

EIGHTH WONDER OF WORLD WAY TICKETS CHOSEN

Barnes, Penrose & Co. "Dealers in White House Occupants," Says Charles Edward Russell—No Very Good Reason Why They Should Choose Possible Chief Executive.

BY CHAS. EDWARD RUSSELL (Copyright 1916 by N. E. A.) CHICAGO, June 7.—Here are some facts about this convention business that seem rather queer when the average American comes to look at them square in the face.

They are not the kind of things you would find in a convention report and yet they are the realities of the situation and much more important to you than the accepted version you are accustomed to read.

Either at Chicago this week or at St. Louis next week the next president of the United States is to be named.

Now nominally the choosing will be done by a convention of more than 1000 delegates sent on by the states and territories for that purpose.

As a matter of cold fact, the choosing here will be done by a group of men most of whom have no kind of authority from any part of the people to choose anything except a place for their own retirement.

In this respect this convention is not different from others before it, but the whole nation is in the habit of taking the nominal instead of the real performance of such bodies, and this time I am in favor of sticking to the real.

Who Are the Bosses

Not only will this group of unauthorized gentlemen decide who is to be the candidate, but if you study up their careers or seek interviews with them, you will be filled with wonder that fate or chance ever put into their hands the power to decide anything from an intelligent people.

Let us be perfectly fair. No doubt these are good enough men in their way and all that, but when it comes to choosing a possible chief magistrate for the greatest country on earth, you can't find any very satisfying reason why they should get the job. As for instance:

WILLIAM BARNES, JR. of New York, long known as the boss of that state, and without other claim to distinction. He carries with him the Root boom—what there is of it. But he doesn't have to pay extra baggage on it.

W. B. MCKINLEY, formerly a member of congress, denounced by men of progressive minds as one of the most extreme reactionaries in the United States. History reveals him as chiefly barren of other achievement. He holds in his hands the fragile Sherman boom.

"JIM" WATSON, of Indiana, once in congress, a prominent figure in the Muihall revelations about the National Association of Manufacturers. He and Joe Kealing own the Fairbanks boom.

MURRAY CRANE, of Massachusetts, and formerly of the United States senate, where he gained the undying name of "Pussyfoot." I regret to say that I never heard of his doing anything else there. He is a manufacturer, enormously rich, and the proprietor of the Weeks boom.

FRANK BITCHCOCK, postmaster general in the Taft administration, and without doubt an able politician. He desires the nomination of Justice Hughes. At any rate he appears here as the owner of the Hughes boom, and in spite of the denials of the poor justice's secretary, gets away with it, which is all that is required.

HEED SMOOT, of Utah, United States senator, a parliamentarian of real ability, not in charge of any boom, but consulted because he knows more than any of the rest and can see beyond the boundaries of his own county, which is indeed a gift.

BOIES PENROSE, United States senator from Pennsylvania. You could tell more about Mr. Penrose's qualifications as a statesman if he occasionally honored the senate with his presence. But as he is seen there not more than three or four times in a session and heard even when he is seen, there might be a lot of guess work about where he gets off when it comes to statesmanship. He doesn't own any boom and doesn't have to. He owns the biggest part of the Pennsylvania delegation, 76 votes, and that's better than nine-tenths of the booms. Also he is not here as one might sojourn at a health resort, and his decision, when it is made, will be based on reasons of solid advantage.

Political Exchange Besides these, Geo. W. Perkins, of course, may be brought into the real convention if it is deemed best to



HARDING PLEADS FOR PARTY UNION AND PREPAREDNESS

CHICAGO, June 7.—With a plea for party reunion, for reconsecration rather than recrimination, United States Senator Warren G. Harding, of Ohio, in his address as temporary chairman opened the Republican National convention here today. Asserting that the country was "worned afresh by a disappointing and distressing democratic administration," and was calling for republican relief the speaker, before undertaking to discuss political issues, appealed to the delegates to forget the differences which divided the party in 1912.

Referring to the administration's foreign policy in the European war Senator Harding declared that it had spoken with more rhetoric than resolution. Mexican negotiations he described as the greatest fiasco in American foreign relations. He paid tribute to Americanism of foreign birth with brief reference to the few zealots who would impugn the nation's neutrality and urged a fraternity of American republics under the Monroe doctrine. Advocating adequate national defense he charged the democratic party with having interrupted republican naval construction and he criticised the army reorganization bill. He also attacked the administration shipping bill, the effort made to extend independence to the Philippines, and made a plea for a return to the protective tariff.

"We did very well in making for harmony the last time we met," the chairman said in his appeal for harmony. "The country has regretted, let us forget—and make amends to our country. We did not divide over fundamental principles, we did not disagree over a national policy. We split over methods of party procedure and preferred personalities. Let us forget the differences, and find new inspiration and new compensation in an united endeavor to restore the country. . . ."

"Republican principles are in a vast majority in this country—when the banners of harmony are unfurled. We have witnessed the comeback of our party in various states. We have nominated Colonel Roosevelt, and the gentlemen that own the DuPont, Cummins and other booms and boombats will insist that they shall not be overlooked when things come to the Rialto.

But the above mentioned will be the chief merchants of the occasion and it is safe to say their proceedings will be highly important.

Each of them would scorn the charge that they are conducting a Political Traders' Exchange. They and their kind at all conventions have always scorned that. But anyway, they are going to decide this puzzle as here indicated; and the way they decide it will go for the nation.

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BRITISH ARMY IN MOURNING OVER LOSS OF KITCHENER

LONDON, June 7.—The British army went into mourning today for its late chief. Every officer wore a band of crepe on his left arm. Throughout the country flags were at half mast.

There was, of course, no suspension of activities having to do with the prosecution of the war and at the war office and other government departments officials continued to work out details of the scheme which Earl Kitchener formulated.

From allied and neutral countries, the dominions, colonies and dependencies came a flood of cablegrams expressing sympathy. In the dominions, including South Africa, legislatures adjourned as a mark of respect for the dead leader. The news was received in the South African assembly during discussion of the estimates. Premier Botha, who was deeply affected, made an immediate

announcement and moved adjournment while the members, Dutch and British, remained standing as a tribute to the man who won the dominion for Great Britain against the forces in which many of the legislators fought.

Newspapers and many commercial organizations have taken up the demand for immediate internment of aliens from enemy nations on the ground that the Germans have been advised from England of Earl Kitchener's departure and that such knowledge may have been responsible for the destruction of the Hampshire.

Premier Asquith temporarily has personally taken charge of the war office.

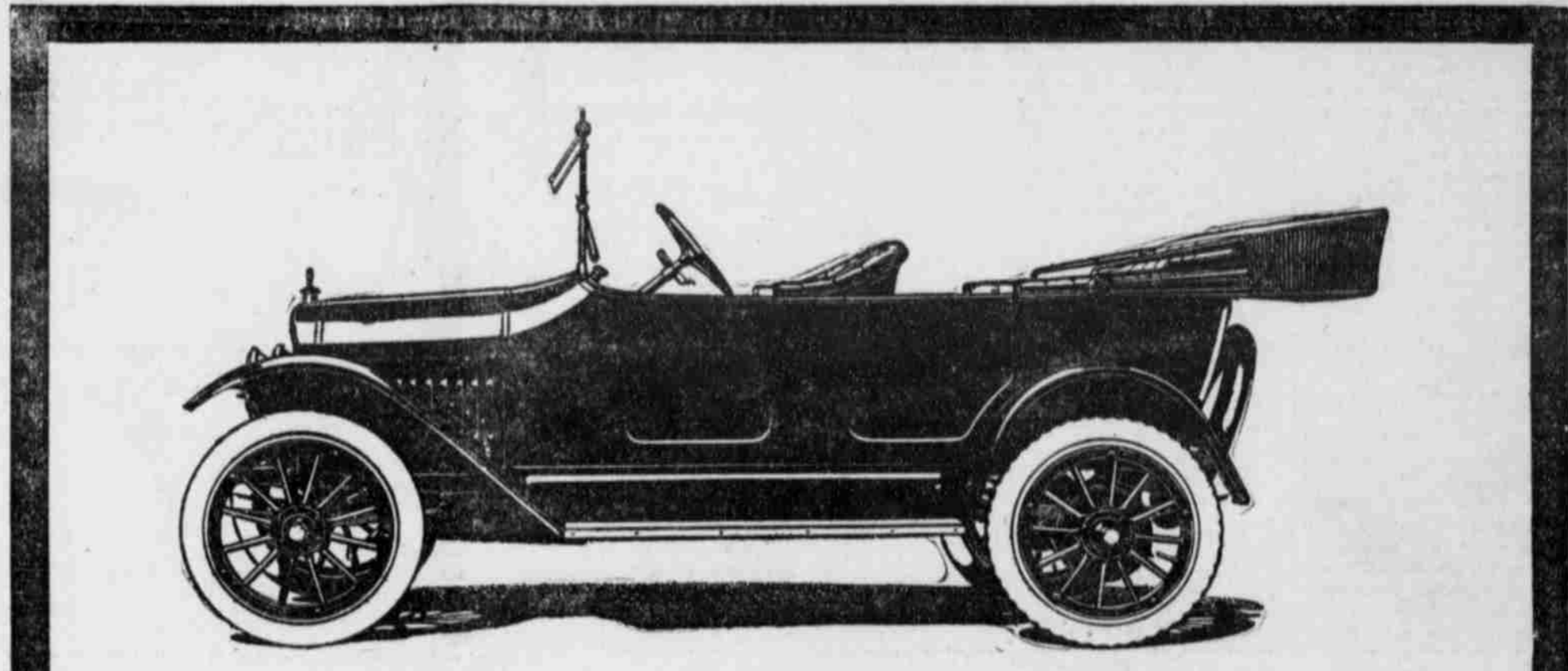
At the suggestion of the Jockey club, the Winsor race meeting which was to have been held this week, has been cancelled on account of Earl Kitchener's death.

DR. SEELY RETAINS MEDAL AT TRAP SHOOT

PORTLAND, June 7.—Abno Blair of Portland, and Frank M. Troch of Vancouver, Wash., finished first for high gun in the second day's regular 150-bird event in the thirty-second annual trap shooting tournament of the sportsmen of the northwest here Tuesday. Each broke 144 out of 150. Fifty-two entries were in the Mult-

nomial medal contest and ten of them tied for first place. In the shoot-off Dr. E. R. Seely of Medford, Ore., pres-

ent holder of the medal won it for another year. Eighty-five shooters competed today.



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