

MRS. MCCHESNEY OFF FOR CHICAGO, FOR DEADLY SEX

Following is the first of a series of special stories by Miss Edna Ferber, creator of the famous "Emma McChesney" character. Miss Ferber brings "Emma" to the big concert as a delegate and tells of her political experience.

Chicago, June 7.—It had always been Emma McChesney's contention that one could see a good deal of scenery but very little of the world from the interior of a Pullman compartment, which party explains why, on her way from the East to the Republican national convention at Chicago, she was taking considerable enjoyment in her survey of things from the vantage point of lower right, car 51.

"Compartments," she always said, "are comfortable and private and select. But they're certainly not broadening. The traveling public is divided into three classes. Those who travel in order to get somewhere, those who travel to see things, and those who combine the two. The last have the real fun after all."

WOULD MISS TOO MUCH "What is there to traveling if you're stuck away so that the woman across the aisle can't possibly ask you to hold her baby for a minute while she goes in to get a bit of lunch?"

Don't gather from this that Mrs. McChesney was the kind of pest who calls you "dearie" in the dressing room, and under no encouragement at all, drapes herself over the back of your seat and says: "Going far?"

Not she, but she frankly found enjoyment in watching that little world on wheels as it moved past. She knew that she might have had her lunch or dinner served on a tray in drawing-room A with much more comfort, but she knew, too, that she'd be missing a lot.

CHATS WITH CONDUCTOR That line-up in the dining car corridor at meal time is the acid test of a man's any meanness in us, or any fineness in us, it comes to the top and stays there when hungry, hot and train-sick, we stand Indian file in a space 12 inches wide, awaiting the pleasure of the leasurely ones who are finishing their chicken pie and sliced tomatoes and vanilla ice cream.

The train on which she was speeding to Chicago was what is justly known as a fast train. It was very fast usually, but not today. It bore so many well-dressed, alert women and many men of common interest that the Pullman conductor, on his rounds, stopped to chat a moment with Emma. It was by no means her first trip with him. He had known her in the days when

trains were practically her home and when a simple case full of T. A. Buck's Featherloom petticoats was always to be found just next to her own traveling bag. As proof of it he still called her Mrs. McChesney, though she had added another name since those days.

"Hello, Mrs. McChesney. Well, it's been a long time since you traveled with me. He glanced at her ticket. "What are all you women going to Chicago for? I never carried such a bunch of women on my train in my life, and I've been on this run for 20 years."

Emma McChesney looked up at him and smiled. "There's a national Republican convention in Chicago," she said.

BEATIFY NO HANDICAP "What's that got to do with you?" "Nothing much; I'm merely a delegate."

Pullman conductors are a hardy race and inured to surprise. They have to be, but they're human, after all. "You mean you're going to vote? You mean you're going to sit in the Coliseum on Wabash avenue and vote to nominate a candidate for president, and—"

Speech failed him. "I believe that's the way it's done," said Emma calmly.

"Well, I'll be— Say, listen, you're too pretty a woman to mix up in politics and stuff like that, Mrs. McChesney."

"Thanks, so much, if you meant it as a compliment. But I've never heard that beauty was a handicap in politics. It seems to me it might even prove an advantage."

REAL POLITICAL COLLEGE Charley Collins, the conductor, removed his hat and carefully wiped the top of his head with his handkerchief. Then he put his handkerchief back in his hat, his hat on his head, and prepared to move on.

G. O. P. GETS BUSY ON PURIFYING OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Chicago, June 7.—The Republican party is determined that there is to be no "slush fund" handle hanging to the tail of its kite when the campaign turns into the November stretch.

A policy of \$1000 as the maximum contribution which will be accepted from any individual or organization, and a system of "decentralized collecting" by which every state is to collect its own money for the campaign without assistance from the national committee was announced here tonight by Colonel William Boyce Thompson, New York, chairman of the Republican ways and means committee, which is at work completing the details of what is termed the "purify campaign."

TO ANNOUNCE PLAN The formal announcement of this method of underwriting the coming campaign, brand new in politics, is to be made at a banquet at the Blackstone hotel Monday night at which Chairman Will H. Hays of the national committee, Colonel Thompson, Governor Goodrich of Indiana and Senator Calder of New York are to be the speakers.

More than 850 of the Republican leaders representing every state in the Union will attend and the gospel of "purity" will be drummed into them, according to the leaders, as it never has before.

"LOW BUDGET" ORDER The money talk, coming from the Washington senatorial committee, and subsequent developments, which have caused stumps in the campaigns of many

of the leading candidates is said to have brought about a "low budget" order on all proposed expenditures of the coming campaign. During the last week the presidential booms of several leading candidates have bulged and slumped like a crazy thermometer as testimony came out of Washington. The Republican leaders say this lesson has been sufficient and that they can read the handwriting on the wall.

"The report that the Republican national committee is to limit campaign expenses to \$1000 is entirely correct," said Colonel Thompson. "The reason is obvious. The method, customary with all political parties in the past, of allowing a comparatively small number of men to bear the burden of the campaign is no longer in accord with the spirit of the times."

DODGE LARGE GIFTS "A wider distribution of responsibility is demanded. We want to obviate the necessity for large single contributions, which have a tendency to carry with them in the public mind a suggestion of improper obligations to the giver, and at the suggestion of Will H. Hays, and at the authorization of the national committee, a system of decentralized collecting has been devised which will, we hope, make the financial support of the Republican party as representative as its membership."

HUGHES SHOWS UP AS SABLE HORSE

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Senator Borah to Represent Idaho on Platform Committee

Chicago, June 7.—(U. P.)—Two state delegations already have selected their leaders.

Senator Borah, in favor of an anti-trust plank, last night was chosen as Idaho's representative on the platform committee.

The Washington delegation reaffirmed its support of Senator Pendergast as a presidential candidate, expressed approval of liberal reclamation and anti-syndicalism planks.

Leaders chosen were: Thaddeus S. Lane, Spokane, chairman of the delegation; Guy E. Kelly, Tacoma, national committee man; Frank I. Serfiet, Bellingham, secretary of the delegation; N. C. Alchard, Yakima, platform; F. S. Dent, Walla Walla, permanent organization; W. F. Laube, Seattle, credentials; H. W. Macpherson, Raymond, rules.

Harding Is Accorded Warm Reception on Arrival in Chicago Chicago, June 7.—Senator Warren G. Harding, Ohio's candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, arrived here last night to take charge of his campaign. He was given a warm reception by his admirers and was busy for an hour shaking hands at his Congress hotel headquarters.

"I am here because the Republicans of Ohio in a preference vote asked me to become a candidate," he said. "Modern political methods seem to suggest the presence of candidates, particularly at the convention, for no decisive choice is manifest. This Ohio mission is not to dictate or demand, nor even attempt dramatic appeal inside or outside the convention. It is only to present an Ohio candidacy to the delegates in the belief that in their respective capacity the delegates will express party science in the platform covenant and

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\$20,261,900 for Medical Schools New York, June 7.—(I. N. S.)—Appropriations totaling \$20,261,900 for development of medical schools and general education work were announced today by the general education board of the Rockefeller foundation.

Froewater Pastor Quits Freeewater, June 7.—The Rev. Milo G. Bentley, who has been pastor of the Baptist church for two years, has resigned.

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