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## Consuelo Nominates Roosevelt.

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**T**he Gubernatorial candidate of the New York State Republican labor fleecers is Theodore Roosevelt. Who nominated him? The Republican convention? “Boss” Platt? No, appearances to the contrary notwithstanding. He was nominated, his nomination was dictated, by Consuelo Vanderbilt, now Duchess of Marlborough.

The Vanderbilt railroad interests require just such a man as Roosevelt in the Executive chair of the State; they require a man, who is ready at all times to roughly ride over every law that hampers the fleecing of the Vanderbilt employés; a man, who will recommend the introduction of a Policeman’s club, so contrived as to maim every workingman it allures and then hits, and that the Patent Office refused a patent to as fiendish; a man, who will head the militia in Capital-provoked strikes and “shoot to kill”; a man, whose leading characteristics are the fist, and the rowdyism and recklessness of the swash-buckler.

Hence it is no accident that the nominating speech for such a candidate was made by Chauncey M. Depew—the clown-lackey of the Vanderbillions; nor yet is it an accident that, in nominating him, Depew dwelt especially on the “military character” of Consuelo’s nasty pet; nor yet again is it an accident that the nominator Depew has recently traversed the country waving in one hand the American, in the other the British flag.

Consuelo, and, through her, American heiressdom in England, are typified in Theodore Roosevelt.

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