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## BAKER ASKS CONGRESS FOR AUTHORITY TO USE MILITIA

### Gives Chairman Hay Draft of Resolution Which Will Make Immediately Effective Federalization of National Guard.

(By United Press)

Washington, D. C., June 19.—Secretary of War Baker sent Chairman Hay, of the House Military Committee, this morning a draft of a resolution making effective immediately the section of the new army bill permitting the state militia to invade foreign soil.

This bill as it now stands becomes effective July 1st. The Secretary's action seems to indicate that the Government believes there may be immediate need of the troops newly called out before that date.

The Militia ordered out include: From North Carolina, one brigade of three regiments of infantry, two troops of Cavalry, one field hospital one ambulance company, at Camp Glenn Morehead City.

From Virginia, two regiments of infantry, one battalion of infantry, one battery of field artillery, one company of signal corps and one field hospital.

Secretary Lansing admits more excitement and irritation in Mexico than heretofore. His statement is regarded as significant in view of his persistent refusal to give out any information beyond saying that the State Department is co-operating with the Carranza Government in an effort to prevent war.

The biggest development is Secretary Baker's request effecting the army bill section permitting United States Militia to invade foreign soil.

A thousand word note refusing definitely and finally Carranza's withdrawal request will go forward before night. It is possible that the arrival of the note may precipitate immediate hostilities. Meantime a request has already been received from the Mexican Government asking the United States to instruct naval commanders not to disembark at Mexican ports at this time. A clash is a result of disembarkation has already been reported.

What of the National Guard will be first dispatched to the border remains problematical. Some who mobilize will not see service at all but will be held in readiness to answer call in Garrisons throughout the country. It is thought that the Virginia troops will be among those first called into active service.

General Mills, chief of the Militia Division, has been left in command by Funston, who will ask General Mills to send troops to the border as they are needed.

Government officials have been notified that the railroads are prepared and in readiness to move troops to the border very fast. A dispatch from Chicago states that the western railroads can move eighty or a hundred thousand troops a day without interfering with the regular traffic.

### AMERICANS ORDERED TO LEAVE MEXICAN TERRITORY

(By United Press)

Galveston, Texas, June 19.—The steamer Nils arrived in port here from Progreso, Mexico, this morning with nine American refugees. The refugees stated that all Americans had been ordered to leave Yucatan because a state of war existed between Mexico and the United States. The statement was also made that an American gunboat is removing other refugees from that port.

Later news has it that the order for Americans to leave Progreso was due to a clash between United States Marines and Mexicans.

### NAVAL RESERVES NOT LIKELY TO BE CALLED

Lieutenant J. Kenyon Wilson, interviewed by a reporter for this paper this morning, stated that he had no intelligence of the President's order calling the National Guard into service beyond what he had seen in the morning papers.

"I do not think," he continued, that the naval reserves will be called out for service, though of course I can not say certainly about it.

There are two branches of the State militia, the National Guard, belonging to the army, and the Naval Reserves, belonging to the Navy for the United States.

The Elizabeth City Naval Reserves if called out, will, I take it, be called out for service in the United States navy, and I hardly believe that the navy will need the state troops."

### SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLICS DISTRUSTFUL OF U. S.

(By United Press)

Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 19.—News of the mobilization orders of President Wilson reached here today and stirred the people to intensest interest.

There is wide difference of opinion as to what may be the outcome of the President's order, but public sentiment here is solidly on the side of the Mexicans. The masses of the people are distrustful of the United States, fearing that the nation is planning aggressive warfare with the purpose of acquiring new territory.

### NO MILITIA OFFICER WILL BE RELIEVED

(By United Press)

Chicago, June 19.—No militia officer will be relieved of duty during the life of his present commission except by order of the President.

This is the unequivocal statement of a war department order transmitted to General Barrick, commanding the central division of the National Guard, this morning.

### MAY BE DAYS BEFORE MILITIA REACH BORDER

(By United Press)

San Antonio, Texas, June 19.—General Funston stated today that the National Guard will be mobilized in the respective states where they will be held subject to his call. He added that it would probably be some time before the contingents from many of the states actually reached the border.

### RESIGNS POSTMASTERSHIP TO RUN FOR CONGRESS

(By United Press)

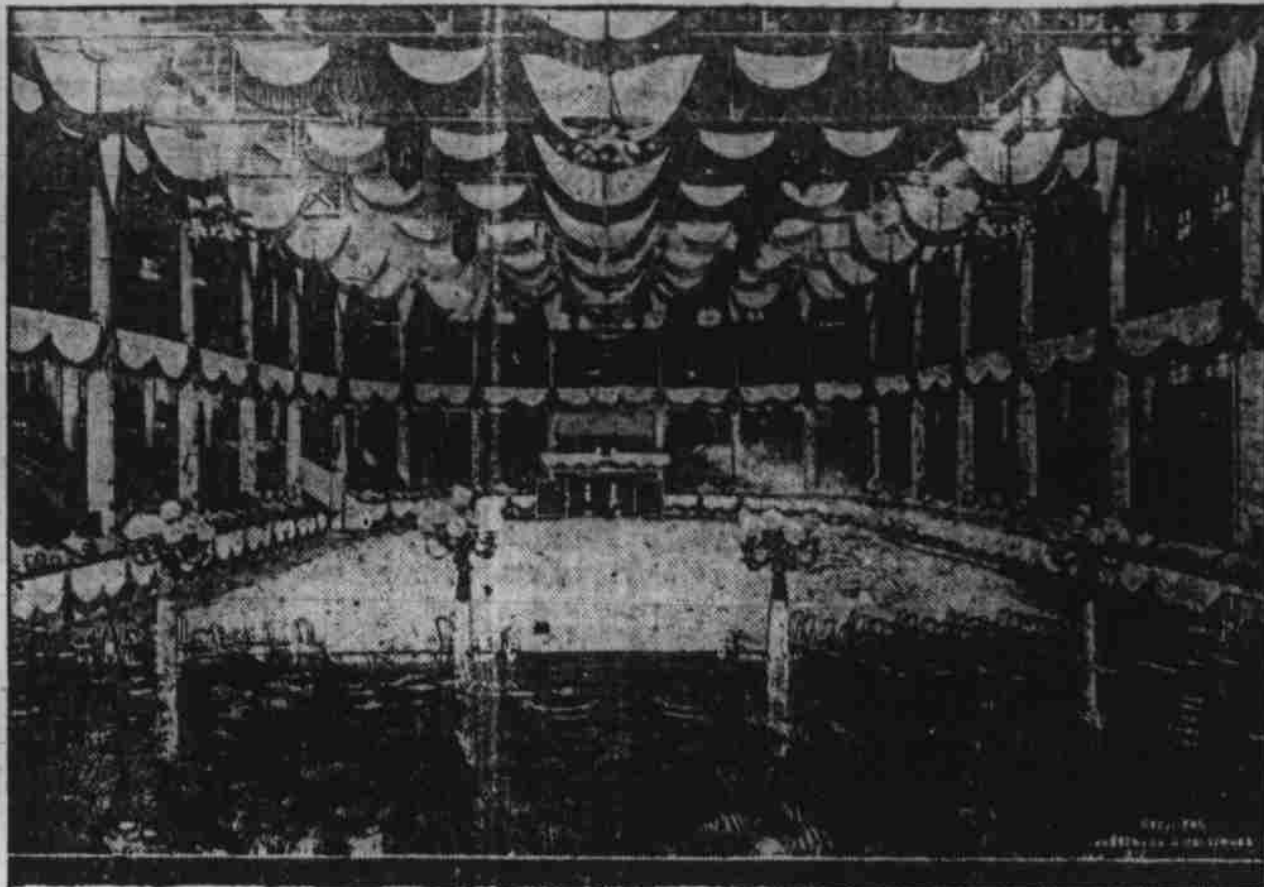
Greenville, S. C., June 19.—David B. Traxler, postmaster in this city, today resigned his office to become a candidate for Congress from the Fourth South Carolina Congressional District.

### ARTILLERYMEN RE-INFORCE CARRANZISTA GARRISON

(By United Press)

Laredo, Texas, June 19.—Garza Vigil, former editor of a Mexican newspaper here arrived at Nuevo Laredo, across the border, with sixteen three inch field pieces and two hundred artillerymen to reinforce the Carranzaists today.

## ST. LOUIS COLISEUM READY FOR DEMOCRATS



Interior of the Coliseum at St. Louis decorated for the Democratic national convention.

## WILL BE EASY MATTER TO WIN WITH WILSON IS OPINION

### Now that Two Conventions are Over Sentiment at State Capital is Optimistic for Democratic Victory in November.

Raleigh, June 19.—Democratic party leaders here and from various sections of the State (who are always in evidence at the State Capital) are giving expression to the most optimistic feeling of hope and confidence since the National Convention renominated Wilson and Marshall.

There is prevalent a strong belief that the true American spirit will actuate the real patriotic voters to easily select Wilson in preference to Hughes as the best representative of American thought and action—the man whose brand of patriotism is as intense as that of the most mouthy of Roosevelt jingoes and twice as safe, and whose followers will not brook or tolerate the possibility of placing in the White House a person like Hughes tainted by hyphenism and who could not be depended upon to fully measure up to requirements in a crisis that any day may soon strike the hour of this country's destiny.

### CONTRAST OF CANDIDATES

Instead of men courting the hyphenated vote of the foreign horn (whose representatives, unquestionably were most potent in effecting Hughes' nomination and the defeat of Roosevelt) and who therefore kept his mouth locked to all demands for a declaration of his principles and position on the greatest issues of the day, the people are apt to lean toward the man whose official conduct in the great office leaves no doubt of his position in the future.

With his intense patriotism and love of country, tempered and guided by the learning, wisdom and experience of the great statesman he is; with a knowledge of statecraft that has kept us, so far, from the undesirable and uncalled for "entangling alliance" with the quarrels and contentions of the peoples and governments of the Old World—and accomplished it with honor to ourselves and the American flag—Wilson would rise to the heights of any occasion that would arise, and if necessary would readily warm to the point of "America first and against all the world," if need be.

No one could expect anything like

this from the man through whose veins ice water is said to course, in lieu of warm and red American blood, or his running mate—that interesting campaign tonic of ice and whisks, otherwise enjoyed Hughes and Fairbanks.

### WHO'S SATISFIED WITH WILSON

This paragraph and the whole speech of Governor Glynn, of New York, delivered as temporary chairman of the Democratic National Convention last week, should be read by every man, woman and child in this country. Referring to President Wilson's foreign policy, Governor Glynn said:

"It may not satisfy the fire-eater and swashbuckler, but it does satisfy the mother of the land at whose hearth and fireside jingoistic war has not placed an empty chair. It does satisfy the daughters of this land from whom bluster and brag have not sent a loving brother to the dissolution of the grave. It does satisfy the fathers of this land and the sons of this land who will fight for our flag and die for our flag when reason primes the rifle, when honor draws the sword and when justice breathes a blessing on the standard they uphold."

### THE ASYLUM INVESTIGATION

The postponed investigation ordered by Governor Craig, into the management of, and conditions at the Central Hospital for the insane at Raleigh is again under way this week, and will continue several days. Before it is completed the board of directors ought to be able to secure a pretty secure grip on what's what and just what's needed in the way of reform and improved conditions.

That there may have been instances of negligence and abuses and other short comings is possible in view of the bill of particulars filed with the charges—and the investigation may have a wholesome effect all around.

But the people should not too readily credit all the charges made public and to which the present superintendent has within the last week entered a general de-

## BOY DROWNED YESTERDAY

### Fourteen Year Old Youth Loses Life When Gets Beyond Depth in Edenton Bay.

News reached here this morning of the drowning at Edenton Sunday of John Louis Speight.

Young Speight was out with a number of other boys swimming Sunday afternoon. Speight could not swim and got out beyond his depth, going under before help could reach him. The drowning occurred at four o'clock and twenty minutes later he was found. Every effort was made to resuscitate him for an hour, but without avail.

The youth was the son of Mr and Mrs. Will Speight of Edenton. Besides his father and mother, who are heartbroken over the tragedy, he is survived by two sisters and one brother. His father is a prominent cotton gin man of Edenton. The boy has been in Elizabeth City often, coming over from Edenton on his motorcycle, and has a number of friends in this city.

### NAGE HEAD LOTS FOR SALE

Either on Sound or seashore at low prices for quick sale and on reasonable terms, apply to W. J. Griffin, Manteo, N. C.

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When the storm is over the parting clouds will probably shed needed light on the institutions affairs and thereby enable the directors to give it more and better practical direction than they appear to have done heretofore.

### CURRENT EVENTS OF INTEREST

The death of Col. J. P. Kerr, Private Secretary to Governor Craig, who was buried in Asheville Sunday caused much sorrow among friends here. He had been desperately ill for several months.

C. C. Cherry superintendent of the State Capitol building, and other State buildings, who died suddenly during the past week of heart trouble, was another faithful servant of the State to pass away. He was a brave Confederate soldier.

Chairman Lamb of the State Board of Election holds that "Raleigh and Wake County must have a second primary to nominate one of its three members of the House. Two of them received a majority, but the third and fourth candidates

## ARMY OFFICERS CRYING NEED

### Lack of Trained Men may Cause Earlier Graduation of Next Year's Class at West Point

(By United Press)

Washington, D. C., June 19.—The shortage of army officers resulting from calling out of the National Guard by President Wilson yesterday will probably necessitate the graduating next month of the West Point Cadets due to graduate in June 1917. This would be following precedent set when war was declared against Spain twelve years ago.

Whether the calling out of the National Guard will bring on actual war remains to be seen. America's mailed fist confronts the Carranza Government. The orders calling out practically all of the Guard; the dispatch of additional ships and transports to Mexican waters;—these actions constitute a direct threat, and in taking these steps the administration plays its last card for an amicable settlement of the troublesome questions vexing the two governments concerned.

If the dispatch of one hundred thousand men to the Mexican border serves to overawe the Mexicans all will be well. If on the other hand—and fear of this is being openly expressed here—the Mexicans are inflamed against the "gringos" at this manifestation of armed might, war must surely follow.

How news of the President's course has been received in Mexico City and among Carranza army officers has not been disclosed. A note based upon telegraphic instructions from Mexico City to the Mexican Embassy was put in Secretary Lansing's hands this morning, but he refused to divulge its contents and would make no statement beyond saying that the note did not demand the withdrawal of American troops. The Mexican Embassy doubted if the note was an ultimatum but stated that it was probably a request or a demand for an early reply to the Carranza note.

### MEN'S BIBLE CLASS ATTENDS SERVICE IN BODY

Mr. J. W. Modlin's Bible Class, forty five strong, attended last evening's service at Backwell Memorial church, occupying front seats on the left of the auditorium.

Members of the class led in prayer during the service and special musical numbers by Miss Pauline Taylor and Miss Rose Goodwin of this city, Miss Emily Clark of Winton, Miss Maude Sawyer of Belcross added to the impressiveness of the service.

An earnest sermon by the pastor, Rev. I. N. Ioffin from the subject, "Prayer the release of God's Possibilities" stressed the idea of the omnipotence of God among his faithful followers.

ran so close together that neither received a majority, there being six candidates voted for. The third man (Johnson) received 2,616 to 1,953 for Pate the next highest but the State Board holds that he was not nominated as there were 12,559 votes cast for the six making, making 2,098 a majority of one third of one half of the total vote. There is a kick but it will not avail. May be similar instances in other counties. If so, all the next highest candidate has to do is to cite this precedent.

A facetious friend at my elbow says that he gathers from the State Primary returns that the apostles of rotation in office for rotation's sake are now reduced to the one chance offered by watching the newspaper obituary columns.