

# MORRIS L. COOKE INDORSES HOOVER

## Former Public Works Director Calls Him Best for Republican Candidate

### MEETING AT PENN TODAY

Morris L. Cooke, director of public works during the administration of Mayor Blankenburg and a progressive with a large personal following, is out for Herbert Hoover for President on the Republican ticket.

Hoover sentiment also is growing at the University of Pennsylvania, where today at 1 o'clock the students and faculty will gather in the Houston Club to form a platform for the University of Pennsylvania Hoover Club.

Mr. Cooke's statement on Mr. Hoover is a straight-from-the-shoulder endorsement. It follows:

"I want to vote for Herbert Hoover for President next November in the Republican column and have become convinced that he is the choice of the great majority of Republicans here in Philadelphia and throughout the state.

"The very name Hoover, President, has so fired the imagination of the individual voter that the mention of his name in any company is sure to bring a quick and eager endorsement. To make the leaders of the Republican party see that they are up against another momentous decision is the political problem of the hour. Having needlessly thrown away an election in 1912 and again in 1916, they will be more apt to watch their step in 1920.

**Providential Opportunity**

"This opportunity to put a rugged, red-blooded, warm-hearted, commonsense, liberty-loving American in the White House during the four critical years just ahead of us seems well-nigh providential. Shortly after Mr. Hoover began his work for Belgium I made extended inquiries as to his history—his boyhood and young manhood, his business affiliations and ideals, his behavior when the whole world was not looking on—and I satisfied myself that in him we had a remarkable product of American parentage, American environment, American education and American idealism.

"I like his loyalty in the little everyday affairs of life—many testify to his friendliness at such times when friendliness specially counts—and I like the way in which he has met the great problems such as those of world-food administration and of American destiny. A recent remark of Mr. Hoover's, 'It grows upon me daily that the United States is the one great moral reserve in the world today,' seems to reach the very bottom of the well-springs of our national strength.

**Atmosphere Cleared**

"The mention of his name in connection with the presidency seems to have cleared the atmosphere. The effect has been like that of introducing a footrule or a yardstick in a situation where the science of mendacity had been forgotten. We are asking ourselves why, in view of his great abilities, his ardent and effective sympathies and his special training for the job, it should be so difficult to have our party leaders consider him seriously? Why the 'favorite son,' why either the stalling horse or the dark horse, why all the talk about the little fellows, if this tried and trusted administrator and man of affairs is available?

"I am a Republican by tradition, by habit and by conviction. But it will be difficult for me to remain a Republican unless my party comes out flat-footedly for progress at the forthcoming convention, both in the drafting of its platform and in the nomination of its candidate. Mr. Hoover's industrial views, as recently set forth in great fulness, seem to me sound and to provide the only possible basis on which we Americans can build an ordered industrial democracy. Every new development in industry the world over now that we require in our next President not only first-hand experience with industrial problems but a sympathetic approach, a reputation for fairness and the grit to stand on principle.

**Has All Requirements**

"All these Mr. Hoover possesses. His views as to our international responsibilities and as to the character of our participation in world affairs seem to square with the best American thought. These are, in my opinion, the two master tests for the next President. Therefore I am for Mr. Hoover, hammer and tongs. Republicans of Pennsylvania will honor themselves in standing four square for such a man until he is nominated and elected."

**MORRIS LLEWELLYN COOKE,**  
March 23, 1920.

# SOCIALISTS CALLED DISLOYAL IN BRIEF

## Ineligible for Seats in N. Y. Assembly, Declares Counsel for Committee

### WOULD UPSET GOVERNMENT

A temporary chairman and secretary are to be elected. The president is to appoint several committees, one on permanent organization and one on a platform for the club and a further meeting will be called next week, when the permanent organization will be presented for the club's approval.

At the later meetings it is proposed to have talks by prominent Hoover men both from among the faculty and from among the representative business men and politicians of Philadelphia. A straw vote of the presidential candidates will be taken to determine the students' choice.

One of the most recent men to join the movement is Dr. James T. Young, head of the department of political science in the Wharton School.

When approached yesterday by the organizers, Dr. Young gave his unqualified support to the proposed organization and promised to attend to-day's meeting if it could possibly be arranged. Among those expected to be present today are Dr. Felix E. Scheel, head of the English department; Prof. Clyde L. King, of the political science department; Dr. Earnest M. Patterson, head of the economics department; Prof. James P. Lichtenberger, of the sociology department.

### Damaged U. S. Ship Beached

London, March 24.—(By A. P.)—The American steamship Rock Island Bridge, which was damaged in collision with the steamship Iroquois off Ushant, northwestern France, has been beached near Polkerris Point, with a hole in her hull, according to advices received to-day.

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