

GENERAL VILLA IS HIDING IN EL PASO

Fallen Mexican Rebel Chief and Brother Seek Refuge in America.

CARRANZA RULES IN NORTH

Amnesty Is Granted to All Others of Organization—Trouble by Unpaid Soldiers in Juarez Is Considered Probable.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 20.—Colonel Epitacio Villa, with his office force of the financial agency of the Villa organization at Juarez, crossed into the United States here tonight. General Villa himself, it was said on good authority, also had crossed and was in hiding somewhere in the outskirts of the city. Villa soldiers in Juarez have not yet been informed of the peace agreement with the de facto government, it was said, for fear trouble would arise due to the lack of silver to meet their obligations.

Efforts to locate General Villa here tonight proved unavailing. An earlier report said that General Villa with 400 armed men was believed somewhere in Chihuahua State, prepared to oppose his former organization.

The Carranza de facto government is in official control of the former Villa State of Chihuahua by virtue of an agreement between Generals Roberto Limon, Manuel Banda, Lieutenant Colonel Giovanni Falta, and Colonel Eduardo Andalon, and Carranza Consul Andres Garcia.

The agreement grants amnesty to all but General Villa and his brother, Hipolito.

Late today the delegates had received no reply from General Villa, and instead learned that after receiving their advice General Villa gathered 400 or 500 men and left the capital and that his whereabouts were unknown.

On opening the conference with the Carranza council today the delegates announced that they would proceed on the unrecalled authorization as given by General Villa. They said they believed he feared that the delegates would not be able to secure him immunity from prosecution should he cross the international line.

The resolution, which was practically ended today, so far as the Villa organization is concerned, began in 1907. The surrender of the Villa organization includes about 4800 armed men, about 75 per cent of the rolling stock of the railroads of Mexico, and the State of Chihuahua, the richest mining and livestock district in Mexico.

According to officials here, the foreign interests in Villa-controlled territory have suffered a loss estimated at \$20,000,000.

EARLY PEACE IS EXPECTED

Carranza, However, Still Has Rebels of South to Subdue.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Gratification and relief were frankly displayed by Administration officials today when news came from El Paso that seven of General Villa's Generals and leaders had signed an agreement to turn the rebels of the north over to the de facto government of Mexico. Confidence is felt here in the reported promise of Villa to eliminate himself and to appear on the American side of the international boundary line he will find a free road.

Villa's withdrawal and the incorporation of his army into that of the de facto government are regarded here as indicative of early peace in Mexico.

His elimination, it is believed, will leave Carranza free to concentrate his forces against the rebellious bands still operating in the interior and near the capital.

It is realized, however, that his army has before it many months of serious fighting before he can assure foreign diplomats that his rulership is undisputed.

Advice to the State Department places the number of rebels in the south at many thousands.

Under Zapata, the Cudillo brothers and several ex-army officers of past regimes and organizations, are in the field in the states of San Luis Potosi, Vera Cruz, Morelos, Tepic, Jalisco, Michoacan, Guerrero, Oaxaca, Chihuahua, Sonora and Sinaloa.

WOMAN ATTACHES GRAVES

Collection of Alimony Is Aim of California Divorcee.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 20.—The filing of an attachment on a lot in the city cemetery owned by Harry Ditman Harms, a rancher residing near Union House, to force payment of alimony and divorce costs proves almost anything can be attached.

The attachment is posted at the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Harms, the second wife of Harms, and it incumbers all of the graves in the plot with the exception of the one occupied by Mrs. Mary Harms, the first wife.

The amount of the alimony alleged to be due is \$225, the divorce decree calling for \$25 and attorney's fees. Mrs. Harms resides in Oakland.

The attachment is filed to a stake in the center of the plot.

6 INVITED TO SURRENDER

Chicago Prosecution Takes Steps to Reach Eastland Officials.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Steps to procure the presence in Chicago of George T. Arnold, president of the St. Joseph-Chicago Steamship Company, and six other persons indicted in connection with the Eastland disaster, which cost 512 lives, were taken today by United States District Attorney Charles F. Clegg.

The seven defendants wanted here all live in Michigan. Negotiations will be begun to have them give themselves up, and in event of failure, extradition proceedings will be instituted.

The St. Joseph-Chicago Steamship Company operated the Eastland.

Hotels Required to Wake Patrons.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Supreme Court today upheld the constitutionality of the Nebraska statute, requiring hotel proprietors to employ waitmen to awaken each guest in event of fire.

New Year's Day Set for J. Jief.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—An executive proclamation designating January 1, 1916, as a day for making contributions for the relief of the stricken inhabitants of Poland was issued today.

MEXICAN REBEL LEADER, WHO WILL BE GIVEN ASYLUM IN UNITED STATES.



GENERAL FRANCISCO VILLA. —Photo by Underwood.

from the White House. The fund thus raised will be administered by the American Red Cross with headquarters here.

Cardinal Not Kept From Rome. BERLIN, Dec. 20.—(By wireless to Bayville.)—The Overseas News Agency says: "The Osservatore Romano, of-

icial organ of the Vatican, declares untrue the report that the German government forbade Cardinal Mercler, primate of Belgium, to go to Rome for the recent consistory."

British naval vessels built with corrugated hulls for experimental purposes are said to be economical of fuel, to have more cargo room, to be stronger and to be less sensitive to wave motion.

Come and See the Work of the Boys of the Manual Training Classes Of the Portland Public Schools Seventh Floor

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