

BALANCE OF POWER HELD BY WOMEN

Votes of Suffragists to Decide Los Angeles Municipal Election.

83,000 HAVE REGISTERED

Socialism, Closed Shop, and Suffragist Cause in Other States Involved in Bitter Fight to Be Settled on December 5.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Woman's power in politics just initiated in California through the adoption of the suffrage amendment to the state constitution, is expected to decide the municipal election here on December 5. Incidentally the result of this same election is expected to have consequences of National importance.

Three National questions are involved—woman suffrage, Socialism and labor union closed-shop principles. By the sudden gift of political power to the women of California they are plunged into the middle of a campaign in which, so far, Socialism and labor unionism combine to have the dominant voice and the woman vote.

It is to the vote of women that Mayor Alexander, Good Government candidate for re-election, and Job Harriman, Socialist opponent, look for the final victory, and that women mean to assert their power as indicated by a total registration of 83,000 in less than four weeks before registration ended.

Victory Would Help Party. National Socialism is the first phase involved in the election. Because the ticket now dominant represents all the principles of the National Socialist party, the local party has the financial and moral support of the whole National party and a victory for Socialism in Los Angeles would be cracking one of the hardest nuts presented to Socialism in America.

National labor unionism is involved in the second phase, because it has aligned its vote in the campaign with that of the Socialists. It means a fusion of so-called proletarian interests as in Milwaukee a year and a half ago, when the Socialist administration gained power.

Involved in the labor union phase is the long-drawn-out contest to transform Los Angeles from its old-fashioned city to a "closed shop" city. It is the first time in a struggle of many years of growing industrialization there has been an attempt to wrest control of municipal government for this purpose.

Unions Contribute to Fight. In support of this ticket it is estimated that the unions of the country have contributed \$100,000 to the election of Harriman and his ticket and of this \$100,000 alone has been contributed by the San Francisco and Northern California labor unions. Labor unionism would introduce the same reform in Los Angeles that has just been terminated in San Francisco—the election of Rolfe over McCarthy.

The third and minor phase of National interest is the attitude of the women themselves to the foregoing questions. Alexander is a progressive Republican and one of the leaders of the party responsible for the recent radical legislation of the state's fundamental law. He was a supporter of suffrage, as were all the progressives.

The Socialists have long advocated equal suffrage and in the constitutional election campaign they argued hard for it. Both sides claim credit for the victory. Both sides ask woman's support, on the ground that such was its first, most faithful and most powerful friend. It is a delicate question to present to the new women voters.

Women Fear Socialism. Into this question comes a query from half a dozen states East and West soon to pass upon equal suffrage constitutional amendments by formal adoption of support of the Socialist programme would not defeat the suffrage campaigns in these various states, so the suffragists of Los Angeles, like their sisters in other parts of the country, are anxious to vote against Socialism, that the ballot may be conferred on their sex in other states.

In its local scope the campaign involves questions of radicalism that are also watched throughout the country. Los Angeles has been making greater strides in the last few years in reforms of municipal ownership, than perhaps any American city. It has introduced a referendum and referendum and the non-partisan election system. It has long been committed to municipal ownership of public utilities by formal adoption of purchase of immediate purchase, and its great municipal project was bringing water from the Sierra Nevada Mountains, in the neighborhood of Mount Whitney, 230 miles, and for which the city is bonded to the extent of \$22,000,000. This and other works are approaching completion.

Socialist Plans Well Laid. There is no dispute as to the attitude of the Socialists in the labor union and closed-shop situation. Harriman and his candidates promise immediate repeal of the anti-picketing ordinance. They promise a crusade against department stores, which they say underpay their employees, especially the women. They are preaching a gospel of better times, brotherly love and supremacy of the unions. They are likewise preaching pure socialism on the street corners at a score of meetings every night, and once a week from four to six thousand persons pack the auditorium to hear their candidates.

They seem to have unlimited financial support and have thousands of canvassers working all over the city, particularly among the women. This campaign has been in progress for nearly a year. It is a seemingly well-laid and well-timed coup, and to make it more effective, the opposition to Alexander, which largely represents the so-called "liberal" element, has been enrolled in the Harriman ranks. Thus, with the sincere Socialists estimated at 8000, with the labor union voters allied with them estimated at 8000, and the liberal elements at 8000, the Socialist ticket was able to cast 20,000 votes at the primary election October 21.

At the same election the good government organization was able to cast 17,000 for Mayor Alexander and his ticket. A third candidate, W. C. Musbet, received 8000. Of this a large proportion is irrevocably with the Alexander administration, and another part belongs to the liberal element, which will probably swing into the Harriman organization.

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GIRL'S CRIES DESCRIBED

Schoolteacher Sits Motionless in Court Betraying No Sign of Tears as Kansas Laborer Unfolds Story.

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MISS CHAMBERLAIN HOLLERED, 'OH! OH!'

EVERETT CLARK, BROTHER OF E. G. CLARK, THE MILLER, WHO PLEADED GUILTY.

"I WANT TO TALK TO SHADY BEND WITH A LOAD OF CORN FOR EVERETT CLARK, AUGUST 7," SAID ANDERSON.

EVERETT CLARK, WHO, WITH KINDERPARGER, WAS SENTENCED IN A JUSTICE COURT SHORTLY AFTER THE TARRING TO 90 DAYS IN JAIL FOR A PART IN IT, WAS THE FIRST WITNESS CALLED. HE IS TO BE TRIED LATER ON APPEAL.

"I'M GAME," HE SAID, 'I'LL TALK HER'.

"WHEN I GOT BACK TO BEVERLY I SAW ED RICHORD SITTING IN FRONT OF THE BARBER SHOP. I TOLD HIM ABOUT THE SCHEME TO GET MARY CHAMBERLAIN OUT."

"I WENT BACK TO SHADY BEND AND TOLD THE CLARKS THAT RICHORD WOULD GET THEIR GIRL FOR THEM. SOME OF THE BOYS IN TOWN HAD HEARD OF IT. WE GATHERED AT CLARKS' MILL. WE DECIDED TO GO IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, TO GET THE GIRL ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE RIVER. WE HAD THE TAR READY AND HELD HER UP. RICHORD JUMPED OUT OF THE BUGGY AND HID. THEN WE DID IT, THAT'S ABOUT IT."

"WERE ANY OF THESE DEFENDANTS THERE?"

"NO, THEY AND JOHN BOOSE HAD NOT BEEN THERE YET."

MISS CHAMBERLAIN, HER HAND UP TO HER FACE, LISTENED QUIETLY DURING THE AFTERNOON AS ANDERSON, UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION BY E. C. MILLIKEN, FOR THE DEFENSE, REPEATED HEARSAY TALK RELATED TO HIM BY THE CLARKS ON THE AFTERNOON BEFORE THE TARRING.

ANDERSON WAS ASKED MANY POINTED QUESTIONS AS TO STORIES REFLECTING UPON MISS CHAMBERLAIN'S CHARACTER AND ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED ABOUT TOWN.

"NO, I NEVER HEARD OF THOSE THINGS UNTIL JUST NOW," FINALLY SAID ANDERSON. ANDERSON DENIED THAT COUNTY ATTOR-

ney McCaless had intimidated him into testifying.

Girl in Court Early. An usual since the work of selecting a jury began last week, the young school teacher was at the courthouse early, accompanied by her father, mother and brother. She went walking with friends yesterday, her first appearance in public, save on journeys to and from the courthouse, since the preliminaries of the trial began.

Miss Chamberlain said upon her arrival at the courthouse today that she probably would reply late today to a telegram sent her by A. W. Elliott, an official of the Southern Rescue League, of Atlanta, Ga., offering to provide her expert legal aid without expense to her for obtaining the punishment of her assailants. She said she was amply satisfied with the present work of the prosecution.

At the close of court, with 19 talesmen examined, 12 men passed for cause and the defense each exercised one of its 15 peremptory challenges. The prospect of securing a jury by the time for adjournment tomorrow was declared to be good by both sides.

Little took place today to vary the monotonous grind of examining talesmen. On only one point—the question of whether opposition to the death penalty was ground for a challenge for cause—did counsel clash. On this, early in the proceedings, the court ruled in a qualified negative, but later a challenge on this ground was allowed.

Sex Does Not Impress. Despite the fact that the state is asking the extreme penalty for a woman, little opposition to capital punishment was developed among those examined today.

Questions put to talesmen by counsel for the state were taken to indicate the prosecution's intention to attempt to show that the killing of Patterson was premeditated and deliberate.

Special stress was laid on the talesmen's willingness to send a woman to another life if the evidence warranted.

"Do you believe that, under the law, all persons are equal, male or female, and would you be willing to impose the death penalty upon this defendant, if you find her guilty, as readily as you would upon a man?" asked Special Prosecutor Benson of each talesman.

Question is Significant. "Do you believe in the law of self defense, and do you believe a woman entitled to its protection as well as a man?" was one of the questions put to talesmen by O. N. Hilton, attorney for the defense. Significance was attached to another of his questions:

"Should it appear that this defendant believed herself at the time in danger of death or great bodily injury, even if it later appeared that she was wrong, could you bring in a verdict of acquittal on the ground of self-defense?"

The name of Emil Strauss, millionaire clothing manufacturer of Chicago, was brought into the proceedings by Special Prosecutor Benson, who included Strauss among those persons with whom he asked talesmen if they were acquainted.

Woman is Serene. Few recognized the demure, graceful figure clad in a blue tailor-made gown and the serene face, lighted by large dark eyes, as she entered the courtroom. Not until she had taken a seat behind her attorney, O. N. Hilton, with her back squared to the crowd, did the principal spectators realize that the principal figure in the story, including a romance with a Chicago millionaire, as well as the dark climax of murder, was before them.

In the course of the trial, attorneys for the defendant say there will be unfolded the story of a 16-year-old girl whose beauty attracted the attention of a Chicago millionaire, who, declaring his intention to wed her, sent her to Paris to be educated.

It will be asserted that the millionaire, finally tiring of the girl, arranged with Charles A. Patterson, a young Chicago broker, to marry her, and Mrs. Patterson will declare her husband received \$100 for so doing.

The unhappiness of her married life, marked from the very beginning with repeated attempts to force her to write money from her former admirer, will be related by the girl. Here in Denver she finally fled suit for divorce.

Against this, the state expects to show by an eye witness to the shooting that Mrs. Patterson fired the second shot as Patterson lay on the ground begging for mercy. By letters written by Patterson to his brother in Chicago, it will seek to show that Mrs. Patterson was a patient, to talk matters over with him. The two strolled down the

street together. A quarrel arose, in which Mrs. Patterson says, he attempted her life. She shot him, two bullets lodging in his body and killing him almost instantly.

Screaming that her husband had shot himself, Mrs. Patterson ran into the house in front of which the shooting had occurred. Later she admitted having fired the shots, claiming self-defense. This will be her plea.

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HANGING IS NOT OPPOSED Apparent Readiness of Venetremen to Condemn Beautiful Woman Who Slew Husband, if Found Guilty, Rather Surprising.

DENVER, Nov. 20.—Rapid progress in the selection of a jury marked the first day of the trial of Gertrude Gibson Patterson, charged with the murder of her husband, Charles A. Patterson, which was begun in the District Court before Judge Allen today.

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