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## MEXICANS GIVE PLEDGE TO AID

### Promises Made By General Obregon Confirmed by Carranza

## NO DANGER OF CLASH

### Big Force Will Police Parral District and Watch Future Movements of Bandits

Washington, May 17—An optimistic view of the Mexican border situation was laid before President Wilson and his Cabinet yesterday by Secretary Baker, after a long conference with Major-General Scott, Chief of Staff.

General Carranza and his advisers now understand the motives of the Washington Government more fully than ever before, as a result of the conference at El Paso between Generals Scott and Funston and Obregon, Mr. Baker was able to tell the Cabinet, and tension along the international line has greatly relaxed.

General Scott believes that the whole situation is less acute than it has been at any time since the raid on Columbus, N. M.

The American conferees were able to convince the Mexican War Minister, and through him General Carranza, that President Wilson's announcement of the purpose of the expedition told the whole story; that its mission was only as described, to disperse or capture the bandits and return across the line. The striking accomplishment of Generals Scott and Funston lay in the fact that they succeeded in doing this without making any pledges as to when American troops would be recalled.

The change in General Obregon's views was clearly indicated by promises he made at the conclusion of the conference, promises approved by General Carranza, and which he is now carrying out with promptitude and vigor, according to official reports from army officers and consular officials in Mexico. It is these pledges which are interpreted as forming an unwritten agreement. They include the following:

That 10,000 picked troops under Gen. Treviño, the ablest of the Carranza field commanders, occupy and police the territory about Parral, the southern limit of General Pershing's drive, and in other districts where there are no American troops.

That an effective patrol be thrown about the Mexican side of the Big Bend region of the Texas border to head off the Glenn Springs and Boquilla raiders;

That every effort be made to liberate Deemer, the American storekeeper captured and carried away by the bandits; and

That no troops will be moved from the forces in Sonora State through Pulpit Pass to operate in the rear of General Pershing's force.

## RICHMOND WANTS CHANNEL.

### Virginia Delegation will Resist Abandonment of James River Channel.

Washington, May 17. — Senator Thomas S. Martin and Representative A. J. Montague, of Virginia, announce that they intend to resist the recommendation of the army engineers to abandon the James River channel from Richmond to the sea. The entire Virginia delegation is stirred by the army engineers' report.

Senator Martin declares that he is not only prepared to fight any proposition to abandon the 22-foot channel, but he is ready to show that a deeper channel would be the greatest boon to water-borne commerce on the James river. Representative Montague asserts that the army engineers' report, so far as he has examined it, contains a number of inaccuracies.

He denies the statement that commerce on the James river is gradually dwindling, but on the other hand states he can prove it is gradually improving, despite the fact that the river channel has been permitted to remain at 18 feet.

## CHARGE AGAINST GERMANY.

### Plans of Irish Rebellion Said to Have Originated in War Office in Berlin.

London, May 17. — Maps found in the possession of Sir Roger Casement support the contention that the plans for the Irish rebellion originated in the German war office. Lieutenant Colonel Gordon, of the British war office intelligence department, testified today.

With the introduction of a few more witnesses the crown expects to close today the preliminary hearing of Sir Roger and Daniel Bailey, charged with high treason, in Bow street police court.

The defense has kept secret its plans, but it is believed will offer no evidence at the present hearing. It is considered a certainty that both men will be held for formal trial by the presiding magistrate.

## CLARK KILLS HIS WIFE

### Resident of First Ward Fatally Shoots Her in House of Neighbor

Mrs. Ella Clark was shot and fatally injured by her husband Jos. Clark, a ship carpenter, late yesterday afternoon. The woman was hurried to the Alexandria Hospital, where she lingered until 12:18 this afternoon when she succumbed to her wounds. She was shot five times. One bullet passed entirely through her body, two lodged in her abdomen and both of her hands were pierced.

Mrs. Clark, who had been separated from her husband for three years, came to Alexandria from Washington where she has been employed as a nurse to visit her mother-in-law, Mrs. Ann Clark, who resides at 111 Franklin street, and who is quite ill. She called on a friend, Mrs. Ella Clarkin, 702 South Fairfax street, at which place the shooting took place at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Clark was sitting in a rocking chair in the Clarkin home when her husband entered the room. He begged her to return to him, and when she refused he drew a .38 calibre revolver and commenced firing before Mrs. Clark could rise from the chair.

"Don't do that, Joe," cried Mrs. Clark as she fell from the chair with three bullets in her body. Without looking at his wife, Clark left the room and went to his mother's house, a block away. There he declared his intention of killing himself, but his sister persuaded him to give up the revolver.

A short time after the shooting, which caused considerable excitement in the neighborhood, Clark was located at the home of his mother by Chief Goods, Sergeant Roberts and Officer Powers and locked up in police headquarters. The man was under the influence of liquor at the time. He refused to make any statement, and this morning said that he did not recall having shot his wife. He was given a preliminary hearing by Police Justice Caton and held for ten days to wait the result of his wife's injuries.

Mrs. Clark was taken to the Alexandria Hospital where she was attended by Drs. Walter A. Warfield and S. B. Moore.

The story of the shooting dates back three years ago, the police say, when Clark and his wife separated. The man had made numerous attempts at reconciliation, but his wife had earned her livelihood as a nurse in Washington. She had recently been in bad health and had just returned from visiting relatives in New Jersey. Clark is 40 years old and the dead woman 37.

## RECEIVERS APPOINTED

Receivers were appointed for the Virginia Highlands Association, Incorporated, by Judge L. C. Barley in the corporation court today. The petition for the appointment of the receiver was made by M. Dana Morrill and A. S. Doniphan. Attorneys French C. Simpson and C. Keith Carlin were named as receivers. The company developed Virginia Highlands, a suburb between Washington and Alexandria on the Washington-Virginia Railway.

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## PARTY UNITED FOR WILSON

### Democrats Proceeding in Entire Harmony in His Support

## ENDORSE MARSHALL

### Senator James Hamilton Lewis is Likely to Be Picked to Sound Key- note at the National Convention

Washington, May 17—While Republican leaders are fighting desperately among themselves over a candidate at Chicago—faction arrayed against faction, favorite son against favorite son, progressive against stalwart—the Democratic managers are proceeding serenely with their plans for the renomination of President Wilson at St. Louis.

Not a cloud mars the party horizon and the only contests in sight are simply friendly efforts of Administration admirers to outdo each other in honoring the ticket. It has been a long time since such a condition prevailed among Democrats. President Wilson is the only party leader since the days of Tilden who is backed by so nearly a united organization for a Presidential nomination.

Until recent weeks some concern was felt over the probable attitude of William J. Bryan. He had taken sharp issue with the President on more than one question of policy. He had quit the Cabinet under strained circumstances. He had declared that the Administration's foreign policies led almost inevitably to war with Germany. He had rallied his friends in support of a resolution warning Americans off belligerent merchantmen. All these things seemed to indicate that Mr. Bryan was full of fight and would make trouble at St. Louis.

But the Nebraska primaries came. The former Secretary was a candidate for delegate-at-large and was defeated. He might still appear in the convention with a proxy, and many expect that he will. Whether he does or not, his warmest friend in the Senate, Senator Kern, of Indiana, is authority for the statement that Mr. Bryan will support the President for the nomination. This seems to demolish the fear in some quarters that a Bryan revolt must be figured upon. But few people have ever believed that the Nebraskan would actually bolt a Democratic convention. He supported Alton B. Parker for President after that gentleman repudiated about all Mr. Bryan had championed, and if he could swallow Parker, it has seemed easy to most people for him to accept Wilson.

At this time there seems but little likelihood of a contest over the Democratic Vice-Presidential nomination. Vice-President Marshall has indicated a willingness to make another campaign, which, in this situation, is equivalent to an announcement of candidacy. Nobody now forces any opposition to Mr. Marshall for second place. It is remembered, moreover, that Indiana elects two United States Senators in November and the value of the Vice-President's name on the ticket in that State is not underestimated. He is the idol of most Indians and would prove a tower of strength to the two Senatorial candidates wholly aside from the national ticket.

There seems to be a general demand that Senator James Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, be chosen as temporary chairman of the St. Louis Convention.

Senator Lewis' speeches in the Senate have marked him as one of the most formidable debaters in that body.

Many Democratic leaders are anxious to have Speaker Champ Clark act as permanent chairman of the convention.

The state of affairs in the Democratic party, therefore, is in marked contrast to the situation within Republican ranks. On the one side there is not a sign of dissension; on the other, there are turmoil and strife, intense rivalries and conditions which may make it impossible for the Republicans to unite on any ticket.

## WILSON GIVES VIEWS

### President, in Informal Talk To Press Club, Points Out Difficulties Now Faced

Washington, May 17—President Wilson has made public a frank and intimate review of his three years in the White House and his impressions of foreign and domestic problems, delivered confidentially Monday night before Washington correspondents gathered at National Press Club. He spoke of the difficulties of the Presidency and particularly of the motives which have guided his handling of the European situation.

America, the President said, is for peace because she loves peace, and believes the present war has carried the nations engaged "so far that they cannot be held to ordinary standards of responsibility." But, he added, the United States has grown to be one of the great nations of the world and therefore must act "more or less from the point of view of the rest of the world."

"If I cannot retain my moral influence over a man except by occasionally knocking him down," he said, "if that is the only basis on which he will respect me, then, for the sake of his soul, I have got to occasionally knock him down."

The President declared he had been kept awake nights considering the European situation, because there might come a time when the United States would have to do what it did not desire to do, and "the great burden on my spirits has been that it has been up to me to choose when that time came."

He added that he did not conceive that he had been elected President to do as he pleased. "If I were, it would have been very much more interesting," he said.

Impressions of public men as a class were given frankly by the President, with the comment that some grew and some swelled. He also discussed the relations of the newspapers to the affairs of the nation, and sounded a warning that false information about foreign affairs was more than likely to lead to trouble. The President's remarks as originally delivered were read by him carefully before being made public but no important portions were eliminated and the wording was not changed substantially.

## BRANDEIS REPORT DUE.

### Committee Expected to Return Name Today Without Making Recommendation.

Washington, May 17.—Senate leaders expect the Judiciary Committee today to report the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for the Supreme Court without recommendation.

If the name is reported out, two appointments considered highly important by the President, will be before the body.

Senator Hollis will move a reconsideration of the vote which rejected Federal Trade Commissioner Rublee. He believes, he says, that two Democrats who voted against Rublee will reverse themselves. This would tie the count, and Vice President Marshall is expected to vote for confirmation.

## HUGHES LEADS IN VERMONT

Montpelier, Vt., May 17.—Justice Charles E. Hughes is heading in Vermont on the Republican Presidential preference ballot in yesterday's primaries, with Col. Roosevelt running a poor second.

Incomplete returns gave Hughes two votes to the colonel's one, with former Senator Elihu Root and Governor McCall, of Massachusetts, dividing a scattering vote.

President Wilson, whose name stood alone on the Democratic ballot, received practically the entire party vote.

## LOCAL BREVITIES

A meeting of the Alexandria Automobile Club will be held tonight in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce.

The burning of some paper in a rear room of the Gazette building this afternoon caused an alarm of fire. No damage resulted.

The strike on the Washington and Old Dominion Railway is causing a tie-up of freight shipments from the wholesalers of this city to the merchants along the line of the railway.

## WOULD ORGANIZE EMPLOYERS' UNION

### Nation - Wide Movement Proposed at Manufac- turer's Conception

## TO COMBAT GOMPERS

### Combination Declared Necessary to Cope With Power of American Federation of Labor

New York, May 17.—A nation-wide organization of employers open to every employer of labor was advocated yesterday by Col. George Pope, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, in his annual address before the twenty-first annual convention of the association. Col. Pope declared that such a national organization would have far more influence and power in dealing with great problems of business than any of the present associations.

"Through a perfected organization such as I have suggested," said the speaker, "information could be sent, or inquiries for information, to all parts of the country through direct channels, and, coming, as it would, to you from the one head, could be utilized for the benefit of all."

Seneca C. Beach, president and manager of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, of San Francisco, also urged the necessity of a national organization so the "when Mr. Gompers proposes an act in Congress which will destroy efficiency methods in governmental work every business men's organization in the United States may get busy on a concerted plan to combat such proposals.

"If the business men of this country expect to cope with the American Federation of Labor," he continued, "they must have, at least, a well-ordinated body, as well organized in detail and as well federated among states."

Declaring that "political demagogues" had deeply prejudiced the public against corporations of all kinds whether good or bad, C. B. McCoy, president of the Ohio Manufacturers' Association, advocated an educational campaign to present the situation in its "right light." Mr. McCoy quoted the report of the Federal Trade Commission stating that of 250,000 corporations outside of banking, railroad and public utility corporations, 10,000 had no net earnings and 90,000 made less than \$5,000 a year.

"And yet," said Mr. McCoy, "your politicians never speak of such organizations except as giant corporations, and likens each and every one to an eight-armed octopus which saps the life-blood of the people."

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"Experience has shown," he said, "that when given the opportunity for gainful employment under just and fair conditions the negro not only proves in every way his value as a workman, but above all there is cultivated in his mind and heart that now too rare feeling of deep interest and loyalty to his employer. When the Southern negro works for a corporation he calls it 'my company' and never has a bomb been found in his hand nor has he ever been branded as an anarchist."

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## AUSTRIANS CAPTURE 2,500

Take Italian Positions On the Armentera Ridge  
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## GIVEN FOUR MONTHS.

### Sentence Pronounced on Engineer Tankersley who was Found Guilty of Manslaughter.

Salisbury, N. C., May 17. — A. Tankersley, engineer in charge of the Southern Railway's New York-New Orleans Limited, which, on November 24, 1915, in the yard here, crashed into the rear of a special train, killing two and injuring twenty two passengers, was sentenced yesterday in Superior Court to serve four months in the county jail. Tankersley last week was found guilty of manslaughter, the jury recommending leniency.

The court, after pronouncing sentence, granted the county solicitor permission to hire out the defendant. Tankersley is at liberty on \$1,000 bail, his counsel having given notice of an appeal to the State Supreme Court.

## VOTES FOR MAY QUEEN

### Interest in Contest Increases as Closing Day is Draw- ing Near

As the days go on enthusiasm increases in the contest for May queen as the following names will show.

The contest will close at five o'clock on Friday afternoon.

Nancy King, 290; Ruth Bragg, 201; Rosa Lee Fuller, 122; Rosa Murphy, 112; Teckla Driefus, 109; Marion Diendel, 87; Nora Peake, 77; Eliza Crump, 51; Virginia Steele, 42; Nora Tombs, 31; Rosina Howell, 27; Nellie Michellach, 26; Catherine Reardon, 26; Louise Thomas, 21; Minnie Forrest, 20; Mary Martin, 15; Edna Groves, 13; Annie Moore, 12; Dorothy Padgett, 12; Ellen Bruin, 10; Dorothy Fletcher, 10; Louise Grifith, 10; Nannie Ballenger, 9; Dorothy Steele, 8; Nancy Wattles, 8; Charlotte Kemper, 8; Augusta Bode, 7; Bessie Reed, 7; Thelma Bender, 6; Gertrude Stout, 6; Irma Wade, 5; Edith Bowie, 5; Virginia Hunter, 5; Lillian Jones, 5; Sarah Rosenberg, 5; Sophia DeBeck, 5; Esther Ballenger, 4; Carroll Johnson, 4; Marguerite Pettit, 4; Elizabeth Hibbs, 4; Elizabeth Bryant, 3; Susie Fones, 3; Thelma Murphy, 3; Louise Carlin, 3; Lillie Cradlin, 3; Helen Myers, 3; Frances Cox, 3; Frances Schwarzmann, 3; Inez Moore, 3; Ida Goodloe, 3; Margaret Robinson, 2; Virginia Fuller, 2; Ruth Rudd, 2; Lucille Spencer, 2; Cecelia Ballenger, 2; Mary Martin, 2; Estelle Nagel, 2; Dorothy Morton, 2; Ruth Sherwood, 2; Margaret Garvey, 2; Lucille Powell, 2; Caroline Wattles, 2; Mary Whitton, 2; Margaret Yates, 2; Fannie Rosenberg, 2; Reba Dameron, 2; Virginia Bladen, 2; Josephine Gregg, 2; Delilah Spencer, 2; Iah Reed, 2; Beulah Sullivan, 2; Inez Feagans, 2; Margaret Goods, 1; Margaret Moore, 1; Alice Norford, 1; Audrey Allen, 1; Esther Moore, 1; Venus Hohenstein, 1; Audrey Nalls, 1; Louise Tombs, 1; Ruth Ballard, 1; Emma Wade, 1; Margaret Underwood, 1; Annie Sorrel, 1; Louise Anderson, 1; Frances Finks, 1; Frances Barnhouse, 1; Florence Evans, 1; Thelma Wade, 1; Edmonia Baker, 1; Marion Blunt, 1; Mildred Crupper, 1; Eva Loeb, 1; Thelma Lunsford, 1; Rose Blumenfeld, 1; Louella Stout, 1; Rose M. Dove, 1; Josephine Duffey, 1; Dora Lyles, 1; Susie Simms, 1; Hilda Noonan, 1; Dixie Finch, 1; Alice Goldsworthy, 1; Margaret Hume, 1.

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## VIRGINIA WILL FORCE PAYMENT

### Will Apply to Supreme Court for Execution of Judgment

## POLLARD'S OPINION

### Seeks to Levy on Public Property to Collect \$12,000,000 Due This Com- monwealth of West Virginia

Richmond May 17—Proceeding on a new and final tack to secure the settlement of the \$12,393,929.50 judgment rendered against West Virginia in favor of this state last June by the United States Supreme Court, Attorney-General Pollard, by deputy, yesterday served notice in Charleston, W. Va., upon Attorney-General A. A. Lilly, of that State, that he will on June 5 apply to the Supreme Court for a writ of execution directing the marshal of that court to levy upon the property of the State of West Virginia for the satisfaction of the judgment.

A telegram received by the Attorney-General yesterday from Samuel W. Bigger, who was detailed to serve the notice, brought the information that the papers have been served, and that the Attorney-General of West Virginia is now apprised of the drastic step that has been determined upon.

If the Supreme Court grants the Attorney-General's motion and enters an order directing a levy on West Virginia's public property to satisfy its judgment, the marshal of that court will be called upon to sell in the manner prescribed by law, enough of the State's property to make good Virginia's claim. Such a proceeding would be without parallel in American history, and would establish a new definition of the sovereignty relations existing between the Federal government and the constituent States.

The whole proceedings is hedged about with doubt. Constitutional authorities differ as to the power of the Supreme Court to resort to actual levy and sale of State property to compel compliance with its rulings. While the Constitution makes the Supreme Court the tribunal for the adjustment of disputes between States, it nowhere specifically describes the machinery for enforcing its decisions in the event they are ignored.

In the opinion of Attorney-General Pollard, it is absurd to assume that the Supreme Court of the United States has devoted months of hard work to the consideration of this case merely for the purpose of rendering an empty decision.

The decision to apply for a writ of execution was reached a few days ago at the end of a series of conferences in Philadelphia and Washington between members of the Virginia Debt Commission, Attorney-General Pollard and Attorneys John G. Johnson and Sanford Robinson, counsel for the bondholders.

## SHOOTS FAMILY PEEPER.

### Son-in-Law Victim of Bullet When He Spies on Runaway Wife.

Pittston, Pa., May 17.—Peeping through a window of the home of Mrs. Mary Correll, early Sunday, David Wolfe, a son-in-law, was shot through the top of the head.

After quarreling with his wife several weeks ago, Wolfe was left to his own devices, while Mrs. Wolfe returned to her mother. When Mrs. Wolfe failed to return in response to a letter, the relenting husband tried to acquaint himself with the situation in the Correll home. He was peeping in the kitchen window when Mrs. Correll mistook him for a burglar, and fired. His injuries are not serious.

## KILLS WIFE; ENDS OWN LIFE.

North Carolina Farmer Uses Toes to  
Fire load of Shot Through  
His Body.  
Wilmington, N. C., May 17.—After firing a load of shot through his wife's chest, killing her instantly, James Lunsford, 35 years of age, placed the muzzle of the gun against his own breast, and using his toes, fired another load of shot through his body, causing instant death, at his home near Kenansville, N. C., late Monday night. No cause for the act has been assigned.

The two were married six months ago, this being the second marriage for both. Apparently they had lived happily. Lunsford was a well-to-do farmer and prominently connected in this State.

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