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The wheels of the Republican machine will be greased with "Standard Oil" this fall, just as they have been in former elections.

The President, it is said, has yielded to the wishes of his party and consented to deprive Porto Rico of the privileges to which he, two months ago, declared he entitled by every consideration of justice and fair dealing.

Philadelphia seems to have banded the Republican National Committee. So far, by the most strenuous efforts, that city has raised only \$12,000 in cash and \$10,000 in promises towards the \$100,000 bonus that it offered for the national convention.

The promoters of the ship subsidy seal are straining every nerve to get votes for their measure. At first they carried things with a high hand, announcing that the bill was going through with a rush and that all who didn't get on the band wagon at once were likely to get left.

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