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NEW YORK RUMORS

Unexpected May Happen in Republican Nominating Convention

MOST TALKED ABOUT WOMAN

Bible Text For Street Car Passengers — Volcano Experts Foretell Big Eruption, and Many Other Interesting Facts Around the Metropolis.

NEW YORK, June 13.—On the eve of the Republican national convention there is a strong undercurrent of feeling here that an unexpected and possibly sensational development will occur next week at Chicago. All sorts of stories are afloat the truth of which it is impossible to determine. One rumor that will not down is that the thick-and-thin advocates of Roosevelt's renomination have laid careful plans which they are prepared to spring at the psychological moment to force the President to head the party ticket once more. According to this report, which is given with great detail, the President knows of this scheme and has commissioned Senator Lodge and one or two other close friends to act for him when the emergency arises, but what their instructions are nobody seems able to tell. Another story is that in spite of his refusal to consider the Vice-Presidential nomination Governor Hughes is to be forced by the influence of New York State politicians to accept second place on the ticket with Taft as the only means of preventing his renomination for Governor which the machine leaders here are anxious to forestall at any cost. There are whispers too that the unusual activity that has suddenly broken out among candidates for the Vice-Presidential nomination, a dozen or more of them have come into the field within the past few weeks is due to the unsatisfactory physical condition of Secretary Taft and the possibility that the strain of life in the White House will make another succession necessary before four years are up. The friends of the War Secretary ridicule this idea and point to the ease with which he has carried a heavy load of work for the past eight years in proof of their assertions. While it is difficult to substantiate any of the many stories that have been in circulation here since Congress adjourned the fact remains that among the delegates and politicians generally there is a feeling that some sudden explosion or startling turn of affairs is likely to change the apparently cut and dried plans of the convention, and consequently it seems likely that the attendance in Chicago will be the largest of any political gathering in the history of the country.

The most talked about woman in America is Hetty Green who recently startled New York by moving from her Hoboken flat to one of the city's most fashionable hotels. Giving dinners off gold plate, consulting a beauty specialist, and otherwise indicating an intention of casting her line in the fashionable fish-pond. This statement as to the amount of comment devoted to the lady sometimes referred to as "the female Russell Sage" is no mere guess based on the hubbub her recent actions have created. It is an estimate backed by cold figures and comes from the man who is engaged in supplying press clippings to a large number of well-known persons and who recently enrolled Mrs. Green among his clients. According to this authority Miss Alice Roosevelt was the most written up woman in the country for some time before she became Mrs. Longworth. As a steady recipient of notice in the public prints, however, he says Miss Helen Gould has held first place for a long time. Mrs. Russell Sage is

another woman who since her husband's death, has been a profitable patron for the clipping bureau. Now, however, Mrs. Green, whose given name of Mehitabel is popularly shortened to Hetty, seems to have a safe lead over all rivals. It is said that the clippings about her which the press bureau has been employed to furnish amount to twenty thousand a month which means that she must pay the tidy sum of twelve thousand dollars a year to learn what is printed concerning her.

Bible texts as a substitute for the official "spotter" and a reminder to passengers inclined to ignore the formality of handing over their tickets to the street car conductor is the novel idea that is being tried by Fredrick W. Whitridge, receiver of the Third Avenue car line in this city, one of the sections of the big Ryan-Belmont transportation system that went on the rocks of financial insolvency last winter. Mr. Whitridge has had posted prominently in all the cars over which his authority extends big signs reading in flaring letters "Thou Shalt Not Steal," with explanations that this applies to conductors who knock down fares and passengers who fail to pay. Inasmuch as it is estimated that as high as ten per cent of the passengers carried sometimes fail to yield revenue to the company for one or the other of these reasons, Mr. Whitridge's interest in spreading the influence of at least one of the Ten Commandments is likely to prove a good investment if those who read the message take it to heart. The joke of the signs, as New York sees it, is that this Third Avenue line has been repeatedly pillaged by the financial wreckers and consolidators who have had charge of its affairs at different times and the hope is frequently expressed that some of these financiers may occasionally ride in the cars and study the precept displayed there.

Among the throngs leaving for Europe on the crowded ocean liners this week was one man who is going on a remarkable and unusual journey. He is Mr. F. A. Perret, an American scientist who lives in Springfield, Mass., and whose name is much more familiar to students of physical science than it is to readers of newspapers. Mr. Perret may be described as a volcano and earthquake expert for he has devoted himself to the study of these great disturbances in the earth's interior and undoubtedly knows more about the character and habits of both than any other man in the country. Mr. Perret has discovered that it is possible to forecast the occurrence of both earthquakes and volcanic eruptions by certain astronomical computations and he is on his way to witness the eruption of Mount Etna which he foretold last year. This volcano resumed its activity a few weeks ago and the scientist says that its action will become more violent during July and August. In order to add to his information on the subject he is going to spend these two months in the observatory on the mountain close to the crater where he will miss nothing that goes on, with only two or three guards and attendants and possibly one fellow-scientist for company. Mr. Perret believes that with the careful study of volcanic phenomena it will be possible in time to prevent great disasters and loss of life from this cause.

A relic of the days of the Tweed ring scandals of forty years ago came to light the other day in going over the city's accounts. It was in an item of nearly three-quarters of a million dollars charged on the debit side of the city ledger on account of the erection of the New York county court-house, the city's unsightly monument to graft. It seems in building the court house the plunderers were not satisfied with the pickings available from the appropriation but overdraw it more than seven hundred thousand dollars. The city comptroller refused to make good the amount but the banks in which the amount was deposited deducted it from other funds of the city in its keeping and the entry was made in order to balance the city's books.

NAMES COMMISSION

To the International Road Congress at Paris

TO BE HELD OCTOBER 11

United States Will be Strongly and Officially Represented Says President Roosevelt, Logan, Waller, Page Director With Excellent Staff

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Pres. Roosevelt has directed that this Nation be strongly and officially represented at the International Road Congress to be held at Paris the week beginning October 11, and credentials have been issued naming Logan Waller Page, Director of the Office of Public Roads of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Chairman of the Commission. The other members named are Colonel Charles S. Bromwell of the United States Corps of Engineers, now serving a Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds of the District of Columbia, and Clifford Richardson of New York, an eminent chemist and one of the world's acknowledged authorities on bituminous road building materials. This coming Congress, which will be attended by distinguished delegates from every country in the

world, is regarded by highway engineers and experts as probably the most important ever summoned for the discussion of an economic question. Its need is the direct outgrowth of the advent of the automobile, for while thousands are ignorant of the fact, the soft tires of the modern motor-car are the greatest menace the hard surface thoroughfares of the world have ever been called upon to face. To understand how a pneumatic tire made of rubber could possibly injure a road surfaced with particles of crushed rock, one must have at least a faint understanding of the theories on which first Tresauget of Limoges and then MacAdam of Ayr built that class of highway. They figured that a road composed of crushed stone would not only endure the constant traffic of iron-tired vehicles the metal-bound wheels would be constantly crushing the stones and forming rock dust. That dust would, they argued, not merely sift itself into all cracks and interstices, but would fill all surface inequalities and when wet would be rolled into a smooth, impervious, water-shedding, shell-like surface.

They reasoned well, built wisely, and for over a century and a quarter the so-called macadam road did everything that the famous French and Scotch highway engineers claimed it capable of. It came to be the ideal road for suburban sections, and thousands of miles were built. France to date has spent \$660,000,000 on her incomparable system of rock surfaced National routes and the United States has followed to a degree, possessing at the present time approxi-

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THE LAST PRACTICE

Before the American Olympic Athletics Make Trip

CHAMPIONS MEET CHAMPIONS

Every Event Will Be Handicap Affair With The Champions Starting From Scratch—Will Be At Least A Dozen Western Athletes.

NEW YORK, June 13.—For the last time before their trip to London where they will battle with the world, the American Olympic athletes will be seen in action this afternoon. With few exceptions the men who competed in the try-outs at Philadelphia last Saturday, will compete in the events at the Eight Annual Games of the New York Athletic Club which will be held at the Club's summer home at Traver's island. Besides the easterners there will be at least a dozen western athletes of whom athletic supporters east of the Mississippi know only through publication of their feats.

In nearly every event champions will meet champions, but while the wide fame will battle for more honors, the lesser lights will have ample opportunity to win applause and trophies. Every event will be a handi-

cap affair with the champions starting from scratch.

On the field events the one which will probably furnish most interest will be the contest between A. K. Dearborn of New York Athletic Club who recently established a world's record at the Philadelphia try-outs, hurling the discus, and Martin Sheridan, the Irish American champion whom the former defeated when he made the new mark. These two giants will compete from scratch and allow their opponents big handicaps.

In the pole vaults, Gilbert Dray, Nelson and Cook are among those entered. Shaw, the Dartmouth college champion hurdler, will again try for a record in the 120 yard high hurdle event.

In the quarter mile, Harry Hillman of the New York A. C. will meet J. B. Taylor, the University of Pennsylvania speed marvel on terms.

James Rector of the University of Virginia and Lawson Robertson, the Irish American Athletic Club giant, who finished inches apart in the Olympic try-outs will meet in the 100 yard dash.

From the honor marks in their respective marks are:

Melvin Shepard, Fred Bellars, Ray Ewry, Harry Porter, Cook of Cornell in the broad jump. Matt McGrath John Flanagan, Halstead and Sullivan.

HEAVY RAINS FALLING

KANSAS CITY, June 13, 3:30 a. m.—Rain is falling in torrents over the whole Kaw watershed, making high water in the Kaw and lower Missouri a certainty.

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