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Two Troopers Fall in Bandit Raid; Carranza Note Ready DEMOCRATS WILL RENOMINATE WILSON AND MARSHALL TONIGHT; PRESIDENT DESIGNATES M'CORMICK AS CHOICE FOR M'COMBS' PLACE

TWO U. S. SOLDIERS KILLED; VILLA BAND ROUTED IN BATTLE

Outlaws Cross Into Texas and Attacks Troops of Fourteenth Cavalry—Raiders Are Pursued Into Mexico By Cavalrymen—Villa Leader is Captured By Punitive Force.

San Antonio, Tex., June 15—Two American soldiers were killed early today in a fight with bandits near San Ignacio, 40 miles southeast of Laredo, according to a report to General Funston.

Six of the Mexicans were killed in the engagement which began at 2 o'clock. It is believed several of the Mexicans were injured but they were carried away by companions. The American wounded were seven.

The fight took place on the American side, the Americans engaged, according to latest reports, being troops I and M of the 14th cavalry under Major Gray, a total of about 140 men. The bandits numbered more than 100.

The Mexicans attacked the troops at 2 A. M. Their sharp attack was met with a spirited defense and at the end of half an hour the Mexicans were in retreat but not until they had killed two American troopers and wounded seven. From the brush about the camp there were recovered early today the bodies of six Mexicans. Seven dead horses also were found.

The water-soaked clothing of the dead Mexicans was taken as indicating that they had forded the river from Mexico. At the time the official report was made by Major Gray he had not ascertained the name of the Mexican leader nor any information as to whence they came or to what organization they belonged.

Major Gray, with two troops of the 14th cavalry, began the pursuit of the Carranza note in such fashion that action cannot be attributed to domestic politics.

U. S. TROOPS WILL STAY IN MEXICO TILL ORDER IS BROUGHT, SAYS NOTE

Washington, June 15—Secretary Lansing laid before President Wilson today the completed draft of a note to General Carranza replying to the demand that American troops be withdrawn from Mexico. The President and Mr. Lansing conferred at length on the situation.

Unless some new development forces the situation, the reply will not be sent until next week at the earliest. President Wilson and his advisers are anxious to deal with the Carranza note in such fashion that action cannot be attributed to domestic politics.

As drafted by Secretary Lansing, it is understood the note declines to withdraw American troops from Mexico until the de facto government has shown both its willingness and its ability to police the border states properly.

It also is said to make sharp rejoinder to suggestions of the Mexican communication which officials regard as discourteous and uncalled for. Carranza questioned the good faith of the Washington administration and openly hinted that President Wilson had his eyes on the American political situation in dealing with the situation beyond the border.

Carranza's request for a new statement of the intentions of the United States toward Mexico probably will be complied with. It is understood, however, that the declaration will be framed so that the de facto government can have no doubt that the United States government regards such a request as wholly unnecessary in view of its previous utterances of President Wilson, the acts of his administration and the behavior of his troops now beyond the border.

THE WEATHER

Connecticut: probably showers tonight and Friday, fresh east to south winds.

SECRET SERVICE ESTABLISHED BY LIQUOR RAIDERS

Police Have New System, Says Prosecutor A. J. Merritt in Court.

SLEUTHS NOW GET ENOUGH EVIDENCE

First Victim Sentenced To Jail For 15 Days and Fined \$25.

The police have established a secret service system by which much information regarding the illicit sale of liquor has been procured, according to the statement made by Liquor Prosecuting Attorney Albert J. Merritt in the city court today, when the charge of selling liquor without a license was pressed against Howard Sorderian, an Armenian restaurant keeper at 534 Water street. Sorderian was found guilty by Deputy Judge Wilder and was fined \$25 and costs and sentenced to 15 days in jail. The fine and costs amounted to \$45.45.

Sorderian's restaurant was raided Saturday evening by Dog and Liquor Agent J. T. Coughlin, Sergeant James Ramsey and Policeman J. A. Burnes. They found three men sitting at a table with bottles of beer. In the ice box a demijohn and bottle of wine and eight bottles of beer were found.

When the policemen entered the place, Sorderian was detected by Policeman Burnes as he was throwing a bottle of beer into a coal box.

In court, the three men testified that they had purchased the beer for five cents a bottle but Sorderian said that the beer was not sold and he kept it to give to his friends. He alleged that the wine was not sold but used in cooking certain dishes.

Attorney Merritt, in prosecuting the case, said that in the past it has been almost impossible to procure convictions in such cases as the police have been unable to get admission to the places and that when their men do gain entrance, they are not sold any liquor. But, he added, the police have developed a secret service by which much important information was obtained and especially was this so in the case of Sorderian.

Sorderian was arrested May 1 for selling liquor without a license and was fined \$50, but judgment was suspended on his promise to give up the business. Judge E. P. Nobbs represented him.

CLERGYMEN TO GIVE UP FIGHT AGAINST CLUBS

Won't Carry Battle Against Liquor Organizations To Higher Court.

It is reported that the clergymen and others who made such a long fight against certain clubs which recently obtained liquor licenses by the state, have decided not to carry the legal struggle to the superior court.

The original intention was to appeal to the superior court and then to the supreme court if necessary. This procedure would be expensive, however, and there was nobody willing to come forward with the sinews of war.

Attorney A. J. Merritt, who represented the remonstrants, said today that he had received no instructions to take an appeal.

The remonstrants felt they had been unjustly dealt with because they received no notice that the clubs had applied under new names for licenses. Remonstrances had been filed against such organizations as the Acorn, Oxford and East End C. But when the same clubs changed their names to the Akron, Jonathan and Borough R. C., and advertised their applications in a newspaper printed in a foreign language, the remonstrants were taken unawares.

Buffalo Postmaster Drops Dead in Hotel in Convention City

St. Louis, June 15.—William F. Kaating, postmaster of Buffalo, N. Y., dropped dead at the Maryland hotel here today. He was holding the proxy of Mayor Fuhrmann of Buffalo, a delegate to the Democratic convention.

LINER ON ROCKS; 5 ARE LOST

Steamer Bear With More Than 100 Passengers Aboard Goes on Reef and is Wrecked.

Two Boatloads Are Missing And Death List May Be Increased—Fog Causes Disaster.

Eureka, Cal., June 15—Five bodies have been recovered from the steamer Bear, wrecked last night on Sugar Loaf Rock. Two boatloads of survivors have come ashore, one boat is reported trying to land and the remaining passengers and crew are said to be aboard the tug Relief.

One boat, carrying 20 persons, was reported to have landed at Point Mendocino. Steamship officials said two others were missing, one from which the bodies were lost and another which was seen trying to make land.

Most of the 152 persons on board the liner were reported safe aboard the tug Rescue which went out from here.

The fog which brought disaster to the Bear continued impenetrable today.

The Bear, of the San Francisco & Portland Steamship company, from Portland, Ore., for San Francisco, went ashore last night about 10 o'clock. Passengers and crew were compelled to seek refuge in the ship's lifeboats.

The order to abandon ship was given and all on board got away safely.

The steamer went ashore during a thick fog but the sea was reported smooth and assistance from the nearest ports made all haste to the shipwrecked company.

The life saving station at Eureka, 15 miles north of the scene of the wreck, started out a power lifeboat at 10:30 and at midnight the tug Relief left for the scene of the wreck.

A radio message received early today reported that Captain L. N. Nopander, master of the Bear, had ordered the ship abandoned about midnight and the crew and passengers had safely away from the ship and were waiting in smooth water the arrival of the rescue boats which, in addition to the battleship Oregon, the Eureka lifeboat and the tug Relief, included the steamer Grace Dollar.

The battleship Oregon and the steamer Grace Dollar, which answered the S. O. S. calls of the stranded liner, have been patrolling the vicinity of the wreck since early morning. A tug and lifesaving crew from this port are also at the scene.

A thick fog lay over the water at daybreak and a heavy swell was running. The Oregon arrived before daybreak and played its big searchlights through the fog to no avail.

When the liner cradled in the rocks, Captain Nopander did not send out an S. O. S. call immediately, evidently believing he could clear his boat. Apparently finding the steamer tightly clamped he ordered the passengers into the lifeboats.

The Bear was leaking badly when signs of breaking up. She carried a cargo of 2,700 tons.

Sugar Loaf Rock, which the Bear struck, is the outermost pinnacle of a reef that has caused the destruction of a dozen vessels in the last 20 years. Close by the spot where the Bear is supposed to have struck, the steamer Southal was wrecked 10 years ago with a loss of many lives.

Bomb, Mailed To Utah's Governor, Explodes in Car

Butte, Mont., June 15.—A bomb in a package in one of the mail pouches being transferred from a Chicago, Burlington and Quincy train to the Oregon Short Line here today exploded and wrecked the Oregon Short Line mail car. The package, it was reported, was addressed to the governor of Utah.

THREE INJURED WHEN MACHINES MEET HEAD-ON

George Mendes, Aged 19, Thrown Through Windshield of Auto.

JUGULAR VEIN IS ALMOST SEVERED

Brother, Aged Nine and Boy Friend Escape With Minor Hurts.

(Special to The Farmer)

Westport, June 15.—George Mendes, aged 19 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Mendes of Greens Farms, narrowly escaped death today when the automobile which he was driving collided with an automobile owned by the Gorham family of Greens Farms.

Mendes' brother, John, aged 9 years, and a boy friend, George Steward, escaped with minor injuries. Mendes is now at his home suffering from a severe laceration of the throat, which nearly severed the jugular vein, a gash in the back of his neck four inches in length, and some bruises of body. His condition is critical.

Mendes was driving to the railroad station on the shore road at 7:30 a. m. to deliver some articles to his father, who was at the railroad station. He was proceeding on the right side of the road when the Gorham machine, driven by their chauffeur, was proceeding on the wrong side, according to the Mendes family. Mendes endeavored to steer clear of the other machine, but was unable. He and the other two occupants were thrown from the car. It was said by witnesses that George Mendes was catapulted through the windshield. Dr. William T. Nagle of Fairfield, was summoned and he administered treatment to the injured boys home. At the Mendes home today it was said that the drivers of the cars are very friendly.

LAWYER DENIES UNPROFESSIONAL LEGAL CONDUCT

Although complaint has been made to the grievance committee against Attorney John E. Gray's conduct in the Kessler divorce muddle, Attorney Gray declares his handling of the case has been open and above board in every respect. It was not charged that Attorney Gray tried to collect any illegal fees but Johanna H. G. Kessler claimed he had been guilty of unprofessional conduct in handling certain phases of the case. The matter is still in the hands of the grievance committee.

The Kessler litigation was originally taken care of by Attorney Benjamin H. Gordon, who agreed to leave the case after his activities had been investigated by the grievance committee. Then Attorney Gray took charge.

Johanna Kessler is asking the superior court to annul her marriage to Oscar E. Kessler of this city. She says at the time she married him in September, 1911, he was already wedded to Adeline Sutton. Oscar Kessler has brought divorce proceedings against Adeline, alleging desertion in 1899. They were married in 1899. He wants the custody of three children.

Johanna Kessler declares she went to Attorney Gray's office to demand the papers in the suit. She was dissatisfied because \$110 had been paid in fees and no progress made. She alleged she could get no satisfactory reply from the lawyer. He then suggested that she should marry Kessler again when he procured a divorce from his first wife. Mrs. Kessler refused to agree to this and after a verbal dispute she complained to the grievance committee. Both suits are assigned for trial tomorrow and it is said Attorney Gray agreed to try them in order that his client should have no further cause for dissatisfaction.

HEAD OF C. E. ILL

Boston, June 15.—Rev. Francis E. Clark, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, who returned home yesterday after a stay of eight months in the Orient, has not recovered from the severe illness that he experienced while abroad. It was announced today that Dr. Clark's physicians would not permit him to undertake any public work for several months.

Rules Committee Favors Plan That Will Hasten Business of Convention—Platform Builders Are Busy With President Wilson's "Own Draft"—Senator James, As Permanent Chairman, Rouses Delegates With Stirring Speech —President Designates Successor to W. F. McCombs.

Washington, June 15.—Vance McCormick, of Pennsylvania, has been selected by President Wilson to succeed William F. McCombs as chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Administration leaders in St. Louis were notified today by the President.

Hope to Nominate Tonight

St. Louis, June 15.—Fired to unparalleled enthusiasm by the stirring address of Senator Ollie M. James as permanent chairman, delegates to the Democratic convention today were anxious to get to the real business of the convention—the renomination of President Woodrow Wilson and Vice President Thomas R. Marshall.

Indications this afternoon were that the nominations would be made tonight, under a revision of the rules made on recommendation of the rules committee. The committee was unanimous in favor of the change which met with high favor among the delegates.

The platform builders were busy today. They had before them President Wilson's "own draft," in addition to an avalanche of suggestions from committeemen and others.

The sub-committee hoped to have its work completed for submission to the committee on resolutions tonight.

Interest in the convention today centered on the speech by Senator James as permanent chairman. The senator was cheered as he took the platform and his stirring defense of the Democratic administration provoked repeated demonstrations.

Eleven o'clock, the hour of the Democratic convention to be in order, passed with the coliseum only partly filled. Very few of the delegates were in their seats and none of the leaders had arrived.

The band played the anti-hyphen song, "Don't Bite the Hand That's Feeding You," and a male quartet sang the chorus. The crowd liked it and cheered.

The committee on permanent organization at a meeting meanwhile formally named Senator Ollie M. James, of Kentucky, as permanent chairman, J. Bruce Kremer, of Montana, permanent secretary; E. E. Britton of North Carolina, permanent associate secretary; John I. Martin, of St. Louis, permanent sergeant-at-arms, and received the names of other temporary officers of the convention to be made permanent.

William J. Bryan got his usual reception when he took his place in the press stand. Delegates and galleries joined in cheers and applause. A soloist in the bandstand sang "Wake Up America," the preparedness song, as Mr. Bryan was taking his seat.

When the convention opened the word went around that the rules committee would recommend that the nominations be made tonight. The convention managers and officers of the national committee declared their confidence that the plan would go through. It was welcome news to many of the delegates who have not relished remaining until Saturday.

The plan to adopt the platform after the nominations have been made, as was done in Baltimore four years ago, was counted on to fulfill the promises of managers to the city of St. Louis for a four days convention.

The boom of Congressman Sullivan for vice-president, started by friends of the Illinois leader in Chicago, was deflated today and at a caucus of the Illinois delegation a resolution was passed that in the event Vice-President Marshall ceased to be a candidate, Sullivan's friends would again become active in the nomination.

Mr. Sullivan thanked the delegation and said he had never been a candidate.

When Temporary Chairman Glynn called the convention to order the delegates gave him a rousing reception.

Archbishop John J. Glennon, of St. Louis then offered the following prayer:

Omnipotent, Eternal God, master of nations and of men, we humbly beseech Thy protection and benediction. Thou has made us in Thine own image and likeness, drive from our hearts the blood-lust and barbarism of the jungle; preserve our nation in peace—peace rooted in honor. Our trust in Thee is absolute, grant that our trust in Thy people, whatever their nation, may not be in vain. Give us strength to do bravely, sanity to act wisely, justice to exercise towards all. Give us leaders in whom the passion of service shall supplant the lust of office, strong men and true,

power in the world.

whose patriotism shall be as broad as America—whose sympathies shall be as deep as humanity. Drive from their hearts all narrowness of sect, of caste or tradition, or locality.

"Blessed then and prosper us will this nation be, if they who lead shall live pure, speak true, right wrong—remember thy kingship and serve thy people."

The delegates joined with the Archbishop in the Lord's prayer.

The credentials committee then reported on the delegation lists from Washington, D. C., Porto Rico and Hawaii. The delegates from the District of Columbia and Hawaii were recognized as placed on the rolls by the national committee. Porto Rico was divided between the contesting delegates.

The report of the committee on permanent organization was adopted. The announcement of names of permanent convention officers—Chairman Ollie James, Secretary Kremer and others were cheered.

Delegates Norman E. Mack, of New York; Governor S. V. Stewart, of California; and Dr. Phelan, of California, composed the committee which escorted Senator James to the chair.

CUMMINGS WANTS DIRECT ELECTION OF COMMITTEEMEN

St. Louis, June 15.—With a copy of President Wilson's suggestions for planks in the hands of every member, the sub-committee on resolutions of the Democratic convention got to work today on the framing of the platform. Senator Stone, chairman of the committee, said he did not expect the draft to be ready for the convention before tomorrow and it probably will not be presented until tomorrow.

After completion by the nine sub-committee members, it must be submitted to the entire membership for approval before it goes to the convention and since opinion is divided on some of the important proposed planks the sub-committee's task will not be an easy one.

Homer S. Cummings, vice-chairman of the national committee and considered for the chairmanship to succeed William F. McCombs, appeared before the sub-committee today to urge adoption of a resolution which would fix the method in the future of electing Democratic national committeemen. Mr. Cummings said it was desired that committeemen be elected by Democratic voters in all states and territories. He said the resolution should provide further that committeemen should serve only until the national convention succeeding their election has done its work and adjourned.

Before the sub-committee met there was a revival of the suggestion that a plank be inserted for legislation that would prevent a federal judge from accepting any other elective federal office during his term or within a designated time after he quit the bench.

A delegation representing the American organization of hoboes appeared at the committee room early and demanded a hearing. They said they desired planks declaring for the "right to work," for free transportation "to and from the job," for the abolition of private employment agencies and for the ballot for all migratory and unemployed wherever they may be.

Col. R. M. Thompson, Rear Admiral Osterhaus and Vice-President F. B. Lambert, of the navy league, urged the sub-committee to put in a plank declaring that the United States should have a navy second in sea power in the world.