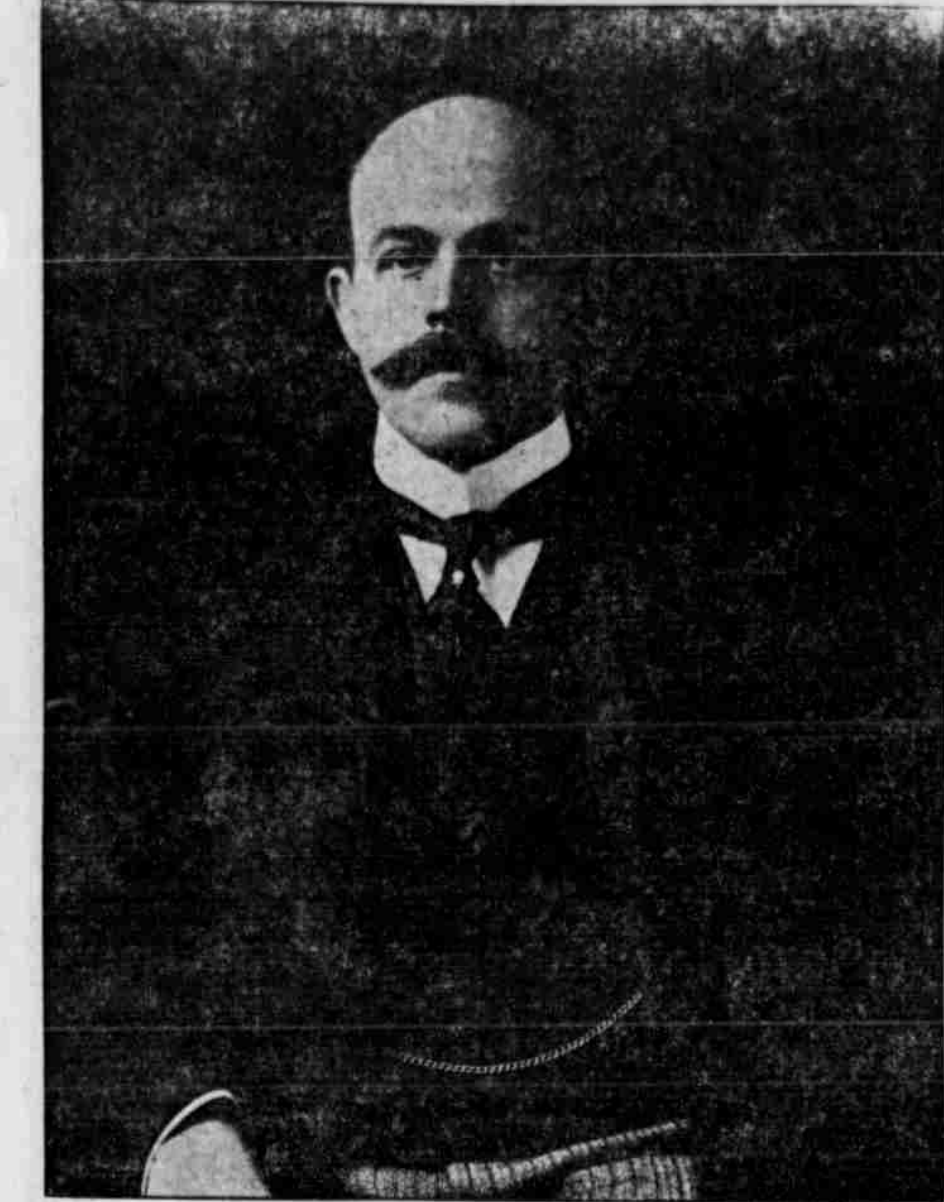


Great Preparations Being Made for Coming Wedding at White House



NICHOLAS LONGWORTH.



MISS ALICE LEE ROOSEVELT.



BLUE ROOM IN THE WHITE HOUSE WHERE THE LONGWORTH-ROOSEVELT WEDDING WILL OCCUR.

NO WEDDING since the Folsom-Cleveland nuptials in the White House nearly twenty years ago has drawn the searchlights of publicity to such a degree as the preparations for the marriage of Miss Alice Lee Roosevelt, daughter of the president, and Congressman Nicholas Longworth of Cincinnati. Interest in the wedding is nation wide, to some extent international. Consequently the press, entering vehicles of publicity, strive to satisfy public curiosity by publishing advance details of the ceremony, the bridal trousseau, the bridal gifts and the honeymoon tour. How much of this is true, how much imaginative, is hard to say. Washington correspondents admit that great secrecy is observed at the White House regarding these matters, and at the same time furnish details about the very matters regarding which "great secrecy" is observed. The difficulty of maintaining secrecy about the details of a wedding in unofficial life is well understood and is overcome in some manner. The task is tenfold greater when the White House and the president's daughter are the centers of attraction toward which countless scribers direct their energies and news-getting talent.

Cost of the Bridal Trousseau.
To show what enterprising news getters can do when stimulated by secrecy, the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Inter Ocean gives the detailed cost of Miss Roosevelt's trousseau in these figures:
One wedding gown.....\$1,000
Six dinner gowns, average \$200.....1,200
Two imported lace gowns.....400
One lace coat.....500
Six reception and afternoon gowns, average \$100.....600
Four evening wraps at \$250.....1,000
Three street dresses at \$150.....450
One driving coat.....50
One automobile coat.....100
Lingerie, towels, and handkerchiefs, average \$50.....1,200
Twenty-four embroidered muslin skirts.....600
Six embroidered muslin and linen house gowns.....500
Six nainsook and lounging gowns.....500
Four corsets at \$50.....200
Shoes.....100
Gloves.....100
Hosiery.....200
Parasol.....100
Handkerchiefs.....200
Ten street hats.....250
Six reception and afternoon gowns, average \$100.....600
Three driving hats.....100
Two evening dress hats.....200
Six rough and ready hats for outdoor sports.....150
Total.....\$11,400

Bridal Gowns and Things.
Supplementing these figures, the New York Times correspondent gives what is claimed to be first-hand information about the style and material of the bridal trousseau. The writer says:
"First, as to the wedding dress, concerning which many romantic stories have been woven. Not a particle of Oriental material enters into its composition. Miss Roosevelt has been greatly amused at the guessing to which it has given rise and laughed when a friend begged her to clear up the mystery.
"Concerning the famous court train of brocade, the facts are understood to be: It was desired to preserve some of the material of the wedding gown of Miss Roosevelt, as daughter of the president of the United States, for an heirloom. Therefore Miss Roosevelt purchased a quantity of plain white duchess satin, and this was turned over to a silk mill in Paterson, N. J., with instructions to embroider upon it the main features of the family coat-of-arms.
"The dress is of the same duchess satin, and the style is the fashionable princess. The bodice is a short, clinging, and a prettily yoke of point de Venise lace, V-shaped back and front. The lace was furnished by Miss Roosevelt. The sleeves are of satin, very short and also trimmed with lace. The court train, which is of the regulation length—four yards—is attached to the shoulders.
"The going-away dress is of almond-colored cloth, with a yoke of lace ornamented with motifs of pascuette of the same hue as the dress. The bodice, close fitting, with large plaits, rests upon a front of Irish point lace, then opens on a vest trimmed with embroidered satin and pompadour. The skirt is bell-shaped, with a high corset. The bottom is encrusted with Irish lace.
"A dinner dress of white linen elaborately covered with embroidery of white silk is a novel and beautiful feature of the trousseau. It is short, disclosing the ankles, and décolleté, with a subtle pervading transparency, the bodice simulating a bolero. There are three sources of valenciennes on the skirt and tiny flounces of the same lace form the sleeves. A sash of wide horsetail ribbon completes the costume.
"There is a striking costume so fetching that the very few feminine friends of the bride-to-be who have been favored with a peep at it describe it ecstatically as a 'dream' or an 'event.' This is a Directoire dress of fuchsia colored cloth of a vague princess effect, the chief beauty of which lies in its lines. There is an arrangement of little capes and revers of pruce velvet

embroidered in silver. The effect of the entire dress is heightened by the indispensable cravat, which is of cream colored chiffon trimmed with point de Venise. "Miss Roosevelt has a deshabille of lemon-tinted mervelleux and chiffon entirely covered with entrecuets of valenciennes, and décolleté, V-shaped, front and back. Over it reposes a cloak of superb Alencon, held on each shoulder by a butterfly of real pearls—a wedding gift. The sleeves are short and very full and are trimmed with the same entrecuets of valenciennes interlaced with bows of pompadour ribbon, which impart the prettiest effect.
"Another tea gown is of pink mervelleux and pompadour liberty gauze, flecked with silver ribbons on the skirt. A high cut, corset style, rises to meet a glimpse of malines so fine as to be almost imperceptible, and descends to a point at the waist. The sleeves are of gauze, very short, and trimmed with silver roses. An ample Watteau of lace embroidered with larger silver flowers is held at the waist by an oriental belt of gold studded with emeralds and rubies.
"Ball dresses. There are three ball dresses. One, a toilette of pink chiffon and mousseline de sole, is incrustated with medallions of pink silk and point applique hand-painted with pompadour motifs and encircled with an entrecuets of valenciennes. With it goes a sash of sky-blue silk.
"In direct contrast is a princess gown of black tulle entirely spangled with gold paillettes and inset with garlands of roses of malines lace, also spangled with gold. The skirt is trimmed with a flounce of malines lace on a transparency of sunburst pleated golden gauze. The sleeves and loops at the hem are of black chiffon velvet embroidered in gold.
"The third dress, also princess style, is of blue tulle embroidered with paillettes and large motifs of silver. It rests upon a fourreau of silver cloth that has a large fish point embellished with silver motifs, such as the hem. The sleeves are of English velvet embroidered in gold.
"Miss Roosevelt's predilection for the blouse is well known, some of her most popular portraits showing her attired in

Wedding Presents.
Miss Roosevelt probably will receive a greater number and more varied selection of wedding presents, before, on and after the day of her marriage than any other bride in the history of the country, if not of the world. Presents have begun to come in from all parts of the country. The more expensive gifts, of course, will be those that they reach the White House on the day of the wedding. Estimates have been made by friends of the young people inclined to be statistical as to the aggregate value of Miss Roosevelt's presents. Some persons predict that they will amount to \$100,000 in round numbers, while others are more conservative and place the figure at half that sum. All are agreed, however, that Miss Roosevelt will receive enough material to set her up in housekeeping and last her for the remainder of her life. What to do with these presents after the

wedding will be the serious problem for the bride to face. Their number and their value are so great and many of them are of such unusual size and shape that it is doubtful if the bride will have a room in any modern house for them, unless she wishes to turn it into a sort of museum of wedding gifts. For as the presents continue to come in it seems that, like the superb pitcher presented by Mr. Stillman, the givers have not been content with objects which they found in stock, even when they were making purchases from firms of national reputation, but have had their presents made from special designs, so that these gifts form what the connoisseurs call a "collection."
"Peaches from South Africa. Nestling in the finest of tissue excelsior, peeping forth like the first violets in spring, with the blush of the purple South African sunshine in their ruddy cheeks, some of the most delicate peaches in the world lay in a New York wholesale fruit house, receiving the homage of the commission dealers.
"This particular box of peaches came all the way from the Meerlust Fruit farm, in Groot Drakenstein, Cape Colony, to grace the wedding breakfast table of Mrs. Alice Roosevelt-Longworth.
"These peaches might be called grandchildren of California. Some years ago efforts were made to transplant California peaches to South Africa, and Cecil Rhodes, building an empire in South Africa, found time to take an interest in the venture. The shoots were set out on his farm and have done wonderfully well. Because of the fact that winter as we know it is unknown there, a new and wonderful flavor attaches to this fruit. In California peaches ripen from June to September, but in South Africa they ripen all the year round, and at no time so deliciously as when the snow is piled on northern New York and New England hills.
"Bridegroom's Best Man. Mr. Longworth's best man will be Thomas Nelson Perkins of Boston, Mass. Mr. Perkins was a classmate of Mr. Longworth at Harvard. He is a son of Mr. Ed-

ward C. Perkins of Boston, formerly of Cincinnati. The father of the best man was a classmate at Harvard of the late Judge Nicholas Longworth, father of the groom-to-be. The ushers are to be: Quincy A. Shaw of Boston, Frederick Winthrop of New York, Francis R. Bangs of Boston, Guy Norman of Boston, B. A. Wallingford of Cincinnati, Larr Anderson of Washington, D. C., Vicome Charles de Chambrun and Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.
"The Ohlson, it is understood, will give scripings to his friends, in which hearts, joined or pierced, will figure, in double significance of the wedding and the nearness of St. Valentine's day. Pearl and turquoise rings and wee brooches of the same stones are thought to have been chosen by Miss Roosevelt for her chums.
"It is likely the bridal pageant will descend the private stairway between the state dining room and the breakfast room and will march 120 feet along the fine corridor to the East room. In the lobby the Marine band will play the "Lohegrin" march. This procession is to be sung by a full choir, as well as other sacred selections, in the course of the ceremony. "Be Thou Faithful Unto Death," from the "Elijah," and "My Beloved Cometh," from the Song of Solomon, are on the program.
"It is intended that President Roosevelt will escort his daughter to the floral altar under festoons of white ribbon held up by the ushers at the entrance to the East room. Bishop Satterlee and the Rev. Cotton Smith, with Representative Longworth and Mr. Wallingford, will await the bride at the altar. About 1,000 persons probably will witness the ceremony.
"Thousands more will crowd into the East room when the lucker throng gives place. Noon is the hour for the wedding and from 1 to 3—a buffet breakfast will be served.
"Honey-moon Trip. After the wedding breakfast the going away. Where to? How many rumors there have been floating about the Washington in regard to the place where Mr. and Mrs. Longworth are to spend their honeymoon! Every quarter of the globe seems to have been selected by one person or another for

the first happy weeks of the newly married couple. Some have said they would go west to the president's happy hunting grounds, thus giving a true Rooseveltian touch to the affair. Others have had it they would travel north and cross the border into Canada. Some have mentioned this, that or the other camp lodge in the Adirondacks. Yes, there have even been some who, thinking this country not large enough for the honeymoon of a Roosevelt, have thrown out mysterious hints that the couple would not return to Washington until they had been in India!
"But Mr. Longworth has been ordering straw hats instead of helmets. Straw hats point to the south, and southward the couple will take their flight after 300 persons, and who knows how many thousands more gathered about the White House gates, will have thrown rice and old shoes after them.
"Going Away Car. The Pullman car Republic has been placed at the disposal of the couple by the Pennsylvania Railroad company. It contains all the comforts of home, from the dining bedroom, with its bed, as distinguished from berth, to the kitchen and pantry; everything except a bath.
"The car abounds in snug nooks and corners, the color scheme being Miss Alice's favorite red and green. The wood is Dutch oak and highly polished mahogany. First, there is the observation room at the rear, looking upon a platform as large as the average porch and guarded by brass railings. A wide armed sofa faces the platform.
"When the material needs of the hour send the bride couple to the dining table, which will accommodate six. Another sofa is just behind, where her husband's chair will be; at her right hand a dainty little china closet of Dutch oak, containing the silver which will do service during the honeymoon. In the left hand corner is a Dutch writing desk.
"Adjoining the parlor and observation apartment are two bedrooms, each containing a large brass bedstead. Both are heavily carpeted in green and hung in green, the wood being highly polished mahogany. A dwarf bureau with a mirror in one corner. The pressure of a button in the wall produces a wash stand of nickel, at which hot and cold water may be had.
"Between these two rooms are the toilet sections, done in green and mahogany. They are convertible into state rooms with an upper and lower berth each. In one of the sections two seats face one another, with a window between. The whole of the other section is occupied by a semi-circular divan.
"The observation room and the parlor are equipped with tiny reading lamps, electric bulbs, which fit into the wall when not in use.
"Should the newly made wife desire to boss the cook, she has but to walk into the forward corner beyond the parlor. Crowded into this space are a pantry and a cook's galley, each about three by ten feet. The white capped chef has just about room enough to turn around in amidst his pots and pans.
"Former White House Weddings. Although there have been only four White House weddings in the last fifty years, there is no topic more interesting to the daily visitors to this historic mansion. Tourists, especially women, are delighted when they can hear "Pop" Pendle, the venerable usher, who is 82 years old and who has been on duty at the White House for more than forty years, relate the details of Nellie Grant's wedding. They are shown the exact position of the bridal party, and most of the women regard it as a special privilege to be permitted to sit on the divan which marks the spot in the east room where Miss Grant stood during the ceremony.
"Much interest still is manifest in Mr. Pendle's narration of the incidents attending the marriage of President Cleveland to Miss Frances Folsom. This took place in the blue parlor and was a comparatively private function. Miss Folsom was the daughter of an old friend of President Cleveland and many years younger than he, but the marriage has proved in every respect to be a happy one. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Byrns Mitchell, whom President Cleveland had known during his early manhood and at whose church the Cleveland family worshipped while in Washington. Miss Folsom came to Washington and with her mother took apartments at one of the prominent hotels a day or two prior to the wedding, at which the couple spent their honeymoon at Deer Park.
"The latest wedding in the White House was that of a niece of Mrs. McKinley, who was a daughter of General Hastings and who married an officer of the United States army. This ceremony was also performed in the blue room, in the presence of immediate relatives of the young people.
"How President Rutherford B. Hayes and Mrs. Hayes celebrated their silver wedding in the White House is related by the late Benjamin Perley Poore in his Washington reminiscences. The wedding took place in the blue parlor and was a comparatively private function. Miss Folsom was the daughter of an old friend of President Cleveland and many years younger than he, but the marriage has proved in every respect to be a happy one. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Byrns Mitchell, whom President Cleveland had known during his early manhood and at whose church the Cleveland family worshipped while in Washington. Miss Folsom came to Washington and with her mother took apartments at one of the prominent hotels a day or two prior to the wedding, at which the couple spent their honeymoon at Deer Park.
"The members of the cabinet and their families were the official personages invited to the celebration, and with them were a few old friends from Ohio. A delegation of the army and navy, which had been commanded by the Twenty-third Ohio Volunteer infantry, brought a beautiful silver offering.
"The Marine band, precisely at 9 o'clock, struck up Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," and President Hayes, with his wife on his arm, descended the stairs, followed by members of the family. The bride and groom, two by two. The procession passed through the inner vestibule into the east room, where the president and Mrs. Hayes stationed themselves, with their backs to the flag-draped window. There they remained until the invited guests had paid their congratulations. Mrs. Mitchell, the daughter of the president's sister, Mrs. Platt, stood beside Mrs. Hayes and clasped her hand, as she did when a child, during the marriage ceremony twenty-five years before.
"The president and Mrs. Hayes led the way into the state dining room, which had been elaborately decked for the occasion with cut flowers and plants. The table was adorned with pyramids of confectionery, fancy French dishes and loaves in molds. The bill of fare included every delicacy in the way of edibles, but no beverage except coffee. Several guns boomed and salutes to the new years at midnight and then the company dispersed.
"Besides Mr. Cleveland, the only president to be married during his term of office was President Tyler, who took as his second wife Miss Julia Gardner of New York, but they were not married in the White House.
"The first wedding in the White House was that of Miss Maria Monroe, the youngest daughter of President Monroe, who was married in March, 1830, to Samuel L. Gouverneur of New York. The ceremony was held in the famous east room. There was another early marriage in the east room, that of Miss Elizabeth Tyler to William Waller of Virginia.

Hybridizing Fruit Methods and Results Obtained
PEEL honored to be invited to speak before such an eminent board of men from all parts of this and other countries. With so many noted men to speak in a limited time I can only give a few facts from my experience and not attempt to elucidate them. Upon your program I am assigned to speak on methods and results of hybridizing fruits. It is not of my choice. We do not regard hybridizing as necessarily the best method of getting good fruits from breeding. We made a great many hybrids with stone fruits, apples and a few berries. From the little prairie sand-cherry pollinated with wild goose and the product pollinated with Quackenbush we have the Victor sand cherry plum, one and three-quarter inches in diameter, considerably larger than a silver dollar, a valuable fruit. A downy plum, like an American, it is unusually thrifty, with extremely large green leaves. This is surely one of the best hardy plums for the northwest in existence.
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