

WILLCOX BRANDS BAKER'S CHARGE A POLITICAL PLAY

Republican Committee Chief Says War Secretary Issued Statement About Raid to Get Votes.

ACT STUPID OR INFAMOUS

Either Way Position of Department Head to Be Criticised.

LANGUAGE IS VIGOROUS

New York, Oct. 27.—William R. Willcox, chairman of the republican national committee, issued a statement today in reference to the one of last night by Secretary of War Baker that definite information had been received by the War department that a bandit attack upon American troops or an American border town had been arranged to take place before election day by "enemies of the administration's policy towards Mexico."

GENERAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG, British commander in the west. This is the latest photograph to be received in this country.



SIR DOUGLAS HAIG

TAFT ANSWERS GOMPERS' SPEECH

Ex-President Charges Labor Leader Misstated Facts in Danbury Hatters' Case.

HIGH COURT UNANIMOUS

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 27.—Former President Taft, speaking at St. Louis last night, attacked Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, for misleading matter with reference to the Danbury Hatters case and for shifting to the shoulders of others the responsibilities created as the result of his bad counsel.

"Mr. Gompers, who has delivered the labor vote of this country, as usual, to the democratic candidate," Mr. Taft said, "attacks Mr. Hughes for the unanimous judgment of the supreme court in the Danbury Hatters' case. The facts are that Loewe, a hat manufacturer, sued members of the Hatters' union of Danbury because they had destroyed his business by boycotting his customers in various states."

If This Real Farmer Is Chosen Lawmaker

Watch a Live One

Among visitors in Omaha is Joseph Osler of Elgin, who has the distinction of being a real farmer running for the legislature in the 70th representative district, comprising Hayes, Chase and Perkins counties. Mr. Osler, who is one of the early pioneers of that part of the state, having homesteaded part of his present farm in 1885, and is the man who in the National Farmers' Congress last year at Omaha, had the nerve and ability to successfully reply to a speech that was made on the floor of the Congress, that left the impression that western Nebraska did not have much money and did not cut much figure. All present remember that the way he corrected that erroneous impression in convincing language was a revelation to that audience of representative men from the different states of the union. Mr. Osler's speech at that congress did more to set western Nebraska right before the people of the United States than anything that has ever been said.

Joint Debate on Wet and Dry Issue Here Next Tuesday

Arrangements have been perfected for a debate on prohibition by Hon. Jacob E. Meeker of St. Louis and Dr. Titus Lowe of Omaha. The subject for discussion is: "Resolved, that Nebraska should retain its present regulatory license and local option law, rather than accept the proposed prohibitory amendment." The time of the debate will be two hours, to be divided as follows: Dr. Lowe will open the debate in a forty-five-minute speech, to be followed by Mr. Meeker in a forty-five minute speech. Dr. Lowe will then have fifteen minutes to conclude his remarks, and Mr. Meeker will close the debate in a fifteen-minute speech. The public is invited to attend. There will be no reservation of seats. Hon. John L. Webster will preside. The agreement is signed by L. F. Crofoot, president Nebraska Prosperity league, and Elmer E. Thomas, dry campaign manager.

George Brandeis Buys Farm on West Pacific

George Brandeis has bought sixty acres on West Pacific street from J. R. Wilkinson, a non-resident, adjoining Arwood dairy and north of Loveland farms. The sale was made by the O'Keefe Real Estate company.

Lawyers Will Hear Referee Tell of Bankruptcy Tricks

"Some Pitfalls in Bankruptcy," will be the topic of Attorney Charles G. McDonald, referee in bankruptcy, when he speaks Saturday noon at the Commercial club before members of the Barrister's club.

VOTE FOR HUGHES VOTE FOR LASTING PEACE, HE INSISTS

Republican Candidate Mexican Policies Administration to Safety of Nation.

IS AMAZED AT THE CHARGE

Leaves to Secretary of War Difficulties in Extricating Self From Suggestions.

NOMINEE SPEAKS AT UTICA

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 recent utterances." 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 preposterous suggestion. 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 actions which our opponents have taken with respect to our neighboring country of Mexico. If there was ever a policy menacing to 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."

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CARRANZA DENIES ALARMIST REPORTS

Villa is Not Besieging Chihuahua and Zapata Does Not Menace Capital.

FELIX DIAZ IS IN FLIGHT

New York, Oct. 27.—The following telegram from General Carranza, dated Mexico City, October 27, 2:30 a. m., was made public today by Juan T. Burns, 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 Querro. All military operations have been successful and the situation is improving daily. (Signed) 'V. CARRANZA.'"

Villa Moving Southward

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 27.—Francisco Villa and his bandits have left the Mexico 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 B. 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 denied 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 southeast of the state capital. General Trevino characterized the report that government officials had been warned to leave Chihuahua City as "absurd."

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RUSSIANS AND ROUMANIANS IN FULL RETREAT

Entente Forces in Dobrudja Continue to Retire, Say Reports from Sofia and Petrograd.

FIGHT IN TRANSYLVANIA

Village of Balan and Piatroakul Heights, Near Okna, Taken by Roumanians.

BATTLE ON RIVER JIUL

Sofia, Oct. 26.—(Via London, Oct. 27.)—The Russo-Roumanian army in Dobrudja is in precipitate retreat north and west from the Tchernavoda-Constanza railway, toward Hirssoya, Braila and Tulstchia, on the Danube, says an official statement of the war office issued today. The capture of fifteen officers and 771 men and fifteen machine guns is announced. The statement reads: "On the Macedonia front there has been no change. South of Lake Presbo there was an engagement with weak enemy units. On the front between Lake Presbo and the Aegean coast there was nothing but weak artillery firing. The Aegean coast was calm. "Roumanian front: Along the Black Sea there was quiet. On the whole Dobrudja front the enemy is in precipitate retreat toward Tulstchia, Braila and Hirssoya. Our pursuit continues. On Wednesday we captured fifteen officers, 771 men and fifteen machine guns. Quiet prevails on the Danube front."

Roumanians Take Village.

Petrograd, Oct. 27.—(Via London.)—Roumanian troops operating on the western frontier of Moldavia have captured the Transylvanian village of Balan and the Piatroakul heights, according to the official statement issued today by the Russian war department. Fierce fighting, the statement adds, is continuing on both banks of the Jiul river. The statement follows: "Transylvanian front: On the western frontier of Moldavia the Roumanians after a short offensive captured the village of Balan, nine miles northwest of Okna, and the Piatroakul heights, nine miles southwest of Okna. "On the western Valakhia frontier the Roumanians have arrested the enemy's offensive and are consolidating their positions. On both banks of the river Jiul fierce fighting continues."

Roumanians Are Retiring.

Petrograd, Oct. 27.—(Via London.)—Although offering stubborn resistance to the German-Bulgarian-Turkish forces attacking in Dobrudja the Russian and Roumanians, according to today's official Russian statement, are retiring to the north of a line between Hirssoya and Casapleni. This line is approximately between forty and sixty miles north of the Tchernavoda-Constanza railroad line. The statement adds that the forces of the central powers and their allies are continuing their attack along the entire front in Dobrudja. German forces yesterday launched an attack against the Russian positions on the western bank of Goldovitchi and forced the retirement of the Russians to the eastern bank of the river, says today's Russian official statement. Russians Lose in Lutsk. Berlin, Oct. 27.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—Russian troops in the district west of Lutsk, in Volhynia, made a heavy attack at midnight on the Austro-German line in the Kiselin section, after prolonged artillery preparation. The attack, the war office announces, broke down before the defensive entanglements. "The Russians have repeated their attacks along the Shara river, but failed to gain any advantage. "In the southern Carpathians there were renewed assaults on the Teutonic lines by the Russians and Roumanians, but here also the hostile effort to advance was futile."

Republican Valley Doctors Meet at McCook

McCook, Neb., Oct. 27.—(Special.)—Republican Valley Medical association convention opened Thursday with a banquet spread by the local doctors in Masonic hall, served by the Eastern Star, an elaborate affair which was followed by a brief, spicy toast list. The entire afternoon was devoted to papers and discussions by various members of the association. Besides the members of this association, there were present Dr. J. M. Bannister and Dr. G. A. Young, both of Omaha, who entered into the discussions. The election of officers for next year resulted: President, Dr. C. L. Fahnestock, McCook; vice president, Dr. J. K. Muldoon, Arapahoe; secretary, Dr. L. W. Rork, Oxford; treasurer, Dr. W. D. Shields, Holdrege. The next meeting will be held in May in Holdrege.

One Cent Will Buy

The smallest of Uncle Sam's postage stamps. An evening newspaper. The space each word your Want-Ad occupies in the Omaha Bee. And you certainly get your money's worth from any one of the three.

The Weather

Table with weather data for Nebraska and Omaha, including temperatures, wind directions, and precipitation.

Southwest Dentists Meet at Holdrege

Holdrege, Neb., Oct. 27.—(Special.)—The ninth annual meeting of the Southwestern Nebraska Dental Society was held Wednesday in the offices of Dr. H. R. Bellevue, with forty dentists in attendance. The clinics and demonstrations accompanied by lectures were given by Doctors G. W. Hamilton of Council Bluffs, Fred Webster of Lincoln and E. A. Thomas of Hastings. This, with the regular business meeting, took up all the time during the day. At the business meeting the following officers were elected: President, C. H. Brugh of Chester; vice president, W. D. Grandy, Superior; secretary, H. R. Bellevue, Holdrege; treasurer, John Hamilton, Orleans; delegate to the executive committee of the State Society, R. W. Wintersteen, Holdrege. The 1917 meeting will be held at Cambridge. The sessions were concluded with a banquet at the Hampton hotel at 8 p. m.

Congressman Kendall Makes Address at Aurora

Aurora, Neb., Oct. 27.—(Special.)—The largest political meeting so far in Aurora was that which last night greeted Congressman N. E. Kendall of Iowa at the opera house. Practically every seat on the lower floor was occupied. The Aurora quartet, consisting of S. F. Anderson, George Baird, Dr. L. W. Haughey and George Hauser, furnished the music, and Senator C. E. Sandall and Congressman Kendall the oratory.