

"PLATT'S FIRM RETAINS YOU." ---CROKER TO MOSS.

Chairman. I am perfectly willing to have this gentleman talk as much as he pleases. That is a part of my business.

Q. Do you think that your association with Mr. Croker is a business proposition? A. No, sir. I considered that my partners had some interest with me in the old firm. They have a clientele and are still in business.

Q. You left a connection with the old firm, which had a very large clientele, the profits of which you participated in, in order to make a combination with Mr. Croker, which has not turned out so well, is that it? A. No, sir; don't put words in my mouth in order to form a combination with Mr. Croker. I have not formed a combination with Mr. Croker when I left the firm of A. H. Muller & Sons.

Q. Then you were waiting for the proposition to go in with Mr. Croker as a firm? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did he make it or did you make it? A. I think some friends spoke to me about it and I spoke to Mr. Croker about it.

Q. You spoke to Mr. Croker about it? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And your object in speaking to Mr. Croker about it was to get the benefit of his reputation and his influence in your real estate business? A. No, it was to get an estimate of a certain party that I had a little grudge against.

Q. How were you going to get personal satisfaction against some people whom you had a grudge against by going into partnership with Mr. Croker? I don't understand that. You don't make that clear. A. I am not going to explain my personal affairs.

Q. You may as well understand that now. I am not going to press that part of the inquiry if you do not care to give it. Only you volunteered it, and you have the privilege of making it more clear now if you want to do it. A. I don't want to.

Friends Got Him a City Position.
Q. Who first spoke to you about becoming a Dock Commissioner? A. Nobody spoke to me first. I think I spoke to myself.

Q. Whom did you speak to? A. I asked two or three people if they thought I had any chance, as I did not speak to Mr. Croker directly.

Q. You spoke to him indirectly? A. Yes; I thought my friends could do better for me than to speak to me directly.

Q. So in an indirect way you approached Mr. Croker in order to be appointed Dock Commissioner? A. Yes.

Q. And he gave his consent, didn't he? A. I suppose he did by having me appointed.

Q. He had you appointed, didn't he? A. Yes. No; I got my appointment from the Mayor.

Q. But you just said he had you appointed? A. I don't know that he made it. I said indirectly I had friends outside, and he indirectly applied to me for my appointment, as he would be the only man that I would apply to indirectly.

Q. He was the only man that you would apply to indirectly? A. No, I would have applied to the Mayor.

Q. The Dock Department, of which you are a member, has control of the water front in New York City? A. Yes.

Q. The leasing of all docks is done by that department? A. All docks, bulkheads and all lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works.



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Naughton & Co., contractors? A. I do not know that.

Q. Don't you know that he is interested in that? A. I don't know; I have heard he was; I am not positive.

Q. Yes, you have heard he was. Did you ever talk with Naughton & Co. about the affairs of Naughton & Co., the contractors? A. I don't remember.

Q. How often have you seen Mr. Kelly? A. About the last six months. A. He is away now for these last two months, I believe.

Q. You have seen him a half dozen times in the other four months.

Q. Isn't Mr. Kelly practically your representative in the firm of Naughton & Co.? A. No, sir.

Q. Have you not received money from the firm of Naughton & Co. and their business matters in which they have been engaged? A. Not one dollar.

Q. Directly or indirectly? A. Directly.

Q. Or any member of your family? A. No, not that I know of.

ASKS CROKER ABOUT HIS FINANCES.
Q. I understood you to say when you returned from Europe in 1897 that you were substantially without any means, as to considerable means, and you were without any large amount of means at that time? A. I did not testify to that.

Q. I know you did not testify to that, but I understand you had some money. A. You might have read that in the Herald.

Q. Did you not say so to reporters of other papers that you had come back practically penniless?



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will do so.

The Chairman—I hardly think that statement is justified.

The Witness—Yes, it is. Go and examine Mr. Platt's firm and find out what his boys are in. If you want to be honest, you go and examine the people who brought you here to examine us.

Mr. Moss—Keep cool, Mr. Croker.

The Witness—I am just as cool as you are. That is the gentleman who put me here to examine us. You go and examine his firm. They are at the foundation of all the corruption in this city. I say that there is more corruption in this State—there is more corruption in this firm than any where else. You go and examine that firm now, to be fair, and bring their books here.

Q. Now, Mr. Croker, all that matter that you have spoken of is in no way concerned with the local government in this city. You make that matter in any way pertinent to this inquiry and I will examine into it.

The committee will throw it off.

Q. You need not throw out any bluffs at all, Mr. Croker. A. You need not throw any bluffs at me.

Mr. Moss—I am under no retainer from Mr. Platt.

The Witness—You are looking for it now by your examination here. When this matter goes to the Legislature you expect to be paid, and Platt's firm is to have it paid.

Mr. Moss—I am less interested in this business than I am in the business itself. The matter of compensation is a secondary matter.

The Witness—Mr. Moss, I am only giving you my own opinion, and I want to give it to you before I am going to leave you—you are examining me. But I will not tell you about my private affairs. You may take up in this audience the matter and try to examine him upon his private affairs—any business man in this audience and see if he will tell you.

pleasures and patriotic duties and inspirations? A. I wanted to make sure and I did make sure.

Q. But you did give that advice, and they obeyed you? A. Yes.

Q. And so you lost the pleasure of their company and they the pleasure of your company, and we all missed their oratory? A. In the discharge of their duty, yes, I will stand on that.

Q. It is a fact, then, that you do control the physical movements of the members of the Senate on your side of the House? A. What kind of movements?

Q. The physical movements. A. The physical movements? Do you—

A. I don't know what you call "physical" movements. Let me know the meaning of that word.

Q. The movements of their bodies. A. I don't know that I do.

Q. You prevented them from coming down from Albany? A. Their bodies were where they liked.

Q. But if they could not move them into the Metropolitan Opera House at your dinner? A. They could have, if they wished.

Q. But they were advised not to? A. They were advised, and probably they did it on their own accord.

Q. Have you given any instructions or any advice to any one concerning a certain Mr. Redington, an Assemblyman? A. Yes, I have.

Q. What was that advice—that were those instructions? A. That he ought to be reprimanded for the Amsterdam grab.

Q. And you did that as the leader of the party, did you not? A. Yes.

Q. And it is your purpose to exercise your position in inflicting discipline upon him as the representative of your organization? A. That is left to the organization.

Q. You have advised him? A. I said it ought to be done.

Q. Then your organization and you do not leave members of the Legislature entirely free to vote as they please upon matters that come up, but you observe them and reprimand them and advise them and do whatever you think is necessary to get them to vote as you and your associates think they should, do you not? A. I make them stand up to party measures.

MOSS TRIES TO LEARN CROKER'S HOLDINGS.
Q. Have you not since January first sold Manhattan stock short? A. That is my own business.

Q. You decline to answer that? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Why? A. That is a private business of my own.



Mazeteer Moss in Action.

Q. Are you not anxious to see bridges put over the East River? A. Yes.

Q. Isn't that the policy of your organization? A. Bridges?

Q. Yes? A. Yes.

Q. Didn't you have the idea that the Roebeling Company would have a good chance to furnish the wire to the bridges which your organization is so strongly urging? A. No, sir; not to my knowledge.

Q. Do you own stock of the Metropolitan Railway Company? A. I decline to answer.

Q. Have you secured for the Metropolitan Railway Company any concessions or any privileges from anybody? A. Not that I know of.

Q. Have you assisted them in getting privileges and concessions? A. Not directly.

Q. Will you tell me how it is that the Metropolitan Company have been allowed to construct electric conduits all along its road without paying the city for the franchises? A. I don't know that.

Q. Do you know that it has been done? A. I believe it has.

Q. What do you think about the department of your city that has permitted the doing of that? A. I don't know but what they have paid, for all I know.

Q. Have you ever considered the possibility of the Roebeling Company furnishing the wire for the new steel bridges that are to be constructed? A. Have I considered it? A. No, I have not.

Q. If you thought any wrong had been done there you would be the first to correct it, wouldn't you? A. Yes.

Q. Would the fact of your having a large amount of Metropolitan stock in your own personal possession prevent you from doing that? A. No, if I had it, it wouldn't.

Q. Are you not yourself receiving charges because the department did not interfere with the placing of those electric conduits when the motive power was changed here recently? A. No.

Learns of the Auto-Truck Company.
Q. What is this company that you have been talking about for two days that had a great future before it in the supply of power? A. The Auto-Truck Company.

Q. In the supplying of power? A. Yes.

Q. Was it the Auto-Truck Company that wanted to string its pipes underneath the Manhattan streets? A. Yes.

Q. That is the company you had in mind all the time? A. Yes, that is the company.

Q. Have you stock in the Air and Power Company? A. No.

Q. I asked you about that awhile ago and you declined to answer? A. You have got the wrong company.

Q. My questions were perfectly plain, that it was the Air and Power Company that was meant, and you have distinctly sworn to your connection with it and the stock, and to the advantages and the prospects of the company? A. You have got the wrong company mixed up with the company that I am interested in.

Q. Auto-Truck Company.

Q. Are you the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Auto-Truck Company? A. Yes.

Q. Did you pay for your stock in the Auto-Truck Company? A. I decline to answer that.

No Right to Private Affairs.
Q. When one man who holds no official position and is in receipt of no official salary controls the city departments, makes the officers dictate the policy of the officers in all directions, and then gets into companies without having to pay anything for his stock—A. How do you know that?

Q. I went to find out. A. I want let you know.

Q. You want let me know? A. No.

Q. You see the position you are in, do you? A. No—to tell you my private affairs?

Q. Your affairs are not private in that particular. A. Yes, sir, they are.

Q. We have a right to know. A. No, we don't.

Q. We have a right to know how a man that controls the municipal actions is able to go and put his hand on business men and put their stock in his pocket for nothing? A. You don't know that.

Q. Will you tell me: have you done it? A. I won't tell you whether I have or have not; that is my private affair.

Q. You dare not say that you have not done it, do you? A. Dare—no; I won't tell you my private affairs.

Q. You dare not. A. I won't tell you my private affairs.

Q. That is an answer. You have a right to think your own mind as private affairs. A. They are private affairs; they don't concern you any more than your affairs concern me.

Q. That is your old speech I have let you make so many times. You cannot say that you have not had your opportunity to make your play to the gallery, as you charged me yesterday. A. Yes; you are playing them pretty good.

Q. Now, Mr. Croker, it will take a lot of money to launch that company in business, won't it? A. Yes.

Laugh Over a Stock Transaction.
Q. And isn't it a fact, Mr. Croker, that simply because you are the leader of Tammany Hall, and because, as such leader, you control the city departments, you have

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Q. Well, don't you think that was a peculiar proposition to be made in this enlightened day, in a civilized community where you didn't expect really that any tribunal would sentence you to have your arm cut off, or that an official authority would allow you to part with some good right arm, did you? A. If I was willing to do it.

Q. But you didn't really believe there was any way of carrying that out, did you? (No answer.)

A. Are you willing to make the proposition that if you give him money or dishonorable transactions are held as your door you will part with your fortune and your right arm? A. Yes.

Q. That is more to the point and more to the purpose. You are willing to say that, are you? A. Yes.

Q. I was led to put that question, Mr. Croker, because of your suggestion early in the examination yesterday that there should be no playing to the galleries? A.

Q. It occurred to me that your answer was subject to that criticism, but now we have it down on a business basis and a position where it really amounts to something, and that you and I recognize you are acquainted with a gentleman named John Kelly, are you not? A. Yes.

Q. He is a gambler, isn't he? A. No, sir, he has been, hasn't he? A. No, sir.

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LEADER ADMITS HE DIRECTS LEGISLATORS.

Mr. Moss—I will ask you this question: You notice that the Tammany Club dinner the other night—that at that dinner there were no Senators present; no State Senators? A. No, sir.

Q. Why not? A. Because their place was in Albany at their business.

A. And you told them so, didn't you? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And they obeyed you? A. I think they did.

Q. They denied themselves the privilege of honoring the memory of Jefferson, and of eating a good dinner, because you told them to stay at Albany? A. Because they owed it to their State to stay there.

A. And you suppose they would have denied themselves the patriotic privilege of honoring Jefferson, and the pleasure of eating a dinner in his honor, if something had not directed them to forego these

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Q. Do you know that Mr. Freedman lost money on Manhattan Railway stock? A. I am not at all sure whether he did or not.

Q. Did he talk with you about it? A. No, not particularly. I have heard some talk about it, but I paid no attention to it.

Q. Did you not discuss with him the proposed extensions of the elevated railroad? A. I don't remember.

Q. At that time, in January, 1897, were you on friendly relations with Mr. Gould, were you not? A. Friendly yet, as far as that goes.

Q. Did Mr. Gould visit you in Lakewood in January, 1898? A. I don't remember; I don't think he did.

Q. Did you have any conversation with him about the proposed extensions of the elevated railroad? A. I don't remember having any.

Q. When was it that you spoke to Mr. Moss about allowing the ropes of your air and power company to be suspended from the Manhattan structure? A. I cannot tell you the exact date.

Q. Give us as close to the exact date as you can. A. Five or six weeks ago, I think.

Q. At that time there had not been any accusation that the structure was unsafe by the city department had there? A. I don't remember whether there had or not.

Q. You really did not examine the privilege of swinging or banging those ropes from the structure, didn't you? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How much did you offer to pay Mr. Gould for that permission? A. I did not make any offer at all that I know of; the company did that.

Q. And what sum was offered? A. I don't remember what sum was offered.

Q. Was it not \$30,000? A. I believe it was; I am sure.

Q. And they wanted the privilege of hanging pipes carrying compressed air along practically the whole Manhattan structure, didn't they? A. That is what we wanted.

Q. You had no doubt then about the safety of the structure, and you? A. I don't know; I did not examine it.

Q. Had any indication been made or expressed that the structure was unsafe? A. I could not tell. I did not examine it. I am not an expert.

Q. But you and your company and its engineers were perfectly satisfied that it was a feasible plan, and you were willing to pay something for that privilege, were you not? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did not Mr. Freedman and some other of your associates, and yourself, prior to that time purchase Manhattan stock? A. I don't know anything about it.

Q. Didn't you lose money on it? A. I don't know anything about it.

Q. Didn't you yourself lose money on it? A. No, sir.

Q. Were you short of the stock about January 1? A. I decline to answer.

Q. How is it that you are willing to say that you did not lose money on the stock and you are not willing to say that you were not short of the stock? A. I don't know what you mean.

Q. Did Mr. Gould intend to be the greatest

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