

HOOPER FOLLOWERS ACCLAIM CANDIDACY

Philadelphia Republicans Plan to Form Local Branch Clubs for Ex-Food Chief

MANY GIVE THEIR SUPPORT

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Final plans for the organization of Hoover clubs in every section of Pennsylvania and the selection of delegates from these clubs to co-operate with the executive committee of the central Hoover Republican committee were formulated yesterday at a luncheon in the Regent Club at which members of the committee which originated the Hoover movement here were present.

While that luncheon was in progress scores of men in political and business life called at the Hoover headquarters and enrolled as members of the Hoover committee.

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and the work of the officials of the committee at the present headquarters has become so heavy that it will be necessary within the next few days to obtain new headquarters. The present temporary headquarters is too cramped for efficient operation and more adequate quarters are being sought in the same neighborhood.

As evidence of the strong support which the Hoover movement is attracting, the following names of members enrolled yesterday were made public last night: Walter I. Cooper, of Otis Elevator Co.; J. Henry Scattergood, Maurice J. Spier, assistant district attorney; Walter F. Hagar, Charles J. Rhoades, president of the Central National Bank; Louis C. Block, Albert D. Aliman, Charles F. Rankins, Frazier & Co., and Harry D. French.

Many of these men pledged active assistance in promoting the Hoover movement. For instance, Mr. Prichett sent the following letter to Mr. Bell: "I want to congratulate you on the sound basis on which you have organized the Philadelphia committee, to express my sympathy with the movement and to volunteer my services in any small way in which they may be of use to you."

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states than it would have been before Hoover's entrance into the race. Up to the present the primaries have had the effect of practically eliminating Harding and Lowden. The coming primaries may do almost as much damage to Wood as the South Dakota and Michigan primaries did to Lowden. The loss of Michigan to Johnson, or even the division of Michigan with Johnson, and the loss of Nebraska to Johnson or Foyeh would check Wood and give the Hoover supporters a breathing spell in which to get their work started.

Wood would in that case enter the Ohio and Indiana fights under a handicap, and anything might come out of the Chicago convention.

The Michigan primaries next Monday may have a decisive effect upon the nomination. If so, they do not, those in Nebraska, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois will surely do so.

McAdoo's Chances Brighter. Some politicians here say that Mr. Hoover's announcement makes certain the nomination of former Secretary McAdoo by the Democrats. This, they assert, is the only clear result of the former food director's entry into the Republican race.

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tion to have unfractured delegates and to keep control of the party as long as possible in the President's hands.

Washington, March 31.—(By A. P.)—William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, replying today to the questionnaire of Labor, the railroad brotherhood's publication, says he is not a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President and that his campaign is not financed because there is no campaign for me.

Mr. McAdoo says he is willing to join in an appeal to Congress to immediately enact legislation compelling candidates for the presidency to make sworn returns showing all moneys expended.

"I think," he wrote, "the corrupt use of money to nominate and elect candidates to office is one of the most sinister and serious menaces to democratic institutions."

Mr. McAdoo is said to be the real choice of the Democratic organization forces which will control the convention at San Francisco. With very few exceptions the party leaders feel that he is the strongest candidate the party can put up. The support of Palmer is only of the complimentary sort.

As to Mr. McAdoo's statement to Labor that he is not a candidate, it does not mean that he will not accept the nomination if it comes to him. Well-informed Democrats here understand that Mr. McAdoo is ready to accept. He has kept out of the primaries out respect to the desire of the administration.

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