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DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

The Democratic National Convention on the first day of its session in St. Louis issued a defiant challenge to the Republican opposition. On the second day a ticket was placed in the field to support that challenge. Yesterday the convention put forth a platform upon which it bases its appeal to the American people for a vote of confidence and a further lease upon power.

titude of the present Administration toward the Mexican people was woefully disappointed. The platform declares for a scrupulous regard for Mexican sovereignty and plainly warns the American people "that intervention is military subjugation." Moreover, this official document carries the information which the forthcoming note to Mexico will contain—namely, that American troops will remain in the unsettled section of that country until order is restored.

WHAT THE PRESIDENT DID

The concluding paragraph of the American note to Germany, April 19, is as follows: "Unless the Imperial Government should now immediately declare and effect an abandonment of its present methods of submarine warfare against passenger and freight-carrying vessels, the Government of the United States can have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations with the German Empire altogether."

The German reply contained the following: "The German Government, guided by this idea, notifies the Government of the United States that German naval forces have received the following order: In accordance with the general principles of visit and search, and the destruction of merchant vessels recognized by international law, such vessels, both within and without the area declared a naval war zone, shall not be sunk without warning and without saving human lives, unless the ship attempts to escape or offer resistance."

Diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany were continued because Germany yielded. This is the reason why certain Germans in this country are bent upon defeating President Wilson.

The concessions obtained by our Government, in the interests of humanity and international law, were substantial. The Naval and Military Record, of London says:

"The contrast between what the German U-boats were doing two months ago and what they are doing now is altogether too striking not to encourage the idea that something has occurred to modify their activity very profoundly. The simplest explanation is that President Wilson's last note did the trick."

Professor Albert Bushnell Hart, of Harvard, was at the Progressive convention, shouting lustily for Roosevelt. Therefore he holds no brief for Woodrow Wilson. But he reviewed the correspondence with Germany a month ago, and said:

"The two essential things upon which the United States has insisted are distinctly yielded, namely, the safety of American ships (not carrying contraband) from any destruction by submarines, and the equal safety from destruction of Americans on merchant ships. If no vessels are sunk without warning, then no Americans will be destroyed without warning; and there will be no more need of protests or suggestions of ceasing diplomatic intercourse. That is the main thing that the United States wants."

The Philadelphia Record calls attention to the fact that after this was written Germany made a hard confession. It admitted, what it had at first denied, that a German submarine attacked the Sussex; it admitted that this was in violation of the law of nations, and assured the United States that the commander of the submarine had been punished.

President Wilson is under attack from certain Germans in this country because, in the interest of American rights, of international law, and of the principles of humanity, he obliged Germany to curtail the use of torpedoes against merchant steamers. Is there a single American who will vote against President Wilson because he maintained American rights against a foreign Power?

ECHOES FROM THE BI-ENNIAL

Mrs. Barrett Writes of The New York Meeting of Women Clubs

To attend a bi-annual is a great experience. Apart from the many interesting and stimulating programs that are taking place in a half dozen different halls at the same time, which makes a three ring circus tame, the psychology of the occasion is excellent. The women who compose the

rank and file of the twenty thousand women supposed to be in attendance, with the exception of a few well recognized leaders, are not particularly intellectual or cultivated. They are just the ordinary normal woman of every day life, those who twenty-years ago, would have been busy with the constant succession of simple, household duties, conscientiously performed without any particular thought beyond the day's duties. But the march of social and economic progress has not left the home as it was and the same women, when the bairns are grown and out of the house find that the old fashioned home duties have been so simplified or eliminated by the various changes in the social life of the community that they have been left free to consider and plan for the larger home life, that which today is largely merged into that of the community.

A composite picture of the women would have shown the ideal mother of to-day, well dressed, well groomed, alert, capable and far seeing. Above all else the desire for information on any and all subjects, was paramount. It does not matter whether the information received was a bit shallow or even colored by the interests of the exponent and whether it represents to the gatherer such a composite meal that it was likely to cause a little mental indigestion, it was all on the right line and it is sure sooner or later to grow into opinions and actions which nine times out of ten, will be for the public good. Every subject discussed was handled from the standpoint of "the other fellow." Social justice was the watchword.

Hindered here and there by a lack of appreciation of its social and commercial value, the tide still sweeps on yet in its infancy. In it lies the key to many of the problems of the future. The ideals of democracy, resting upon the efficiency of the individual, will never be realized, until the women are aroused and educated to carry to the new born child and untrained, undeveloped, but impressionable youth the seeds which will eventually bear the fruit of true democracy, interpreted into statesmanship which is based upon the slogan "Make all fit to survive," rather than the unsocial Darwinian theory of the "survival of the fittest."

But the social side was not forgotten. Many and elegant were the receptions planned in honor of the guests. Among them was the beautiful luncheon given by Mrs. John Hays Hammond. Mrs. Hammond is a royal hostess and she had gathered around her hospitable board one of the most distinguished groups of women to be gotten together any where. Among the guests invited were Mrs. William Howard Taft, Mrs. Pennybacker, Miss Anne Morgan, Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, the Marchioness of Aberdeen, Mrs. William Cummings Story and many others.

The Virginia delegation, headed by Miss Cummings, was representative of the best of the young womanhood of the new south. Dignified and conservative, yet alert and up to date, they were well in the front in all matters of national import.

The difficulty of finding suitable accommodations in New York is always a question with the unattached women of moderate income, therefore I feel that it will be truly a kindness to tell of my N. Y. home with the hope that it may help solve this difficulty in the future for some. For several years I have made my headquarters at the Hotel Navarre, corner of 38th and 7th Ave. Here are to be found more conveniences and comforts at a moderate cost than any where else I have ever been. Comfortable rooms with bath at a dollar and a half a day, single rooms for one dollar with a cuisin at unbelievably low prices. The hotel is so conveniently located that taxi fares are very small, being close to the principle places of amusement. Mr. Emile Roux, the manager and cordial host, is a Virginian, having been born in Langley, Fairfax county. Although he has lived away from the south for a long while, he is still faithful to the land of his birth and nothing is too much trouble for him to undertake which will add to his guests comfort.

Even little old New York, with its plethora of wealth and its depths of human sorrow, could not resist being more or less affected by this great gathering, and its most representative men in public affairs forgot for a few moments their public responsibilities. At one meeting we had Marcus Marks the President of the Borough of Manhattan; Mr. Pendergast, the Controller, Mr. Lewisohn, the banker and a half dozen other representative men sandwiched in between Julia Marlow and Edward Markham.

"United for Service," is the watchword of the women of today.

KATE WALLER BARRETT.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Austro-Hungarian troops, estimated to number 18,000, attacked in dense formation the Italian positions on the Asigo plateau Thursday, but were repulsed, leaving piles of corpses before the Italian trenches.

Disturbances at Rotterdam by demonstrators against the high price of food are repeated, especially in the neighborhood of the town hall. There was some stone throwing, and the police cleared the streets by charging the crowds.

George W. Perkins, Progressive leader, after a series of conferences yesterday in New York, with Col. Theodore Roosevelt and with Gov. Charles S. Whitman, announced that negotiations were under way looking to a "restoration of good feeling" between the Progressive and Republican parties.

United States Senator Edwin C. Burleigh died last night at his residence at Augusta, Me. The senator's death was due to acute indigestion. He was ill only a few hours. His wife died a month ago in Washington. Senator Burleigh was a Republican, was publisher of the Kennebec Journal, served in the House four years, and was twice elected to the Senate. His term would have expired March 3, 1919. The senator was born in Linneus, Me., and was in his seventy-fourth year.

Although 500,000 strike ballots were ordered printed yesterday in New York, by the delegates of the four railroad brotherhoods who failed to reach an agreement with the railroads in their demands for shorter hours and higher overtime pay, leaders of the men and representatives of the railroads united in the declaration that while the situation is serious, it is not hopeless. The ballots are to be delivered tomorrow and will be taken by the delegates to their homes for distribution to expedite the vote.

The capture of an additional 100 officers and 14,000 men was announced yesterday by the Russian War Office. The Russian successes in the offensive along the southern front are continuing, the statement declares. Much of the effectiveness of the Russian artillery in their great Galician drive is due to the use of big Japanese guns. These guns are said to be more powerful than any that the Russians have had heretofore and are charged with shells filled with a new explosive, the destructive power of which is terrific.

Hereafter the public of the United States can expect to hear the United States Marine Band only by coming to Washington, or witnessing a parade in which the navy or Marine Corps is represented. The Musicians' Union, through a provision inserted in the army reorganization bill, recently passed, has succeeded completely in excluding the band from participation in any concert, parade or other kind of entertainment where it might compete with civilian musical organizations, even though the entertainment might be for charity.

Though proclaimed by many artists as one of three most beautiful women in the world, Mme. Fernando Rocchi Riabouchinsky, yesterday complained in the Supreme Court in New York, that another and a less beautiful woman—"an unknown woman"—to use the words of the complaint—had won the love of her husband, Nicholas Riabouchinsky, purchasing agent for the Russian government. Mme. Riabouchinsky decided upon the divorce, it was said today, after learning that her husband had lost \$45,000 in a roulette game. They married in Paris in January, 1914.

Mexican bandits crossed the border thirteen miles east of El Paso yesterday afternoon and raided the small town of Noria, N. Mex. The sheriff at Noria has reported to Gen. Bell that one Mexican was killed. There were no American casualties. Gen. Trevino, at Chihuahua, has issued an ultimatum to Gen. Pershing informing the latter that if American troops move one step farther south or west, it will be regarded as an act of hostility and treated as such. It is understood here that Trevino is acting on instructions direct from Carranza. Juarez citizenry received rifles last night. More than a thousand persons were summoned to the general barracks and equipped to fight the American soldiers.

The Twentieth District Grand Council of the United Commercial Travelers of America began its sessions in Staunton Thursday with delegates from Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Maryland present. Mayor H. H. Wayt made the welcoming address.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

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N. B.—Following schedule figures are published only as information, not guaranteed. Trains leave Union Station, Alexandria.

7:37 A. M. Daily—Local between Washington and Danville, delivers connection daily except Sunday at Orange to C and O, No. 408 for Gordonsville and Richmond.

8:47 A. M. Daily—Local for Harrisonburg and way stations. Buffet parlor car.

9:17 A. M. Daily—Mail train, coaches for Manassas, Warrenton, Orange, Lynchburg, Greensboro and Charlotte.

10:22 A. M. Daily—U. S. Fast Mail stops only for passengers to points at which scheduled to stop. Coaches and Sleeping cars to Atlanta, New Orleans, Birmingham. Sleeping car Salisbury to Asheville. Coaches for Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Danville, Greensboro, and Charlotte.

4:52 P. M. Daily—Birmingham Special. Sleeping cars between New York, Atlanta, Annapolis, Birmingham, and Augusta. Through first class coaches between Washington, Atlanta and Birmingham. Dining car service. Tourist to California daily.

4:02 P. M.—Local for Harrisonburg and way Stations on Manassas branch. Pullman Buffet parlor cars. 5:22 P. M. Local for Warrenton.

7:17 P. M. Daily—Augusta Special. Through train with sleeping cars to Charlotte, Columbia, Aiken and Augusta. Through Sleeping cars to Asheville.

11:02 P. M. Daily—New York and New Orleans Limited. All Pullman train. Club and Observation cars to New Orleans. Dining car service.

4:27 A. M. Daily—Memphis special, Sleeping cars and coaches for Roanoke, Knoxville, Nashville, Chattanooga, and Memphis. Dining car service. Washington sleeping cars open 10 p. m.

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Wednesday, 2:30 P. M. Miss Gertrude Paynekinski, the Polish pianist, The Spragues in Skyland Farm, 8 P. M. Miss Paynekinski, the Spragues in 'Rip van Winkle'

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