

CARRANZA NOW WILLING TO LET U. S. HUNT VILLA

De Facto President Finally Decides Intervention Is Not Contemplated

ADMINISTRATION IS CHEERED BY OUTLOOK

Oregon Has Made Promises That Tend to Relieve Danger at Border

Marathon, Tex., May 17.—A truck driver arriving here today from Boquillas said that it was reported on the border that Maj. Langhorne and two troops of cavalry had surrounded the Big Bend bandit raiders about 125 miles from the border, killing six and capturing seventy-five. Army officers here have made no announcement regarding such an engagement.

According to the truck driver's report, the bandits were surrounded and did not put up a fight. The Americans ceased firing at once. The seventy-five captured, it was said, were to be brought here for trial.

Washington, D. C., May 17.—Gen. Scott's relief of the Carranza government now is convinced the United States has no intention of intervening in Mexican politics and that consequently resentment against the punitive expedition is rapidly decreasing.

Gen. Scott, chief of staff of the army, brought this word to Secretary Baker from his conference at El Paso with Gen. Obregon, war minister for the Carranza government.

Among the promises made by Gen. Obregon with the approval of Gen. Carranza at the conclusion of the conference were these:

Ten thousand selected Mexican troops were to patrol the territory about Parral, the southernmost locality from which American troops are being withdrawn, and to search diligently for Villa or his bandits; a strong Mexican force was to try to capture the Glenn Springs and Boquillas raiders in the Big Bend district and to liberate Deemer, the American stockkeeper, carried off by the bandits; no Mexican troops were to be moved from Sonora state through Pulpit pass to the rear of Gen. Pershing's column.

Gen. Scott's part of the informal pact did not include any promises of American troop withdrawal at a definite time.

Gen. Scott expressed the opinion that Gen. Carranza and his war minister have ordered speedy troop movements in an attempt to carry out their pledges.

CAPTIVES LIBERATED.

San Antonio, Tex., May 17.—The rescue by the American soldiers of J. Deemer and the colored cook, Monroe Payne, carried off as prisoners by the bandits that raided Glenn Springs and Boquillas, was reported to Gen. Funston today.

Their rescue alive was due to the refusal of the residents of the village where they had been left to carry out the orders of the bandits to kill them if the American troops attempted their rescue.

The report came from Col. Frederick Sibley, who received his information from Maj. Langhorne, now about 100 miles south of the border. A detachment of Maj. Langhorne's force found the Americans at El Pino, ninety miles south of Boquillas, early yesterday morning. The Americans had been left there by their captors in charge of the residents. None but the unarmed of the town was there when the American soldiers arrived and no resistance was made.

Maj. Langhorne reported to Col. Sibley that he was pushing forward and hoped to overtake the bandits during the day. He added that no federal troops had been encountered and that the attitude of the residents in the territory through which he had passed appeared friendly.

CHINAMEN MURDERED.

Columbus, N. M., May 17.—Stories of the slaughter of ten Chinese merchants at San Antonio, Mexico, by persons believed to have been followers of Villa, were brought to the border today by returning truckmen. According to the stories, the Chinese had been selling supplies to the Americans and were killed immediately after the withdrawal of the American troops.

MEXICANS SHOW NEW RESPECT FOR ALL AMERICANS

FIGHTING ABILITIES OF SOLDIERS BRING ABOUT CHANGE OF OPINION.

Namiquipa, Chihuahua, May 17.—Via wireless to Columbus, N. M.—American residents of this section of Mexico have assured Gen. J. J. Pershing, commander of the punitive expedition, that the American troops have restored respect on the part of the natives for U. S. soldiers to a degree not existing for five years.

For some time Mexicans had sneered at the fighting ability of the Americans, some of them honestly believing that the United States soldiers were afraid to engage any Mexican command. After the Ojo Azules fight, however, signs of the growing respect on the part of the natives became more and more manifest. American noncombatants living in the vicinity were treated with a courtesy which astonished them and the like of which they had not experienced for years.

These same Americans, however, have openly expressed their intention of leaving Mexico if the expeditionary command is withdrawn. They believe that a native uprising will result immediately after the protection of the American guns is removed. Numerous threats on the part of Villa and lieutenants to punish persons dealing with the Americans also have caused some Mexicans and Chinese merchants to announce that they, too, will follow the American command from Mexico should it be withdrawn.

SOME FIGHT, SAYS INDIAN.

Field headquarters, May 8.—By motor train to Columbus, N. M., May 17.—The high mortality of Mexican bandits in the Ojo Azules fight last Friday when Maj. Robert L. Howze's command killed fifty-five Villistas, was credited by officers here today in part to the effectiveness of the new army automatic .45 caliber pistol. Most of the fighting was done with pistols by the Americans who ran down the bandits at close range.

The briefest report of the fight was that brought back to the advanced base by Sergeant Chiklen, the oldest of the twenty Apache Indian scouts. No one with this expedition seems to know Sergeant Chiklen's age which is estimated variously at from 70 to 90. He was in the van during the pistol battle, where his experiences were said to be thrilling enough to fill a book. When urged to tell what he knew, Sergeant Chiklen said: "Him damn fine fight."

Further details he refused to disclose.

SEARCHING TOWN TO LOCATE BOOZE

Columbus, Ga., May 17.—A special train of deputies arrived here today under instructions from the attorney general of Alabama to confiscate any liquor found in Gird, Ala., just over the line. This morning they entered Gird from two sides, armed with search warrants, and began their work. It has been reported that large quantities of liquor were stored in Gird when Alabama went dry.

EIGHT MEN LOST OFF U. S. CRUISER

Boston, May 17.—The U. S. cruiser San Francisco, now serving as a mine laying ship, was grounded on a shoal in Nantucket sound for several hours early today in a gale, during which it was reported she lost a whaleboat containing eight members of her crew. The fate of the men has not yet been learned. The San Francisco floated later without assistance and was not greatly damaged. Observation from the cruiser was impossible because of the rain.

Messages saying eight men were lost were received at two stations by officers of the Charlestown navy yard, which was in touch with the cruiser most of the time she was aground, said they had no word that any men were missing.

The exact place where the San Francisco stranded is in doubt. Commander Belknap gave her position as latitude 41.22 north, longitude 69.46. This would place the cruiser off the Old South shoal. Another message from the cruiser said she had grounded on Great Round shoal, at the entrance of Nantucket sound.

TODAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE—Took up army reorganization conference report. Senator Owen's corrupt practices bill reported favorably from elections committee. Rivers and harbors appropriation bill debated. HOUSE—Flood control bill under consideration.

REPUBLICANS OF STATE CONVENE

Organization Leaders Meet at Cedar Rapids; Many Candidates Present

PRIMARY LAW IS REGARDED AS JOKE

Sentiment Favorable to the Repeal of Statute Very Apparent at Meet

Cedar Rapids, May 17.—Candidates for governor, Jess Willard, heavy-weight champion, and a herd of elephants today figured in the preliminaries to the first state republican convention, held here for the purpose of ratifying the choice of delegates to the national republican convention, made at the presidential preference primaries April 10.

A crowd estimated at 6,000 came to Cedar Rapids today, some of them to attend the convention, but most of them, even political leaders admitted, were more interested in the circus, which arrived simultaneously with the delegates.

At pre-convention meetings and caucuses last night, enthusiasm for the candidacy of Albert B. Cummins for the presidency of the United States was most marked. It was said that little choice has been observed in the matter of gubernatorial candidates and that probably nothing which might be taken as an endorsement for any of the candidates will be done by the convention.

No Contests Waged. No contests developed in the district caucuses which were concluded just prior to the opening of the convention. The work of organization of the convention was completed within a few minutes and Temporary Chairman Clark was given a great ovation when he arose to deliver his keynote speech.

The convention late this afternoon is expected to go on record as favoring a strong protective tariff plank in the national party platform. The endorsement of Senator Cummins' candidacy was considered certain. Leaders planned also to introduce a resolution, endorsing the stand taken by Iowa representatives in congress on preparedness legislation.

Prohibition questions were taboed at district and headquarters conferences today. The liquor question, it was said, would not be brought up for official consideration by the delegates. Political "dopesters" professed to see in the attitude of delegates a nearly unanimous sentiment for the repeal of the law providing for a presidential preference primary.

Talk Big Issues. National issues, including preparedness and the protective tariff and interest in the anti-trust campaigns of the various gubernatorial candidates, overshadowed other considerations. The delegates followed closely the precedent set by the democrats at Clinton recently when state issues were to a large extent ignored in the intense interest displayed in planks which are expected to make up the structure of the national platform.

While a general tone of optimism marked the attitude of the majority of the delegates, especially following the delivery of the keynote speech by Howard J. Clark of Des Moines, there was a marked absence of the old time enthusiasm which marked conventions in the old days of republican dominion.

The contest for governor was of great unofficial interest. Each of the republican aspirants maintained headquarters here and each professed confidence in the outcome of the primary as far as his candidacy was concerned. It was only at these headquarters that state issues were under discussion and even there a marked reluctance in the matter of prohibition, suffrage and good roads—the predominant questions of the campaign—was noted.

Reports of convention committees took up most of the afternoon session and a number of extemporaneous speeches by delegates were scheduled.

Following are some of the important committee appointments, listed by districts:

First district—Chairman Arthur Springer, Wapello; resolutions committee, La Monte Cowles, Burlington; permanent organization, F. M. Molsberry, Columbus Junction; credentials, Gilbert Lee, Ft. Madison.

Second district—Chairman C. H. Murphy, Davenport; credentials, J. C. Campbell, Maquoketa; resolutions, W. E. Hayes, Clinton county; permanent organization, L. G. Shaver, Johnson county.

Third district—Chairman N. W. Beebe, Franklin county; credentials, W. A. Abbott, Franklin county; permanent organization, G. A. McIntyre, Butler county; resolutions, F. S. Rath, Harding county.

Sixth district—Eli Dodson, Jasper; resolutions, C. M. Fuhrmeister, Keokuk county; credentials, George A. Woodson, Monroe; organization, J. W. Burke, Jasper county.

BLACKMAILERS HELD.

Quincy, Ill., May 17.—Leonard Schanon and Minnie Payne were arrested here today on a charge of having blackmailed a number of Quincy citizens.

GERMAN SHIPS IN BRUSH WITH FOE; GET BACK TO PORT

BRITONS REPORT REPULSING A FLEET OF DESTROYERS OFF BELGIAN COAST.

London, May 17.—The American embassy was informed today that Luigi Martini Mancini, an American citizen, was drowned when the steamship Batavier was blown up.

London, May 17.—A naval engagement occurred yesterday off the Belgian coast between small German and British warships. There were no British casualties.

Official announcement of the fight was made as follows: "An encounter took place yesterday afternoon off the Belgian coast between a force composed of British destroyers and monitors and some German destroyers.

"After a short engagement the enemy ships withdrew to their ports. Our force sustained no casualties."

GERMANS REPULSED.

Paris, May 17.—German troops made an attack with grenades last night on French positions in the vicinity of Dead Man hill. The effort failed, the official report of today says.

To the east of the Meuse along the Verdun front, there was continuous cannonading on both sides, particularly at Haudremont wood and Vaux pond.

French aeroplanes made several raids during the night. Bombs thrown on the German camp at Danville, and on the railway stations at Metz, Prescanti and Brielleux.

STEAMER IS SUNK.

London, May 17.—A dispatch to Lloyd's from Great Yarmouth says the Dutch steamer Batavier, 1,500 tons, has been blown up in the North sea. Four members of the crew were lost, the remainder landed at Great Yarmouth. The Batavier was on her way to London from Rotterdam.

WAR SUMMARIES.

Gains for the Austrians against the Italians in southern Tyrol and on the lower Isonzo and a continuation of the Russian advance through Kurdistan toward Mosul, the Russian objective being Bagdad, are the most important changes reported from the various war fronts.

The Austrians are reported to have taken a number of Italian trenches southeast of Tyrol, captured 2,565 men and eighteen guns.

In Belgium and France the artillery of both the allies and the Germans continues active, being especially vigorous in Belgium, in the region of Dixmude and St. Georges and in France, around the Avocourt wood, Hill 304 and Le Mort Homme, northwest of Verdun. An infantry attack by the Germans against the French position west of Hill 304 was checked by the French curtain of fire.

On the Russian front, an attack by the Germans in the large region between Dvinsk and Vilna resulted in temporary gains, but the Russians, by a counter attack, drove the Germans back to their former positions. A vigorous attack was also launched by the Germans in the lower Stripa region of Galicia but the Russians repulsed them.

Austrian air raiders attempted to attack a train on which were Queen Helena of Italy and the children of the royal household. The attack failed and the air raiders were put to flight by Italian airships.

AMERICANS ON LOST SHIP

Britons Say Boat Was Torpedoed But Other Evidence Puts the Blame on Floating Mine.

Washington, D. C., May 17.—The American consul at La Rochelle, France, today reported to the state department that three American citizens were aboard the Canadian steamship Eretria, which was sunk on Friday, presumably by a mine.

A dispatch from Consul General Skinner at London yesterday said that Lloyd's reports declare the steamer was torpedoed. Both dispatches agree that the crew was uninjured.

TREASON TRIAL ORDERED

Sir Roger Casement to Face High Court, Charged with Being Traitor to the British King.

London, May 17.—Sir Roger Casement and Daniel J. Bailey were committed for trial today for high treason. This decision was reached at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing of these men on the charge of participation in the Irish rebellion, which has been in progress since Monday. The date of the trial and the court before which it will be held have not yet been announced.

BROWN WILL GO TO MASON CITY

Local Y. M. C. A. Secretary Accepts Similar Position in Northern Iowa

HAS BEEN HERE FOR PAST FOUR YEARS

Came to City From Lake Geneva in May, 1912; to Begin Duties June 1

Mason City, May 17.—Announcement was made here today of the appointment of J. Royce Brown of Ottumwa to be community secretary of the Young Men's Christian association for the Mason City district. He will assume his duties about June 1. Mr. Brown is present secretary of the Ottumwa Y. M. C. A.

HERE FOR FOUR YEARS.

Mr. Brown came to Ottumwa four years ago to assume the duties of general secretary and his tenure of office here has been successful and pleasing to the association. Succeeding W. F. Hunting who left here for similar work in Cedar Rapids, Mr. Brown arrived and took up the secretaryship of the Ottumwa association May 1, 1912. For seven years he has been devoting his time to this work and came to Ottumwa from Lake Geneva, Wis., where he was secretary of the Y. M. C. A. His old home is in Milwaukee, but he is a native of New York.

Mr. Brown is expected home Thursday from Cleveland where he has been attending the international Y. M. C. A. convention. In his new position Mr. Brown will have a somewhat different field to work in as the plan in Mason City is of a community character and not so centralized as in Ottumwa. The association there has no building of its own though it has a lot on which a home for the association is to be erected within the next year or two. The new community secretary, attaches to the new duties of the Ottumwa man who will work among the youth and men of Mason City in the schools, shops, etc., and have a general supervision of the work of the Y. M. C. A. in that community.

MANY SUFFER IN FAMILY SQUABBLE

Houston, Tex., May 17.—The shooting of Mrs. Mattie Campbell, at her home here last night, was the beginning of a train of circumstances in which five persons were injured, one of whom is expected to die.

Mrs. Campbell was killed in the presence of her two small children. Near her body was found her brother-in-law, Sid B. Campbell, suffering from knife wounds in his throat which physicians said would prove fatal. When an ambulance was taking him to a hospital it collided with an automobile injuring three passengers. The other person hurt was a colored woman, who was passing the Campbell residence at the time of the shooting and was wounded by a bullet which passed through the body of Mrs. Campbell. Family affairs were blamed for the shooting.

PROGRAM IS READY FOR CHICAGO MEET

Chicago, May 17.—Details of the official program for the first two days of the republican national convention which will open here June 7 were announced today by officials of the republican national committee as follows:

Wednesday, June 7—11 a. m., convention called to order by Chairman Charles D. Hilles of the republican national committee.

Reading of the official call for the convention by Secretary James B. Reynolds of the republican national committee.

Chairman Hilles presents Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio, as temporary chairman of the convention, who will deliver his keynote address.

Selection of the other temporary officers of the convention, including secretary, assistant secretaries, chief clerk and sergeant at arms.

Naming of committees on credentials, resolutions, permanent organizations and rules and order of business.

Thursday, June 8—11 a. m., report of committee on credentials.

Adoption of the permanent roll of the convention.

Report of the committee on permanent organization.

Report of the committee on rules and order of business.

After the preliminaries of organization have been disposed of, which usually occupies the first two sessions, the convention will nominate a candidate for president and vice president and adopt the party platform and adjourn. Arrangements will be made to hold night sessions if necessary.

WILSON SUGGESTS COOPERATION FOR AIDING BUSINESS

WOULD HUNT OUT "UNHEALTHY" INDUSTRIES AND HELP FIND THE CURE.

Washington, D. C., May 17.—Cooperation between the federal trade commission and business firms and commercial organizations with the object of standardizing trade is recommended by President Wilson in a letter to Edward N. Hurley, vice chairman of the commission, made public today at the white house. The president urges that the commission investigate industries and, if it finds any not "healthy," it suggest "a practical and helpful remedy."

The president wrote to Mr. Hurley to commend him for suggestions made in a recent speech at Boston in which Mr. Hurley told of efforts being made by the commission to assist the small manufacturer and merchant in bettering his condition by helping him improve his cost accounting and book-keeping methods.

Should Know Costs. "This is a step in the right direction and one of the most fundamental of any successful business," said the president. "It is most important to the future success of a business man that he should know what his goods actually cost to manufacture and to sell. If he has these facts, they will enable him to present a modern balance sheet to his bank and as a result he will be better able to obtain credit with which to expand and develop his business."

"Your suggestion that trade associations, associations of retail and wholesale merchants, commercial clubs, boards of trade, manufacturers' associations, credit associations and other similar organizations should be encouraged in every feasible way by the government, seems to me a very wise one. To furnish them with data and comprehensive information in order that they more easily accomplish the result that they are organized for is a proper and useful government function. These associations, when organized for the purpose of improving conditions in their particular industry, such as unifying cost accounting and bookkeeping methods; standardizing products and processes of manufacture, should meet with the approval of every man interested in the business progress of the country."

Standardize Trade. "Too much emphasis can not be placed on your suggestion that materials, methods and products in industry should be standardized upon the basis of specifications drawn up in friendly cooperation with engineering societies, industrial experts and trade associations. Further standardization in our industries will not only reduce the cost of production but assure the producer better materials and more efficient workmanship and to the consumer, the result of this standardization will be a more efficient and economical way of producing goods and services, resulting from not having to pay for a wide and increasing variety of products and materials. Judicious standardization also means a greater return on a given investment. Capital now tied up because of inefficient methods will be released and can be used effectively elsewhere."

Must Be Thorough. "If we are to be an important factor in a world's market, we must be more thorough and efficient in production. The encouragement of trade associations and standardization and the installing of better cost accounting methods in our business concerns will go a long way toward accomplishing this end."

"It is my hope that, in addition to the other work which the federal trade commission is doing, it will ascertain the facts regarding conditions in our various industries. If it finds that an industry is not healthy, it should, after carefully considering the facts, in cooperation with the parties interested, suggest a practical and helpful remedy. In this way many of our difficult business problems might be solved."

I am very anxious to see you continue to cooperate with the business men of the country along the lines upon which you are working."

U. S. TRADE EXPANDING.

New York, May 17.—Despairing of obtaining adequate tonnage to ship their exports and to bring to them in return needed manufactured articles from the United States, numerous big shippers of Central and South American goods are buying in this country machinery with which they may turn their raw products into manufactured articles for their own trade, according to Robert Lee Dunn, secretary of the All-America association, a Pan-American trade organization with headquarters here.

"We are finding more and more," said Mr. Dunn, "that the people of Central America want to do their foreign business here and we also find they are learning that it pays to eliminate the middle man from their transactions and deal direct with the producer. They are also willing to trade on a cash basis. Through this organization we have handled since January 1 almost \$600,000 in gold coin, deposited here to draw against in their transactions. In addition to this gold, South American buyers have brought to the United States millions in negotiable paper."

EX-CONGRESSMAN DIES.

Clinton, May 17.—Heart disease, aggravated by indigestion and overwork today was given by physicians as cause of the death of B. P. Bird, former district judge and later congressman from the third Iowa district. He died at his home here following a strenuous day in the court rooms.

MRS. HATCHETT ON STAND TELLS STORY OF FIRE

Wife of Man on Trial for Burning House and Barn Testifies in Case

CLAIMS BOTH WERE ILL AT TIME OF BLAZE

Woman Says Smell of Smoke Aroused Her and She

Abraham Hatchett on trial in the district court for setting fire to a building told the jury today of the burning of their home and barn on Monroe street, Sunnyside, March 30, 1916.

Mrs. Hatchett, 50 years old, said she was born in Virginia and can neither read nor write. She and her husband have lived in Ottumwa three years and previous to their coming here were residents of Buxton. She said she had been ill for several weeks at the time of the fire.

She claims she was awakened by the smell of smoke in the house. Struggling from the flames she aroused her husband and they hurriedly ran on their clothes and ran out. A truck was dragged out and a part of the barn thrown from the room. They were cleaning house, the witness said, she had all her pictures and bric-a-brac piled against the walls on the floor. Several pieces were carried out.

Mrs. Hatchett says that she crossed the street to the home of a neighbor to tell her that the house was on fire. She claims she did not notice that the barn was ablaze until the neighbor called her attention to it. She and her husband tried to throw water to throw on the fire but were so weak from their sickness they were unable to do anything. In a short time the house was full of people who were helping them and the fire department there in a very short time.

The defendant's wife was the witness for the defense and she testified at 9:30 o'clock this morning. Arguments were expected to begin this afternoon. The case called for trial Monday afternoon, no evidence was introduced Tuesday morning.

MANY ENLIST FOR VOLUNTEER CAMP

New York, May 17.—Recruits plentiful to form five regiments of infantry at war stretch have enlisted for the summer military training camp at Plattsburgh, N. Y., it was announced today. Enlistments thus total 8,405.

The first senior encampment beginning on June 5 has an enrollment of 1,354 and promises to be the smallest of the series. The junior camp beginning early in July, has 1,919 volunteers, while the second senior camp in July has 2,511.

Indications are that the senior camp to be held in August will be the largest of all as it now has 2,000 enlistments. Thus far only 624 volunteers have enrolled for the camp in September.

Officers of the military training camps association say that applications are coming from the south, west of the Mississippi river, Alaska, Panama and Porto Rico.

BEGIN BALLOTING FOR NEW BISHOP

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 17.—Balloting for the seven new bishops of the Methodist church continues when the general conference resumes work today. The first ballot was taken yesterday but no one received necessary two-thirds vote. Rev. Thomas Nicholson, secretary of board of education, was the leader with 412 votes.

L. J. Birney, dean of Boston university theological school, who received 111 votes, requested that his name be omitted from subsequent ballots. He was not a candidate for episcopal honors.

PRESENT FOR THORNE.

Clinton, May 17.—A seven passenger touring automobile, purchased in Ottumwa by western shippers, was presented to Clifford Thorne, Iowa state railroad commissioner, at his home in Washington, Iowa. It is a gift from the shippers in recognition of his services in the recent advance freight rate cases before the interstate commerce commission.

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