

CARRANZA AIDE LOYAL TO CHIEF IN FIRST REPLY

General Ricaut Tells Washington Peace Must Come Through His Leader

MAY REFUSE PROPOSAL

Villa Note Accepting Peace Conference Proposal Expected by Lansing

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—General Carranza's military leaders will stand with him in whatever attitude he assumes toward the peace conference appeal of the United States and Latin-America, according to a statement by the Carranzista agency at El Paso, Tex., forwarded here today.

This statement and the reply of General Alfredo Ricaut, Carranza's leader at Nuevo Laredo, to the Pan-American appeal, give additional ground for the belief that the "first chief" has resolved to refuse to join any peace conference that does not offer him supreme advantage over all his opponents in Mexico.

CARRANZISTA HOPE HIGHER.

Carranzista optimism appears to be mounting higher daily. It was still further increased today by reports that the Villa garrison at Chihuahua was on the verge of mutiny. The note, which is the first in the reports was indicated by the fact that General Villa was hurriedly summoned to Chihuahua yesterday.

The troops in Durango have revolted and the city has fallen. A messenger dispatch to the State Department from the American Consul at Durango today. It was taken to mean that the Villista troops which have held the city have revolted and that the Carranzistas have captured the city.

"Carranza was the first to arise in protest against the murder of Francisco I. Madero, the martyred president," said the Carranza message, "the first man to demand the unpunished assassination of a president. Negotiations must be conducted through Carranza direct."

VILLA RETURNS LOAN

A forced loan of \$100,000, levied by General Villa against the James Brittingham Company, of Gomez-Palacio, has been repaid, according to reports received here today. Abandonment of the plan to collect the loan followed a conference between Villa and Major General Hugh L. Scott.

William reported from Vera Cruz that he was suffering from fever, due to the tropical weather, but did not consider his illness serious. Stillman and the District of Vera Cruz, implicated for some time by the Carranzistas, has been released.

The Texas border situation today overshadowed the efforts of the United States to force a peace conference in Mexico. Despite effective reports by Carranza and his generals, no information reaching the War Department shows that the majority of the raiding bands now on Texas soil are Carranza soldiers. General Funnell has told the War Department that some of the prisoners taken have declared that Carranza's border generals knew of and sanctioned the raids.

Much significance is attached by officials at the Wilson Administration to a speech delivered in Mexico City Saturday by General Pablo Gonzales, the Carranza commander, in which Gonzales declared that Carranza would go to war "in case of armed or political intervention by any foreign power."

The speech would seem to foreshadow a rejection by Carranza of the invitation to participate in the Pan-American conference, led by the United States, that he and the other chieftains enter into a peace convention with a view to the early re-establishment of constitutional government in Mexico. Officials are convinced that if Carranza agrees to talk peace with the other factional leaders in Mexico he will impose conditions impossible of acceptance.

LABOR WITH CARRANZA.

Carranza's advisers are trying to persuade him to reply to the Pan-American note with a counter proposal that he will enter the convention if representation in it is based upon the extent of civil and military control exercised by various factions. Whether Carranza will follow this course or flatly decline to acquiesce in the arrangement outlined by the Pan-American note is not definitely known by any one in authority here. Officials generally have believed from the day the purpose of the Pan-American conference became known that Carranza would fight rather than talk peace with Villa, Zapata and the other opposing leaders.

VILLA READY TO CONFER.

Just about the time that the Carranza agency made public the speech by General Gonzales denying the United States and Latin America, news came that in a day or so Villa will forward a note signifying his acceptance of the invitation to open negotiations looking to a Mexican conference to bring about peace.

The action of the Carranza agency in making public the Gonzales speech expected comment in official circles.

OBREGON STANDS BY CARRANZA.

A copy of a telegram forwarded to Vera Cruz by General Obregon, Carranza's commander-in-chief in the field, also was made public tonight. Obregon pledges allegiance to the Constitutional cause with a dignity that presents a striking contrast to the speech of Gonzales.

CARRANZA DENIES HIS SOLDIERS WERE IN RAIDS

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—General Venustiano Carranza, in a cable message, addressed to the United Press today, from Vera Cruz, declared that none of the soldiers under his command have participated in any of the raids across the Texas border, but said he had no official confirmation of reliable reports, current in Washington, that the bandits were being recruited by American interests desiring intervention in Mexico.

General Carranza's cablegram was in response to a message from the United Press, asking if he had any information concerning these reports. His message follows:

"In respect to your message of yesterday, as to who has attacked the cities bordering the frontier, I have no information, but I affirm that these attacks have been made by soldiers of the Constitutional Mexican army, of which I am the first chief.

"V. CARRANZA" MARRIED 59 YEARS

Veteran Police Sergeant Celebrates Golden Wedding

Vergus Elliott, for 30 years house warden in the Chestnut Hill station of the Germantown police district, yesterday celebrated his golden wedding anniversary at his bungalow, in Bradley Road, N. J. Sergeant Elliott was treated to a postal-card "showcase" by the police in his district, every one of whom sent a congratulatory message.

Sergeant Elliott is a veteran of the War in which he served as a sergeant in the 108th Infantry.

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HARMONY, WITH SMITH FOR MAYOR, CALLED "BLIND" OF BOSSES

Charges Are Made That Organization in Its Scheme of Public Plunder Has Aid of the Governor

EAGER FOR CONTRACTS

Accusations that the entire Republican Organization Majority "situation" has been framed up by the Organization leaders to deceive the public and that Governor Brumbaugh, in appointing former Postmaster Thomas B. Smith to the Public Service Commission, has been the chief figure in "sub-collusion" politics by which harmony, with Smith as the Organization candidate for Mayor, was decided upon some time ago, created a sensation in political circles today. The charges were made by the press of the city generally.

The North American today specifically charged that all the Organization leaders had agreed upon Smith in these words: "Penrose, McNichol, the Vares, Lane and Martin had agreed upon ex-Postmaster Thomas B. Smith for the Republican candidate for Mayor. The prospect of hundreds of millions of contracts during the next four years made harmony essential for the gratification of the greed of the Vares and McNichol contracting firms. They could take no chances of a factional fight among themselves.

The charges were: 1—That the Organization bosses, fearing that a factional fight would result in the election of an "unfriendly" Mayor and the consequent loss of enormous contracts to them, long ago decided upon a "harmony" candidate who would divide the contracts between Vares and McNichol.

2—That the talk of fight which has emanated from the Vares camp was part of a prearranged scheme to deceive the public and prevent the independents from opening their campaign.

3—That the "harmony" candidate is former Postmaster Thomas B. Smith, in appointing Smith to the Public Service Commission and giving him a certificate of character, backed the scheme to make Smith the distributor of contracts.

4—That Governor Brumbaugh, in appointing Smith, "hitched himself to the ash cart" and has aligned himself with political bosses that he attacked during the campaign last fall.

The Evening Ledger telegraphed a summary of the North American's charges to Governor Brumbaugh in Maine. No reply has yet been received. When the charges were starting to be whispered three days ago, the Governor was asked for an explanation, but his only answer was, "Ask my friends to suspend judgment until they understand the situation."

The charges of a frame-up include assertions that the entire slate of the Organization and the cabinet have been long decided upon, and that in exchange for Governor Vares getting out of the race the Vares are to have most of the "row" offices. The slate said to have been decided upon is as follows:

- CITY SOLICITOR—JOHN P. CONNELLY (MCNICHOLO)
- SHERIFF—HARRY C. RANBLEY (VARE)
- CLERK OF THE COURTS—THOMAS W. WATSON (MCNICHOLO)
- RECORDER OF DEEDS—WILLIAM H. WILSON (VARE)
- CORONER—WILLIAM R. KNIGHT (MCNICHOLO)
- CITY CONTROLLER—JOHN M. WATSON (NEUTRAL)
- COUNTY COMMISSIONERS—ROBERT J. MOORE (MCNICHOLO) AND FOSTER JAMES A. DUNN (VARE)

Even "Mayor" Smith's cabinet has been partly selected, according to the charges. It includes:

- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY—EDWARD WATSON (MCNICHOLO)
- DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS—HARRY A. MACKAY (VARE)
- DIRECTOR OF SUPPLIES—FORREST L. DIRECTOR (JOSEPH H. KLEMMER)
- CHARITIES—FORMER DIRECTOR JOSEPH S. NEFF
- DIRECTOR OF TRANSIT—No selection
- CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL—Lancaster's opposition to A. Merritt Taylor.

It was said today that only word from Congressman Vares could clear the fog of mystery and determine definitely the truth of the charges. If he announces his candidacy, it was declared there would be no "harmony" candidate such as Smith is said to be, and a factional fight would follow, but that if he was not a candidate, the organization bosses would get together behind Smith or some other "harmony" candidate.

When Congressman Vares was questioned today he declined to discuss the North American's charges and said: "I will make my position on the majority known at the proper time."

In the meantime, the story of Congressman J. Hampton Moore is rising, and the belief is growing that, notwithstanding their earlier attitude, Senators Penrose and McNichol will support him in a factional contest for Governor.

The business men of the Northeast, who have been nursing the Moore boom along, have issued a challenge to the Vares in which they criticize Organization tactics in naming the Republican candidate for Mayor.

A Moore club will be organized tomorrow afternoon at a meeting to be held in the office of A. C. Keeley, at 235 North Front street. Mr. Keeley acted as toastmaster at the dinner given to Congressman Moore at the Rittenhouse.

When asked his opinion of Governor Brumbaugh's rumored connection with the Mayorality situation, the Mayor declined to discuss the subject.

"I once read a book called 'Judge Nat,' he said, 'and it suggested that we should not talk concerning things we knew nothing about.'"

Judge Aspirants File Petitions

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 16.—The following filed petitions for judges in their respective counties: Henry B. Brownback, Montgomery; Harry Calhoun, Beaver; C. W. Wagoner, Greene; Curtis H. Gregg, Westmoreland.

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TIMES SQUARE

MAYOR COMES HOME TO START LIBRARY PROJECT



Mayor Blankenburg came into the city from the Poconos today to meet the trustees of the Free Library. He was greeted by police and city officials.

ANCIENT GRAFTERS USED SHORT WEIGHTS

Speakers at Sealers' Convention in Hotel Adelpia Score Use of False Measures

False weights and measures flourished as early as 1000 years before Christ, and their state of perfection has been increasing ever since, until today it would tax the wisdom of Solomon to overcome the practices and tricks resorted to by the false-weight fiends. The merchants of the old Biblical times were just as crafty, and ready to grasp the silver or golden "talent" by fair or foul means, and the world hasn't changed much along those lines, in the opinion of Harry A. Rover, the Harrisburg, president of the Pennsylvania Association of Sealers of Weights and Measures, now holding a three-day convention in the Hotel Adelpia.

The convention. To have honest weights and measures throughout the country and Uniformity is the ultimate purpose of the Bureau of Standards at Washington. The National Bureau of Standards is the National Bureau of Standards, and it is hoped that every State in the Union will have a body such as Pennsylvania's before long.

There are nearly 200 men attending the convention from the Eastern States. The session this morning was given over to addresses of welcome, reports, addresses and election of new members. Addresses were made by Doctor Stratton, President of the National Bureau of Standards, and by Louis A. Fischer, head of the Department of Weights and Measures of Washington.

YOUTH, 17, SHOTS GIRL, 21, HE MAY NOT MARRY

Turns Gun on Himself, but Bullets Are Blank—Young Woman Will Live

A 17-year-old youth who shot his sweetheart last night when Snyder, who is a young machinist, went to the Leister residence, on Deratine avenue, White Corners, is said to have received a note from the girl's mother, Mrs. A. S. Leister, to the effect that she would rather see her daughter dead than married to him, and that the youth was determined to "have it out" with the girl.

The two young people had been talking at the front gate for some time when the girl's father called to her to come into the house. When she attempted to do so, Snyder seized her by the arm and crying, "Well part in peace," drew a revolver and fired point blank into the back of the struggling girl.

Seeing the girl fall, Snyder turned the gun on himself and fired, but the cartridge was blank, and the youth was not seriously injured. He ran from the scene for a distance of two blocks, then stopped and fired twice at himself, but again escaped injury, as both cartridges were blank.

By this time a number of people had been attracted by the shots. They overpowered Snyder, holding him until he was taken in charge by the authorities. When the young man learned that Miss Leister had not been killed by the shot fired at her, he said: "I'm glad she lives; but I wish I were dead."

BLANKENBURG REFUSES TO SPEAK OF POLITICS

Mayor Says That Insofar as Vares and McNichol Keep Silent, He Must Do Likewise

The Mayor is somewhat "miffed" at Senator McNichol and Senator Vares. He said today that they had not conferred with him yet regarding the majority situation.

"I can't understand why I have been ignored," said the Mayor. "The roads are good from Atlantic City; there are flying machines available, and I understand that they may have balloons with which to ascend at any moment."

There was a ruddy tinge on Mayor Blankenburg's face, which indicated that his sojourn in the Poconos had aided greatly to put him in fighting trim for the coming campaign. He seemed to be weighing events of the last four years, as he gazed, in half reverie, up Broad street from his spacious windows in City Hall.

"I cannot tell you who would be a good candidate," he declared, "because Senator McNichol and Vares have not taken any counsel with me. You remember the Porter dinner; I extended invitations to both to be present but they didn't come, and I have not heard from them since."

"Would you support a candidate agreed upon at such a conference," a caller asked.

"That's a leading question," replied the Mayor with a wink.

"Do you think that Smith will be a candidate?"

"Smith," said the Mayor meditatively as he rubbed his chin. "Smith, do you mean John Smith?"

"No, Thomas B. Smith," said the visitor, amazed that the Mayor had never heard of the man.

"I'm just as serious as I can be under the circumstances," replied Mr. Blankenburg. "I'm in the same position as Vares and McNichol; I have nothing to say. Those gentlemen have nothing to say and seem to be saying it."

The Mayor came here from Pocono Pines this morning to attend a meeting of the trustees of the Free Library and returned to the mountains this afternoon. He will not return to the city, permanently, until Labor Day.

EQUIPMENT OF BIG ARMY U. S. PRINCIPAL NEED

Experts in City Say Country Must Prepare Equipment for 1,000,000 Men

EUROPEAN WAR LESSON Neglect of Proper Defense Would Mean Loss of East Coast in Case of Invasion

The United States must begin at once to prepare for possible aggression by an enemy by obtaining and storing immense quantities of supplies in order to be able to equip completely a force of sufficient size to assure proper defense. This opinion was expressed today by Philadelphians who have made a study of the military situation and who have been in consultation with the War Department on questions involving the protection of the country from attack and invasion.

The quantity of supplies necessary to place an army of sufficient size in the field, it was said, was not appreciated by the average layman. It was the complaint that while much publicity had been given to the question of raising an army of about 1,000,000 men to be trained and used as a reserve force by this Government, the equally important question of equipping this force had not been called to the attention of the people.

Members of the special committee of the Veteran Corps of the 1st Regiment, N. G. P., a Philadelphia military organization, appointed recently by Colonel Theodore E. Wiederholm, commander of the corps and chairman of the local committee of the National Defense League, to confer with the War Department, called attention today to the immensity of the quantity of material which must be collected and stored by the United States if the Government is to be ready at a moment's notice to defend our shores from an invading enemy.

"How many people realize that an army of approximately 1,000,000 men require nearly 2,000,000 blankets before they can begin a war?" said Brigadier General J. Campbell Gilmore, commander of the National Guard in the Spanish war. "Do many persons not connected with the army or navy appreciate the fact that nearly 4,000,000 pairs of shoes must be produced in a few days or even a few months and that we would be hopelessly unemphed by an enemy before we could even put our men in the field?"

A uniform on a soldier in the field must be replaced about every month. It has been said, and indeed it was a stock statement to be pulled out of its dusty pigeonhole and paraded every time attention was called to our unpreparedness, that these things were only trifling, that this big nation could easily supply an army of 10,000,000 men and do it quickly.

The European war has put a quietus on much of this senseless argument. We could equip an army of 10,000,000 undoubtedly; but how long would it take to do it?

"Will an enemy obligingly wait off our coasts for the better part of a year until we reorganize our factories and equip 1,000,000 men to meet him? We fought Spain some years ago. It wasn't a war. It was a schoolboy's picnic. Yet we had our hands full. Think of it! It took us 90 days to equip 100,000 men."

"There can be no sidestepping this question of preparedness. None but the blind will fail to read aright the lesson that is being taught us by Europe. We must dispense the same self-confidence that has been our national policy in the past. We must stop teaching our children that we are always victorious, even in the face of any possible emergency. We must impress on the entire nation that national security lies in national preparedness and national preparedness is common sense."

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