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The official count will not begin until next Monday. The administration ticket, aside from Scott, carried in all but three or four minor offices.

adjourning. The Democrats are preparing to adjourn to go before the country with a catalogue of public business left undone, the principal item of which is the treaty of Versailles. Congress departs with the country in a state of war, so far as international relations are concerned.

The Republicans, nevertheless, believe they can carry the election. They are going out in the country emphasizing the arbitrary tactics of the executive as the reason for the continuance of a state of war.

PARTY SPLIT WIDENS. They will insist on nothing coming out of the lines of Republican doctrine could be accomplished with a Democratic president in possession of the veto power, and that the only reason for the election of a Republican president so that the party may be in complete and harmonious control of all branches of the government.

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Miss Alice Paul, leader of the well known Washington militants, has arrived to stir a hot broth for those who fall to answer her insistent query: "Do you want women to vote in 1920?"

Mrs. Florence Collins Porter, member of the national Republican executive committee for the Southwestern states, is here, but conventions are "old stuff" to her, she having been one of the two first women delegates in 1912.

Colonel Henry W. Anderson of Richmond, Va., is conducting a hot campaign for vice president on an impressive platform. The main plank, which he said, will create a "representative Republican party in the Southern states." He says the Virginia delegation is pledged to him.

Colonel William Cooper Procter, manager of the Wood campaign, and George S. B. Irvine of Portland, Ore., are connected with the publicity department for the general, were in conference today when a delegate was brought in to be introduced.

They are Colonel Procter, the soap manufacturer, and you are the son of Billy Sunday," remarked the delegate. Godliness and cleanliness side by side.

R. H. Todd, Porto Rican delegate, predicted today that the representatives of that island will come to the 1924 convention in an airplane.

Robert Taft, son of the former president, is here at Hooper's headquarters. He is 30 years old, and this is his first plunge into politics.

J. Ogden Mills of New York arrived today. He is slated for the resolutions committee when the convention organizes.

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