

CONVENTION LIKELY TO COME TO AN END FRIDAY NIGHT; PROBABLE PLATFORM 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.

NEEDS OF EUROPEAN WAR SUFFERERS ARE STILL INCREASING

Federal Council of Churches Suggests 'Citizenship Sunday' As Opportunity for Raising Funds—Another Statement

(Special to The Free Press) New York, June 15.—The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America today issued the following self-explanatory letter: A Second Message to the Churches. The response to the War Relief message of the Federal Council has been immediate and promising. The movement has received the warm approval of the constituent denominations of the Council recently assembled. Please bear in mind that this is a continuous campaign until all of our people have been reached, and so long as the suffering in Europe continues its appeal to us. We earnestly offer the following suggestions: 1. Appoint a committee of your church to develop a continuous interest in the movement. (Continued on Page Three)

PRESIDENT WILSON SAFE AND SANE IN TROUBLOUS TIMES

Has Had More to Contend With Than Any Predecessor, Declared Glynn in Keynote Speech—Nation's Great Leader

(Special to The Free Press) St. Louis, June 15.—Governor Martin H. Glynn of New York in the keynote speech of the Democratic convention yesterday declared that Wilson had had more to contend with in the way of national crises than any President before him. None of his predecessors showed such diplomatic ability and coolheadedness, he stated. Governor Glynn said the Democratic administration had fulfilled the party's promises. "The President of the United States stands today where stood the men who made America and who saved America," he declared. "He stands where George Washington stood when he prayed that this country would never unshackle the sword except in self-defense so long as (Continued on Page Four)

TOBACCONISTS ARE TO MEET ASHEVILLE LAST OF THE MONTH

Association of the United States to Be in Convention Three Days—West Carolina City Ideal Meeting Place

(Special to The Free Press) Asheville, June 15.—The convention of the Tobacco Association of the United States here on June 28, 29 and 30 will bring together the leaders in one of the greatest industries in the country. Asheville is the ideal convention city of the South, located as it is in the center of the 'High-Altitude area of Eastern America,' for within a little circle of 100 miles around Asheville, are 64 mountain peaks 6,000 feet and upward in altitude, 24 of these peaks higher than Mount Washington of New England, including Mount Mitchell, 6,711 feet, highest point east of the Rockies, which is now reached by one of the longest and most wonderful scenic mountain railways in the world. Delegates and visitors to Asheville can leave the city at 8:50 in the morning and return at 8 o'clock in the evening, spending three hours on the top of the mountain. The great Biltmore estate will be open to the tobacco men and there are many other places of interest in and around Asheville. The Tobacco Association of the United States is one of the most important organizations in existence, and numbers among its members prominent men in the trade in all parts of the United States, as well as many bankers, transportation men, manufacturers of tobacco supplies, machinery, etc. The Association during the 16 years of its life, has done a good work for the tobacco industry; and as it is growing rapidly in numbers, and its scope and value of its work will be enlarged and its influence will be greater each year. An interesting program is being arranged for the meeting, and the occasion will be one of so much pleasure and value that many tobacco men will remain over in Asheville Saturday and Sunday following the regular convention days. Convention headquarters will be the famous Grove Park Inn, and Mr. Seely, the proprietor, has given reduced rates, and promises to see that tobacco men with their families shall have a great time. G. E. Webb, Winston-Salem, N. C., will gladly give desired information.

FOUR DROWNED IN PAMLICO RIVER WHEN PACKET WENT TO BOT'M EARLY TODAY IN HEAVY SEAS; AGED MAN AND THREE GIRLS

The Marion Believed to Have Been Overladen—Capsized in Comparatively Shallow Water—Sisters Among the Victims—Six Male Survivors—Vessel Bound From Bath to Washington Went Down in Wide Part of the Stream—Sinking Occurred at 9 A. M.—Few of the Details Had—Girls From Prominent Families; Presumed They Could Not Swim—Craft Racing to the Scene in Hope of Picking Up Possible Survivors

(Special to The Free Press) Washington, N. C., June 15.—The bodies of three girls drowned when the packet Marion was sunk by heavy seas in Pamlico river today have been recovered. A search is being made for the body of a fourth victim. The girls were in the pilot house of the craft with the captain and first officer. The men managed to escape through a window when the boat plunged under without warning. Four Drowned in River Tragedy. Washington, N. C., June 15.—Four persons were drowned when the power passenger and freight boat Marion sunk in Pamlico river about a dozen miles below here at 9 a. m. The dead are: Maude Mason, fourteen. Ruth Brooks, fourteen. Katie Brooks, fourteen. J. S. Woolard, sixty. The Misses Brooks were sisters. The Marion was bound from Bath to Washington. The craft was laden heavily with potatoes. It is believed that she capsized in rough water. The river is several miles wide at the spot. Few vessels were in sight. Very few details of the sinking have been had. Six men of the crew and passengers are known to have been rescued. It is believed none of the girls could swim. They were of prominent families. The Marion is a fair-sized river boat. It is believed she is in comparatively shallow water. She can be raised. A coast guard ship is believed to be en route to the scene. Fast power boats left here this morning.

RUSSIANS ABOUT TO COMPLETE AUSTRIAN FORTS' INVESTMENT

Have Cut Off Defenders of Czernowitz From Lemberg, Reported

OCCUPY RAILROAD POINTS

Slavs Continue Conquest of the Zone—No Infantry Fighting on the Verdun Front During Night, the French War Office Says

(By the United Press) Paris, June 15.—There were no infantry attacks on either side of the Meuse last night, it is said officially. A German detachment in Vosges tried to reach French lines, but was repulsed. Bear Tightening His Grip. Petrograd, June 15.—The Russian offensive concentrating north of Czernowitz to cut off the defenders from Lemberg has been successful, say unofficial reports. The Russians have advanced along the Pruth to the gates of Czernowitz and taken strategic points along the Czernowitz-Lemberg Railway. been enlarged and its influence will be greater each year. An interesting program is being arranged for the meeting, and the occasion will be one of so much pleasure and value that many tobacco men will remain over in Asheville Saturday and Sunday following the regular convention days. Convention headquarters will be the famous Grove Park Inn, and Mr. Seely, the proprietor, has given reduced rates, and promises to see that tobacco men with their families shall have a great time. G. E. Webb, Winston-Salem, N. C., will gladly give desired information.

IF "WHISKERS" HAD BEEN FETCHED THE LECTURE 'D BE O. K.

Chautauqua Program First Day Most Interesting—Dr. Wirt and Boys' Choir Headliners—Victor's Band and Juggler Today

The entertainment of the Brookline Choir Boys and the lecture of Dr. Lincoln Wirt, the headliners for Chautauqua's first day, were thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience which congregated at the matinee and evening hours Wednesday. Dr. I. Alvadore Downey, the superintendent, made a happy introductory speech, telling of the work of Chautauqua and the advantages to be gained by having the annual Chautauquas. The required number of season tickets to cover the guarantee fund were disposed of and some few over before the day closed. In the choir there were six boys and two young men and their concerts were well rendered and received. The soprano soloist, a young boy of about 14, was called upon to sing until the director explained that the audience must not insist upon the young fellow taxing his voice too much. The other soloists were very good and the parts in the choruses were all well taken. Dr. Wirt told of his three-year expedition through the wilds of Alaska. The hardships and thrilling experiences of the frozen country furnished the basis for a most interesting hour's entertainment. Dr. Wirt's address was spiced with interesting anecdotes and he paused from time to time to point to good morals suggested by his points. His story of the faithfulness of his dogs was most pleasing and his auditors regretted that he did not find a way to bring his lead dog, "Whiskers," with him when he returned to the States instead of leaving him to his fate in the frozen country. Dr. Downey gave the first of his series lectures this afternoon. "Eugenics" was his subject. Victor's band is the musical attraction of the day. Tonight Rosani, the Prince of Jugglers, will hold the boards with the band. Victor's band was one of the attractions two years ago and the announcement that it is again on the program this year will be glad news to the music lovers of Kinston.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press) BOY SCOUTS INCORPORATED. Washington, June 15.—President Wilson today signed the Boy Scout bill for the incorporation of the Boy Scouts of America. RUSSIANS RECKLESS. Vienna, June 15.—The terrific fierceness of the Russians' offensiveness was emphasized in today's official war report. It says absolute disregard of loss of lives is causing the Russian successes. JETTIE WARREN, GREENE COUNTY VETERAN, DEAD. Jettie Warren, in his 70th year, a Confederate veteran and good citizen known throughout several counties, died at Snow Hill Tuesday, said a report received here today. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon. MAJOR MITCHELL IS RIDLEY'S SUCCESSOR. Major W. A. Mitchell, now a member of the staff at the Fort Leavenworth Army School, has been assigned to the Wilmington office as district engineer to succeed Capt. C. S. Ridley. Capt. Ridley will attend the Field Engineering School.

WASHINGTON EXPECTING DISINTEGRATION 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 afternoon 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.

SAY MANY MAY HAVE LOST LIVES ON SEA WHEN SHIP STRUCK

Pacific Coaster Bear, Carrying More Than 200, Grounded—All Hands Put Off in Boats—Bodies Reported Washed Up

(By the United Press) San Francisco, June 15.—Wireless messages picked up at Yerba Buena Island Naval Station this afternoon said all but two of the Bear's lifeboats had landed their passengers at Eureka lightship. It is reported that a lifeboat was trying to land in the surf near Mendocino, where five corpses were reported found. San Francisco, June 15.—Wireless messages say there is no trace of life boats from the coast liner Bear, ashore off Cape Mendocino. The battleship Oregon, steamer Grace Dollar and tug Relief are hunting for lifeboats. The Bear crashed into a rock 150 miles south of Eureka. There were 120 passengers and a crew of 82. They left the ship safely and took to the boats. The Bear was en route from Portland to San Francisco. Unconfirmed reports to the Eureka today said five bodies had washed ashore on Cape Mendocino. The report said two boatloads of survivors had landed. TO VACCINATE FIVE HUNDRED HOGS SOON. J. W. Sears, Craven County Farm Demonstrator, is to administer anti-cholera serum to 500 hogs within the next five or six days.

GUESTS HAD NAR'OW ESCAPES WHEN SNOW HILL HOTEL BURNED

Some Fled in Night Clothes Early Today—Property Loss About \$10,000—Fire That Ruined House Originated in the Kitchen

A dozen or more persons had narrow escapes when the Hotel Potter was burned at Snow Hill about 2 o'clock this morning. The flames, originating in the kitchen, quickly spread through the house. The 22-room, two-story frame structure was entirely consumed, together with practically all of the contents. Some of the guests were compelled to flee from the house in their night clothes. Dr. W. B. Young, a dentist, was almost suffocated by smoke before he woke. He hasted through the house to wake up the other sleepers. Several barely escaped with their lives, so quickly did the fire spread. The Potter house was owned by Mrs. L. N. Potter. J. B. Mallison operated it as a hotel. Although Snow Hill has very small equipment for fighting fire, the blaze was confined to the one building. The property loss was about \$10,000. Insurance on the building was about \$2,500, and on the furniture about \$700, it is said. COLORED MAN KILLED BY A LOGGING TRAIN. A negro man, name not learned, is reported to have been killed and the body mangled by a logging train on the road between Chinquapin and New Dura Wednesday. Six cars passed over the body, it is said.