

CONVENTION LIKELY TO COME TO AN END FRIDAY NIGHT; PROB ABLE PL'TFORM WILL BE BUILT BY PRESIDENT'S SUGGESTIONS

Today Devoted to Oratory—Plank On Americanism Will Denounce the Hyphenates—Baker Carried to St. Louis Tentative Draft from President, Touching High Places—Democrats Will Favor Letting Weaker Nations Shape Their Own Destinies, With No Reference By Name to Mexico—A Navy for Protection and Army Adequate for a Start Demanded—Income Tax, Scientific Tariff Commission and Low Tariff.

ST. LOUIS, June 15.—Chairman James announced that balloting would start at 8 o'clock tonight.

Plan to Windup Friday Night.

St. Louis, June 15.—Speed-up methods were today applied to the Democratic Convention plans. The leaders plan to adjourn Friday night instead of Saturday. Today is being devoted to oratory.

Senator Ollie James, permanent chairman, was the main speaker. Ratification of the platform is expected tonight. It is expected Vice-President Marshall will have no opposition.

Resolutions Committee members are trying to get planks inserted appealing to the Progressives, hoping to get their support. Workmen's compensation and suffrage planks will be favored by Progressives.

James Speaking This Afternoon.

When the convention was called to order today reports of the Credentials and Permanent Organization committees were adopted. Senator James was made permanent chairman. Nominations will be made tonight. John W. Westcott will place Wilson in nomination at 8 o'clock.

Senator James started his keynote speech lauding Wilson.

McCormick Manager.

Washington, June 15.—President Wilson today decided to name Vance C. McCormick of Pennsylvania his campaign manager.

President to Dictate Platform.

St. Louis, June 15.—Hyphenated organizations will be denounced vigorously in the Democratic platform. The President's ideas on international relations, Mexico and suffrage will dominate the platform.

A tentative draft was brought to St. Louis by Secretary of War Baker, giving the President's views. It touches only the high spots, leaving minor issues to be worked out by the Resolutions Committee.

Denunciation of the hyphenates will be embodied in the Americanism plank. The platform will endorse suffrage, won't mention Mexico by name, will demand a navy sufficient for protection and an army forming an efficient nucleus for a fighting force, and will favor the income tax, a scientific tariff commission, and a low tariff. Referring to Mexico, the President says the weaker nations ought to have the right to shape their own destinies.

TING DISINTEGRAT'N WASHINGTON EXPECT OF CARRANZA GOVERNMENT OR A CHANGE FOR BETTER SOON; SOMETHING IS COMING

Battle Between Two Troops 14th Cavalry and Hundred Mexicans at San Ignacio, on U. S. Side, Today—Troopers Whipped Raiders and Are Pursuing—Two Soldiers Killed and a Number Injured—Five Bodies of Mexicans Recovered and Search Continues in Brush for Others—Complete Crumbling of De Facto Government or the Opposite Inevitable, Say Reports From Authoritative Sources—Shakeup in Few Weeks

Laredo, Tex., June 15.—Two American soldiers were killed and seven wounded today in fighting with Mexican bandits who crossed the Rio Grande near San Ignacio, say reports. The Mexican casualties are unknown. The bodies of six bandits have been found in the brush already.

Official Report.

San Antonio, June 15.—General Mann, commanding the Laredo forces, reported to General Funston that troops I and M of the Fourteenth cavalry were attacked by a hundred bandits at San Ignacio. He said two soldiers were killed and eleven wounded. Soldiers are pursuing the bandits.

Explosion in Mexico Bound to Come Soon.

Washington, June 15.—The Administration has evidence tending to show the gradual disintegration of the Carranza de facto government. Consular reports received at the State Department, and private advices given the army by officers and civilians in Mexico, give evidence.

Officials believe that a few weeks will bring development of a spell either of complete crumbling or a decided change for the better.

Washington Hears of Fight.

Washington, June 15.—The War Department this af-

ternoon received official confirmation of the San Ignacio fight. Funston reported two soldiers killed and seven wounded.

Reply to Carranza Ready.

Washington, June 15.—President Wilson and Secretary Lansing discussed today the final draft of the reply to the Carranza note demanding the withdrawal of the troops. It may not be sent for several days.

Washington, June 14.—A call for the National Guard will be the Government's first step if more troops are needed on the Mexican border, according to army officers. Only 1,500 available regular troops are left in Continental United States, exclusive of 10,000 coast artillerymen. The latter cannot well be used.

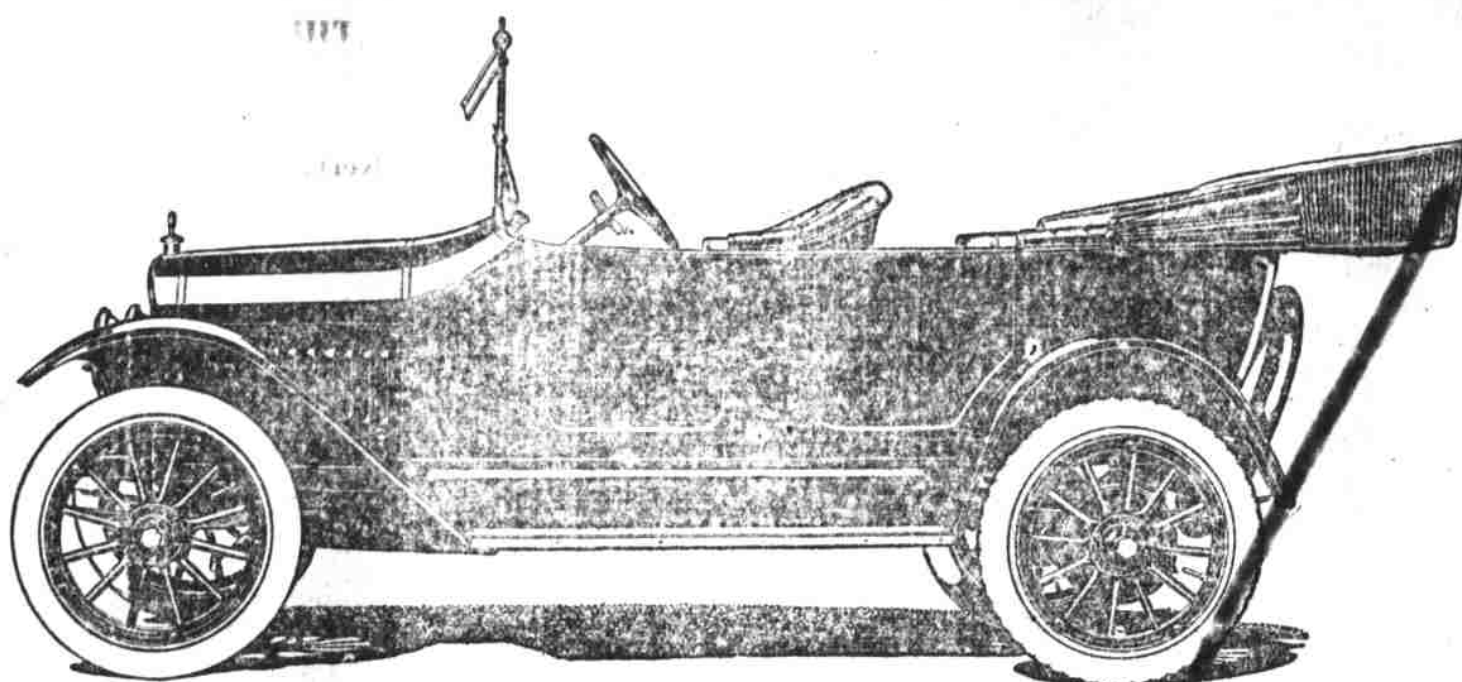
Officials insist that no special instructions have yet been sent to the heads of the National Guard, but admitted that the War Department is working in an effort to get the guard supplied and its equipment in condition.

DERAILMENT ON N. S.

YARDS AT NEW BERN

A line of the Norfolk Southern Railroad was blocked for several hours at New Bern Tuesday afternoon by the derailment of three rock cars on the yards. One car remained off today.

Mr. Meriwether Lewis went to Greenville today.



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NEITHER SIDE DOES MUCH IN THE V'DUN CAMPAIGN, REPORT

French War Office Claims There Was No Action During the Night—Berlin Today States Germans Have Taken Trenches

Paris, June 14.—There were no infantry attacks on either bank of the Meuse last night, the French war office today officially announced. French infantry captured a small German post east of Sissons. French airmen were successful in a raid near Venzel, in Vosges. Frenchmen in a sortie at Sogern captured a number of Germans.

Germans Claim Gains. Berlin, June 14.—The Germans have captured positions west and south of Thiamont Farm, east of the Meuse on the Verdun front; it is officially announced. They captured 793 men and 15 machine guns.

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