

NATIONAL FIGHT
TANGLES ILLINOIS
May Be Left Without Republican Electors as Result of Thompson-Lowden Feud

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Chicago, July 17.—The fight between Mayor Thompson, of this city, and Governor Lowden for the control of the state promises to leave Illinois without any electors on the Republican national ticket this fall, unless the courts are able to compel the calling of a new state convention to choose electors.

The state convention held in May to choose electors under a law which was declared by the Illinois Supreme Court to be unconstitutional. The machinery of the party under which the fight between Thompson and Lowden is being conducted was in the hands of Thompson's friends. The old party machinery, which was revived by the court decision, is in control of the campaign. The chairman and secretary of the state committee, are Thompson men. They refuse to call the state convention together pending a rehearing of the case with regard to the primary law just pronounced unconstitutional.

The next state convention will not take place till September. In the meantime the Thompson and Lowden parties reach an understanding or unless the courts compel calling of the old state committee, Illinois is without electors.

Fight Hurts Party
This quarrel over the calling of the state committee together is part of one of the bitterest fights that ever divided the Republicans of Illinois. It is one which puts Illinois in the doubtful column so far as the governorship is concerned and which may have an effect upon the Republican national ticket. Mayor Thompson was having the best of it until the decision of the Supreme Court that the law under which he had won his victories was invalid.

The decision, rendered a fortnight ago, wiped out a solid Thompson county committee in Cook county, in which Chicago is situated, and it also put an end to a state committee in which Thompson, with ten committeemen from Chicago, and with support from down state from the friends of the Thompson candidate for United States senator, had an easy majority. It expressly restored the functions of the party committees chosen under the old law of 1910 which the primary law of 1919, just knocked out by the court, had superseded. In the old state committee the friends of Governor Lowden had a majority of at least one for thirteen of the twenty-five members signed a request to Secretary Justus L. Johnson that the committee be called together to arrange for the choice of new electors.

And it also restored a Cook county committee in which ex-Governor Dinwiddie and his friends, now co-operating with Governor Lowden, have a comfortable majority. Putting their committee back into power is important, for it gives complete authority over the election machinery in the hands of Mayor Thompson's enemies.

Changes Come Rapidly
Mayor Thompson had just beaten Governor Dinwiddie and his friends in every district in the primaries recently held.

BOOKS FOR STUDENTS OF CURRENT AFFAIRS
DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION IN GREAT BRITAIN

Its Extent Indicated by a Comparison of the Reminiscences of Lord John Russell's Daughter With the Life of Lloyd George

The extent of the political revolution that has come about in England will be impressed upon the person who reads the "Reminiscences of Lady Georgiana Russell," and then turns to "The Prime Minister, Harold Spender's Life of Lord George." The contrast between the two books is striking. The former is a life of a man who has known in British social and political life. As we wish to use her book as a foil to the life of Lloyd George, it is a life of a man who has known in British social and political life. As we wish to use her book as a foil to the life of Lloyd George, it is a life of a man who has known in British social and political life.

SOCIALISM EXPOSED
Marxism and Bolshevism Described as Enemies of Civilization

In "Socialism vs. Civilization" Boris Brasol has written a book of contemporary interest and application. For many years socialism has been a theory and not a condition. Even in Germany, where it had the largest legislative representation, it never was more than the party of protest, the "opposition." But in Russia it has now, through the way of Lenin and Trotsky, passed from the theoretical to the practical. Bolshevism is in a sense an offspring of the socialistic philosophy, possibly carried to an extreme of policy and an excess of method. The Bolshevist success on the flank of western Europe, through its successes in Poland, along the Baltic and elsewhere, and the possibility of a junction of its forces with the "red" in a sense not contemplated by the ideal of a proletarian dictatorship of the authentic socialist with those of Germany, already part socialistic.

Parodies
An amusing occupation for the frequenters of the summer hotel piazzas can be got out of Jules Castier's book of parodies of well-known English writers. It would be to read the parody on Kipling, for example, and then guess which agricultural book the author had in mind when he wrote the parody, and so on with Conrad, Wells, Galsworthy, Shaw, Stoppard, and the rest. Mr. Castier is a Frenchman, who has written the book in English, which is as good as that produced by those born to the language. He must have read widely and appreciatively or he could not have captured the spirit of the authors so well. The book will be entertaining to all who appreciate literary fooling.

League-of-Nations Tract
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Birell on Locker Lampion
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YOUTH AND POLITICS

Ben Ames Williams and Viola Roseboro' Write Interesting Novels on These Themes

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