

NOT TIME FOR WOMEN TO HOLD OFFICE, SAYS JANE ADDAMS

New York, July 2.—Jane Addams of Hull House, Chicago, who arrived here from Europe today, at first declared she would not accept the candidacy for mayor of Chicago in the coming election.

Later, in the same interview, she qualified this statement considerably, and gave the impression that she might possibly be induced to accept the candidacy if sufficiently pressed.

Miss Addams' friends have been circulating a persistent call for the woman reform leader to run for mayor ever since the women of Illinois were given the vote.

Miss Addams arrived today on the liner Olympic. She has been in Europe attending the International Woman's Suffrage convention at Buda Pesth.

"The fact that my friends have mentioned me as a possible candidate for mayor of Chicago," said Miss Addams, "is a great surprise to me.

"It—it is hardly fair to expect me to answer at this time a flat question as to the possibility of my acceptance.

"It is against our principles to rush in for office-holding the moment we have the vote. I think it would be—well, unwise, for the women of Illinois to accept or seek public office until they have had a few years' experience as voters.

"At this time, I—I think I should refuse to be a candidate for any public office if requested to be so.

"Of course, it is yet a hypothetical question, but I am not sure that even if, as your question suggests, 'I should be called,' that I would not refuse the nomination."

Miss Addams paused.

"You see," she said, at last, smiling. "I don't think it time yet for the women of Illinois to seek public office."

"But if public office were thrust

upon them?" suggested the correspondent.

"Well, unless there were—circumstances—I think I should refuse."

Miss Addams expressed great surprise that the present legislature had given women the vote and right to hold office.

"It is a great victory for the cause," she said. "Its main significance lies in the fact that a state so big as Illinois, lying east of the Mississippi, should have decided in favor of equal suffrage at this time.

"But I did not expect it. I thought Wisconsin would give women the vote before Illinois did."

Miss Addams was asked if the women of Illinois would vote as women voters or as party adherents. Miss Addams said:

"We shall not, as women voters, remain segregated and vote as a woman's party, excepting on certain moral and sociological questions that only the influence of women's votes will settle rightly.

"I believe that New York is ready for woman's suffrage. I think the women of New York will get the vote within the next few years. They will do so before Massachusetts because the forces in the Bay State opposed to woman suffrage are stronger and more bitter than those of the Empire State.

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"I think your father will consent."

"Oh, did he say so, John?" cried she.

"Well—no—but then, my precious girl,

Tonight he touched me for a V."