

### N. J. LEGISLATORS PLAN COAL INQUIRY

#### Shortage and Price-Fixing to Be Discussed at Republican Caucus

#### GAS PROBE ALSO PROPOSED

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Trenton, Dec. 20.—Republican members of the new Assembly are scheduled for a caucus here tomorrow to plan the work of the session. It is expected that a conference committee will be appointed to meet with a similar body from the Senate Republicans to arrange the details of bills to be presented.

It is reported that many important matters will be taken up at this caucus, among them the move to investigate the alleged shortage of coal in the

state and whether or not there is any combination of price fixers for that commodity in New Jersey. This resolution, which was introduced by Senator Mackay, of Bergen, in the Senate last Tuesday and passed by that body, was defeated in the House mainly through the efforts of Assemblyman Rowland, who maintained that the proposed legislation was hastily drawn; that the \$10,000 authorized through it would be quickly spent with little or no result to show. He urged that the matter be left to the 1921 session.

Another matter that is likely to be put into shape for early action is the proposed probe of the quality and price of gas in New Jersey.

It is conjectured that the new Legislature will favorably consider a "winning" measure directed against Governor Edwards' power of appointments. He has already removed the Republican State Highway Commission and has ordered the Republican State Public Utilities Commission ousted. While he has given what seem to be on the surface good reasons for his actions, particularly in the case of the utilities commission, which was ousted after charges by Jersey City and a hearing before the governor, yet the Republican leaders view the executive's course as purely partisan. They believe that his next step will be directed against the State Board of Control of Institutions and Agencies, whose commissioner is Barlette G. Lewis, an immigration from New York city. Lewis' salary is \$10,000 a year.

The chance of the passage of any blue laws at the coming session is exceedingly remote, it is said. No doubt such bills will be introduced, but many of the legislators feel that the sentiment of the state is against drastic restrictive legislation along these lines, although it is fully expected that a resolution ratifying the prohibition amendment, the repeal of the Edwards beer law and a fairly rigid prohibition-enforcement act will be proposed through the incoming Legislature.

Roosevelt's Sister to Speak

Reading, Pa., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Corinne Roosevelt Robinson, sister of the late Colonel Roosevelt, will be the principal speaker at a Republican victory celebration here January 28. The party is to be preceded by a banquet with plates for 2000 persons. United States Senator Borah also is likely to be a speaker.

### WOMEN SEE CRIME AS RESULT OF WAR

#### Unemployment Aggravates Situation, but It Can Be Met, Says Mrs. Martin

#### MRS. NICHOLS AGREES

A vigilance committee, 100,000 strong, if necessary, is ready to form in this city to combat the daily and nightly outrages of bandits, according to Mrs. J. Willis Martin, of the Republican women's committee.

The Mayor has only to ask for the co-operation of the men of Philadelphia and a hundred thousand will be ready to answer the call, she said.

"First of all we have a body of volunteer police reserves as a relic of war days," said Mrs. Martin. "These men could be called upon and organized within almost an hour's notice, and if stronger forces were necessary there is the local National Guard, and after that federal troops from nearby points."

Mrs. Martin declared Philadelphia's situation was not nearly so bad as that of New York, where already 25,000 volunteers have been called upon to combat crime.

"This violence and outlaws' says

Mrs. Martin, "is an aftermath of war, aggravated in the last few months by increasing unemployment and unrest."

The speeding up of court justice as a deterrent to criminals in the present crisis was advocated by Mrs. Imogen B. Oakley.

"It is the certainty of punishment that keeps the criminal down," she said.

"Conditions have become so bad that the freedom and liberty of men and women citizens have been endangered. Many honest persons are actually afraid to go out on the city's streets after dark."

Mrs. George Woodward, of Chestnut Hill, urged the immediate abandonment of the ostentatious wearing of jewelry.

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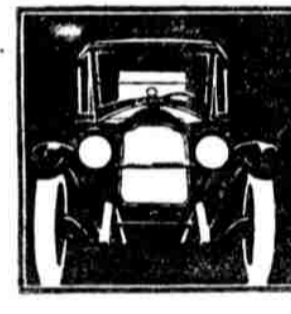
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