

RESULT KEPT SECRET

Outcome of D. A. R. Election to Be Announced To-day.

MRS. McLEAN SURE TO WIN

Unofficial Distribution of Ballots Brings Forth Reprimand from the President General—Tellers Unable to Complete Their Work in Time for Announcement at Night Session.

When Mrs. Donald McLean, president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, calls to order the National Congress this morning at 10 o'clock, a score or more weary-eyed tellers will face the gathering, and their chairman, Mrs. Ammon, of Pennsylvania, will announce the result of an all-night count of yesterday's ballot for the officers.

Until yesterday morning it was not expected that any opposition candidate would be put in the field by those delegates hostile to the administration, and there was general surprise when the minority of the New York delegation placed the name of Mrs. Eleanor Washington Howard, of Alexandria, Virginia, in opposition to Mrs. Donald McLean.

The nomination of Mrs. Howard and several other candidates in opposition to the administration ticket placed in the field two complete tickets of active officers, with the exception of the vice presidents general, only three additional candidates to the administration ticket for this office being placed in the field.

It is not expected, however, that either of these three women, Mrs. James Fowler, of Indiana; Mrs. Mary Wood Swift, of California; and Mrs. James L. Bottsford, of Ohio, will beat any one of the administration candidates. In fact, the only doubtful candidates on the administration ticket, judging by the canvass, are Mrs. Amos G. Draper, proposed for registrar general by Mrs. Louise B. R. Fisher and Mrs. Katherine Gerald; Mrs. L. Eakin Gadsby, proposed for historian general by Miss S. R. Hetzel, and Mrs. Helen M. Boynton, proposed for librarian general by Miss Aline Solomon.

In the case of the office of registrar general, either of the two opposition candidates to the administration is thought to have a good chance, and Miss Hetzel and Miss Solomon are considered likely candidates for the offices of historian general and librarian general, respectively.

The nomination of candidates lasted all yesterday morning, the congress adjourning at 2 o'clock for luncheon immediately after the last candidate had been placed on the tickets. The names engraved on the morning session were decidedly political in character, and excitement ran high at every moment.

Only One Contest. The only real contest, or at least the only contest over which the delegates allowed themselves to burst into a state anywhere near that of enthusiasm, was that of president general, and the nomination of the two candidates was accompanied by such clamor as might be expected at a Presidential convention of a national political party.

An unusual incident occurred during the noon recess that called forth a spirited rebuke from the president general when the congress reconvened in the afternoon. A pile of the ballots that were to be distributed by the tellers at the proper time was placed on a table in the rear of the hall, guarded by several of the young girl pages. It appeared that the pages did not know parliamentary procedure, and when the delegates started out for luncheon many of them saw the ballots and asked to be given one, a request complied with by the pages.

Evidently the impropriety of the proceedings did not occur to the delegates, who spent part of the afternoon filling out their ballots and getting them ready to drop in the ballot box. The news of the occurrence reached Mrs. McLean, and immediately upon opening the afternoon session she ordered the delegates to destroy these ballots, saying, in part, that their distribution was a reflection upon the integrity of the house.

Voting Takes Long Time. All the afternoon the voting dragged on, the official reader calling the delegates by States until the last State delegation had deposited their ballots in the big wooden box. During the afternoon a canvass of the different State delegations was made by The Washington Herald representatives, from which it would appear that Mrs. McLean's election is certain by a large majority.

With the possible exception of New York, Connecticut, and the District of Columbia, the administration ticket was voted without any great amount of spitting. There was some doubt about Vermont, but later in the day it developed that with one or two exceptions, every delegate cast her vote for Mrs. McLean. There was some division on the vote for the president general among the other larger delegations, but these were few and far between.

The lobbying of the opposition during the last few days has been one of the interesting features of the congress. The work was carried on quietly, and was done at the hotels as well as in the corridors of the Continental Hotel. It is said that the real purpose of the opposition ticket was to prevent the election of Mrs. McLean by a unanimous vote. The leaders of the opposition admitted their defeat from the very beginning, and even as late as yesterday morning there were some questions as to whether Mrs. Howard or any one else would consent to enter the contest. Finally, Mrs. Howard did so, it is said, without even the delegates of her own State—Virginia—being aware of the fact.

Strong for Mrs. Patten. Pennsylvania has a large representation in the congress, and it voted to the woman for Mrs. Alexander E. Patten for vice president general. There was some diversion, however, for the president general, it is said, but nevertheless Mrs. McLean carried the State, with the exception of a few delegates.

Maryland, which had quite a large vote in the congress, and in which State Mrs. McLean was born, also practically went solidly for her. Maine was unanimous for the administration ticket.

New York, more than 100 strong, was about equally divided in the voting. However, it is believed that Mrs. McLean had a little the best of it. On the other hand, one of the opposition from the president general's own State claimed a two-thirds vote for Mrs. Howard.

CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL D. A. R. OFFICES.

- Mrs. Donald McLean, President General; Mrs. Eleanor W. Howard, Mrs. Charlotte Emerson Main, V. P. (Org. Chap.); Mrs. J. K. Eppley, Miss Elizabeth P. Pierce, Recording Sec. General; Mrs. Catherine Barlow, Mrs. John Paul Earnest, Cor. Secretary General; Miss Virginia M. Mer, Mrs. Esther F. Noble, Chaplain General; Mrs. Joseph A. Gilliam, Mrs. Amos G. Draper, Registrar General; Mrs. Louise B. R. Fisher, Mrs. Mabel E. Swormstedt, Treasurer General; Mrs. Charles B. Brown, Mrs. J. Eakin Gadsby, Historian General; Miss S. R. Hetzel, Mrs. Henry S. Brown, Asst. Historian General; Miss Minnie P. Mickle, Mrs. Helen M. Boynton, Librarian General; Miss Aline Solomons.

FOR VICE PRESIDENTS GENERAL.

- Mrs. J. Morgan Smith, Alabama; Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, District of Columbia; Mrs. C. H. Deere, Illinois; Mrs. A. A. Kendall, Maine; Mrs. Wallace Delafield, Missouri; Mrs. Charles H. Terry, New York; Mrs. A. E. Patton, Pennsylvania; Mrs. H. S. Chamberlain, Tennessee; Mrs. B. P. Spilman, West Virginia; Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, North Carolina.

INDIVIDUAL NOMINATIONS.

- Mrs. Katherine Gerald, Registrar General; Mrs. James M. Fowler, Ind., Vice Pres. General.

Washington City delegates. The District of Columbia is said to have given Mrs. McLean a small majority.

Begin Tedious Work. After the voting, the congress adjourned until 8:30 o'clock in the evening. The majority of the delegates took dinner at the New Willard, where a room had been engaged for the tellers to carry on the tedious work of counting the ballots.

At 8 o'clock Mrs. Ammon called her assistant tellers together and opened the ballot box. The doors were locked and each teller took an oath not to reveal the result of the election to any one, it having been decided to withhold the announcement until this morning's session of the congress.

An anxious crowd of delegates and their friends hung about the doors of the sitting-room in which the tellers were engaged, hoping to receive some intimation of the result. But when it was learned that the counting would probably take all night the anxious ones dispersed. At a late hour last night the tellers were working over the ballots, and Mrs. Ammon sent out word that the counting would probably not be finished until 8 o'clock this morning.

Recess After Nominations. A recess was taken after all the candidates had been nominated. Many of the delegates remained in the building, but the great majority drove away to luncheon or walked off in groups, eagerly discussing the prospects of the different candidates. Electioneering was the main business transacted during the recess, busy delegates flying about from group to group in the search for votes for their favorite candidates for office.

The afternoon session was set for 2 o'clock, but the delegates returned to the hall earlier, as the tellers were continued until the president general arrived. Mrs. McLean was roundly applauded as she swept down the aisle, carrying an armful of flowers sent by well-wishing friends.

The president general rapped for order and announced in severe tones that she had been informed that many of the delegates had already been provided with ballots, and had marked them ready for voting.

Surprised by Action. "This is a surprising announcement," said Mrs. McLean. "I should like to know by what authority these ballots have been distributed. It is against all parliamentary procedure. No greater offense against the integrity of the house could be imagined. The chair knows of no way by which these illegal ballots can be identified, and she leaves it to the honorable women forming this convention to do at once from the tellers. I shall appoint a committee to investigate the manner in which these ballots came into the hands of the delegates this morning."

There was a round of applause, and the tellers then distributed the ballots among the delegates. The president general asked if all the delegates had been provided with the new ballots, and there was a unanimous "aye" and a great fluttering of ballots in the air.

The tellers then announced that those delegates who were forced to leave the city during the afternoon would be allowed to come forward and cast their votes at once. A score or more delegates accepted.

Voting Is Started. The chief teller exposed the ballot box to the full view of the delegates, and the president general called the attention of the house to the fact that it was empty. The box was then locked and the voting began.

Following the voting by the delegates leaving town, the officers cast their ballots, and then the alphabetical roll call of the States began. As each State was called, its delegation would sit down the main aisle and the delegate deposit her vote after the usual formalities with the credential committee. The voting began about 3:30 and continued until after 7 o'clock.

Adjournment was then taken and the ballot box turned over to the tellers, who were to meet at the New Willard and count the ballots during the night.

Excitement in the Morning. Great excitement attended the nomination of the candidates during the morning session. Speaker after speaker mounted the platform, usually with a typewritten manuscript in her hand, to sound the praises of her candidate. Little of the speeches could be heard a dozen rows back, the majority of the delegates being so excited that the presiding officer could not gain complete silence. But the delegates were ever ready to applaud the right name, and at times many of the Daughters leaped to their feet or stood upon chairs, waving their hats and handkerchiefs and cheering wildly.

Mrs. McLean was nominated for president general by Mrs. Kendall, of Maine, the same delegate who nominated her two years ago. Mrs. Kendall delivered a strong speech for her nominee, saying that although "she has been assailed by envy, malice, and spite, she has come through unscathed, and those who know her best love her best."

This was the cue for prolonged applause. Mrs. Kendall closed by saying: "I ask for my candidate, Emily Nelson Ritchie McLean, a unanimous nomination."

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LEXINGTON DAY EXERCISES.

Programme Announced for Celebration of Anniversary To-night.

At the exercises to be held by the Sons of the American Revolution in celebration of the anniversary of the battle of Lexington, this evening, at the First Congregational Church, Tenth and G streets, the following programme will be rendered:

- Call to order: Mr. William L. Marsh, President D. A. R. Presiding. Invocation: Rev. Dr. J. Nestle Steele, Rector of Trinity Church, New York. Presentation of Colors: "Star Spangled Banner" Chorus Address: Hon. Henry B. F. Macfarland, President Board of Commissioners, D. C. "Word of Bunker Hill" solo: J. Walter Humphrey Address: Hon. John Goode, Former Assistant Attorney General. "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean" Chorus Address: Mrs. Donald McLean, President D. A. R. "America" Chorus Benediction: Rev. Dr. J. J. Muir Chorus of fifty voices under direction of Percy S. Foster.

The house is reserved until 8:15 for patriotic societies invited, and will then be thrown open to the public.

PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

President Will Receive Delegates in the Afternoon. President Roosevelt will receive the delegates of the convention at the White House this afternoon, which is to be the feature of the day's programme. Mrs. McLean, president general, will assist at the reception. It is probable that more than a thousand of the Daughters will assemble at the Executive Mansion to meet the president this afternoon. The reception is scheduled to begin at 2:30 o'clock. Afterward a business session will be held at the hall.

This evening the Daughters have been invited to participate in a patriotic celebration at the Congregational Church, to be under the auspices of the Sons of the American Revolution. The celebration is in honor of the anniversary of Lexington. The congress this morning will be devoted to business details.

Offers Another Prize. "Mrs. George T. Smallwood, State vice regent-elect, gave, in the name of the District, a prize of \$5 in gold to the member of the \$10 foreign classes in the public schools who should write the best essay on 'How to Become an American Citizen.'" Mrs. Smallwood offers next year the same prize to the same class on the subject of "What Can I Do for My Adopted Country?" Our oldest and largest chapter, Mrs. Washington, gave its usual gold medal for the best essay written by a graduate of the Washington High School on a subject from the Revolutionary period, and this prize was won by a young woman.

"For the first time we have in the District a law to compel school attendance of children between the ages of eight and fourteen years, and to establish ungraded schools for truants and inconvertibles. This has resulted in bringing in about 3,000 children to the public schools. Under this law, special classes have also been established for children who are mentally defective. We also have for the first time a Juvenile Court.

Money for Playgrounds. "The United States Congress has appropriated money to buy three public playgrounds for the District children, and we like to think that the resolution in favor of such action at our fifteenth Constitutional Congress had something to do in bringing this about.

"We hope next year to report that the United States Congress has passed a child-labor law, protecting childhood from oppression. Important work concerning the Woman's Missionary Society will hold a meeting at noon to-day.

HELD FOR AUTO SPEEDING. Gerald May Accused of Driving His Machine Too Fast. Charged with having violated the automobile speed law, Gerald May, of 1215 K street northwest, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Bicycle Officer Walsh, of the Third precinct.

The young man was speeding his machine at a rate faster than allowed by law around the White Lot grounds, to mark the grave of Mr. Pierre Charles l'Enfant, whose public services are so well known. His unmarked grave is in private grounds about six miles from Washington.

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IOWANS FAVOR THIRD TERM. Representative Hall Says There is Also Some Taft Sentiment. "Seventy-five per cent of the people in Iowa are for the President for a third term," said Representative Hall, who called at the White House yesterday morning. "If the President should get out of the political arena, it would be a mighty good and interesting fight, and would be anybody's battle. But most of the people in the West believe that he will be a candidate, and so the other booms are not growing very fast. There is a good deal of Taft sentiment in Iowa, mainly, I think, because they believe in the choice of the President. Mr. Hughes is never heard of; neither is Mr. Cortelyou. If Mr. Cummins were to run for Vice President he would receive the support of the State, I am sure. Mr. Shaw by his choice of business residence to New York has put himself out of the political running in Iowa.

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Funeral services will be held on Saturday afternoon at the residence, 415 Spruce street, at 2 o'clock. The interment will be at Prospect Cemetery. Mrs. Williams leaves two daughters, Lena and Louise.

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NEGROES CHEER FORAKER. Senator's Name Evokes Enthusiasm at Colored M. E. Conference. The name of Senator Foraker was received with applause at the meeting of the Philadelphia and Washington annual conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, in Miles Memorial Church, yesterday. The Ohio Senator's name was introduced during a discussion on the part taken by the colored man in politics, J. C. Stanton, editor of the North Carolina Index, having said that the colored man should have little to do with political questions.

This article was combatted by Bishop P. S. Williams, D. D., of Georgia, president of the conference, and Rev. S. L. Carothers, of this city. An address was made by J. W. Lyons, ex-registrar of the Treasury, important work concerning the reports of committees was transacted. The Woman's Missionary Society will hold a meeting at noon to-day.

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