

WORK OF HIS TERM MILLER'S PLATFORM

But Governor Gives Hearers No Hint of Candidacy at Hilles Dinner.

WAKING UP TO HYLAN

Wadsworth Says Direct Pri- maries Hinder Harmony in Congress.

LOVING CUP IS PRESENTED

Honor Guest Said to Be Only Ohioan Not Candidate for President.

Speaking almost entirely on the achievements of his administration last night at the dinner given by the National Republican Club in honor of Charles D. Hilles, national commit-
teeman and its retiring president, Gov. Nathan L. Miller closed with this declaration:

"I think you can make an appeal with confidence to the people at the polls this fall both on State and on national issues."

He failed to give 300 leaders and members of the Republican party the slightest intimation as to whether he would run for a second term. Early in the speech he spoke of the kind of platform "we are going to the people with this fall," which was taken by some as an indication of his mind.

"People Waking Up."

Referring to the Hylan administration, the Governor said: "We have done some things in the interest of this city, which seem to have been unpopular with a mass of the electorate, judging by the election last fall. But I think now the people are beginning to realize the difference between talk and accomplishment. Proper provision has been made for the development of port facilities in this great harbor. We have been told by City Hall we seek to develop the Hackensack meadows. I think they are most suitable for freight yards, much more so than Broadway."

"The work of the Transit Commission is being unfolded. At last there seems to be some action stimulated on the part of the city authorities. While there is nothing approaching real cooperation, there seems to be something in site. There are hopeful signs. If an aroused public sentiment can make itself felt, it may stimulate more action. The people need better and greater transportation facilities. And they are going to have them."

United States Senator James W. Wadsworth, Jr., declared the direct primary system of nominations was responsible in great measure for the lack of effective leadership in Congress. "That this State had gone back to the convention system of nominating United States Senators and State officials and justices he said was a step "forward, not backward."

Wadsworth Lauds Hilles.

Speaking of the unselfish loyalty and devotion to principle of Mr. Hilles, the guest of the evening, Senator Wadsworth said: "It is a time when loyalty to convictions and ideals is needed. We are not without it, but we have not too much of it."

He spoke of the development of centers of propaganda in Washington and their influence on State Legislatures and declared he had tended in recent years to a Government of minorities. "The loyalty to Republican principles

displayed by Mr. Hilles was a good kind of loyalty for Republicans the nation over to give adherence to, he said. Senator Calder, who was to have been a speaker, was detained by illness. John T. Adams, chairman of the Republican National Committee, spoke briefly. Nathaniel A. Elsborg, the club's past president, referring to Mr. Hilles, said:

"He is the only native son of Ohio so far as I know who has not been a candidate for office in this Administration. Yet he has been mentioned for more positions of eminence, from the Cabinet down, than any other man."

Loving Cup Is Presented.

James R. Sheffield presented a loving cup to Mr. Hilles, who made a grateful response. He talked about the Harding Administration and called for a united effort to maintain a Republican majority in Congress at the coming election.

Gov. Miller had attended the funeral of State Comptroller James A. Wendell at Fort Plain in the afternoon and did not reach the clubhouse until after 10 o'clock. He was heartily greeted when he came in and again when he spoke. It was the first time, he recalled, that he had had the opportunity of addressing the members of the club since he became Governor.

Miller Evades New Term.

As it was the first speech he had made to a strictly partisan audience since the Legislature went into session in January, there were hopes the Governor would give some indication that he would be willing to accept another term. His every word was watched with the greatest care, but in vain. It is hoped he may have some declaration to make at the speeches he will make this week before the Kings County Republican Committee on Wednesday and the New York County Republican Committee on Friday night.

After declaring that Mr. Hilles was the "type of whom we need more on the firing line in the Republican party," the Governor continued: "Our party's successes have been won by standing on principle and performance. The most notable accomplishments of the Republican party have been in expounding causes that at the outset were unpopular. But, believing in principle, the party has had the courage to appeal not to fleeting, but to intelligence."

"This course will continue to prevail. There may be shifts in opinion, but the Republican party will not shift its course for passing expediency."

Then the Governor started to talk about the coming State campaign. "I suppose it will be conducted on State issues," he said, "although we should not need to run away from national issues. We can approach the campaign with confidence because we can make it not on excuses for non-performance, but upon a record of promises kept."

In the last campaign the Democrats had said it would be impossible to stop the mounting costs of government without constitutional amendments. The Republicans had said they would stop it, and they had. In his first year, the Governor said, \$76,000,000 had been eliminated from the budget, causing a net saving of \$10,000,000 over the preceding year. The wailing and gnashing of teeth was so loud the Democrats had to acknowledge the reduction, but they said efficiency would be impaired and deficiencies in the appropriation would result. On the contrary, efficiency was promoted and there were no deficiencies. This year still further reductions were made.

WOMAN RUNS THIRD IN CONGRESS RACE

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., May 12.—Early unofficial returns to-night from the election to fill out the unexpired term of the late Lucien W. Parrish in Congress from the Thirteenth district showed Guinn Williams leading, with S. A. L. Morgan second. Miss Annie Webb Blanton, sister of Representative Thomas L. Blanton, was running third. Orville Bullington was far behind Miss Blanton. All candidates are Democrats except Bullington, who is running on an independent ticket.

VESSEL TO BRING FRESH FRUIT.

Increasing freight traffic between Norfolk and New York has led the Old Dominion Transportation Company to charter the steamship Tuscan from the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company, and to start her carrying cargoes of fresh fruits and vegetables to Northern markets. She is a 4,000 deadweight ton vessel and carries freight only. Passenger traffic is being handled by the Jefferson and Alliance.

BACK DRAFT HURLS FIREMEN TO STREET

Four Sent to Hospital for Burns and Injuries in 26th Street Blaze.

FUR STORE IS DAMAGED

Prompt Still Alarm Probably Averts Much More Serious Fire.

Lieut. Joseph McDonald and three firemen of Engine 1, caught by a back-draft when they forced an entrance to the blazing furrier establishment of M. Klein & Co. on the second floor of a four-story brick building at 122 West Twenty-sixth street last night, were severely burned about the face and arms.

The building is situated between two taller loft buildings and a citizen sent in a still alarm when he saw smoke issuing from one of the second story windows. The second and third floors were in flames when the firemen arrived.

Lieut. McDonald and firemen Ferdinand V. Oberst, Eugene Kerby and George T. Buchheit of Engine 1, and two firemen of Hook and Ladder 12, after making their way up the narrow stairway with a line hose, forced one of the doors of the Klein establishment and were caught in a terrific back draft that blew them down the stairs and into the street. In their descent they bowled over several other firemen who had just started up the stairs from the first floor.

McDonald and his firemen were placed in passing automobiles and taken to St. Vincent's Hospital. The two firemen of Hook and Ladder 12, who sustained only slight burns, were attended at the scene of the fire.

Another company that had been sent into the burning building meantime had extinguished the fire after it had wrecked the Klein establishment and the quarters of the B. & B. Fur Company on the third floor. The damage was estimated at \$5,000.

COX NOT IN OHIO RACE.

DAYTON, Ohio, May 13.—Former Gov. James M. Cox to-day declined the invitation of a political club to enter the race for Governor of Ohio this year.

His entrance, he said, would be "singularly ungracious to gentlemen who already had given much time to their candidacies. If one takes the work seriously, and he should, the executive task is a hard, grueling job, and I would not contemplate a return to it with any sense of happiness."

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JUDGE DISQUALIFIES SELF IN MURDER TRIAL

Commented on Accused Wife Slayer in 'Jocular Way.'

MIAMI, May 12.—Judge H. P. Branning in the Circuit Court yesterday disqualified himself as presiding Judge in the forthcoming trial of Edgar C. Frady, Chicago automobile man, who is charged with the murder of his wife in a local hotel last February.

A petition filed to-day by attorneys for Frady asked the disqualification on the grounds of bias and prejudice, alleging that when Frady applied for his release on bail the Judge remarked: "Do you think I am going to let a murderer out on bail?" Judge Branning yesterday said that he had made the statement only in a jocular way.

State Attorney Gramling said to-day he would forward the disqualifying order to Gov. Hardie at once and ask him to assign another Judge to hear the case. The date for the trial has not been set.

SEIZED IN BROADWAY FOR \$12,000 THEFT

G. M. O'Brien Had Vanished After Ridgewood Club's Funds Disappear.

George M. O'Brien, who has been absent from his home at Ridgewood, N. J., since last February, when he was indicted for the alleged theft of \$12,000 from the Ridgewood Country Club, of which he was a former president, was arrested last night by the New York police.

The arrest of O'Brien, who says he is a manufacturer, was effected by Charles E. Russell, a member of the club, who recognized the man in Broadway and followed him into a billiard

room at Forty-first street and Broadway. Mr. Russell, who served in France as a major, called a policeman and had O'Brien placed under arrest on a technical charge of the theft of \$75. He will have a hearing to-day in Jefferson Market Court, at which it is understood Joseph Kingsley, Sheriff of Hancock, N. J., will ask that he be held to await extradition.

According to J. H. Dunning, who succeeded O'Brien as president of the Jersey country club, O'Brien appropriated \$12,000 last summer or autumn. M. Dunning said he manipulated checks against the bank account of the treasurer of the club and embezzled about half of a fund of \$12,000 which had been subscribed to by members for the improvement of the house and grounds.

Mr. Dunning said he understood O'Brien had an interest in a southern mining concern which was his chief means of livelihood. He said he had two brothers, both wealthy, who had refused to render any assistance to him.

"Mr. Russell," said he, "immediately communicated with one of the brothers upon O'Brien's arrest and he said he would permit the law to take its course. Before the indictment of O'Brien the

club obtained a judgment against him and a writ of attachment for his property in West End avenue, Ridgewood, was issued. However, his wife, who had remained at home, had the judgment set aside upon proof that she owned all the property in question.

MUST PRODUCE BODY OF LILLIAN WHITE

Dead or Alive Is Order to Letchworth Home.

Supreme Court Justice Leander B. Faber in Brooklyn yesterday issued a writ of habeas corpus directing Dr. Charles S. Little, superintendent of the Letchworth Village Home for Girls, in Rockland county, and the superintendent of Bedford Reformatory, to produce in court on Tuesday, at 10 A. M., the body of Lillian White. The writ directs the body of the woman be produced "dead or alive."

Mrs. Katherine Copertino of 1468 Bergen street, Brooklyn, sister of Lillian, is the petitioner. She was represented by Mrs. Anna W. Hochfelder, a lawyer of 120 Broadway, Manhattan. The petition states that a skeleton was found recently near the grounds of the Letch-

worth Village Home which was believed to be that of Lillian White, but that after inspection the Grand Jury of Rockland county expressed grave doubt as to the identity. The petition also states that up to the present the whereabouts of the girl have not been accounted for to the satisfaction of her family.

Lillian White was originally committed to Bedford Reformatory by Magistrate Barlow in the Ninth District Magistrate's Court in 1917. In 1920 she was transferred to the Letchworth Home without the consent of either herself or her relatives. A skeleton that was found last month on Cheesecake Mountain not far from the Letchworth Home was believed to be hers.

"When the Grand Jury of Rockland county sought to ascertain the truth about the skeleton the people in charge of Letchworth Village went so far as to bring evidence indicating that the slain woman was not Lillian White," said Mrs. Hochfelder. "If that is so, let them produce Lillian White. They were responsible for her care and safety, and if they are so certain the victim of the inquiry was not the girl whose care and custody they were charged with let them come forward with Lillian White and let them show cause why she should not be restored to her sisters and brother at this time."



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