

SOCIALISTS OUSTED FROM N.Y. ASSEMBLY WILL FIGHT

Have Been Promised a Fund of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars—Ex-Governor Hughes Calls It a Crime and the Essence of Sovietism — The Ejected Members Had Just Been Re-elected by Their Constituents.

New York, Sept. 24.—The action of the Assembly in ousting the reelected Socialists from New York city brought forth numerous protests here yesterday not only from Socialist leaders but from men in other parties including former Justice Charles Evans Hughes and Dudley Field Malone, nominee for Governor on the Farmer-Labor party ticket.

The retaliation of the Socialist party to the action of the Assembly will be to take their case to the people again in the November elections, just as they did in the special elections which returned the five Assemblymen in the face of fusion opposition. For that purpose it was announced the Socialists will endeavor to raise a campaign fund of \$300,000, instead of \$150,000, which was their previously announced intention.

Hillquit Outlines Plans

Morris Hillquit, Socialist leader who has been retained again by the ousted Assemblymen as their chief counsel, outlined the Socialist attitude and policy as follows:

"After a perusal of the statutes I find they show no relief for the ousted Assemblymen. There is no precedent apparently on which the Socialist party can act. Therefore we contemplate no legal action at present.

"The Socialist party will make special efforts to elect additional Assemblymen from New York city in the November elections. These men will refuse to take their seats in the Assembly until such time as the latter fully surrenders to the principles of constitutional democracy.

"We were quite prepared for the action of the Assembly, and will go right ahead. The three ousted Assemblymen have also been nominated for the same offices in the coming general elections. They will, of course not withdraw, but on the contrary the Socialist party will wage its campaign even more vigorously than it would have had they been seated.

"The Socialist party is determined to force the New York Assembly to purge itself from the stain of lawlessness and to recognize the fundamental principles of representative government.

"The course pursued by the ousted Assemblymen probably will be ad-

hered to as a permanent party policy. We shall renominate the ousted men year after year, and we have no doubt they will be returned with increased majorities each time. Repeated expulsion of the Socialist Assemblymen has not weakened the Socialist party, but has tremendously weakened its opponents. The Socialists can only gain from the errors and outrages committed by their political opponents."

Calls It Sovietism

Justice Hughes characterized the action of the Assembly as "the essence of Sovietism," and declared that the expelling did not reflect the sentiment of the people of the State.

"The ousting of the Socialist members of the Assembly is an act of incredible folly, and is a flagrant disregard of the fundamental principles of American institutions," he said. "I am absolutely opposed to Socialism, and it is because I want to see our institutions preserved that I think this action, which is of the essence of Sovietism, should be denounced.

"It is the more flagrant because these members of the Assembly had just been reelected in accordance with our laws and at a fair election, and because so far as provisions of the constitution of the Socialist party gave any pretext for the previous ouster, these had been removed. The statement of Assemblyman Martin, chairman of the judiciary committee, puts the matter very clearly. He says:

"There was no charge against any of them personally as individuals. No personal guilt was charged against them. Since then their organization has complied with our Constitution and our laws. We have no right to exclude them.

"So far as Republicans voted to oust the Republican members they acted in direct violation of their party platform. It is fatuous to suppose that procedure of this sort is a protection against Socialism. It has just the opposite effect. The one consoling feature of the matter is that we may be assured that this ouster does not reflect the sentiment of the people of the State, but is merely the action of a few exercising temporary power which has been sadly abused."

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ed personally he would say that his chief handicap lay in the fact that he was not sufficiently well known throughout the county. His friends would have to remedy that.

Temperance Alliance

W. G. Clark representing the New Brunswick Temperance Alliance addressed the convention saying that he wished to make an explanation. It was desired that candidates state whether they would favor a referendum on the question of the importation of liquor. The question was a most live one. The legislature at the last session had defeated 20 to 18 a resolution on that question. The Nova Scotia House had passed such a resolution and a referendum was to be held. All that was being asked was that the people should be heard. The matter was governed by a federal provision and Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan had taken action under that provision. Personally he wished to see the Foster Government returned and he did not want to see any candidates laboring under a handicap. There would be such a handicap for those who would oppose the referendum.

Contrary Opinion

A. A. Sterling said the Alliance was going too far. It actually had published a demand upon candidates. He did not approve of candidates being throttled. It was not fair that a candidate be asked to pledge himself. It was noticeable that the Alliance required no standard of moral qualifications to be met but merely that a pledge be given of the candidates' willingness to pass legislation for the Alliance. It was merely taking legislation out of the hands of the representatives of the people and placing it in the hands of the Alliance. He claimed himself as a temperate man.

Important Suggestions

Norman Hanson of Nashwaak drew attention to the fact that the Workmen's Compensation Act was defective in a certain particular. He had been so unfortunate as to have one of his employees killed. The man was a resident of Prince Edward Island and the decision of the Board had been that nothing could be paid for his death because his dependents did not live within the province. Either the act should apply to all employees or employers should not be required to pay for all of them. As far as the suggestion of Mr. Clark was concerned he would say that the Alliance if it was going to exact that pledge, should go a step farther and ask for legislation which would compel every elector to vote. A fair expression of opinion was not obtained under the system which had been followed.

Left to Individuals

W. P. Lawson moved that the matter of the Temperance Alliance pledge be left to the individual candidates and not to the convention.

Mr. Sterling asked if that meant that the candidates were not bound. Mr. Lawson said that that was his intention.

The motion was carried. Resolution of Appreciation. A. A. Sterling seconded by Coun. Elwood H. Allen, moved that the con-

vention pass a resolution of appreciation of the services of Peter J. Hughes in connection with the exposing of wrong doing on the part of the old government. The motion was carried.

Mr. Hughes expressed his thanks in most feeling manner. He had been connected as either junior or senior counsel with all the investigations. It had been hard work and much of the information necessary had to be extracted from hostile witnesses or the accused men themselves. The facts had been obtained, however, and the story of the men themselves was enough to consign them to political oblivion.

Alliance Pledge Again

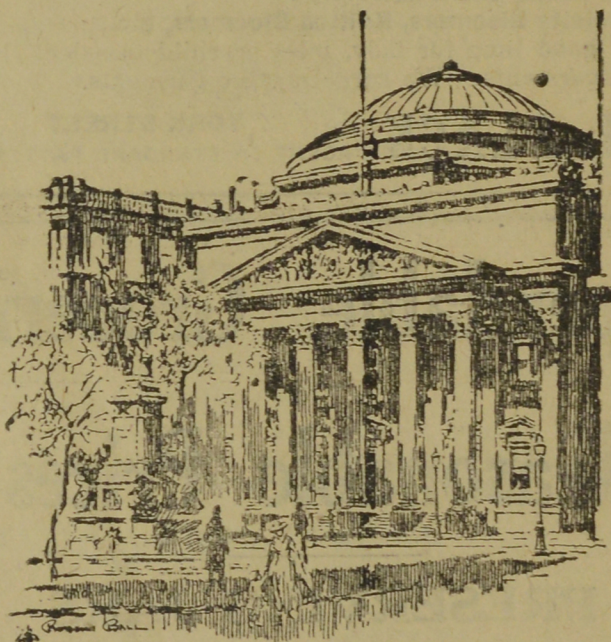
Frank J. Patterson said that he always had been a Liberal but he also

was for Prohibition. It did not prevent him from being a Liberal. He had voted the ticket in 1912 but this time he would vote for men, the men who would give the pledge of the Alliance.

More Opposition

E. C. Barry said that the business of the convention was over and the discussion had got upon subjects with which the convention was not concerned. Temperance was a very wide subject. That place was not one for discussion of such a subject. It was a most unusual procedure on the part of members of the Alliance to attend a convention and attempt to have a convention pledge its candidates to

the wishes of the Alliance. The proper procedure would be to go to the candidates personally. He claimed to be as good a temperance man as some of the members of the Alliance. It was unprecedented effrontery. The candidates had not known of their nomination in advance and had not had time to consider the matter. The Liberal party always had stood for personal liberty and its defence. This was a British country and British principles should prevail.



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