

HUERTA DENIES HE PLOTTED UPRISING

Trip to El Paso Declared to Have Been Made Simply to Visit Daughter.

ARREST LEAVES NO STING

Courtesies Extended at Federal Building and at Fort Bliss Pleasing; Trip to San Francisco Fair on Schedule.

EL PASO, Texas, June 27.—It was a sorry and a man appearing in that stepped from the automobile that had just carried him from Fort Bliss to the home of his daughter tonight. Nevertheless, General Huerta walked briskly into the house, partook of a belated dinner and after a brief rest announced he was ready to receive newspaper men in accordance with the statement of the morning that he would talk with them after he had rested.

As in the informal chat earlier in the day, Huerta declined to comment on Mexican affairs. Asked if it was true that he was one of the leaders of the new Mexican revolutionary movement, he shook his head.

"Absolutely no," he replied. "I will never enter Mexico at the head of an armed force. I have retired from the field as a soldier, unless my country should need my services against a foreign foe. I am anxious to return to Mexico. It is my home. But I will never return until after peace is established. This may take five or six years."

Wilson's Note Not Discussed.
"What effect do you think President Wilson's note will have on the warring factions in Mexico?" was the next question.

General Huerta smiled, lighted a cigarette, blew rings of smoke a brief time, and gestured that he did not care to answer.

"You say you have no intention of entering Mexico in the present revolt—then why did you visit El Paso?" Huerta shook his finger emphatically. "I came to visit my son-in-law and daughter. I think I have a perfect right to do that. I am en route to the San Francisco Fair."

Asked why he bought tickets only to El Paso, he replied:

"I asked the New York agent if I could get a stopover. He said, no, so I bought a ticket to El Paso."

Detention Leaves No Sting.
J. B. Ratner, the interpreter, assumed responsibility for arranging for the party to leave the train at Newman, N. M., 20 miles north of El Paso.

"I arranged that," said Ratner. "Now I am sorry that I did. General Huerta wanted to alight from the coach at the Union station, but I thought the arrival would attract too large a crowd and that he would be tired shaking hands and talking. I advised getting off at Newman."

Huerta arose, indicating that the interview was at an end and bowed the newspapermen from the room with an "Adios."

EX-DICTATOR OF MEXICO, NOW UNDER ARREST IN UNITED STATES, AND ONE OF HISTORIC RIVALS FOR PREDOMINANCE IN THAT COUNTRY.



ABOVE, GENERAL VICTORIANO HUERTA—BELOW, GENERAL CARRANZA AND HIS CABINET.

HUERTA IS ARRESTED

Plot to Violate Neutrality Is Charged by United States.

OROZCO ALSO IN CUSTODY

Both Mexican Leaders Subsequently Released on Giving Heavy Bonds. Government Is Thought to Have Frustrated Rising.

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coordinated by a detachment of the Fifteenth United States Cavalry instead of being accompanied only by General Pascual Orozco, an ex-Mexican general, and Major Luis Fuentes, a son-in-law of General Huerta.

Federal officials learned last night that General Huerta was traveling toward El Paso. Zack L. Cobb, collector of customs at El Paso, acting for the State Department, assisted by Clifford Beckman, special agent of the Department of Justice, arranged to meet the train at Newman, N. M., accompanied by a small force of Federal officers and 25 cavalrymen from Fort Bliss, under Colonel George Morgan, the troops being used as an escort and guard against disorders on the drive through the city.

Huerta reached Newman at 6:40 A. M. and readily agreed to the request that he and General Orozco accompany them to the customs office in El Paso for a conference.

In a brief chat with newspaper representatives the General talked freely on miscellaneous subjects, but declined to discuss Mexican affairs from any angle.

the present an attempt on the part of General Victoriano Huerta and his associates to launch from American territory a new revolutionary movement in Mexico. The arrest of the Mexican ex-dictator with General Orozco and others at El Paso today follow nearly three months' of espionage by Government agents.

The Department of Justice had instructed United States Attorney Camp, of the Western District of Texas, to take into custody the men, who seemingly were engaged in violations of American neutrality laws, which forbids the recruiting of men, the purchase of supplies therefor and the organization of a military expedition on the soil of the United States to be used in operations against a people with which this country is at peace.

Mr. Camp was ordered to place before a grand jury at El Paso immediately the evidence in his possession in order that indictments may be returned against anyone guilty of an intent to violate American neutrality laws.

Apart from any consideration of policy which the Washington Government may have in mind for the settlement of the Mexican problem, the Department of Justice has the full sympathy of the Department of State in the neutralizing of the neutrality laws of the individuals concerned.

When Assistant Attorney General Warren called to the attention of Secretary Lansing the fact that General Huerta and his supporters appeared to be ready to set foot an armed expedition into Mexico, Mr. Lansing indicated that this was a subject for the Department of Justice to handle, and the arrests were ordered forthwith.

Officials were reticent as to the probable development of the case against General Huerta.

When General Huerta returned from Spain the American Government made no effort to deport him, accepting his pledge that he did not intend to violate the laws of neutrality. His defiance of President Wilson for nearly a year and his refusal to grant the salute to the Stars and Stripes, demanded as apology for indignities offered to American bluejackets at Tampico, were ignored.

to take a hand in the situation. So far as is known, however, they have revealed no connection with any proposed military expressions, although all three groups are said to be alike in their purpose to oppose both Generals Carranza, Villa and Zapata.

Just what the evidence against General Huerta and other former federal generals is was not disclosed here.

While the mere preparation of plans at the beginning of a revolution in a foreign country has not been held a criminal violation of neutrality, active efforts in furtherment of such plans have formed the basis for such indictments in the past.

Individuals may pass through the United States to take part in military activity abroad, and arms and ammunition may be shipped to forces operating in a foreign country, but where the evidence is such as to show a movement, getting out from American territory to another country, Federal decisions hold that American neutrality is violated.

While department officials will keep close trace of the case, officials made it known that it was entirely in the hands of United States Attorney Camp. Upon him rests the responsibility of keeping the Mexicans under surveillance while they are at liberty under bond.

RATNER DENIES KNOWLEDGE
Suggestion Made Huerta Went to El Paso to See Daughter.

NEW YORK, June 27.—Abraham Z. Ratner, who arrived here from Spain with General Huerta on April 27 last, today declared that he had no knowledge of General Huerta's movements.

"When he left here," said Mr. Ratner, "I understood that he was going to California. He has a daughter living near El Paso, whom he has not seen since his arrival from Spain. It is possible the General is paying her a visit."

A brother of Abraham Z. Ratner is said to be in the Huerta party. Huerta at the time of his arrival here also was accompanied by his secretary, General Delgado. At the time he told reporters that he had come to the United States partly for pleasure and to attend to some personal business, the nature of which he declined to divulge.

YAQUIS RAID TOWN; PEOPLE LEFT NAKED

Four Young Girls Abducted After Entire Population of 300 Is Stripped.

AMERICANS WILL REMAIN

Settlers Build Barricades and Determine to Fight if Necessary. Mexican General Prohibits Offensive Campaign.

GUAYMAS, Mexico, via Radio to San Diego, Cal., June 27.—Advice received here by messenger from the interior say that Yaqui Indians raided the mining town of Sausa, 100 miles inland from Guaymas, assembled the 300 inhabitants and stripped everyone stark naked, then, while a detail guarded the gathering, the others looted the town, packing everything transportable on a pack train.

Before the raiders departed, they selected young girls. The band left for the mountains with the Mexican girls and loot. No casualties are reported.

The Indians approached the town mounted, with bugles flourishing and drums ruffling. The inhabitants assumed that they were bodies of troops approaching to protect them and made no preparation to resist attack. The band numbered 200 warriors.

Captain Ashley Robertson, of the United States cruiser Colorado, Major William N. McKeivy, of the Marine Corps, and three others motored to the Yaqui Valley to investigate conditions. They were accompanied by W. B. Richardson, president of a land company controlling property in the valley valued at \$20,000,000.

They found everything quiet, but the settlers have built barricades of bags of grain around their houses and all houses are loopholed.

Mexican troops now garrison all the farms in the valley, and no further raids are expected, as the crops are now harvested and the rains have set in. The settlers all express determination to remain and fight the Indians if necessary.

It is reported that General Maytorena ordered his troops not to make the offensive against the Indians.

The authorities at Mazatlan detained a commission from Lower California's neutral faction, who were urging peace until they announced allegiance to Carranza. The military commandant at La Paz has placed all civil officers of the neutral government under arrest, awaiting the arrival of the Carranza gunboat Guerrero.

INDIAN VOLUNTEER DIES

George W. Thurman, Once of Oregon, Since 1854 of California.

WHEATLAND, Cal., June 27.—George W. Thurman, who as Corporal in Captain Abel George's Company B, Second Regiment of Oregon Mounted Volunteers, participated in many Indian fights in the early days, is dead at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. Earl Atkins, in Wheatland, Cal.

Mr. Thurman was 78 years old and was a native of Missouri. He crossed the plains with his parents when a child, and settled in Oregon. Mr. Thurman came to California in 1854 in quest of gold.

Although Mr. Thurman's name does not appear in the history of the early Indian wars, George H. Himes, assistant secretary of the Oregon Historical Society, recalls Captain Abel George, of the Second Oregon Mounted Volunteers.

Mr. Himes said last night it was probable that the dead man was a member of the Thurman family which came across the plains to Oregon in 1849 and fought the Indians in 1853.

BALANCE IS EMBARRASSING

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hand, and Germany and Austria-Hungary on the other.

The Germans and Austro-Hungarians will contend that the figures establish that the United States is serving as a base for the allies, since the great bulk of exports can be used for war purposes and practically none of it reaches German or Austro-Hungarian territory.

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Tremendous increase in the export trade the statistics will show will be principally in articles required for military purposes, such as aeroplanes, automobiles, explosives, firearms and the like. Tremendous increases have occurred also in the trade of animals, foodstuffs, etc., which can be used for military and civilian purposes.

It will be the statistics dealing with explosives and firearms, however, which will especially attract the attention of the German government. It is possible the German authorities are awaiting the publication of the statistics before making reply to the latest representations of the President with reference to the sinking of the Lusitania.

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