

## TAMMANY GIRDS FOR HARD FIGHT TO REGAIN HELM

Battle to Unseat La Guardia May Be Most Crucial in Hall's History.

*By United Press*  
NEW YORK, April 9.—Tammany Hall, rent by internal dissension and weakened by four lean years out of power, is striving desperately to re-establish its forces for an election campaign to unseat Mayor Fiorello La Guardia in the coming fall election, which may prove to be most crucial for Tammany in its long history.

One faction of the Hall is reported to be considering an appeal to Postmaster Farley to intervene in an effort to revivify the old regular Democratic organization here. Others are bent on deposing Tammany Leader James J. Dooling as the first step in preparing for the campaign.

Once the omnipotent force in New York City's political life, Tammany's essential district organizations have been crumbling because of lack of patronage since Mayor La Guardia was elected in 1933 on a fusion ticket backed by Republicans and anti-Tammany Democrats.

### Dooling Away From Scene

With Mr. Dooling ill and in Florida, an uneasy triumvirate seeking to reign in his place and not a single Democrat strong enough to oppose La Guardia yet in line as a candidate, some Tammany district leaders feel the only solution would be a strong intervention by Mr. Farley to merge all factions into a unified group.

Prior to the last election the national Administration—which had punished Tammany opposition to Mr. Roosevelt at Chicago by withholding patronage—permitted a few Federal jobs to go through Mr. Dooling's hands and otherwise took an interest in the conduct of the Hall.

The President piled up a record-breaking majority in New York City last November.

But with the campaign over, leaders complain, Tammany once again was left largely to its own devices and Mr. Dooling's illness left it leaderless. The triumvirate that has assumed to rule in his stead, but its strength may be judged from the fact that one member felled another with a punch to the jaw at a conference.

### Farley's Aid Sought

Some leaders believe the Hall, with the aid of Mr. Farley, can yet defeat Mayor La Guardia, although the cost of the magnitude of the task. Try as they might, Tammany investigators have been unable to find a single instance of corruption in his administration.

The executive committee of the Hall has been asked to authorize a meeting of district leaders at which a motion probably will be made to unseat Mr. Dooling, as was done with John F. Curley, his predecessor, Congressman Christopher D. Sulli-

van has strong support as a possible successor.

U. S. Senator Royal S. Copeland is one of those mentioned as a candidate for Mayor, but he is in disfavor with the White House. Grover Whalen also is being considered.

As always when Tammany needs strength badly, there are rumors that it may call on Alfred E. Smith and try to draft him as a candidate for Mayor. But few believe he would accept.

### TERRE HAUTE NUNS' PROTECTOR IS NAMED

Cardinal Fumasoni-Biondi has been named by Pope Pius as protector of the Sisters of Providence, Terre Haute, it was announced today. Cardinal Fumasoni-Biondi formerly was apostolic delegate to Washington and had visited Indianapolis and other Hoosier cities frequently.

As protector of the Sisters of Providence, who operate St. Mary-of-the-Woods school as well as other Catholic grade schools, the Cardinal will act as paternal representative of the Vatican.

Word has been received by airport officials of WPA approval of a grant for the construction of another runway. The Federal agency was asked for \$111,197. Mr. Dienhart said the amount of money approved was not specified in reports from Washington.

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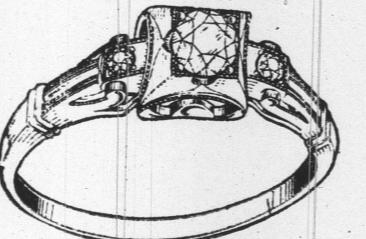
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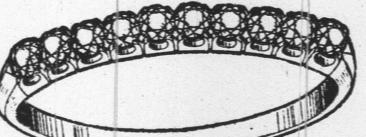
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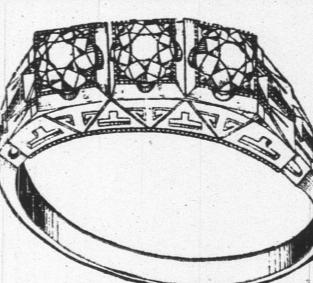
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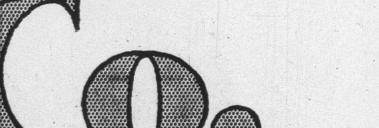


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