

OREGON BOYS MAY INVADE WEST COAST

Western Militia Will Go to West Mexico, Says Chief of Third Infantry.

MANY VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Minister Among Soldiers With War Records Anxious to Enlist—Occupation of Country Is Regarded as Necessity.

If the Third Infantry and Battery A, Field Artillery, Oregon National Guard, are called to service in Mexico, in what part of that country will they see service?

Colonel Charles H. Martin, commander of the Third, believes that his regiment, together with Battery A, Captain H. C. Welch, commanding, will be assigned to be part of an army to occupy Western Mexico.

"The regulars and the Eastern and Middle Western militia will take care of things south of the Rio Grande and on the east coast," he said yesterday. "and I believe it will be the portion of the Western militia regiments to occupy the states on the west coast. We would proceed probably by transport from San Francisco or San Diego for the invasion of the Western Mexican states. The Third Infantry and Battery A might go direct from Portland by water."

Colonel Martin regards it as almost a certainty that, now that hostilities have begun, there is no possible settlement except an American occupation of Mexico.

Word that Carranza, the constitutional General, had said that the American landing at Vera Cruz must be regarded as an act of war against Mexico and not against Huerta, was received by officers of the Third as an indication that the entire country, rebels and federalists alike, will unite against the forces of the United States, and make the occupation of the country a necessity for war.

Procedure May Be Same as in Cuba. "This Nation could do no finer thing than to bring peace to Mexico," said Colonel Martin. "If the constitutionalists join with Huerta in opposing us, as I think they will, there will be nothing for us to do but to occupy the entire country and remain there until after peace had been restored, an election held under our supervision and assurances received from the government thus installed that peace will be preserved and the lives and property of Americans made safe."

"Our course of procedure would be much the same as that followed in Cuba. General Wood would probably be made Governor-General until such time as we are prepared to withdraw from the country after a real constitutional government has been established."

Colonel Martin believes that the uncertainty as to the safety of American refugees in Mexico will result in heavy demands on President Wilson for more active measures than the mere occupation of Vera Cruz. This opinion is shared by members of his staff.

Oregon Veterans Anxious to Fight. Adjutant-General Finzer was receipt yesterday of a number of formal written requests from men who have seen service either in the Regular Army or National Guard, who want to go to Mexico.

"Many of these men are good soldiers with excellent records," said General Finzer, "and it seems a shame that they will not be able to go in case there is a call for the Third to go to the front. About the only chance for them, it seems to me, would be in the event of a protracted war and the Government itself should call for volunteers. In that event there would be room for many of them as officers."

The following are those who have written Adjutant-General Finzer to be placed in service:

Dr. Harry J. Horton, Baker City; Richard W. Holman, Portland; Roy W. Russell, Portland; C. R. Reeves, Portland; F. C. Steinhilber, Albany; William M. Denney, Vancouver, Wash.; General Charles P. Beebe, Portland; E. Meares, Portland; Captain Lawrence Jensen, Eugene; Gun E. Ledbetter, Brookfield, Wash.; Rev. Amos D. A. Heuff, Ashland; Walter L. Tooez, Dallas; Thomas H. Tucker, Lebanon; Captain T. T. Strain, Portland.

Colonel Martin has had many requests from men who wish to serve in case there is an invasion. Among these are Denis Hayes, retired from the regular Army as Sergeant-Major. McNulty, who is chairman of the Oregon Naval Board, conferred with Adjutant-General Finzer and Lieutenant-Commander Elms, of the Naval Militia, yesterday, concerning the possibility of his going.

COMPANY 1 FILLING UP

WOODBURN'S MAYOR WILL RESIGN AS MAYOR IF WAR CALLS.

Captain Moshberger Can Have His Troops Ready to Move to Clackamas in 24 Hours if Third Is Mobilized.

WOODBURN, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—With prospects for active service, Company 1, Third Infantry, stationed at this city, is rapidly recruiting up to war strength. It is thought that the full quota will be secured in a few days. Enlistments during the past few days have brought the enrollment up to over 75 able-bodied men, while a large number have registered, pending a positive call for service.

Captain Moshberger states that within 24 hours after receipt of orders he can move to Clackamas Station with a fully recruited company.

Letters have been received from ex-members of the company, some of whom are Spanish-American war veterans, who state that they will report promptly for Mexican service. Regulations are being made for additional clothing and equipment to supply a full company.

In addition to Captain Moshberger, the company will be officered by First Lieutenant Grover Todd and Second Lieutenant Philip A. Livesley, all of whom have been attached to the local organization for many years. Captain Moshberger and Lieutenant Todd are Spanish war veterans and Lieutenant Livesley served over three years in the Wisconsin Guard, in addition to nearly 10 years with Company 1, Lieutenant Livesley, at present the Mayor of Woodburn, will resign that office in the event that the company is ordered into the field.

Cruiser Albany Sails. SEATTLE, Wash., April 22.—The cruiser Albany sailed from the Puget Sound Navy-yard at 6 o'clock this afternoon for the Mexican west coast via San Diego.

SCENE AT VERA CRUZ AND MEXICAN TROOPS



TOP, FEDERAL COLUMN ON MARCH—BELOW, PRINCIPAL STREET IN TOWN TAKEN BY AMERICANS.

HEALTH DANGERS TOLD

RUBBER BUYER FEARS FOR MEN IN YELLOW FEVER BELT.

Sudden Changes in Altitude May Have Weakening Effect Upon Troops in March on Capitol, He Says.

Dangers more serious than Mexican bullets beset the American marines who are landed at Vera Cruz and who are in the first fringe of the second Mexican war, according to the opinion expressed by C. V. Cooper yesterday.

Mr. Cooper is general manager of the Castillos Rubber Plantation Company and has passed much time in Mexico and become familiar with the conditions there.

"In landing our men at Vera Cruz," he said yesterday, "we have landed them in what is known as the most unhealthy city in the world, although a modern system of sewerage lately established may have helped the conditions a trifle. Yellow fever is always present there and the conditions throughout that the men are the most unsanitary imaginable."

"The advance upon Mexico City will also prove a terrible strain upon the men, as they are fighting their way through the mountains and the encounter. In the 250 miles from Vera Cruz to the city of Mexico they must rise from sea level to an altitude of 7500 feet."

"It is almost certain that there will be fighting at Puebla at least before reaching Mexico, if the American troops advance, for Puebla lies directly in the way and will offer the principal point of defense against an assault upon Mexico City itself. There are two railroads from Vera Cruz to Mexico City. The Southern road, through Puebla, can be kept open with comparatively little trouble, but the Northern road, which goes over the mountain via Jalapa, can be destroyed by the defenders with ease."

"It is over this Northern road that the trains bearing the refugees are being held in readiness to proceed to Mexican waters to take part in the blockade of that coast, which already virtually has been established."

While the movements of the cutters will depend on developments, Treasury officials said today that every one of them was prepared to start on 30 minutes' notice. It is understood to be the purpose to utilize the cutters to do patrol duty along the coast, to act as dispatch boats and to carry marines or other forces to points ashore that cannot be reached by larger vessels.

The cutters available for Mexican service include the Algonquin at San Juan, Androscoogin at Portland, Me.; Apache at Norfolk, Va.; Gresham at Boston, Itasca at New London, Conn.; Mohawk at New York, Onondaga at Norfolk, Seminole at Wilmington, N. C., and Yamacraw at Savannah, Ga. Each of the boats carries a battery of three or four six-pounders and a crew of about 100 men, fitted by hard training and experience for any duty which may call them.

CAVALRY TROOP IS EAGER

Pendleton Wires It Could Be Ready in 48 Hours, Including Horses.

PENDELTON, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—"Could organize troop of cavalry in 48 hours, including horses."

This was the message sent this morning by Captain M. S. Kern in reply to the following message received from M. S. Reeves, acting for Commandant F. J. Hennessey at the Oregon Agricultural College:

"If volunteers are called, could troop of cavalry be organized in Pendleton?" Hennessey is a cavalry officer and would probably have charge of operations preliminary to the mobilization of regular cavalry forces in this state should the call for National volunteers be issued. Dr. Kern saw active service in the Philippines. If "rough riders" are needed he is prepared to raise a troop to full war strength of 108 men. Roy T. Bishop, of this city, also received a message today from Captain Tebbett, of Portland, asking if a cavalry troop could be organized here. A favorable reply was sent.

"READY" SAYS COMPANY A

66 Men Are Now Enrolled and Others Ready to Enlist.

MINNIEVILLE, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—"Every man is ready and at a moment's notice I could have Company A, of the Third Regiment, at the local depot," stated Captain Francis L. Mitchellbrook, its commanding officer, today. "The men themselves seem very enthusiastic. We have 66 men on our rolls and several that have served in the Guard who have stated they wanted to be enlisted if we are called out for service."

A number of the men were at the local target range yesterday and some would have gone out today for practice, but the officers deemed it more expedient to have the men in town, where they could be called together easily.

O. A. C. BOYS TO MOBILIZE

500 Old Cadets in State Will Be Put Into Three Companies.

In order to organize several companies of former Oregon Agricultural College cadets, C. H. Bristow resigned as an ensign of the Oregon Naval Militia yesterday and will immediately take up the work of getting in communication with former students of the school. While at school Bristow was a cadet colonel. He is being assisted by Lieutenant Fox, former assistant commandant at O. A. C.

More than 500 students are scattered throughout the state and from present indications little trouble will be experienced in organizing three companies. Mr. Bristow is at Main 238 any time during the day.

Fighting Continues in Monterey.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., April 22.—According to dispatches received in Matamoros, opposite this place, fighting continues at Monterey between federalists and constitutionalists. It is said the fight has been carried into the streets of Monterey proper.

Northwest Represented in Marines.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 20.—(Special.)—Two Northwestern men, Captain F. A. Ramsay, of Salem, Or., and First Lieutenant R. S. Kingsbury, of Boise, Idaho, hold commissions in the Second Regiment of Marines, which landed at Vera Cruz yesterday.

Although the invention of the gauge is attributed to an Italian contemporary with Galileo, such instruments were in use in Korea at least two centuries before his time.

BRIEF WAR PREDICTED

AMERICAN STOCKMAN THINKS TROUBLE QUICKLY SETTLED.

Sonora, Under Carranza, Is Peaceful and Foreigners Are as Safe There as Here, He Says.

"I don't think the present warfare with Mexico will last a month," said A. Venator, a stockman of Venator, Harney County, who returned this week from Sonora County, in the northwestern part of Mexico, where he went last fall. "The Americans will restore order and probably depose Huerta, but I do not think the United States will annex any territory as a result of the war."

"Will the opposing Mexican forces combine against the United States? No, never. The constitutionalists cannot be induced to join the Huerta forces. Huerta has invited trouble with the United States simply to avoid being whipped by Villa, who has been beating him at every turn and who would soon put him entirely out of things."

"The State of Sonora is tranquil and a stranger would hardly know that there is any trouble. Carranza is an able man of peaceable disposition and a friend of the United States. Already he has appointed a commission that is restoring the property confiscated from the federalists and others at the outset of the revolution."

"By June Sonora will be depleted of most of its cattle north of the quarantine line, as Montana buyers are taking everything in sight."

Mr. Venator liked Sonora so well that he induced California buyers to invest with him in cattle. He says a person who minds his own business is just as safe in Sonora as anywhere in the United States. He originally went to Sonora with the intention of buying cattle and shipping them to Oregon, but instead he entered the stock business there. He left Mexico about a week ago and is in Portland on his return to Venator, Harney County.

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75c Blouse Waists for, \$0.59c
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50c Children's Rompers, knee and full length style, \$0.39c

Boys' Store, Second Floor.

BEN SELLING

LEADING CLOTHIER

Morrison at Fourth Street.

What Will Happen When We Invade MEXICO

By a remarkable piece of editorial luck, which happens to a magazine once in a lifetime, the May METROPOLITAN, out today, contains a vivid and timely description of the Battle of La Cadena by John Reed, our war correspondent, who was the only American to witness this fight between the rebels and the Federals. It is the first genuine pen picture of the Mexican soldier in battle, and it is also the first opportunity you have had to picture in your mind the kind of fighting our soldiers will face in their march on to Mexico City.

The story of the battle is illustrated with photographs taken by John Reed in Mexico. We missed a bunch of action pictures, as Reed's camera was smashed in a run for his life, which he describes, in part, as follows:

"I ran on—ran and ran and ran, until I could run no more. Then I walked a few steps and ran again. I was sobbing instead of breathing. Awful cramps gripped my legs. . . . I ran, I wondered what time it was. I wasn't very frightened. Everything was so unreal. It just seemed to me that if I didn't get away I wouldn't be doing my job well. I kept thinking to myself, 'Well, this is certainly an experience. I am going to have something to write about.'"

Don't miss this story. Go to the nearest newsstand today and get a copy of the May METROPOLITAN. It is sure to be sold out within a few days, and as the June number is now on our presses it will be impossible for us to print any more copies.

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