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WILSON'S GRIP ON LEADERSHIP QUESTIONED

McCombs Scores President's Alleged Assumption of Party Authority

NEW YORK COUNTED STRENGTH TO COX

Ex-Chairman of Democratic National Committee Not League Adherent

By The Associated Press.

CHICAGO, June 21.—William F. McCombs, chairman of the democratic national committee from 1917 to 1919, and manager of President Wilson's pre-convention campaign, [illegible] tonight before leaving for his home in California, which he characterized as the president's "autocratic assumption of authority."

President Wilson, he said, has no more right to call himself leader of the democratic party, "a conception heretofore never entertained in this country," than has [illegible] James White, former Speaker, minority Chairman or Vice President Thomas R. Marshall.

Mr. McCombs contended that arrangements had been made for delegates for him a seat in the [illegible] convention, if he decides to run, the chairman of the Texas [illegible] delegation, to be selected [illegible] pledged to vote for him on the second ballot after casting a complimentary vote for Governor Smith. He added that he believed a Wilson-McAdoo ticket would be the strongest democratic combination.

"They will not dare," McCombs said, pledged to stand on Thursday and vote this way, and [illegible] nothing. One individual [illegible] such, permitted Cox to [illegible] but [illegible] for Attorney General McAdoo, but he will be [illegible] the last application he made [illegible] "Not a self-appointed emissary, Governor Cox," McCombs said, "is [illegible] this signature affixed thereto, the signature which announced [illegible] in good faith by all the Democratic [illegible] as absolute.

"The president [illegible] a session [illegible] the senate [illegible] by two-thirds majority. In this particular instance there has been no concurrence.

"Other [illegible] want a league of nations and it may be that people don't do not [illegible] the terms of [illegible] as it was brought back from Paris. If so, an [illegible] league but it is a totally different question as to what [illegible] have in a national convention [illegible] matter it is a question for the [illegible] and the people to vote.

"The statement that [illegible] arrangements [illegible] railroads and [illegible] transportation and for [illegible] of the black seas of being [illegible] from an international affiliation."

The statement continued:

"When the [illegible] was broken and the [illegible] was being [illegible] was asked and was willing to accept

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Summer Normal Opens Sessions With 56 Students

The South Texas Summer Normal school opened yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at the high school. The day was spent in opening exercises and enrollment. Fifty-six students, probably about 50 percent of the total to be expected, enrolled yesterday. Most of the students are [illegible] teachers.

The opening program included a song by the school, followed by the invocation, by Rev. R. T. Deal, Baptist school. Nat Benton delivered an address of welcome to the students and faculty, which was responded to by R. J. Wise, superintendent of the normal. In his capacity as secretary of the executive committee, Mr. Hopkins made further remarks about the normal and its aims.

Enrollment of students followed the stated program, and organization of classes occupied the remainder of the day.

A number of young people arrived in the city yesterday for the school and the promise is for at least as many more to reach here before the close of the week. Most of the text books used in the normal are furnished free of charge by the state, relieving those taking the course of considerable expense hitherto borne in this connection.

A meeting of the faculty was in the afternoon at which a schedule of the studies necessary to meet requirements was made.

Arrangements have been made for "credit" work for pupils of the local schools wishing to make up their work in the local schools. The normal which has the endorsement of 23 counties in South Texas will be in session until August 13.

The faculty is composed of R. J. Wise, superintendent; Mrs. Margaret Yarborough, of Brownsville, primary; Supt. Paul E. Phipps, Harlingen; Miss Josephine Smith, Laredo; Supt. A. P. Cleveland, Orange Grove; Prof. D. A. Huddleston, Corpus Christi.

A touch of the social side was given yesterday morning's session by the appearance of Mrs. William Gerhardt in behalf of the Baptist congregation, to invite the young women attending the normal to be present at a tea party given at the Baptist church Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

CHICAGO PROBES BLACK BELT RIOTING OF SUNDAY

White Leader of Organization Advocating Return Into Abyssinia of Its Followers Under Arrest With Numerous Blacks; Many Others Wanted

By The Associated Press.

CHICAGO, June 21.—With [illegible] in the city's worst outbreak of race rioting [illegible] the return of negroes to the south, Edward Wright, white leader of an organization advocating the return of negroes to Africa, was in custody here tonight with a [illegible] charge of inciting to riot. Wright was taken into custody late today by police who had been searching for him since the rioting began Sunday. Wright was taken to the police headquarters where he was questioned by Deputy Police Commissioner Wilson and Assistant State's Attorney Lewis.

Wright, who [illegible] the leader of a movement [illegible] Africa, [illegible] Wright [illegible] Abyssinia [illegible] Africa [illegible] Wright [illegible] Abyssinia [illegible] Africa [illegible] Wright [illegible] Abyssinia [illegible] Africa