

FIRST CHIEF'S OFFICERS MAKE THREAT AGAINST UNITED STATES

Trevino and Ricaut Declare Further Troop Movements by Americans Will Precipitate Hostilities.

EL PASO SOLDIERS ORDERED TO QUARTERS

Placards Ordering Juarez Citizens to Drill in Order to Repel Invasion Prompts Precautionary Measure.

AMERICAN FORCES PUT DOWN NEW RAID

Brownsville, Tex., June 16.—United States troops came upon a band of between twenty-five and thirty Mexican bandits about ten miles east of San Benito, Tex., late tonight after exchanging a few shots the Mexicans scattered. It is reported three Mexicans were killed. So far as known there were no American casualties.

EL PASO TROOPS TO BE HELD UNDER ARMS

El Paso, Tex., June 16.—All American troops stationed in El Paso tonight, to be held under arms until further notice. The orders followed reports to military headquarters that placards printed in Spanish had been posted in Juarez instructing citizens to gather at designated points daily to receive military instruction that they may be prepared to repel possible invasion. The notice was signed by Jesus Valdez, a private citizen, who said he wished his people to be prepared in the event of a break with the United States. At the office of Gen. George Bell, Jr., commander, no explanation of the order was given, it being asserted that the orders were "mere precautionary measures."

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THE WEATHER

THE WEATHER FORECAST: Denver, June 16.—New Mexico: Saturday and Sunday generally fair; not much change in temperature.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT. For twenty-four hours, ending at 8 p. m. yesterday: Maximum temperature, 99 degrees; minimum, 50 degrees; range, 49 degrees; temperature at 6 p. m., 55 degrees; southwest wind; clear.

source to confirm the report of General Trevino's action.

Recent troop movements in Chihuahua have led officials here to fear that the contacts between the Mexicans and the Americans are preparing for some hostile move.

The Mexican forces now are distributed in detachments of considerable strength on two lines, converging from points near the border east and west of General Pershing's line and meeting at a point south of his field base at Namiquipa. The effect has been to enclose the American troops in a gigantic V.

This disposition of Carranza forces has been one of the bases of suspicion here as to his friendly intentions. While the Mexicans are so posted, officials declare they cannot be in good faith conducting any campaign against bandits, but they can keep close watch upon the movement of General Pershing's men. The breaking up of these forces into small parties to scour the country for outlaws is one of the conditions which would be demanded by the United States before the American expedition would be recalled.

Army officers here have no fears for the safety of General Pershing's forces, no matter what develops. The expedition is amply supplied and General Pershing is in command of the troops. The disposition of his troops, the strategic points at the base camps and along the line of communications are protected by entrenchments.

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ARMY OFFICIALS NOT MOVED BY THREAT

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NUMBER OF FOES SO FAR BAGGED BY CZAR'S MEN REACHES 170,000

Russian Offensive in Southwest Being Pressed Forward With Undiminished Vigor, Petrograd Reports.

CLAIMS OF BRITONS AND TURKS CONFLICT

London Says Invaders Advance in Kut Region; Constantinople Advices Assert Repulse of Enemy.

MAN WHO SLEW HIS SPOUSE AND RANCHER HANGED

Celebrated Wyoming Case Comes to End; Defendant Pleaded Insanity to Excuse Cold-blooded Crime.

RUSSIANS PENETRATE HITHERTO UNBROKEN AUSTRIAN CENTER

London, June 17 (3:30 a. m.).—The chief gain of ground announced by the Russians during the past twenty-four hours was on the Austrian center which up to now had held comparatively firm. The Russians claim to be breaking this resistance. The main contest has been on the front just north of Buczacz on the River Stripa. Here the Russians are declared to have thrown the Austrian army and taken 6,000 prisoners.

CARRANZA TROOP MOVEMENT CONTINUES

Chihuahua City, June 16.—Four thousand men of the Durango division of the Carrancista army, under Gen. Domingo Arrieta, have arrived at Concho, about 50 miles southeast of here, to reinforce General Maldonado in the bandit campaign in that district, according to reports here today.

ENGLAND MAY BUY ENTIRE WOOL CLIP

London, June 16.—Following the taking of a census of wool stocks, the government today announced that it had under consideration arrangements for the purchase of the whole English and Irish clip in 1916. In consequence the usual provincial wool sales will not be held.

Pity Paragraphs from Platform

"Intervention, implying as it does, military subjugation, is revolting to the people of the United States, notwithstanding the provocation to that course has been great, and should be resorted to if at all, only as a last resort."

"We condemn all alliances and combinations of nations in this country of whatever nationality or descent, who agree and conspire together for the purpose of embarrassing or weakening our government or of improperly influencing or coercing our public representatives in dealing or negotiating with any foreign power."

"We commend to the American people the splendid diplomatic victories of our great president, who has preserved the vital interests of our government and its citizens and kept us out of war. Woodrow Wilson stands today the greatest American of his generation."

"This is a critical hour in the history of America, a critical hour in the history of the world. Upon the record above set forth which shows great constructive achievement in following out a consistent policy for our domestic and internal development; upon the record of the democratic administration which has maintained the honor, the dignity and the interests of the United States, and at the same time retained the respect and friendship of all the nations of the world, and upon the great policies for the future strengthening of the life of our country, the enlargement of our national vision and the ennobling of our international relations, as set forth above, we appeal with confidence to the voters of the country."

WOMEN'S RIGHTS CAUSE HARMONY OF CONVENTION TO BE MENAGED

Many Delegates Try to Howl Down Defenders of Administration Plank, Which Eventually Is Adopted.

SUFFRAGISTS SEE VICTORY IN OUTCOME

Leaders Believe Democratic Declaration Is Much More Favorable Than That of Republican Party.

St. Louis, June 16.—The democratic national convention finished its work today by adopting a party platform exactly as approved by President Wilson and submitted by the resolutions committee, including the plank on Americanism and favoring woman suffrage, but not until the harmony of its three days' session has been flipped with a row over the suffrage plank.

No voice was raised against the vigorous declarations of the Americanism plank. At one time it looked as if the suffrage plank had been lost, but after Senator Walsh of Montana, had told the convention that President Wilson himself considered it vital to party success, it was voted into the platform by a ballot 888-1-2 to 181-1-2.

Adopted Without Roll Call

The whole platform then was adopted without roll call. As it went into the platform the suffrage plank stands: "We favor the extension of the franchise to the women of this country state by state, on the same terms as to the men."

The woman suffrage leaders considered it a much more favorable declaration than they got from the republican convention; they threw all their force behind it and won the support of the administration leaders who were found fighting for them when danger threatened.

Tied to Read Platform

Haggard and worn from all-night session, the platform-makers were not ready with their report until afternoon when Senator Stone, sleepless for more than thirty hours, took the speaker's stand and explaining that he was too tired to read the document, gave over this task to Senator Walsh of Montana and Senator Hollis of New Hampshire.

The fight on the suffrage plank was in the air. Everybody was keyed up to it and when, at the conclusion of the reading of the platform, Martin Hannon, of the several states, claimed the attention of the chair, it was thought that he was opening the fight and it was several minutes before the shouts of approval and cries of disapproval could be stilled sufficiently to hear that he wanted to put the question on record as sympathizing with "the people of Ireland."

Irish Sympathizer Squelched

"Taus mit him," roared a Baltimore delegate, and the convention hall rocked with laughter. The real fight broke immediately after, however, when Governor Ferguson of Texas, who headed the minority report against the administration plank, was given thirty minutes in which to present it.

The plank offered by the minority was this: "The democratic party has always stood for the sovereignty of the several states in the control and regulation of our party in this regard and favor the continuance of that wise provision of the federal constitution which vests in the several states of the union the power to prescribe the qualifications of their electors."

With Governor Ferguson, it was signed by former Representative Bartlett of Georgia, James R. Nugent of New Jersey and Stephen B. Fleming of Fort Wayne, Ind. "Presumptuous Recommendation." The burden of Governor Ferguson's argument was that suffrage, being purely a state's right question, the wording of the majority plank was a presumptuous recommendation to the states on how to conduct their elections.

Anti-suffrage delegates on the floor piled the governor with questions which brought out, in the answers, fresh arguments against the administration plank and when Ferguson had finished the convention was in confusion and the tone of the uproar in the delegate sections was indicative of sympathy with the opponents of the administration plank.

Bombarded With Questions. When Senator Stone took the speaker's place to defend the plank, he was bombarded with a running fire of questions and argument from delegates on the floor which eventually broke the day and the body of one of those killed in the fight was recovered, bringing the total Mexican loss in dead to nine.

More detailed report made by Major Gray today showed that the three platoons of Troop M who were killed were shot as they were leaving their tents to go into the trenches. The men of Troop I that came to the rescue of the entrenched men advanced in a skirmish line, firing from the brush as they advanced.

Three companies of coast artillery now on the way here will be sent to Laredo. One company of engineers arrived today and will be held here for the present.

RESOLUTION CAUSES POLITICAL SENSATION

St. Louis, June 16.—A resolution presented at a meeting of the democratic national committee tonight provided that the committee name its own chairman and secretary from its own membership and that the democratic presidential nominee be empowered to select a campaign committee and name its officers, created a sensation among the committeemen gathered to effect their organization. The resolution was defeated by a vote of 46 to 3 after a debate that lasted until after midnight.

STATES SHOULD PASS LAWS FOR EQUAL SUFFRAGE, SAYS PLATFORM

Pronouncement of Democratic Convention Is Similar to Plank Adopted by Republican Party.

AMERICANISM IS STRONGLY ADVOCATED

Divided Allegiance Branded as Disloyalty; Intervention in Mexico Described as "Last Resort."

Carried With Roars

A roll call of states was forced and only 181 1/2 votes could be mustered for the substitute, 888 1/2 were cast against it. Then the whole platform was adopted by a roaring chorus of approval. After some formality the convention then adjourned at 3:11 o'clock. It was all over.

SEVERAL SUFFRAGE LEADERS ON WARPATH

St. Louis, Mo., June 16.—Leaders of both the republican party and the National American Woman Suffrage association tonight united in denouncing as inadequate the suffrage plank of the democratic platform, and declared they would immediately resume their fight in congress for national recognition.

"We shall return to Washington as quickly as possible," Miss Ann Martin, chairman of the woman's party, said. "We are going to give the democratic party the most complete and make good before adjournment. If it does not see fit to pass a constitutional amendment, war will follow."

"Some of the democratic leaders (Continued on Page Two.)

TROOPERS CARRY BANDIT SEARCH ACROSS BORDER

For Two Hours Major Gray's Forces Vainly Scour Strip of Land on Mexican Side of River.

St. Antonio, June 16.—For two hours today Major Gray's forces vainly scoured a strip of land on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande for traces of the bandits who yesterday raided his camp at San Ignacio.

He crossed at Ramblero, six miles below San Ignacio, with a part of the two troops of the Fourteenth cavalry that fought at Luis de la Rosa's men Thursday. Most of the bandits are known to have crossed into Mexico and Major Gray received information that some of them were concentrating on the other side for a second attack either on his force or the detachment at Zapata, farther down the river. No trace of the Mexicans was discovered, however.

Three Mexicans alleged to have participated in the raid were captured on the American side of the river during the day and the body of one of those killed in the fight was recovered, bringing the total Mexican loss in dead to nine.

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FEDERAL LABOR REFORMS

In government employment it declares for a living wage, eight-hour day, adoption of safety and sanitary measures, compensation for industrial accidents, uniform child labor law and an adequate retirement law.

The seaman's act is endorsed and the platform declares for the enactment of a federal child labor law, extension of a federal bureau of safety, extension of the bureau of mines and a federal system of employment agencies.

For Tuberculosis Treatment. Public health measures and the establishment of federal sanatoria for needs of tuberculosis patients are favored.

It declares for a government budget and the ultimate independence of the Philippines.

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The Day in Congress

SENATE. Met at noon. Adjourned at 12:07 p. m. to noon Monday.

House. Met at noon. Passed numerous private bills. Military affairs committee filed favorable report on army appropriation bill carrying \$187,123,099. Adjourned at 4:30 p. m. until noon Saturday.