

REPUBLICANS BLUFFING

WELLER AND FRANCE FACTIONS ARE STILL HAMMERING AWAY AT EACH OTHER — METZEROTT, HAS OPTED FAVORED DEMOCRATIC PLANS. — METZEROTT WILL NOT ADMIT COLORED PEOPLE TO HIS THEATRE.

Hotel Rennert, Baltimore, October 26, 1921. There are no signs whatever of troubles or friction in the Democratic ranks, while the Republicans are having all sorts of troubles, not only in the City but in several of the counties. Many of their candidates were only nominated after warm and bitter primary contest, and in many instances the men who were defeated are openly accusing their successful competitors of fraud, and are either sulking or are out in the open as independent or hostile to their party tickets, either in whole or in part. Chairman Tate, of the Republican Committee, is working hard to straighten out the tangles which confront him, with indifferent success so far as can be seen. He has a lot of trouble on his hands here in Baltimore, where he is really facing a hostile City organization, by which he has been practically told to get out of the City. A majority of them, in statements last night and today, seemed inclined to believe that a strike would not actually be put into effect. Several took the attitude that a strike would be a strike against the Government and not against the railroads. Among these was William Finley, president of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway, who said: "The railroad men, if they strike, will be going against the law of the land, and the orders of the United States Railroad Labor Board, created by act of Congress. "We have no controversy with our men. We are merely obeying the mandates of the Labor Board, which, after proper hearings and due process of law, ordered wages decreased. The men now refuse to obey the orders of the Government as issued by the Labor Board."

Both parties are practically in favor of the Governor's reorganization plan, and while the Republicans through Mr. Metzertott are making a bluff as to their position in favor of increased representation, no one takes him seriously, for he has so often favored what is now the Democratic plan of two new districts, and introduced a bill to that effect two years ago at Annapolis, so he has a record on that subject. And above all, the Democratic local ticket is so vastly superior to the Republican, with its two negro candidates for the legislature that few decent citizens who have the real welfare of public affairs at heart will vote for them. Leading Republicans admit that they had difficulty in making up a ticket, and were obliged to take any sort of refuse that was presented. As a result they have about the worst ticket that was ever placed before an intelligent electorate in this State.

In Baltimore City, Mr. Gordy has met with an especially warm reception. Wherever he has gone, he has been assured of cordial support, not only by business generally, but also by politicians and party workers in all parts of the town. Mr. John J. Mahon the leader of the City organization said as he saw Mr. Gordy in the lobby at Rennert's: "He is a fine young man, just the sort of a man that makes a good candidate, and will make a careful and efficient officer and he will be easy to elect." Frank Kelly, now chief lieutenant of the re-united City organization, is also warm in his praise of Mr. Gordy, and says he will carry Baltimore by a large majority, and with ease and the best judges of such matters freely predict that the candidate for Comptroller as the head of the ticket, will receive a majority if not less than ten thousand and which may extend to twenty thousand in the City, which will show this year that it is safely back in the Democratic column once more. The Democrats now have a majority of twenty three thousand on an affiliation.

One of the most active and influential Republican leaders in the City, who is also an official of prominence said he considered the case so far as his side was concerned, practically hopeless, because of the inferiority of the personnel of their ticket. He said: "We cannot compare with the Democratic ticket. It is impossible for us to get men of the right sort to run for office. Our candidates for the several clerkships are far inferior in character and ability to their Democratic opponents. Our nominees for the legislature are notoriously inferior, in nearly every instance, to their Democratic opponents, and our whole ticket is handicapped by the fact that two of our nominees are negroes. For the first time in the history of the State, we have negroes on our hands as candidates, regularly nominated for public office, and we are asking white people to vote for them. The result of all these difficulties will probably be disastrous to our whole ticket, for thousands of white Republicans are openly refusing to vote for a ticket with negro candidates on it, labeled Republican." "While no negroes have been nominated in the counties, with few exceptions the Republican candidates are not to be compared in ability and character with their Democratic op-

ponents. The real truth we cannot persuade the sort of men who are recognized as fully qualified to become candidates to run for office, and, as a result we are in the campaign with a ticket composed of a hodge-podge of incompetents and men of indifferent character, and we are expected to make a winning fight. "Metzertott goes around the State, radiating conceit and personal bombast, and expects to win on his looks, he struts across the stage like an inflated turkey gobbler, and people laugh at him, and he thinks they are applauding, while the negroes in the audience whisper to each other that he does not admit them to his theatre in Washington, and that is the sort of a friend he is, although he wants their votes; and the white people say he wants Baltimore City to have more members of the legislature in order to make room for the new negro members in a corner by themselves. And with all these handicaps Weller expects us to win." PAUL WINCHESTER.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS DECLARE TRAINS WILL RUN DESPITE STRIKE

Chicago, Oct. 16.—Despite the insistence of union officials that the strike would paralyze the transportation system of the country, railroad officials steadfastly maintained that they would be able to operate their lines. A majority of them, in statements last night and today, seemed inclined to believe that a strike would not actually be put into effect. Several took the attitude that a strike would be a strike against the Government and not against the railroads. Among these was William Finley, president of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway, who said: "The railroad men, if they strike, will be going against the law of the land, and the orders of the United States Railroad Labor Board, created by act of Congress. "We have no controversy with our men. We are merely obeying the mandates of the Labor Board, which, after proper hearings and due process of law, ordered wages decreased. The men now refuse to obey the orders of the Government as issued by the Labor Board."

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DRY OFFICERS LAUNCH DRIVE ON HOME BREW

SEIZURE OF MALT, HOPS AND BOTTLING OUTFITS IS LATEST ORDER.

Prohibition Commissioner Roy A. Haynes has begun a country-wide drive against "home brew" and the sellers of malt, hops, bottling outfits and other materials and devices used in the making of beer. At the direction of the Commissioner, whose action in Washington doubtless will be followed by similar action in Baltimore and other cities, prohibition agents raided several distributors of beer-making appliances. Commissioner Haynes has instructed State directors and prohibition agents throughout the country to get busy and raid all establishments where malt, hops and beer-making utensils are sold. He contends that the Volstead act gives authority for such raids and confiscations. Materials and appliances valued at approximately \$25,000 were seized in Washington. John F. Kramer, the predecessor of Commissioner Haynes, did not disturb the sellers of malt and hops. He took the stand that they could not be molested, as there is nothing intoxicating in the materials themselves and they produce near-beer unless something is added to give the stuff a "kick." Commissioner Haynes, however, holds the Volstead law applies and has directed his enforcement force throughout the country to seize all beer-making materials and utensils.

THE BEST CROP ON THE FARM

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