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Major L. C. Stark,  
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Sorry to see so good a man wander into Pendergast's stock yards and suffer himself to be branded as a vassal. Now that you have a ring in your nose and are being led about by Boss Tom, you had as well forget all of your gubernatorial aspirations four years from now. The fight on Bossism has just begun. This is the last ticket Boss Tom will ever nominate You will find that you have been tarred with the Boss's stick when you try to run for governor four years hence and it will be a leaden clog about your feet. Have heard more men express regret at your committing political suicide than a few. They all thought well of you. But since you have degenerated into a mere pawn to be moved about on the political chess board by Boss Tom, you have sacrificed the good opinion of these men who can call their soul their own. Goodbye, Major, take care of yourself.