

URGED TO HELP G.O.P. SELECT PRESIDENT

75,000 Persons of Affairs Get Invitation to Enroll for 1920 Primaries.

ROOT HEADS COMMITTEE

Party Lines Ignored in Trying to Arouse Citizens to Importance of Acting.

Edna Root heads a committee of prominent members of the Republican party which has issued a most unusual address with the object of increasing the G. O. P. enrollment. In previous years appeals for registration in order that a person might be in a position to vote have been common, but never before have men of such prominence called attention to the fact that a person must register in order to vote in the primaries.

It is acknowledged frankly that the address is intended as much to spur the thoughts of Democrats, who may have in mind changing their party affiliations, as it is to remind present members of the Republican party that they should register and enroll for the coming Presidential primaries and the fall primaries for the selection of party candidates for Governor and United States Senator.

The self-constituted committee, which is financing the movement privately, consists of former Senator Root, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, James R. Sheffield, former president of the National Republican Club; Job E. Hedges, Charles D. Hilles, former chairman of the Republican National Committee; Lieut.-Col. Theodore Roosevelt, former United States Senator; Chauncey M. Depew, William D. Guthrie, Ogden L. Mills, treasurer of the Republican County Committee, and Henry W. Taft, brother of former President Taft. Many of the signers of the letter are close personal friends of United States Senator James W. Wadsworth, Jr., and there were those last night who expressed the belief that possibly one of the thoughts back of the communication was of the fight that will undoubtedly be made on Senator Wadsworth for renomination next September. It was said that the letter was being sent to some 75,000 persons who are on the membership lists of such business organizations as the Merchants Association and of various clubs and civic associations. No attempt was being made to segregate the Republicans from the Democrats on these lists. It was stated, indeed, it was believed that many Democrats would undoubtedly be glad to have their attention called to

the opportunity to share in making the Republican nominations for President, for Governor and United States Senator. The address reads: "We believe that you will desire to share in the selection of a Republican candidate for President to succeed Woodrow Wilson, a Republican candidate for Senator to succeed James W. Wadsworth, Jr., a Republican candidate for Governor to succeed Alfred E. Smith.

"You can take no part in the Republican primary elections of 1920, at which your choice may be expressed, unless you register this week and at the same time enroll as a Republican.

"An enrollment blank will be given to you at the time you register. Make a cross under the Republican emblem. "We are interested in the nomination of men of courage and conviction who will represent the patriotic and order-loving history of our country, and, therefore, believing that your desires in this respect are similar to our own, we are sending this letter to emphasize to men and women voters the fact that unless they enroll this week opportunity to vote at the primaries of 1920 will be lost."

G. O. P. SWEEP IN CONNECTICUT

Only 3 out of 58 Towns and Cities Vote for License. Special Dispatch to The Sun. HARTFORD, Oct. 6.—The Republican party has made a clean sweep in the town elections to-day in eastern Connecticut, forty-one out of forty-five towns east of the Connecticut River having been carried by the Republicans. The soldier vote amounted to practically nothing, but most of it went to the Republicans. Only three towns out of 168 towns and cities voted for license. A very small vote was polled. The number of women voting for school officers was the smallest in many years.

O'MALLEY QUARTERS OPENED.

W. M. K. Oleott Heads Candidate's Campaign Committee. Headquarters for James O'Malley, Republican candidate for Surrogate, were opened yesterday in Rooms 401 to 403 in the Hotel McAlpin. W. M. K. Oleott is chairman of the campaign committee and Henry W. Goddard of 52 Wall street is treasurer. Other members of the committee include: Charles B. Hughes, George W. Wickersham, Charles S. Whitman, Frederick C. Tanner, Henry W. Taft, Herbert Parsons, Nicholas Murray Butler, Adolph Lewinohn, Helen Varick Boswell and Mrs. Gordon Knox Bell. Louis W. Fehr is campaign manager.

Hearst Buys Washington Chairs.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 6.—Five mahogany chairs used by George Washington when this city was the national capital were sold at auction here to-day for \$1,250 each. They were bought by an agent representing William Randolph Hearst.

WOMEN SLOW TO REGISTER FIRST DAY

Early Returns Show Them Outnumbered Three and Four to One by Men.

REVERSED BY NEGROES

Few Districts Send Complete Reports—Brooklyn in the Same Condition.

New York's first day of registration for the 1919 election was conspicuous chiefly, so far as the early returns indicated, for the failure of the women voters to take advantage of their right of franchise. When the polls opened at 5 o'clock in the afternoon it was noticed that nearly everywhere men waiting to register outnumbered the women three and four to one. This condition was borne out in the first figures to reach Police Headquarters last night after the registration places had closed. The first Assembly district to return its report completely was the sixteenth of Manhattan. The report showed that the district's total registration had been 2,190. Only 479 women registered, however, as against 1,711 men.

The reports trickled into Police Headquarters with unprecedented slowness. The police said this was due almost entirely to the regulations which compelled them to count the women registrants separately, instead of treating them just like ordinary registrants or voters. At 1 o'clock this morning only five Assembly districts had made complete reports and it appeared as if the total figures for the city would not be available for many more hours, perhaps not until late to-day. In all of the districts that did report, however, it was plain to the registration clerks that the turnout of prospective voters was extraordinarily light.

Harlem's negro districts appeared to be the only place where women outnumbered the men who registered. There the women showed up early in the evening hours, and before the closing hour approached in several instances outnumbered the men two to one. Brooklyn kept close pace with Manhattan so far as the scarcity of women registrants was concerned. The first district to report there was the Thirtieth Assembly district. It showed a total of 1,191 men and only 222 women. The Twenty-second Assembly district, also Brooklyn, returns showed 2,351 men registered as against 599 women. Manhattan's Second Assembly district registered 1,270 men and only 155 women, while the Eighth district had 1,137 men and 223 women.

POSTERS PUT ON REGISTRY BOOTHS

Activities of Untermeyer Backers Cause of Complaint.

Friends of Irwin Untermeyer are affixing his campaign posters to registry booths, according to the Citizens' Union. This organization last night sent a complaint in regard to this method of campaigning for the Democratic candidate for the Supreme Court to John R. Voorhis, president of the Board of Elections. They reported that a member of the executive committee had seen Saturday night no less than five Untermeyer advertisements affixed to a registry place at Broadway and Ninety-eighth street. "The display of such advertisements at such places is clearly illegal during the days of registration or of election," the complaint reads. "Even in advance of registration and election days the affixing of such advertisements to these booths is clearly in violation of the spirit of the law."

Persons who do not register are "sponges on the good citizenship of their fellow citizens," declared Bainbridge Colby, campaign manager for Justice Joseph E. Newburger and Justice Richard H. Smith, in an appeal he issued last night. The committee of the bar, the members of the special committee of the Citizens' Union and of the committee on one hundred and fifty of the Non-Partisan Business Men's Association, which are uniting in the movement for the reelection of Justice Newburger and Justice Richard H. Smith, will meet in the Hotel Astor to-night. Bainbridge Colby, who has been selected as chairman, will announce the campaign committee of 150. Former Judge Samuel Seabury of the Court of Appeals and the following members of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court will be present. George L. Ingraham, Francis M. Scott, Edward W. Hatch and Clarence J. Shearn.

SUFFRAGISTS PLAN FINAL FUND DRIVE

Must Get 14 States to Act to Vote for Next President.

New York members of the National Woman's party have pledged their State to raise \$75,000 toward the fund the organization means to collect to push the ratification of the Federal suffrage amendment. Plans for the drive were completed yesterday at a meeting of the State executive committee at the home of Mrs. John Rogers, Jr., 102 East Thirtieth street. Miss Alice Paul, national chairman; Miss Estie Hill, Mrs. G. H. P. Belmont, State chairman; Mrs. John Winters Brannan, Mrs. Marcus M. Marks, Miss Margaret Whittemore, Mrs. Frederic Geller and Mrs. Frederick Ackerman were among those who attended. The real drive will start Thanksgiving Day and will last two weeks, but there will be a series of meetings before then, starting with one at the home of Adolph Lewinohn, 881 Fifth avenue. "We have one-half the necessary ratification," Miss Paul said. "Seventeen Legislatures have done it, and Colorado will follow suit November 17, making eighteen. But as only seven Legislatures meet during 1920, and three of those are not to be counted on for ratification, it is necessary to get fourteen States to call extra sessions if women are to be enfranchised in time to vote for President next autumn." A letter from Mrs. William Keitt of California detailed how the Japanese question loomed in the way of a special session there. California being a full suffrage State no doubt exists that it will ratify.

ARKANSAS RIOTING PLANNED BY NEGRO

Investigation Reveals Plot for Uprising Against White People.

UNION OF ARMED BLACKS

Organizer Worked on Superstition of Race—Leader of Band of 20 Is Sought.

HELENA, Ark., Oct. 6.—A statement was made to-day on the recent riots by E. M. Allen of the committee of seven, authorized by local officers and Gov. Brough to investigate the trouble, charging that the affair was an organized negro uprising, fomented by a negro who preyed on "the ignorance and superstition of a race of children for monetary gain." Mr. Allen, who was one of the leading men marked for death, after hearing confessions, examining circulars and other evidence procured by State and military officers in connection with the work of the committee, issued the following statement to explain what the committee had found to be the situation leading to the killing of five white men

and upward of a score of negroes: "The present trouble with the negroes in Phillips county is not a race riot. It is a deliberately planned insurrection of the negroes against the whites, directed by an organization known as the 'Progressive Farmers and Household Union of America,' established for the purpose of banding negroes together for the killing of white people. This union was started by Robert L. Hill, a negro, 26 years of age, of Winchester, Ark., who posed as a 'private detective doing work in this and all foreign countries.' Mr. Allen said Hill told the negroes it was necessary for all members of the union to arm themselves in preparation for the day when they should be called upon to attack their white oppressors. "Negro men were charged \$1.50 entrance fees and negro women 50 cents," the statement says. "Another form of extortion was to sell shares of \$10 each to all the negroes in a proposed building to be erected by the union at Winchester. Another scheme used by Hill to obtain money was to appoint leading negroes in each lodge as a 'private and foreign detective,' furnishing them large

nickel plated stars and a pair of nickel plated handcuffs for which they paid him \$50 each. His meeting at Winchester in August was attended and addressed by white men. "I have cross-examined and talked to at least 100 prisoners at Elaine. The stories they tell are almost identical as to the promises and representations made by Hill. He even told them that probably some of the negroes would be called upon to die before equal rights would be assured, but they must look upon themselves as crusaders and die if necessary to secure the freedom of the other members of their race." Authorities to-day continued their search for Ed Ware, alleged ring leader of a band of twenty insurgents, who is still at large. Robert L. Hill, named in confessions of prisoners as the leader of the negro organization, eluded capture in the first roundup of men wanted by civil and military officers. He is believed to have escaped to the canebrakes and a search for him is in progress by soldiers and deputies.

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