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CARRANZA FAST LOSING HOLD ON MEXICO FORCES

VARIOUS ELEMENTS GETTING BEYOND FIRST CHIEF'S CONTROL—U. S. TO TAKE NO IMMEDIATE ACTION—SHARP RETORT TO NOTE PREPARED

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, June 13.—Unless conditions in Mexico force action the United States' reply to the Carranza note demanding withdrawal will probably be delayed until after the St. Louis convention. The administration desires to avoid a drastic step at a time when it might appear to be prompted by political influence, but the rapid growth of anti-American propaganda in Northern Mexico may take the situation out of the administration's hands.

No official venture was made tonight as what might be expected in the near future. Washington is contemplating no aggressive action of its own motion, but stands ready to act should an assault on Americans or an attack on General Pershing force the issue.

A sharp rejoiner is being prepared to the Carranza note. It will repeat President Wilson's determination to keep American troops in Mexico until Carranza shows his ability to cope with the situation. It also rebukes the de facto government for questioning its good faith.

Steps have been taken to prepare for any emergency. Conferences between the war and navy departments resulted in a plan to remove fleeing Americans from Mexican ports. It is known that the possibility of calling out more state militia has been a subject of discussion. While the attitude of Carranza towards the demonstrations is unknown, the control of the first chief over various elements of the army is weakening, according to official reports.

FIRE FATAL TO 3; FORTY HURT

Grain Elevator Burns Near Baltimore With Fatal Results—Two Million Damage

(By Associated Press.)

Baltimore, June 13.—Three are known to be dead, nine missing, and more than 40 injured in the burning of Pennsylvania Grain Elevator number 3 in the harbor front at Canton, a surburb, today. The victims are mostly dockmen. Two steamships, William Vandriel, senior Dutch, and Welbeck Hall, British, were damaged. Although the fire is believed to have started from a grain dust bomb, this theory is being investigated.

The damage is estimated at two million dollars.

TILLMAN BACK ON JOB AFTER A NEEDED REST

Washington, June 13—Senator Ben Tillman returned yesterday from South Carolina, where he spent last week. He was preparing today for the meeting of the senate committee on naval affairs which will take up the naval bill.

Senator Tillman had an enjoyable rest at home. The farmers, he reported, are suffering from the drought in South Carolina.

Charged With Conspiracy

Barnwell, June 13.—A preliminary hearing was held here today in the case of the state against Charles M. Schwab, of New York, charging conspiracy to remove and carry beyond the jurisdiction of the court a certified check for $2,000, after attachment proceedings in same suit had been issued and served. Magistrate F. W. Hollman has reserved his decision.

Bombard Belgian Coast

Paris, June 13—A Belgian dispatch to the Radio Agency, forwarded from Amsterdam, says bombers bombarded coast from Fort Lapin to Dixmude. The population is fleeing inland, the dispatch says.

Republican Nominee for Vice-President and Wife

CHARLES WARREN FAIRBANKS

MRS. CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS

"Mr. Blank," Of Augusta, Is Not Newberry Professor Who Is Strangely Missing

Augusta, Ga., June 13.—There was another effort to identify "Mr. Blank" yesterday. "Mr. Blank," as is known, is the young man who is here and who does not know who he is.

Several weeks ago Prof. Fred McLein disappeared from Newberry college at Newberry, S. C. He was of the faculty there, his home being in Youngstown, Ohio. Up to this time there has been no publication of the facts of his disappearance. He was most popular in Newberry, in and out of college circles. He was prominent in college sports, was nicknamed "Dutch" on the campus, and at one time was the college coach.

Nothing has been heard from him by his people in Ohio. Leaving Newberry, he left a bank deposit of $90, and no money. Diligent inquiry has failed to disclose any reason that would have caused his peculiar departure from Carolina. His friends have made public inquiries of his success, and are now appealing in the public prints in the hope of securing news of him. He is about 25 years of age and quite a handsome young man.

The other night Mr. B. A. Watts, who travels Carolina for a Detroit house, was a guest at the home of Prof. C. F. Wertz, of the Newberry college faculty. Learning of the case of Professor McLein and being shown his photograph, Mr. Watts inferred that he and "Mr. Blank" might be the same man. Mr. Watts had kept up with the "Mr. Blank" case through the newspapers, and had a picture of that young man. Armed with a portrait of Professor McLein, Mr. Watts came to Augusta yesterday and conferred with "Mr. Blank." He quickly became convinced, however, that the professor and the man in Augusta are different people. As a matter of fact, "Mr. Blank" was at the University hospital long before Professor McLein left Newberry.

It may be of interest to know that "Mr. Blank" and Mr. W. F. Trowbridge left Thursday for Bangor, Me. "Mr. Blank" has made the statement that, put in Bangor and given an automobile he will be able to drive to his home town in forty-eight hours. He is convinced that his home is in Bangor, or in that vicinity at least.

N. Y. Banking Group Makes Loan Of 50 Million Dollars To Russian Gov't

(By Associated Press.)

New York, June 13.—Official announcement was made by the National City bank today of the closing of a loan of fifty million dollars to the Russian government by a banking group consisting of the National City, Guaranty Trust company, J. P. Morgan company, and others.

Proposed Bill Would Act As Bar To Hughes

Senate Measure Seeks to Disqualify Judges Less Than Two Years Off Bench

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, June 13.—A constitutional amendment to disqualify federal judges from holding any elective office for at least two years after leaving the bench was introduced today by Senator Thomas, of Clorado, a democrat. Two weeks ago he made a speech depreciating efforts to nominate Hughes.

SURRENDERED TO THE RAILROADS

This Charge Made By Blakeslee Against Senate Committee—Regretted by Burleson

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, June 13.—Senator Bankhead, chairman of the senate postoffice committee, received a letter from Postmaster General Burleson today expressing regret at the controversy between the committee and the fourth assistant postmaster general, Blakeslee, but stated he had nothing further to add to his previous letter on the subject.

The postoffice sub-committee had laid before Postmaster Blakeslee the admission that he wrote various postmasters that the committee in reporting out the postoffice appropriation bill had "surrendered to the railroads." Burleson's previous letter did not satisfy the committee.

Women Form League

Chicago, June 13—Formation of a National Democratic Women's league was announced today by Mrs. Joshua B. Downes, president of an Illinois Democratic Women's organization. It will represent 78,000 women throughout the United States, she said.

To Vote on Prohibition

Dallas Texas, June 13—The state democratic executive committee in session here voted 27 to 3 to place the question of submission of state-wide prohibition on the ballot to be voted on at the primary election in July.

President of Argentina

Buenos Ayres, June 13—Dr. Hipolito Yrigoyen was elected by the electoral college president of the republic to succeed Eva Victorino de la Plaza. He was the nominee of the radical party. Pedro Luro, Radical, was elected vice president of the republic.

NO FIGHT LIKELY AT ST. LOUIS

Harmony Will Mark Gathering of Democrats today—Wilson Asks Renomination of Marshall and Thus Kills Vice-Presidential Booms.

St. Louis, June 13.—Secretary Baker arrived tonight bringing the platform drafted by President Wilson and direct word from Wilson that he desired the renomination of Marshall for vice president.

Vice presidential booms around which most pre-convention fights have centered, have wilted away and Secretary Baker has effectually disposed of the boom in his own behalf, which had attained such prominence that some thought Vice President Marshall lacked the genuine administration support. President Wilson's draft of the platform will be delivered to Senator Stone, chairman to-be of the resolutions committee. Little change is to be anticipated.

Secretary Baker said he came here as a means of communication between the committee, the convention and President Wilson. The convention promises to open tomorrow with the utmost harmony with a program for the platform and nominations worked out.

Although Baker declined to disclose President's views, it was learned the principal planks of the platform will deal with the administration's trials and achievements in handling international and Mexcan affairs, its rapid steps toward "preparedness for peace" and record for industrial legislation contributing to general prosperity.

Despite agitation by some of the democratic leaders, President Wilson, it is said, disapproved of the insertion of a plank criticizing the nomination of the supreme court justice for the presidency, or of favoring a constitutional amendment prohibiting justices from seeking other federal offices. It is understood the platform will suggest that women continue their effort for the ballot in respective states.

Secretary Baker also brought plans for the campaign in behalf of President Wilson. President Wilson has not decided what part he will play in the actual campaign. Vice President Marshall, Secretaries Baker, Lane, Senators James, Lewis, Hollis, Reed, Owens and Representative Kitchin are to cover the country. Col. House, it is said, declined the campaign managership and no decision was reached of the many under consideration.

SUFFRAGE HOPES HIGH FOR PLATFORM PLANK

St. Louis, June 13—Hope was high in suffrage circles tonight that the democratic national convention will incorporate an equal rights plank of some form in its platform.

No official declaration of the convention's intention was forthcoming but suffrage leaders regard the attitude of many democratic leaders toward their cause as friendly. Suffrage leaders tonight had made tentative arrangements for a hearing by the resolutions committee on their demands, probably on Wednesday and were in an optimistic mood.

Mrs. Arthur Dodge of Massachusetts, leader of the anti-suffrage forces, is here to make a determined stand against any favorable election of equal rights in the platform. National Chairman McCombs said tonight that she probably would be given the same amount of time as the suffragists. The National Woman Suffrage association and the Congressional union and its auxiliary, the woman's party will divide the time equally for the plank.

MRS. SARA JANE MAY

Funeral Will Be Held Some Time During Wednesday

Mrs. Sara Jane May, the wife of Mr. R. B. May of R. F. D. Street, Anderson mill, died early yesterday morning. She was 54 years of age. The funeral services will be held today and interment will be made in Silver Brook cemetery.

Job Of V. P. Is Not Worrying War Secretary

NEWTON D. BAKER

HUGHES PLACES AMERICA FIRST

Defines Attitude Toward German—American Support As One of "Undiluted Americanism"

(By Associated Press.)

New York, June 13.—Hughes today defined his attitude toward German-American support as one of "undiluted Americanism." In the first statement he has issued since his acceptance by telegram he said: "Anybody that supports me is supporting out and out American and out and out American policy—nothing else." Theodore Robinson, nephew of Roosevelt, and Everett Colby, a New Jersey progressive, tended Hughes their support.

PENNSYLVANIA GREATEST FIGHTING CRAFT AFLOAT

Opinion of Experts Who Examined Big Warship

Norfolk, Va., June 13—The United States superdreadnaught Pennsylvania was commissioned yesterday afternoon at the navy yard, Capt. W. B. Wilson, former chief of the inspection bureau at Washington, assuming command. Captain Wergman is in command of the ship's marine guard. The crew was assembled from the receiving ship at St. Helena station and the marines from the marine barracks.

The Pennsylvania will provision and coal at once and is expected to sail the latter part of the week for Philadelphia. Experts have examined the big warship today and declared that with her heavy armor and battery of 12 14-inch guns and 22 5-inch rapid fire rifles, the Pennsylvania is the greatest fighting craft afloat.

CARDINAL OFFICIATES AT BISHOP'S FUNERAL

Charleston, June 13.—Cardinal Gibbons prostrated at the funeral today of Bishop H. P. Northrop, of the Diocese of Charleston, who died last Wednesday. Bishop O'Connell, of Richmond, preached the sermon. Bishops Haid, of Belmont, N. C.; Monoghan, of Wilmington, Del.; Allen of Mobile; Kelley, of Savannah, and Whatard, of Indianapolis, were among the visiting clergy.

Employers Liability Bill

Havana, June 13.—President Menocal today signed the employers' liability bill providing that all employers of labor must provide for insurance against injuries of their workmen incident to their employment. The bill was passed in response to repeated demands of the labor unions.

TEDDY TAKES UP FUTURE PLAN BULL MOOSE FACTION

PROGRESSIVE LEADERS HELD CONFERENCE WITH THE COLONEL LAST NIGHT—ROOSEVELT WON'T TALK—COMMITTEE TO MEET JUNE 26.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, June 13.—Roosevelt conferred with Perkins, Governor Johnson, Oscar Straus and Chester H. Rowell of California tonight to discuss the future course of the progressive party. Perkins issued a statement to all members of the progressive party, calling their attention to the meeting of the progressive national committee June 26. This would be after the democratic convention and the committeemen would know, in a general way, the attitude of progressives in their sections. He urged the progressives to take no individual action until that time. Roosevelt refused to talk tonight.

BY THE CENSOR

(By Associated Press.)

The Russian drive in Galicia carried them across the Dniester river toward the Pruth river and Bukowian frontier with Czernowitz as their objective. Numerous Austrian fortified positions in the region were taken farther north.

The Austrians were reinforced by the Germans striving around Tarnopol to stem the Russian advance in the direction of the Lemberg capital of Galicia. The repulse of the Russians at one point is reported by Vienna. In Volhynia, west of Lutsk, the Russians occupied two towns but the Austrians repulsed their efforts to cross the Styr river. Only artillery fighting is underway along the north Russian front.

The Canadians in the region of Ypres have retaken 1,000 yards of the former British positions southeast of Zillebeke and held them against counter attacks.

Only intermittent bombardments are taking place around Verdun.

Italian assaults on Austrian positions in Lagarina Valley have been successful, Rome reports.

CATTS WINS FOR GOV. IN FLORIDA

Is Nominated By Plurality Of 409 Votes—Lived in State Less Than Four Years

(By Associated Press.)

Tampa, Fla., June 13.—Complete official returns from the state show that Sydney J. Catts, of DeFuniak Springs, has been nominated for governor by a plurality of four hundred and nine votes. W. V. Knott of Tallahassee, lieutenant governor, leads by a plurality of 1,000. Catts moved to Florida less than four years ago from Alabama, where he had been defeated for congress by Griffin.

Venice Attacked

Berlin, June 13.—A squadron of Austrian aeroplanes attacked Venice Sunday night. Several bombs were dropped. North Italy points were bombarded. Austrian official report of June 12 says the raid was successful.

Austrian and German troops delivered heavy counter attacks on the Russians advancing in northern Bukowina and drove them back, says the statement, and took 2,000 prisoners.

John Webster Dies

New York, June 13—John Webster, the author, son of Glenn Ford McClanahan, a New York lawyer died at his home last night. A search for his kin was made by McClanahan's widow. The deceased was well known as the author of "Daddy Long Legs."