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STEERS CLEAR OF N. Y. POLITICIANS

Gov. Wilson Meets Many at Syracuse But Dodges Internal Affairs

NOT PLEASED WITH EVENTS

Jersey Executive Speaks at State Fair And Confines Himself to Tariff And National Issues—Great Reception

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 12.—Determined not to interfere in the political tangles of any of the States, Governor Woodrow Wilson admittedly steered a cautious course today at the New York State Fair at Syracuse, where Gov. Dix, Charles F. Murphy and many Tammany Hall men gathered. Governor Wilson met Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, but held no conference with him. The Presidential candidate likewise saw and talked with Gov. Dix, who is seeking re-nomination, but the New Jersey executive discussed no politics with him.

Unaware of the programme that was outlined for the day, cognizant not until the last moment that he was to be thrown together with a number of New York State politicians, Governor Wilson showed plainly his discomfiture at some of the day's events.

The Presidential candidate declared that he had no intimation when invited to the State Fair that the Democratic State Committee and Association of Democratic County Chairmen were to meet in Syracuse on the same day. He said that had he known it, he probably would not have accepted the invitation, because he did not wish to meddle in the internal politics of any State.

As it was, Governor Wilson had a difficult time dodging the State political phases of the occasion.

Early in the day he paid his formal respects to Gov. Dix in the parlor of a hotel. Soon a crowd gathered to shake hands with Gov. Dix, brought Mr. Murphy to the side of the Presidential candidate. Gov. Wilson shook hands with the Tammany leader, but said nothing and extended his hand to others in the crowd who were pressing forward to meet him.

In his speech at the fair grounds, where he was given a great reception, Governor Wilson confined himself strictly to the tariff and National issues. A few minutes afterward he met at the luncheon table Gov. Dix, Lieutenant Governor Conway, Norman E. Mack, Charles F. Murphy and others prominent in State politics. Governor Wilson had expected to dine with the State Fair Commission, of which Lieutenant Governor Conway is chairman, and was surprised to find himself seated with Tammany Hall leaders and other State politicians. After partaking of bread and butter he left the table.

A half hour later when Governor Wilson went to the grand stand at the fair grounds to see the trotting races, the party of politicians trailed along.

When Governor Wilson returned to his hotel from the fair grounds members of his own party followed him to a room to which Governor Dix had led him. The two Governors entered, but Chas. G. White, sergeant at arms to the State committee, barred every one else out, including Governor Wilson's secretary.

On the train tonight Governor Wilson was asked about that conference. He replied that Governor Dix had "sought a private interview", and drew him aside just before the meeting of the county chairmen.

"Governor Dix stated to me," said Governor Wilson, "his feeling about the political situation in the State. I, of course, expressed no opinion of any kind about it."

Governor Wilson was asked by the correspondents on the train his version of the entire day's events.

The Governor smiled and said:

"You evidently want to ask me if I allowed myself to be made use of in any way. I will answer your question without your asking it. Nobody can make use of me by merely meeting me. I merely met the New York leaders, met them in public and came away as absolutely free as when I went."

Wilson Arrives in New York.

New York, Sept. 12.—Governor Wilson reached New York at 10:30 o'clock tonight and went immediately to a hotel. He will leave early tomorrow for Seagirt, resting until Sunday night, when he begins a long trip to Iowa and the Middle West.

ENGLAND'S PROTEST SERIOUS

Canal Case to Be Carried to the Hague If Necessary

London, Sept. 11.—The Times, in an editorial this morning, declares that the idea advanced by some American papers that the British Panama protest is not meant seriously is erroneous. The Times adds:

"Great Britain has no intention of allowing her treaty rights to go by default, but will assert them by all the diplomatic means at her disposal, and if these fail she will demand arbitration at The Hague.

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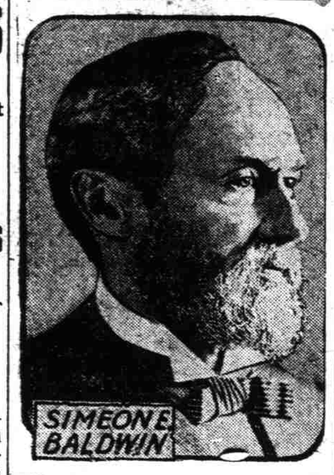

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 12.—Governor Simeon E. Baldwin was re-nominated today without opposition at the adjourned session of the Democratic State convention. Other State officers and seven Presidential electors also were named and a platform was adopted.

RAILROAD CONFERENCE ENDS

Southeastern Lines Will Submit Differences With Employes to Arbitration—Neill and Judge Knapp as Board.

Washington, Sept. 12.—The conference between the Southeastern railroads and representatives of their conductors and trainmen over the question of wages, were brought to a close today by the railroads agreeing to submit to arbitration under the Erdmann act. Efforts by the railroads to have the matter arbitrated met with refusal by the employes. Chas. P. Neill, United States Commissioner of Labor, and Judge Martin A. Knapp, of the United States Commerce Court, will be the board of mediation.

About 12,000 men are involved and their demands for an increase in wages would amount to about 16 per cent. A number of conferences have been held here between the railroads and their employes, but no agreement could be reached. The employes of these roads insist that their hours and wages should be equal to those employed on the Western railroads.

Some days ago the question of calling a strike was submitted to the employes and it is understood it carried by a large majority, but the leaders of the employes' unions counselled moderation and urged a compromise by having the controversy submitted to mediation.

The railroads involved include the Southern, Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard Air Line, Queen & Crescent, New Orleans, Mobile & Chicago, Central of Georgia, New Orleans, Great Northern; Mobile & Ohio; Tennessee Central and Georgia Southern & Florida.

Sixty-Five Trainmen Strike

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 12.—Insisting that the demands for high wages and better working conditions should be granted, 65 trainmen and conductors of the Norfolk & Western, Chesapeake & Ohio, and Virginian railroads who have been in conference with officials of the roads for more than a week have declined to yield anything.

The railroad officials on the other hand, contend that to grant in full the demands of the men would be equal to putting a lien on railroad property.

In the hope of settling the matter by arbitration, Charles P. Neill, United States Commissioner of Labor, is expected here tomorrow to attend the conference between trainmen and railroad officials.

REQUEST WORRIES PANAMA

Feared United States Is Infringing Soveriegnty of the Republic

Panama, Sept. 12.—Members of the Panama administration express alarm over the request made by Maurice H. Thatcher, Governor of the Canal Zone, that the Panaman government issue a decree providing that all concessions which Panama might make to individuals or corporations to use the waters of the Republic must contain a clause that such concessions are granted subject to the superior rights of the United States over these waters. They fear this means that every concession of lands in the Republic must include a clause fully determining that the grant is subject to the right of eminent domain by the United States.

Two members of the cabinet today said that the proposal was a serious one and appeared to be detrimental to the sovereignty of the Republic. It is thought that difficulties may arise through a misunderstanding of the real question involved.

PATROLMAN DISCHARGED.

Chief of Police of West Hammond Charged—Vice Crusade.

Chicago, Sept. 12.—At a turbulent meeting the council of West Hammond tonight investigated charges against its police department preferred by Miss Virginia Brooks and finally ordered a patrolman discharged and directed that formal charges be filed against the chief of police and another member of the department.

MIKADO'S FUNERAL CEREMONIES BEGIN

Japanese Subjects Gather to Honor Late Emperor's Memory

FOREIGN OFFICIALS PRESENT

List Includes Philander C. Knox and Other Representatives From the United States—Ancient Rites Are Observed.

Tokio, Japan, Sept. 13.—Funeral ceremonies of the late Emperor Mutsuhito of Japan, posthumously known as the "Emperor of the Era of Enlightenment," began today with century-old rites and costumes mingled with modern military display. From the most extreme points of Japan subjects have been assembling in Tokio. At midnight great crowds had gathered along the route of the procession. The weather was fair. A police cordon was established, shutting off the streets through which the body of the Emperor will be transported and upon which it is estimated half a million people will be accommodated. A reservation was provided for 1,000 foreigners, both residents and visitors, at the request of Baron Yoshiri Sakatani, the mayor. Soon after midnight officials proceeded to the palace in preparation for the early ceremony.

The sombre coloring associated with Western mourning was replaced by the brilliant hues of the Orient. Sorrow for the dead ruler, however, was apparent in the faces of all.

Official representatives of every country had come to Tokio to participate in the solemnities. The list included Philander C. Knox, Secretary of State of the United States, who was accompanied by Ransford E. Miller, chief of the Far Eahstern Section of the State Department at Washington; Rear Admiral Fred. Reynolds, United States Navy, and Brigadier-General John J. Pershing, U. S. A.

Members of the regular foreign diplomatic body were present.

From an early hour in the morning, the palace, in its great private park in the heart of the capitol was the goal toward which virtually everybody in Tokio made his way on foot.

The casket containing the body lay in state in the main hall of the palace. It had been decorated according to Shinto rites by a special corps of ritualists appointed for the obsequies. The casket was of enormous dimensions, measuring nearly 10 feet by 5, and weighing one and a half tons.

MAKES NOTABLE FLIGHT.

French Aviator Stays Up 13 Hours and 18 Minutes.

Etampes, France, Sept. 12. — M. Fourny, the French aviator, competing for the Criterium prize, offered by the French Aero Club, made a notable flight yesterday, but failed to equal the record set by Helles here last September. Fourny remained in the air for 13 hours and 18 minutes, and covered a distance of 1,010 kilometers—628 miles. He started over the 7-kilometer (4.3 miles) circuit of the Etampes aerodrome at 5:53 o'clock at night. There was a strong wind through most of the day, and considerable rain but, notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions, Fourny averaged 47 miles an hour. He used a biplane and is winner of the Criterium prize of $2,000.

Helles' record, which was made while competing for the Michelin cup, is 776.86 miles in 14 hours and 7 minutes.

Fourny's flight breaks the record for duration and distance without a stop over at a closed circuit. The previous record under these contions was made by himself September 2, 1911, at Buc, France, when he covered 447.3 miles in 11 hours, 1 minute and 29 seconds.

WILLIAMSON'S BOLT

"Governor" Meares Stops Over to Conciliate Burlington Manufacturer

Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 12.—Iredell Meares, the nominee of the allied Bull Moose Progressives and Bull Moose Republicans for Governor, left for his home at Wilmington yesterday afternoon, expecting to stop off at Burlington for a conference with James N. Williamson, Jr., who kicked out of the traces when Marion Butler and Richmond Pearson sought to dictate the revision of the Progressive platform. Mr. Meares declares that Mr. Williamson will come back to the Progressives and that he will give support to the State and National Progressive tickets.

Friends of Mr. Williamson here declare that he resented the domineering attitude of Butler, who came uninvited and without right so far as anybody can learn, though it was reported that he held the proxy of his brother George. Butler has apparently formed an ilignment with Rochmond Pearson, expecting thereby to remain in State politics.

Prizes are being offered at a Western fair for the handsomest and homeliest woman. One of the prizes will be unclaimed.

WHITMAN GOES TO HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

New York District Attorney Will Appear Before Commission

CROSS EXAMINE WITNESSES

Commission Was Appointed to Hear Testimony of Persons Who Talked to Sam Schepps While in Custody There.

New York, Sept. 12.—District Attorney Whitman, accompanied by Assistant District Attorney Ruben, will leave here tomorrow for Hot Springs, Ark., to appear before the commission appointed to take the testimony of persons who talked to Sam Schepps, a witness in the Rosenthal murder case, while he was in custody in that city.

Mr. Whitman said that the defense had added George W. Howell, chief of police of Hot Springs, to the three witnesses named in the motion for the appointment of the commission, but he declared his confidence that the defense would find that Howell's testimony would be of little value to Becker's case.

In view of the fact that Mr. Whitman has received from two of the witnesses telegrams saying that they had never heard Schepps say anything in defense of Becker, it was said that the district attorney might make an investigation to determine whether improper methods had been used in applying for the commission, one effect of which was to postpone the trial until October 7th.

For the purpose of establishing a precedent to prevent in the future the procuring of delays in a similar manner, the prosecution obtained today an order from Justice Bischoff requiring the defense to show cause why the appointment of the commission should not be set aside. Argument on the order will be had tomorrow, but no immediate decision is expected.

Whitman Secures Affidavit.

Hot Springs, Ark., Sept. 12.—Captain of Police George W. Powell made affidavit today that Sam Schepps, during his detention in this city, said nothing in his presence that might be construed as exculpating Police Lieutenant Charles Becker in connection with the Rosenthal murder. The affidavit was made at the request of District Attorney Whitman.

PRESERVE IDEALS.

Boston School Boy Must Commit to Memory Athenian Oath.

Boston, Sept. 12.—By order of Mayor Fitzgerald, of Boston, school boys will be asked to commit to memory the oath of the Athenian youth, which the mayor quotes as follows:

"I will never bring disgrace to this, our city, by any act of dishonesty or cowardice, nor ever desert our suffering comrades in the ranks; we will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the city, both alone and with many; we will revere and obey the city's laws and do our best to incite a like respect and reverence in those above us who are prone to annul or to set them at naught; we will strive unceasingly to quicken the public sense of civic duty. Thus in all these ways we will transmit to this city not less, but greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us."

OUTLINES

Two mine guards have been killed and one seriously injured in the Kanawha coal fields.

Glenn H. Martin yesterday won the honors in the landing contests at the Aviation meet at Chicago.

Attorney Burton W. Gibson was arrested yesterday charged with the murder of his former client, Mrs. Rosa Szabo.

Financial agents for the various candidates in their pre-convention campaign will appear before the Senate Campaign Investigating Committee when it meets September 30th.

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District Attorney Whitman will leave today for Hot Springs, Ark., to appear before the commission appointed to hear testimony of witnesses with whom Sam Schepps is alleged to have talked.

Funeral services for the late Emperor of Japan were begun yesterday and Japanese subjects from all over the Empire gathered to pay their last respects to their late ruler. Foreign representatives from all the important nations were present.

New York markets: Money on call strong, 4 1-2 to 51 per cent; ruling rate 5 1-4. Spot cotton closed quiet. Flour moderately active. Wheat, spot easy; No. 2 red 1.04 c.i.f track and 1.02 1-2 f.o.b. afloat. Corn, spot easy; Dec. to March, 58 afloat. Turpentine firm. Rosin steady.

Charged With Murder of His Former Client.

LAWYER GIBSON IS ARRESTED

Charged With Murder of Former Client, Mrs. Rosa Szabo—Sends Wife Reassuring Message. Says Small Matter.

Middletown, N. Y., Sept. 12 —Barton W. Gibson, the New York lawyer who was arrested at his office today on a charge of murdering his client, Mrs. Rosa Menschik Szabo, was locked up tonight in a cell in police headquarters here to await arraignment before County Judge Royce tomorrow morning. His self confidence and jauntiness fled with his arrival here.

Deputy Sheriff DeGraw took his prisoner not to the jail but to a hotel when he reached here and had prepared to have him spend the night there when County Judge Royce, who issued the warrant for Gibson's arrest, reached town shortly after 10 o'clock and ordered Gibson to jail.

"I heard about Gibson's trip to Middletown," Judge Royce said, "all the way home from Albany; it seemed to be in the nature of a free show. There is no reason why he should be treated differently from any other prisoner. Lock him up in jail and keep him there until the arraignment."

Besides the Szabo tragedy there has been a chain of curious incidents linking Gibson's name with cases of sudden death or disappearance of clients of the lawyer or of persons connected in one way or another with cases in which he was interested. The first of four such coincidences occurred when Mrs. Alice C. D. Kinnan, daughter of an aged woman, whose property Gibson handled, was murdered at her home in the Bronx. The murder mystery was never solved. Gibson was held pending an investigation, but was released on a habeas corpus writ and subsequently brought suit for false arrest. Then, continuing the curious chain, a witness at the Kinnan inquest, Michael Shippo, was found drowned in a shallow creek and Geo. I. Malcom, a Wall Street broker and a relative of the Kinnan family, who had fought Gibson for the control of the estate, was drowned in Long Island Sound from a steamboat.

The last, John Rice O'Neill, a British subject, who had conferred with Gibson concerning a mortgage transaction after winning a $10,000 damage suit for the loss of a leg, disappeared after his conference with Gibson—more than a year ago.

On his way from New York Gibson talked freely of the death of his client. He declared that her name was not Szabo.

"Her name was Ritter," he said, "and she is not the Viennese Mrs. Ritter at all."

Gibson recounted in detail the circumstances surrounding the death of his client, declaring that in an effort to change places with him she overturned the boat in which they were rowing on the Greenwood Lake. He said he attempted to save her when they both went into the water, but that she grappled with him and he was forced to free himself in order to come to the surface.

"I am quite sure," he said, "I did nothing more than break her hold on me. I did not strike her or harm her in any way.

"A great deal has been said about my having tried to pass off a fake mother for my client," said Gibson. "I did nothing of the sort. Mrs. Ritter brought a woman to my office and introduced her to me as her mother. Mrs. Ritter had no reason to deceive me in so doing. I don't believe she was deceiving me—although she may have been—and I don't believe that the people across the water will be able to prove what they claim.

'There is every reason to believe that Mrs. Menshik, Mrs. Ritter's mother is alive. I know where she lives and will produce her at the proper time."

New York, Sept. 12.—Burton W. Gibson, the New York lawyer, whose client, Rosa Menschick Szabo, lost her life while boating with him on Greenwood Lake, N. Y., on July 16th, was taken into custody today by Deputy Sheriff DeGraw, of Orange county, on a warrant charging Gibson with murder in the first degree. Gibson was arrested at his office.

Gibson came to this city this morning trailed by private detectives and a squad of newspapermen. As he walked through the streets to his of-

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FINANCIAL AGENTS CALLED

Men Who Handled Candidates' Funds in Pre-Convention. Campaign Will Testify Before Senate Committee.

Washington, Sept. 12.—Presidential candidates in the pre-convention fight of last Spring have furnished to Chairman Clapp, of the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee, names of the men who handled their campaign funds.

All the financial agents agreed to appear before the committee when the hearings begin September 30th.

Senator Bankhead will appear for Oscar W. Underwood; former Senator Dubois for Speaker Champ Clark; Representative Wm. B. McKinley for President Taft; Senator Dixon and Ormsby McHarg for Col. Roosevelt; Lieut. Governor Nichols, of Ohio, for Governor Harmon, and William F. McCoombs for Governor Wilson.

A preliminary meeting of the committee will be held before the hearings open, to fix the time when each witness shall testify.

All witnesses are now under instruction to appear on the opening day, September 30th. Members of the committee are still considering a plan to hold some of the hearings in New York. It has been found impossible to secure the testimony of Wm. E. Rockefeller in regard to alleged Standard Oil contributions in 1904, unless the committee virtually goes to his home. In case New York sessions are held, J. P. Morgan, George W. Perkins and other financiers probably will be asked to testify about any contributions they have made to political funds. It is understood the committee will summon Dan R. Hanna, of Cleveland, at the instance of Senator Pomerene, to testify regarding any contributions by him to the Roosevelt fund this year. In 1908 Mr. Hanna gave $5,000 to President Taft's general campaign fund.

REBELS AT AGUA PRIETA.

Force Camps in Sight of Town—Attack Imminent.

Douglas, Ariz., Sept. 12.—A large force of rebels, thought to be in command of Antonio Rojas, tonight camped within three miles of Agua Prieta.

An exchange of shots took place between outposts. Major Hardeman, commanding officer of the United States border forces here, informed the War Department and upon instruction from the War Department, warned both Federals and rebels against firing upon United States territory. The Federal force arriving today brought three mountain howitzers, three automatic guns and nearly a million rounds of ammunition.

Gen. Schuyler, commanding the Department of the West, arrived here tonight to take personal charge of the United States forces on the border.

Urgent telephone messages were received here today from El Tigre, asking for Federal troops to protect the 75 men there from an expected attack by Salazar. The American consul made formal request for troops of Gen. Sanguines, but the latter gave the consul no definite reply.

Douglas, Ariz., Sept. 12.—Twenty-nine heavily armed well-mounted American cowboys, each carrying one thousand rounds of ammunition, led by E. S. O'Reilly, former newspaper man and soldier of fortune, left here, presumably for Nacozari today. The departures of similar bands from Naco, Nogales and other border towns are reported tonight.

Local officers of American companies operating in Mexico disclaim all knowledge of the expedition. No one appears to know who financed the expedition.

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—A slight earthquake shock was felt here at 9:28 this morning. The movement occasioned no damage or excitement. Slight shocks were reported as far south as San Jose, 50 miles away.

TAFT IS BUSY AT SUMMER CAPITAL

President Holds Several Conferences and Poses for the "Movies"

TALKS OF SHOE TRUST CASE

MacVeagh Takes Up Matter of Loaning Banks Money for Movement of Crops—Valentine's Resignation.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 12.—This was the busiest day President Taft has spent in Beverly this Summer. He was in conference from the time he returned from the Myopia links, through luncheon until long after dark. He talked with two members of his cabinet, Attorney General Wickersham and Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh, Chandler P. Anderson, the counsellor for the State Department, the head of the President's Economy and Efficiency Commission, Dr. F. A. Cleveland, a few committees from nearby towns and posed again for the moving picture men.

Mr. Wickersham told the President of a conference he held earlier in the day with United States District Attorney French, of Boston, about the prosecution of the United Shoe Machinery Company. He declared before he left Beverly for his home in New York that he intended to go deeply into the United Shoe case when he returned to Washington.

Mr. Anderson has been on leave from the State Department, but discussed the Mexican situation with the President. His view of conditions there was encouraging.

Secretary MacVeagh had several matters to take up with the President. One he regards as most important was the question of loaning to banks in the West money from the United States Treasury to be used in moving crops. He probably will announce a decision in the matter within the next few days.

Decision in Religious Garb Case.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 12.—The resignation of Robert G. Valentine, as Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the proof sheets of President Taft's decision in the "religious garb" case, which officials here declare had a bearing on the resignation, came to Beverly on the same train tonight. The resignation was accepted promptly, but no successor to Mr. Valentine will be named until Secretary of the Interior Fisher, returns from a Hawaiian visit.

RED MEN AT CHARLESTON.

Next Meeting of The Great Council in Washington, D. C.

Charleston, S. C., Sept. 12.—With its executive session this morning on the Isle of Palms, the Great Council of the United States of the Improved Order of Red Men completed its business. During the forenoon the Daughters of Pocahontas were given an excursion by steamboat about the harbor and up the Cooper river, as guests of the chamber of commerce. The principal social feature, however, was the fish fry at the Isle of Palms, the great seine being drawn and a generous catch made.

While most of the visitors stay over until tomorrow, scores of them departed during the day, the Clyde steamer Arapahoe sailing for New York a day ahead of schedule for accommodation of the Red Men.

Governor Blease, who has been prominent in the Red Men's sessions, left today for Columbia, breaking an engagement to speak this afternoon at the German Schuetzen Platz. In an address last evening at the Elks' Club, the Governor criticised Charleston for, he alleged, allowing politics to interfere with entertainment of the Red Men and Daughters of Pocahontas.

Today's weather was an improvement.

Washington, D. C., was chosen by the great council for the place of the next convention. Many of the delegates were in favor of choosing Charleston, having liked their stay in spite of squally weather.

SALAZAR MOVES SOUTHWARD

Leaves Gen. Rojas to Attack Agua Prieta—Garrison Strengthened

Douglas, Ariz., Sept. 12.—Leaving General Rojas and his followers to attack Augua Prieta alone, Gen. Salazar led his followers southward today, looted Colonia Morelos, breaking into houses, carrying away provisions, 35 horses and it is reported, kidnapped Chas. Nicholas, a 16-year-old American boy. The boy's father has appealed to the authorities here.

From Morelos the rebels went to the Tigre ranch, looted it and left for Nacozari, which is out of wire communication.

Of the 600 men comprising the Nacozari Federal garrison, 500 were last reported afoot and hurrying to strengthen the Agua Prieta garrison.

Two detachments of Federal troops, arriving today from Juarez, increase the Agua Prieta forces to more than a thousand men, relieving apprehension of attack.

Emelio Campa and his band are reported encamped at Pinito, 30 miles southeast of Nogales.