

LOW REGISTRATION MARKS FIRST DAY

Figure of 108,000 Far Below That of 1919, Though Women Now Vote

HEAVY IN SOME WARDS

Approximately 108,000 citizens registered in Philadelphia yesterday and qualified for the Republican primaries, according to figures gathered at an early hour this morning. These figures were tabulated with eighty divisions missing. The first day in 1919—the year Mayor Moore was elected—brought forth 170,064 men who desired to vote. The figures this year are especially disappointing because in 1919 the women did not vote. The figures gathered last night showed that the men outnumbered the women two to one in the registration wards.

Comparisons of 1921 and 1919 figures in all the wards proved a disappointment. There were about 8000 Democrats registered yesterday as compared to 10,246 on the first registration day in 1919.

Thirty-first Lowest
The lowest ward in the comparison was the Thirty-first, where only 556 registered yesterday as compared to 3181 in 1919. There were several with high comparisons.

In the Fifth Ward, where James Carey is the Penrose leader, 1323 registered yesterday as compared to 1598 in 1919. The Third Ward registered 1515 yesterday and 1882 in 1919. That is Harry J. Trainer's ward. In the Forty-sixth, a large independent ward, the registration was heavy. With eleven divisions missing the figures showed that 4837 registered as compared with 7591 in 1919. All the figures given are of Republican voters only.

There was some difficulty in obtaining figures in some of the wards because, according to the police, the registrars refused to give them the figures. It was noticeable that the difficulty arose mostly in the downtown wards, where the Vares are rulers. The only theory that the police could put forth was that the registrars had read so much about keeping the police out of politics that they thought that seeking for figures was undue interest politically.

Women Greatly Pleased
Much gratification was expressed today at the headquarters of the Republican Women of Philadelphia, 215 South Eighteenth street, at the results of yesterday's registration and the work of the women registrars, who served yesterday for the first time.

Mrs. Dobson Altman said: "We are very much gratified at the good work of the women yesterday. A large number of women turned out and registered also. We found the women to be very efficient and industrious in their work by a desire to get good results. This registration work gave them a better insight into politics than anything they have ever done."

Mrs. Altman was out touring the city until the polls closed at 10 o'clock. "I found all the men courteous," she said, "in fact, in some localities where I might have expected to find the men bit rough they were the most courteous of all."

A committee of the Voters League will confer today with officials of the Republican Women of Philadelphia at their headquarters. It is supposed the conference is to obtain support of the women for candidates endorsed by the Voters League.

The registration figures of yesterday, compared with those of 1919, follow:

Table with 4 columns: Ward, 1921, 1919, Total. Rows 1-148.

*Four divisions missing. †Two divisions missing. ‡Three divisions missing. §Eleven divisions missing. ¶Nine divisions missing. **Eighteen divisions out of 31 missing. ††Ten divisions missing. †††Five divisions missing.

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Was Double-Cross Put on Penrose?

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Independent movement would go to pieces.

But Senator Penrose did not, as anticipated, disappear from the field of action. He recovered and resumed his place in Washington.

With diminished vitality, but unimpaired mentality, he undertook to manage the greatest financial budget in the history of the world. In itself this was sufficient to demand the undivided attention of any man.

As a result, in private conversation and public utterance, Penrose related that he did not propose to become entangled in the Philadelphia fight.

Then began the pilgrimages of persons to see Penrose. He received them in his air in Washington. They presented figures of wards and districts to prove that with their manipulated tickets—some for Penrose, and possibly Moore, and a little for the Vares—there would be no serious contest this fall.

Senator Penrose listened to the voices. He was warned to beware, though, by disinterested persons. He suggested two things as his personal desires, the re-election of Samuel P. Rotan as District Attorney, and the substitution of a candidate to succeed W. Freeland Kendrick as Receiver of Taxes.

Particularly was he insistent that Kendrick be eliminated. His requests were tabulated. O. K.'d and his presumed friends bowed their way out of the presence.

The Voters League meantime had come into existence. Its leaders were also friends of Senator Penrose. They had fought under his banner in the majority election. They accepted his dictum that he was still opposed vigorously to contractor rule and in favor of civic decency and municipal progress.

But even here, in the stronghold of independent action, the combination of independent representatives. Those who were kindly disposed toward the new order, the anti-Moore element and the W. B. Hadley supporters.

Meaning the combination with Senator Edwin H. Vares at its head, was subsidizing every agency that opposed it. Senator Vares was and has been not only the regular but actual head of the Vares and Penroses.

The name of A. Lincoln Acker was suggested by Mayor Moore's friends as a candidate for City Treasurer. Mr. Acker was a Purchasing Agent in the Moore cabinet. He declined to run for one reason or another.

Mr. Acker's man, Councilman Gans broke away from the Administration and helped the Vares in a critical time. Then he thought better of it and came back. Mr. Acker is a Penrose man.

One after another candidates of the independent Voters League were approached by the combine to withdraw. Then the name of Senator Daix for City Treasurer was put forth.

President Weglein declared a few hours later that it was "a closed incident" to him. Thus the last formidable opponent to the Vares candidate for City Treasurer was withdrawn.

Had Penrose been double-crossed in the house of his friends?

The Voters League, or its loyal and unainted constituency, was shot skyward. Noting the Vares kept Kendrick for Receiver of Taxes steadily to the front.

"Flat-footedly, at last, they declared that they would back Kendrick against everybody," said Kendrick or nothing.

Then the Penrose members of the combine trotted down to Washington with the dismal news. Besides, Mr. Kendrick had been endorsed by the "American" party. It was a part of the scheme.

A whispered utterance then grew into a voice: "Let Penrose have the Sme, we'll take care of the city."

The vitriolic declaration of Senator Penrose yesterday signaled his full appreciation at last, apparently, of the situation.

The men to whom he had entrusted his Philadelphia affairs were shot skyward. They had shouted their allegiance to him from the house tops. All the time they were plotting in the cellar.

The Daix episode, the scheming to secure the withdrawal of independent candidates, were indicative, as Senator Penrose pointed out, of the desire and exit strategy which the rejuvenated contractor combine will go.

What follows is problematical. Senator Penrose has belatedly uttered a prophetic remark which, in a dictated interview he declared he would not talk until after the primaries. Having talked, is he going to act, after the primaries?

Will a new ticket be put in the field with Penrose behind it? Or will the Penrose power be put behind the Vares League ticket from top to bottom?

The triumph of the combine will mean the supremacy of contractor bossdom and the Vares. Moore leading the fight against his power.

Its triumph now will, in the final analysis, aid in the subjugation, or attempted subjugation, of the Vares. Meantime the alignment of the Penrose leaders in the city is worth watching.

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of the Philadelphia Sabbath Association, who lives at 600 East Leverington avenue. Dr. Forney, plainly showed the effect of nervousness brought on by the hostile attitude of the spectators, then appeared as a witness. This brought on another legal tilt between the Magistrate and Mr. Raymond.

"I object to this man testifying," said Raymond. "This is a clear case of arrest by the police and under such circumstances it is the law that no testimony shall be taken except from the peace officers who made the arrest."

"Let's brush aside these technicalities," said the Magistrate. "I am sure that we all want to get at the bottom of this thing. Let's get down to facts."

Finally Dr. Forney testified, saying that he made the complaint on information furnished to him.

"Hearsay," shouted Mr. Raymond, "mere hearsay. He does not even know whether there was a ball game."

"My son?" "Who is he?" "Who is he?"

This was greeted by laughter and cat-calls that gave the court officers more work to do. After another series of objections, George M. Forney, who testified that he had attended a game at Forty-eighth and Brown streets last Saturday and had paid twenty-five cents for a ticket, said he had been approached by two men who asked him for tickets for the next day's (Sunday) game. He purchased one and was accompanied both Saturday and Sunday's games.

"Well, ministers get paid during the week for the work they do on Sundays, do they?" asked Mr. Forney. "Cross-examination brought out the fact that young Forney had not been to the Sunday game and was not sure whether or not the tickets were collected."

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way of looking at things since 1749." He was interrupted by Magistrate Carson, who said:

"The City of Philadelphia will not tolerate interference with public worship on Sunday, but there has been no evidence that these boys were making any undue noise, or in any way disturbing the peaceful worship of any nearby church."

"I do not believe that the people of Philadelphia want a Continental Sunday, where everything is wide open and everything goes. On the other hand, we have no more right to restrict healthy recreation than we have to restrict worship. If this recreation is commercialized that is a different story. But there has been no evidence introduced to show that this particular game was commercialized."

Not to Halt Clean Sport
"It seems to me that the purchase of tickets on Saturday, which certainly is legal, should be more in the nature of a donation to the general purpose of the club than an admission to any particular game. On this field there is absolutely no way to determine who had or had not purchased tickets."

"I feel that I am not only stating my own opinion, but giving the feeling of the Administration when I say the City of Philadelphia does not want to interfere with healthy recreation of law-abiding citizens. The case in point here is whether or not last Sunday's game was a commercial proposition or not. There is no evidence in this case. The prisoners are discharged."

James A. Bonner, manager of the Shamahan team, is also president of the Allied Athletic Association of Pennsylvania. After the hearing, speaking on behalf of the association, he said:

"We look on this as the first step in a fight we are waging for broader ball both laws. Naturally we are pleased. We are holding a meeting tonight at the Benedict Street Club, where it has been planned to draft a constitution and by-laws and organize to handle these cases."

Mr. Buckley, after the hearing, wanted it to be made clear that his withdrawal from the case did not mean that the Sabbath Association had dropped its war on Sunday baseball.

"It merely means," he said, "that we are tired of doing the work of the Prosecutor's office. These laws are clear and it is up to the District Attorney to prosecute. It has been the custom of the Sabbath Association to go into court and do the work the city, county or State should do. In the future we will devote our efforts to endeavoring to make the District Attorney's office do its own work."

HEBRON'S MILLION GONE
James Hebron, for thirty years door-man for Delmonico's, began to amuse a fortune. It was revealed yesterday that more than \$1,000,000 that he gathered while earning \$1 a day salary had dwindled to almost nothing.

He died last Friday in Bayside at the home of one of his ten children, of whom married well-to-do persons. In 1907, according to his own admission in a court action, he began to amuse a fortune. It was revealed yesterday that more than \$1,000,000 that he gathered while earning \$1 a day salary had dwindled to almost nothing.

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Dozen Taken by Police Following Petty Robberies
As a result of police investigations into frequent petty robberies in the northeastern section of the city twelve boys, ranging in age from ten to fourteen years, were arrested last night by detectives from the Fifteenth, Twenty-fourth and Thirtieth Districts. The alleged leaders described themselves as Fritz Larson, 2678 Martha street; Ralph Smith, 2879 Ruth street; William Gilday, 3134 Arbor street, and Harry Foxley, 3312 Rorer street.

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