

Convention Sidelights

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New York, June 24.—A distinct feature of this Democratic national convention is the large number of stalwart Republicans who are in the city. Perhaps they are here as "unofficial observers," for that has been the Republican policy at Washington during the last three and a half years. Many of the old line members of the G. O. P., who were at Cleveland announced their intention of coming on here for the opposition row. They were firm in the belief that the real story of the coming campaign was to be written here. The Republicans have been able to formulate a few plans up to this time, but until they know who is to be the Democratic nominee they will not be able to go far.

The whole strategy of the coming fight will depend upon the Democratic standard bearer and platform. In the coming ballot both sides are going to attack, if they can, for it has become an American maxim that people vote against something rather than for something.

Among the Republicans prominent in the lobby of the Waldorf the past day or two has been William R. Willcox, who managed the campaign of Charles Evans Hughes for the presidency in 1916. More than one Democrat was heard to express the wish that Mr. Willcox was again at the helm of the G. O. P.

Another stalwart Republican "on the job" is Ormsby McHarg, sometimes of Washington, sometimes of North Dakota, and sometimes of New York City. Ormsby was a member of the Roosevelt administration also was one of four most vehement Bull-Mooseers in 1912. He is back in the fold now and says the Democrats have not a chance.

Still another hard-hitting member of the G. O. P., is Robert F. Wolfe, of Columbus, Ohio. "Bob" insists he is not in politics any more, but his friends know that he wields a veto power in the Buckeye State which must be respected.

Bob Wolfe's brother, Harry Preston Wolfe, also is here, but Harry is a Democrat. He holds to the theory that when a man is born something makes him a Democrat and he can never be anything else.

When he expounded this theory he was looking hard at George B. Christian, Jr., who was secretary to the late President Harding. George was always known as a Democrat back in Marion and there are those who say that he is peeking under the Democratic tent again today.

Peacock Alley at the Waldorf has become brick bat row. There are more knocks than boasts at this convention. In the beginning the knocks were gentle things, mere taps, but as the convention has approached and as the temperature has been rushing up toward the ninety mark, the hammers have begun to swing with a viciousness which knows no bounds. Let any man attempt to toss a bouquet in any direction and he does so at his peril. The brick bats shower down from far and near.

The New York police had their annual parade and show-off today. They wanted to get that out of their systems so they would have nothing on their hands but the Democratic convention for the remainder of the week. What with the Ku Kluxers and the anti-Ku Kluxers demanding that the issue between them be fought out on the floor of the convention, there is slight wonder that "the finest" are polishing up their night sticks and preparing for the fray.

Damon and Pythias are here, of course. Joe Tumulty, who was secretary to Woodrow Wilson, and Raymond T. Baker, who was director of the mint under the same administration. Ray is beyond all question the best dressed man at the convention, and he is prepared to run Governor Pat Neff, of Texas, a race to the finish for the pulchritude prize. Ray has his mind fixed on the United States Senate a couple of years hence. Joe is helping to line up the anti-Ku Kluxers.

Some of the convention visitors have been amazed to see the lowneck necks which still stand in front of the Waldorf. Occasionally a hansom cab also may be observed on the stand. New York is reluctant at ways to part with its old traditions.

Two of the visitors hopped into one of the open-face barouches last night and driving down Fifth Avenue, pretended they were living in an age of forty years ago. As they neared Madison Square one of them remarked that he understood a great garden was to be built there as soon as Stanford White could complete the plans. The other volunteered the information that a building to be known as the Flat Iron was in con-

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New York, June 24.—Some of the present day costume slips are much more beautiful than the costume themselves. For example, a costume slip of delicious green metal-cloth is worn beneath a very plain little frock of sheer white muslin.

New York, June 24.—The separate skirt is almost a summer necessity, since it allows of a change in blouses. The pale yellow Georgette blouse now to be had looks especially well, with the wool crepe pleated skirts in sand tones.

Paris, June 24.—This season's bride has a gown much shorter than usual so far this summer. She mitigates this shortness, however, by panels reaching below the hem on each side and by a trailing veil.

Paris, June 24.—The Olympic games have started several vogues so far. The latest lingerie, in fine white linen, has cross-stitch embroidery that portrays races, diving, and sundry other Olympic events.

London, June 24.—The latest idea in glass bracelets is to wear perhaps a dozen of these clear, slender ornaments which graduate in color from pale yellow to deep green, from crimson to faint pink, or from emerald to apple.

Paris, June 24.—More and more it is being borne in upon us that Spain is a remarkable country. Take, for instance, the way in which an evening frock is now evolved from a Spanish shawl. Clothed in it, the lady looks as though she had flung the shawl about her just after coming from her bath.

New York, June 24.—The vogue for black and white is at its best today in a street costume, of flat crepe and white Georgette. The flat crepe is really two wide panels in back and in front, forming an over dress for the fluffy white that swirls gracefully as the wearer walks. Round the hem of the black panels is a bit of white embroidery in a vine pattern.

London, June 24.—A sedate sort of plaid is a feature of the new silk temptation at the Avenue and Twenty-third street.

Still proceeding South the visitors came to an old cafe. They entered. Then something of the past came back to them. They opened a bottle of wine. Then another. They complained because the bar tender did not have the vintage of 1896. The best he could do was 1887. He assured his guests he would have some '96 labels printed at once.

In a dreamy state the two visitors returned to their hotels. The gray dawn of the morning after brought the modern realities back home to them. But the same old headache remedy of forty years ago was still to be had.

The New York taxicab drivers are all for Al. They have his picture on door glasses and windshields. They have posters with his name on them. They even have additional license tags which read "Al Smith '24." A McAdoo delegate or booster has a hard time trying to find a yellow without the Smith decorations.

The eternal feminine will out. Most of the women delegates and visitors left party squabbles behind them today and flocked to a special fashion show arranged in their honor.

E. C. Yellowley, chief of the field sleuths of the dry enforcement establishment at Washington is here, and daily mingles with the throngs in the crowded hotel lobbies. He insists he is not gunning for the flask toters, but just the same all who know him open up a wide pathway as he comes along. The dry chief casts a wicked glance, but he gets some black looks back in return.

George Brennan must have his little joke on his old political enemy William Jennings Bryan. According to lobby chatter when Mr. Brennan was told that Mr. Bryan had announced his intention to fight the two thirds rule, the sage of Illinois remarked that in that case the rule was sure to stand forever.

One Republican we almost overlooked, John Barrett, formerly of the Pan American Bureau at Washington. John appeared at the Waldorf in beautiful knickers of the four-plus model. Still he could in no way approach the sartorial splendor of Ray Baker.

hosliery. This is worn with walking shoes, not only in the country but also in town. The plaids, which are very small, confine themselves to dim blues, greens and violets, with here and there a brilliant stripe of scarlet, jade or gold.

Paris, June 24.—There is nothing like consistency. The alligator shoe, smart and trim creation that it is, now has a jeweled alligator serving as a strap across the ankle.

Paris, June 24.—The new evening slippers today are scarcely more than a sole and a series of straps, of metal cloth or brocade, they are exquisitely dainty, but so cut out and cut

up that one marvels at their staying on the foot at all.

London, June 24.—A new idea has occurred to the girl with the bobbed hair. Instead of combing her short hair straight down in boyish fashion, she now swirls it to one side. The hair wraps her head as closely as a cap, but the swirl to one side gives it never the less a feminine touch.

London, June 24.—A delightful new wrist bag shown today is of the envelope type, in alligator skin. Its tailored lines are subdued, but not spoiled, by a bright silk wrist cord and a long Chinese tassel, the latter

attached to the center of the bag.

New York, June 24.—Plaid silks in subtle shading and broken patterns are on display today in several smart shops. The plaids are large, but so broken up that they are adaptable, even to large figures, while the colors are soft and summer-like.

New York, June 24.—A little afternoon gown of dotted Swiss, worn here today, looks like a pleasant throw-back to the better Victorian styles. The skirt is rather full, the bodice plain with a rounded neck. The Swiss itself is mulberry in shade, with white dots.

New York, June 24.—Close fitting headresses for the shingled head are among the summer evening necessities. One of these is a scarf of glittering brocade which wraps round the head tightly crossing in front where it fastens with a large jewel brooch.

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One lot of 50c and 50c Voiles, all pretty patterns, for—
29c

45 in. Table Oil Cloth—white and colored, 30c grade—yard—
29c

36 in. Cotton Crepes, assorted colors, \$1.00 grade, yard—
79c

42 in. Transparent Organdies in all pretty light colors, 75c grade, yard—
59c

36 in. Check Muslin in all pretty light shades 30c value—
24c

36 in. Japanese Crepes in all shades—20c grade—
22c

40 in. Crepes for Sport Dresses — all colors — \$3.00 grades—
\$1.69

Silk Fiber Sweaters, all colors—values to \$3.98—
\$2.95

32 in. Pongee in all colors—\$1.00 grade—
79c

40 in. Crepe Back Satin in black and navy, \$3.50 grade,
\$2.65

Lingerie Cloth in plain and checks—\$4.50 box 10 yds. each—box—
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Ratines in all colors, 50c grade—yard—
39c

Children's Dimity Union Suits for girls and boys—75c grade—
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