounded temple, and a tight feeling in his throat as he responded to the bedlam of cheers sent up by the crowd when it stopped and congested and swayed beneath the balcony. The pride of victory and responsibility was thrilling through his veins. They howled for a speech, and he gave it with happy effect, and turned to find Jimmy Boylan standing at his elbow, listening, and tussled with the elation of success.

"Congratulations, Senator," he called joyfully. "How was that for a round-up? We did it, eh?"

They were old friends. Wayland gripped the hand extended toward him.

"You did it," he said simply.

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I would say, girls, marry a gentleman. I use the word in its broadest sense. It has no reference to fine raiment and white hands, and the shine of society polish merely, but to those who have noble qualities, however hard their hands and sunburned their faces.

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