

DISCOVER PLOT OF BANDIT DRIVE ON AMERICANS

Secretary of War Baker States That Attack Planned on Eve of Election to Discredit American Policy in Mexico—Statement Is Non-Political and Merely to Serve Warning.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—War and state department officials refused today to disclose the source or specific nature of the information on which Secretary Baker last night issued a statement charging that a bandit attack on American troops in Mexico had been planned to discredit the government's policy in Mexico. They said the channel of information through which the report came was so valuable that nothing would be given out that might injure its usefulness.

Both Secretary Lansing and Secretary Baker today laid stress upon the domestic politics led to the issue of the announcement that such a plot had been discovered.

"The obviously appropriate comment of the secretary of state," Secretary Baker said, referring to the explanation of Secretary Lansing last night that no American was implicated. Secretary Baker's statement "precludes the possibility that any such construction or understanding could be put on my statement. The statement was without political purpose and ought to be without political effect. It will have served its entire purpose if it serves notice upon the lawless people in Mexico that we have been warned and are prepared."

Nothing Political in It. Secretary Baker declared it was "absurd" to suppose that his statement has been intended to imply that any political interest in the United States desired anything other than peace on the border.

"Such a thing could not be," he said. Asked just what interests he charged were behind the movement, Secretary Baker dictated this statement:

"The Mexicans who oppose the de facto government in Mexico would, of course, be glad to complicate relations between the United States and Mexico and our information is that they think this an appropriate time to do so. The statement made last night by the department ought to discourage any adventure on their part in that direction.

"Everybody knows that many Mexicans in this country are constantly circulating against the de facto government. Any sympathy there may be on the American side of the border with the movement is wholly from this source.

To Prevent Disturbance. "The only possible suggestion of a political purpose—in the war department's statement—is to prevent people in Mexico from creating a disturbance of a political character in furtherance of their own design."

Part of the information which led to his statement, the secretary said reached him yesterday afternoon within a few minutes of the time he left to deliver a campaign speech in West Virginia. Mr. Baker, it was learned, took his advice up with Secretary Lansing and the latter is said to have advised that there be no (Continued on Last Page)

PRESIDENT WEARS 'MORAL PIGTAIL'

TOLEDO, O., Oct. 27.—The president of the United States must not wear a moral pigtail, said Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, in a rear-view speech here this afternoon. "Mexico," he said, "has placed Americans in the same class as the Chinese. Mexico has killed one German, one Englishman, no Frenchman, no Japanese, 500 Americans and 200 Chinese. The attitude of the national administration is more apt to produce war with Mexico than to keep us out of war." Roosevelt was 68 years old today, a fact which he smilingly remarked before boarding his train.

GERMANS PRESS RETREATING FOE THRU DOBRUDJA

Mackensen's Forces Making Most of Victory Over Rumanians, Who, However, Check Drive From North—French Score Gain on Verjun Front—Bad Weather.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—Field Marshal Von Mackensen is making the most of his victory in Dobrudja and is pressing the retreating Russo-Rumanian army hard.

Sofia reports this army in precipitate flight toward the further reaches of the Danube and Petrograd admits a retirement toward the Hirsova-Casapieni line, more than 10 miles north of the Constanta-Tebrnovoda railway. The Russians and Rumanians, who were cut off from railroad communications with the loss of Tebrnovoda are fighting hard as they retire, Petrograd declares.

In resisting the Austro-German thrust into Rumanian from the northwest the Russo-Rumanian forces are having more success. Rumanian troops on the Moldavian frontier have made further progress into Transylvania capturing another village.

Drive at Verdun. Before Verdun the French are driving anew at the German lines after having, according to the Paris war office, repulsed all the numerous counter attacks of the crown prince's troops in efforts to recapture Fort Douaumont and other positions taken by General Nivelle's forces in their great drive of Tuesday last. In a fresh attack last night the statement declares, the French scored advances west and south of Fort Vaux, closing in further upon this important work.

Berlin declares that a French attack yesterday in the region east of Fort Douaumont was repulsed with heavy losses. Apparently the Germans are preparing for further attacks as Paris reports a violent bombardment of the French line at Forts Douaumont and the Chemins woods.

Dobrudja Advance. Berlin's account of the fighting in Dobrudja recounts that the district of Hirsova has been captured by Field Marshal Von Mackensen's troops.

South of the Rumanian boundary the forces of General Von Falkenhayn are continuing to advance in the direction of Campulung and below Prael, the Berlin statement adds. In Volhynia and elsewhere along the Russian front the German war office reports the repulse of Russian attacks, notably one in the Kiselin sector west of Lutsk.

Bad weather is hindering the military operations on the various fronts in Macedonia.

HUGHES DECLARES A VOTE FOR HIM VOTE FOR PEACE

UTICA, N. Y., Oct. 27.—Charles E. Hughes today told an audience here that a vote for him, far from being a vote for war, was a vote for lasting peace. Mr. Hughes also declared that he would leave to the secretary of war his difficulties in the effort to extricate himself from the unfortunate suggestions which were reported to have been made by him in a recent utterance.

It was Mr. Hughes' first speech of the day. "It is said that a vote for me means a vote for war," Mr. Hughes asserted. "What a proposition! A vote for me is a vote for lasting peace, because it is a vote for maintaining the honor of the country, for maintaining both the self-respect and esteem of all of the nations of the earth."

"I am amazed at the charge that is thus brought in the light of the nation, which our opponents have taken with respect to our neighboring country of Mexico. If there was ever a policy involving safety, a policy which was the opposite of a policy for the conservation of peace, it was the policy which was there pursued. If, indeed, it could, in view of the inconsistency of action taken, be called a policy at all."

PARKER STATES OLD GUARD PUT HUGHES IN FRONT

"God Only Knows What's Behind," Says Progressive Nominee for Vice President and Most Resolute Figure in Wrecked Progressive Party, Who Is for Wilson's Election.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—"The old guard places Justice Hughes in front. God only knows what's behind."

That is the way the Grand Old Party parade looks to John M. Parker, progressive candidate for vice-president, the most resolute and uncompromising figure in the wrecked progressive party. Mr. Parker continues:

Immaculate Front. "The only chance the old guard has to get into power was to place in front of it a man whose character and reputation were absolutely immaculate. The choosing of Justice Hughes by this most dangerous element in American politics is a tribute to the man itself. I have the highest respect myself for Mr. Hughes."

"But I will believe in the progressive party, and we progressives don't care where progress comes from if it only comes. It has come this time from the Wilson administration, and that's why now I am working for President Wilson."

"I fought Mr. Wilson in 1912 for all that I was worth. But he has been unmistakably progressive. He has stood solidly for rural credits, workmen's compensation and the abolition of child labor—all fundamental provisions in our contract with the people."

Worked for Progress. "The president has been confronted with the gravest problems that ever faced a president. He has worked as few of them have ever been required to work, and he has done well. Honest opposition is admissible, but the attempt to embarrass him by constant attack upon everything he does is not my idea of Americanism. I fought him hard, but I have never forgotten that I am an American and that he is my president."

"The padded committee of the progressives voted to ignore the instructions of the Chicago convention and endorse the republican party. I do not recognize the action of the progressive party, but I do recognize the actions of President Wilson as progressive achievements."

IOWA PROGRESSIVES FAVOR PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—The progressive vote of Iowa will be cast almost solidly for President Wilson. This information comes to the Woodrow Wilson Independent League from one of its members, S. N. Bashir, candidate for the governorship of that state on the progressive ticket. He says:

"While the fact that I am running on the progressive ticket for the governorship keeps me very busy, I am nevertheless giving considerable of my time and attention to enlisting the voters in our ranks for Mr. Wilson. I am pleased to state that the vote for the president among our party will stack up almost as a unit. Things in Iowa look mighty good for Woodrow Wilson."

BELIEVES IN KEEPING SKILLED MANAGER

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Thad B. Preston, head of the Sorosis Garment company of Omaha, Mich., one of the leading business men of that state, is supporting President Wilson for several practical reasons. "If I had a manager," he says, "who had faced the problems of business and handled my affairs with the same skill Mr. Wilson has shown in the problems and affairs of the nation, I would not think of letting him go. I certainly would not trade him for a new manager—and nobody could get him away from me." Mr. Preston comments virtually all the legislation of the Wilson administration bearing upon the business interests of the country.

Daring to Do Right In Face of Criticism Best Type of Courage



THEODORE H. PRICE.

CROWDS WELCOME WILSON ON LINE OF RETURN TRIP

ON BOARD PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL, GRAFTON, W. Va., Oct. 27.—On his way from Cincinnati to Long Branch today, President Wilson made several brief stops in West Virginia and Maryland to shake hands with people gathered at the railroad stations. He is due to arrive at Shadow Lawn at 10 o'clock tonight.

The president will not return to the middle west again before the election. His only remaining trip away from Shadow Lawn before November 7 will take him to Buffalo, November 1, and to New York City, November 2. In addition, he plans two more speeches at Long Branch, one tomorrow and the next November 4.

In his speech last night at Cincinnati the president reiterated his advocacy of a league of nations to maintain peace. "Other nations owe it to a decent respect for the opinion of mankind to submit their cases to arbitration before they go to war," he said, "and I believe that America is going to take pride in the days to come in offering every dollar of her wealth, every drop of her blood, every energy of her people, to the maintenance of the peace of the world upon that foundation."

The president outlined his conception of the problem before the nation as follows:

"Are we going to keep together and move together and move forward, or are we going to divide and scatter and move backward? Do not let any man lead you who walks with his head over his shoulder, harking back to things many of which had better be forgotten, but follow the men who are looking forward, whose eyes are lifted to a great destiny which belongs only to America."

"Follow the men who do not ask what is your politics, but simply say, 'men and brethren, we are all Americans; we all have the same purpose, we all have the same privilege, we all rejoice in the anticipation of the same destiny; let us see that our hearts be close to each other, and then all the forces of the world cannot withstand the mass and movement of the great people.'"

\$15,000,000 GOLD COMES FROM CANADA

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Gold amounting to \$15,000,000 from Canada was deposited at the assay office today by J. P. Morgan & Co., acting as fiscal and commercial agents of the British government. This makes a total of \$450,000,000 received thus far this year, chiefly by way of Canada, and practically all for account of British and allied interests.

It is believed that the flotation next week of the new \$300,000,000 British loan will bring a temporary halt to further imports of the metal. This is in accordance with the views of conservative American banking interests, which are opposed to a further inflow of gold on the ground that it may be provocative of inflation.

Editor of Commerce and Finance, the Leading Authority on Business and Finance, is Ardent Advocate of Wilson and His Policies.

By MILTON BRONNER. NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—"I am sure to stir up my position in a sentence. I could say that I am ardently in favor of the re-election of President Wilson because I believe in and admire his courage, his democracy, his political economy, his practical idealism and his intellectual honesty."

The man who said this to me sat at a big letter-pled desk in a busy office at 15 Wall street, "the little narrow street that leads from a river to a graveyard." You don't often go to Wall street to find approval of Wilson and when you do go there it is rare to find one who speaks out.

But Theodore Price is one of the exceptions. He is a practical business man. He is wealthy. A New Yorker born and bred, he is one of the world's authorities on cotton. But he is busily engaged in constructive and not destructive finance. He is more interested in building up the country's resources and industries than in tearing down anything. And it is this policy that he ably advocates in Commerce and Finance, the great weekly business paper which he edits.

Greatest Kind of Courage. "I say Wilson has the greatest kind of courage," he said. "He has shown it in his willingness to face criticism and keep the country out of war rather than yield to clamor and waste American lives and treasure in settling controversies which, however grave, were better dealt with by diplomacy than by armed force."

"The ability to keep one's head when all about you are losing theirs, and blaming it on you," is the very highest form of courage, and that is the Wilson kind. "His democracy is evident in almost everything he has done. His sympathy with democratic aspirations of Mexico and other republics of Latin-America has probably done more to forward the cause of popular government in the western hemisphere than anything since President Monroe enunciated his famous doctrine. Both Mexico and this country are infinitely better off today because we have refused to hit poor, weak and wounded Mexico when she was down. In so refusing, we have been too proud to fight, and I think that most good Americans feel a deep and keen satisfaction in the pride thus manifested."

Not a Presbyterial People. "Everyone knows we are strong enough to take possession of Mexico, but the president has made it clear that we are not a presbyterial people, that it is our ambition to show the wretched how to rise, rather than to profit by their misfortunes. "The same sympathy with democracy has been shown in his treatment of domestic questions. He is unalterably opposed to the domination of protected privilege; he believes in a government of the people, by the people, for the people. This belief has been manifest in everything he has done and every policy he has advocated."

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SUPREME COURT JUSTICE DECLARES FOR WILSON

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Supreme Court Justice John Ford, a life-long republican and one of the leading Irish-Americans of this city, announced today that he will vote for President Wilson. Justice Ford served two terms in the state senate as a republican and was elected to the supreme court on the fusion ticket in 1906. "I am a Yankee," said Judge Ford today, "but I am proud of my Irish blood. I was born in this country, but my father was born in County Roscommon and my mother in County Mayo. This makes me pretty much of an Irishman, but I am an independent and the propaganda which has been started against our president in certain quarters entirely disgusts me."

CARRANZA SAYS SITUATION FAST RIGHTING ITSELF

No Truth in Stories of Villa's Besieging Chihuahua or Zapata Menacing Capital—Diaz Utterly Defeated and in Flight—Military Preparations Successful.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—The following telegram from General Carranza, dated Mexico City, October 27, 2:30 p. m., was made public today by Juan T. Baras, Mexican consul general at New York:

"Absolutely false that bandit Villa is besieging the city of Chihuahua or that Zapata menaces the tranquility of Mexico City. Diaz was utterly defeated in recent skirmishes with our troops and is now fleeing with a few followers to Guatemala. I shall remain in Mexico City until the constitutional convention at Queretaro. All military preparations have been successful and the situation is improving daily. (Signed),

"V. CARRANZA"

Villa in Flight.

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 27.—Francisco Villa and his bandits have left the Mexican Northwestern railroad at or near Santa Ysabel, twenty-five miles southwest of Chihuahua City, and are moving south in the general direction of Satevo, states a message which was received at the Carranza consulate here today.

The message was signed by General Jacinto R. Trevino and was dated October 26. It was in reply to a request by Andres Garcia, inspector general of consulates, asking for definite information regarding Villa's movements.

In the message General Trevino declared that there had been any fighting at Fresno, eight miles from Chihuahua City, and added that Villa had been forced to abandon his base at Santa Ysabel and had gone south toward Satevo. The message stated that early engagements were expected between the Carranza forces and those of Villa in the district southwest of the state capital.

General Trevino characterized the report that government officials had been warned to leave Chihuahua City as "absurd."

Troops at Chihuahua.

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 27.—A Carranza government official who arrived here from Chihuahua City reported the arrival of General Maycotte from Torreon with a force of Carranza troops. He also brought five aeroplanes and two English aviators with him from Torreon for use in the field against Villa, the Carranza official stated. He reported General Ojuna and his staff at Fresno, eight miles west of Chihuahua City. The Chihuahua City garrison now numbers 11,000, he said.

GERMAN WARSHIPS DRIVEN OFF IN TRANSPORT RAID

LONDON, Oct. 27.—Ten German torpedo-boat destroyers attempted to raid the British cross-channel transport service last night, but the attempt failed, says an official statement issued by the British admiralty today. Two of the German destroyers were sunk and the others were driven off. One British torpedo-boat destroyer, the Flirt, is missing, the British statement adds, and another destroyer, the Nubian, was disabled by a torpedo and ran aground. Nine members of the crew of the Flirt were saved.

H. M. torpedo-boat destroyer Flirt, Lieutenant Richard P. Kellert, R. N., is missing, and it is said he may be lost, but nine of the crew have been saved.

H. M. torpedo-boat destroyer Nubian, commander Montague Bernard, R. N., was disabled by a torpedo and taken in tow, but owing to the bad weather the tow parted and she grounded.

The German destroyers succeeded in sinking one empty transport, the Queen. The crew was saved.

PEACE WITH U.S. ARDENT DESIRE OF JAPANESE

President Gary of Steel Trust Declares That Leading and Controlling Men of Japan Anxious for Continuance of Friendly Relations—Chinese Government Able One.

ST. LOUIS Mo., Oct. 27.—The leading men of Japan are anxious for permanent peaceable and friendly relations with the United States, Elbert H. Gary, president of the American Iron and Steel Institute, declared here today in an address at the semi-annual meeting of the organization. Mr. Gary's talk was given in response from the institute's directors that he discuss his summer trip to the Orient, where he visited the Philippines, China and Japan.

"For some time there have been suggestions," he said, "in public and in private, in the United States and in Japan as well, that, for numerous reasons not necessary to recall, there was possibility, if not likelihood, of active hostility between the two countries. Whenever either government has decided to provide an additional warship some one in the other country has been prompt in charging that this meant preparation for war between these two nations."

Anxious for Peace. "I said repeatedly on my own responsibility, making no claim except that I believe I could accurately represent public sentiment that a large majority of the people of the United States did not desire, but would deplore war with Japan, except in self-defense and that they were of the opinion there is not now nor will be any cause for serious trouble or disagreement; that there need be no conflict of opinion, which could not be finally and satisfactorily settled by mutual negotiation and consideration. I also expressed the belief that our governmental administration is and would be inclined toward this most desirable exercise of authority. To all this I am sure this large company of representative business men will heartily subscribe. I would repeat and emphasize the sentiments thus expressed.

"And now, gentlemen, I am here to say to you in words just as emphatic and in a belief no less absolute that the leading and controlling men of Japan are equally anxious to have a continuance, a permanency of the peaceable and friendly relations now existing between the two countries. That there may be exceptions may go without saying; it would be usual and need excite no fear. Still I have no positive information on which to base this conjecture, I had good opportunity to ascertain the real situation, though my visit to Japan was comparatively short.

Japan Most Friendly. "The most prominent and influential men in Japan are outspoken in their profession of friendship toward the United States."

Mr. Gary said that, basing his opinion upon inquiry and study, he has concluded that Japan desires that China shall become "firmly established as a sound, peaceful, progressive, prosperous and rich country, with open ports," to all outside countries on a just and profitable basis.

Discussing conditions in China, he described the government there as an "honest, unselfish, capable, industrious and harmonious organization," which realized that the country has not kept pace with others in the progressive march of nations and which was seeking a solution of China's problems.

BIG FRENCH LINER AFIRE AT SEA

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—The French line steamship Chicago, which left Bordeaux October 22 for New York with 180 passengers aboard, is racing for Keyal, the Azores, with a fire in one of her holds, according to advices received here today by the Maritime Exchange through Lloyds. The Chicago was expected to reach Fayal some time today, the advices said.