

# G. O. P. BLOCKS PLOT TO STEAL SPEAKER'S JOB

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Legislators Elect Vote to

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Unanimous action to block a Demo- cratic scheme to steal control of the Illinois house of representatives was taken yesterday by the Republican representatives-elect from Cook coun- ty. The Democrats lost control in the election two weeks ago.

Twenty-one of the 22 Republican winners were present or represented and the missing one was reported to be in full accord with the party plan. A motion was adopted which pledged the entire delegation to go into the Republican caucus Jan. 3 and support the candidates for speaker and other house officers chosen in that caucus.

House Divided 79 to 74.

The same motion expressed resent- ment of the scheme to seduce two or more Republicans to vote for a Demo- cratic candidate despite a party divi- sion of 79 Republicans to 74 Demo- crats.

At another Republican meeting later in the day the fifty ward com- constituting the Chicago city managing committee made known their intention to put up a real fight in the mayoralty election next year. They postponed discussion of specific policies in the February primary until another meeting next Monday.

The temper of the legislators-elect as they gathered at the morning meeting in the La Salle hotel was one of indignation. Some of them were inclined to doubt that an unprece- dented attempt to steal the speaker- ship would be made but they were told flatly by the better informed ones that such a proposition had been made in all seriousness.

Mutiny Called by Moore.

The result was that when they went into session they wasted little time in making their positions known. The meeting had been called by Ed- ward F. Moore, chairman of the county committee. As soon as lie had made an opening statement, Moore anounced that he would with- draw, leaving the members-elect by themselves. Protests against his leav- ing led to a unanimous request that he remain. Hle did no.

"At no time," said Moore, "have I doubted the loyalty or sincerity of the Republicans elected to the house of representatives. My only appeal to you is to let every one know-and the eyes of the state and nation are on this meeting today-that you send forth a message in unmistakable terms that you are Republicans and will remain Republicans."

Edward P. Saltiel [31st] started the brief discussion by saying there could be no need for a lot of conversation, that it would be political suicide to throw aside the gains made in the election and that every one present should pledge himself to participate in the party caucus and to vote for the caucus nominees on Jan. 4 when the new assembly convenes.

He and Elmer J. Schnackenberg [13th] then collaborated on the wording of the motion embodying the pledge and the declaration of resentment against the Democratic scheme.

Only One Member Absent.

The only man absent or - sented was Arthur T. Broche [1st]. His close friend, Peter C. Granata [17th] said that Broche would have been present and would have voted for the resolution except for a sudden illness. William J. Warfield [5th] was not in the meeting but sent word of his approval of the program directly to Chairman Moore. Mrs. Charles Krutchkoff conveyed his pledge to the meeting.

At the meeting of the city managing committee in the same hotel in the afternoon Chairman Moore told his associates that it was up to them to work out their own mayoralty program, that there would be no attempt to influence them or control them in any way.

Killed After Fall in Front

of N. York Subway Train

New York, Nov. 21.-Special.1- After his daughter vainly tried to an approaching southbound Interborough subway train at 18th street and 4th avenue today, Charles Abhatt, 84 years old, of Stratford, Conn., who had fallen from the station platform to the tracks, was struck and killed.

Cook County Republican Repre3 Elect

(Story in adjoining column.)

Republican state representatives elect who met in the La Salle hotel yesterday to block Democratic scheme to steal control of the house. Twenty of the 22 Republican winners were present and pledged themselves to go into, the Republican caucus and support the candidate for speaker. Another, William P. Warfield (5th), sent word he was in accord with the unanimous motion. The only man absent or

unrepresented was Arthur T. Broche (1st). Those present were: James J. Adduci (2d), Edward P. Saltiel (31st), Robert M. Woodward (29th), Edward F. Moore, county chairman, who called the meeting; Bernice T. Van Der Vries (7th), William G. Thon (23d), David I. Swanson (11th), and Elmer J. Schnackenberg (13th). Elroy C. Sandquist (25th), A. Andrew Torrence (3d), Drennan J. Slater (6th), Stanley E. Martynowski (27th), Michael A. Ruddy (4th), Robert Petrone (21st), William S. Finucane (9th), Peter C. Granata (17th), Arnold Lund (19th), Arthur W. Sprague (7th), Charles J. Jenkins (3d), John .T. Pelka (15th), Ernest A. Greene (1st).

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