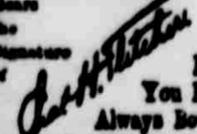


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**CARRANZA'S NOTE
AGAIN DWELLS ON
U. S. WITHDRAWAL**

Efforts to Solve Difficulties
by Our Government Are
"Laudable," He Says.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Mexican Ambassador Carranza apparently still insists that the first thing to be decided by the United States is the withdrawal of the Ameri-

can troops.
Mexican Ambassador Carranza today delivered to Acting Secretary of State Polk a note which, while making a commendation and tacitly accepting the last American proposal for a joint commission to investigate Mexican-American relations, laid stress on the fact that the Mexican commissioners are "to devote their attention preferably to the resolution of the points mentioned in the previous note of this department."
The points referred to are the question of withdrawal of American troops from Mexican soil, border patrol and fixing of responsibility for border raids.
Washington officials agreed that Carranza in this manner is indicating his intention to urge these questions ahead of all others.
No specific mention is made of the

border taxes to be demanded, although the last American note particularly pointed out that the Administration desires to go into a larger discussion of the Mexican problem than the purely military phase.
The text of the Mexican note follows:
"Mr. Secretary: I have the honor to transmit to Your Excellency the following note, which I have just received from my Government:
"Mr. Secretary: In due reply to the courteous note of the Department of State, dated July 25, 1916, I have the honor to say to Your Excellency that the First Chief of the Constitutional army, in charge of the Executive power of the Mexican Republic, congratulates himself upon the laudable effort of the American Government to arrive at a solution of existing difficulties between the two countries and, to that effect, considering it of the greatest importance that prompt decision be reached of the points which have caused the existing differences between the United States and Mexico, referred to in the note of the Mexican Government, dated July 4 last, has seen fit to appoint at once a commission of three persons, constituted by Luis Licenciate Cabrera, Engineer Ignacio Bonillas and Engineer Alberto J. Pani, to whom instructions have been given to devote their attention preferably to the resolution of the points mentioned in the previous note of this department.
Licenciate Bilio Arredondo has been authorized to treat with the Department of State the matter of details relating to the place and date in which the commissioners of the Mexican Government should meet the commissioners of the United States in order to commence their labors.
I refer to your excellency the assurance of my highest consideration."
"E. AGUILAR,
"Secretary of Foreign Affairs."
"I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to your excellency the assurances of my highest consideration."
"E. ARREDONDO."
The departure of Commissioner Cabrera, Pani and Bonillas will not be delayed, it was announced.
It is possible that they may travel north on one of the vessels of the Mexican Navy, the *Barro* or the *Saragosa*, which are now at Vera Cruz, if it appears that their departure may be delayed by the infrequent sailing of merchant vessels.
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Mexican Commissioners Have Reached
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John M. Parker, candidate for Vice President, will go it alone, as a result of the national conference of Progressives which closed last night.
The thirty Progressives present united in declaring the party still alive; organized a campaign committee; denounced the "delivery" of the Republican party by former leaders, and decided not to hold a national convention.
Burton Vance of Kentucky led in an attack on Theodore Roosevelt, using such names as Judas Iscariot and declaring that the Colonel will "go down in history as the greatest Benedict Arnold of this age."

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**To My Friends and Co-workers
in the B. R. T. System:**

Within a week a handful of men from other cities have injected themselves into the transportation situation on some of the lines in Greater New York and threaten, if they cannot rule, to stop the operation of every car in the community. They include Brooklyn in their boastful plans.

The remarkable thing about this demonstration is that it is aimed not only at some small companies where possible differences existed as to conditions of employment, but at companies whose men seemed generally satisfied with conditions and have presented no grievances. The declared purpose of the agitators relates only incidentally to wages or hours—demands as to these would apparently be waived if the companies would concede the right of the outsiders to speak for the companies' men. To accomplish their purpose they would deprive between five and six million people of transportation facilities, and inflict an irreparable loss and injury upon the business of New York.

Can we for a moment, either as employes charged with a public duty, or as joint workers in a great industry, entrust our interests to these men? What is their character or their record of practical philanthropy which would justify us in expecting that they can do better for us than we can do for ourselves? Will the public be better served by their participation in our operations?

For myself there is only one answer to these questions. For more than twenty-one years my heart and energy have been absorbed in the progress of our railroad system and its workers. I have looked upon a public service corporation not as a cold creation of statute, but as a partnership of brains, money and muscle for public good. I have regarded directors, officers and men as a democracy of workers—trustees, to be sure, for those whose savings have made possible our railroads and for the public whom we serve, but also guardians of each other's welfare and sharers in the prosperity which our labors produce. My chief ambition has been to see the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company in these respects a model corporation. In attaining this ideal there is no dissenting voice in our organization, but full, earnest and united co-operation from every director, every officer, every head of department, and, I believe, from every other employe. Much has been accomplished, but much more remains to be done. What has been done could not have been attained without mutual confidence in intention and fellowship in performance. Can there be either confidence or fellowship under conditions which disturbers of an industrial peace now seek to impose upon us?—a condition either of armed neutrality or of war between officers and men,—no direct relation but a barrier of suspicion and the cold atmosphere of bargain.

I have no reason to believe that any of my co-workers looks with favor upon this outside agitation and wishes it to extend to Brooklyn. On the contrary there seems to be every evidence that the vast majority of them regard it with disfavor and will not be parties to destroying the relations which now exist, or to inconveniencing the public by severing their connection with the company on such an issue. The company will not compromise or sacrifice what it believes to be the interests of its men by dealing with these outsiders. It will protect its workers in the discharge of their duties. It will continue to encourage faithful service. It will to the extent of its ability, not only as a matter of wise corporate policy but as a matter of justice, continue to conform working conditions and compensation to the reasonable satisfaction of its men. It would be a calamity to them and a blow to industrial co-operation and progress if the relations which we have joined in establishing should now be broken. It has not required the assistance or advice of outsiders to bring about three increases in wages during the last four years. It has not required such help to establish pensions, sick benefits, life insurance, medical attendance, good fellowship and the principle of reward for merit. These activities of the company have no flavor of charity. They are desirable for the interest of the stockholders and they are a necessity of justice to our men. They are your creation more than that of the company. They are shaped to appeal to self-reliance and manly effort—not to dependence and weakness. You whose service has been long enough to experience their advantages know whether you will lightly give them up, or whether, measured by their steady enlargement and the evidence of sincerity behind them, they could be expected to continue and grow under the less favorable conditions of employment which others are seeking to foist upon you.

I am under no delusion that every worker in our ranks finds conditions just as he would like them. I do not for one. There are necessary limitations to complete satisfaction in any occupation. We have ours—particularly just now that we have joined with the city in a vast enlargement of transportation facilities which will for some time be a burden upon our resources as well as upon the taxpayers. But the ultimate result ought to be helpful to all, and our opportunity for usefulness to the public and our ability for advancing the standards of employment ought to increase.

I write this letter to those who work with me for this system so that you may know frankly how I regard this foreign attack upon our relations and our aims. I write it also because I want your help in correcting, if possible, any state of things which produces discontent. Since this outside agitation began I have received letters from only four men out of our ten thousand transportation employes, by way of criticism or suggestion, and these may not have been written by our men, because no names were signed. My associate officers say they have received none. I therefore ask that any employe who knows of any general or particular grievance, or who has any suggestion to make for the betterment of conditions, or of service, will write directly to me over his signature, and I assure him that his statements and suggestions will receive very careful consideration from myself and from heads of departments, and that if reported grievances are found to exist and can be corrected the disposition is here to correct them. In this way I can keep in closer touch with matters which affect our joint interest and be of greater service both to you and to the public. I sincerely hope that you will thus assist me in helping you.

Yours very truly,
T. S. WILLIAMS,
President.

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