



VILLA INVADES AMERICAN SOIL

Columbus, N. M., Attacked by 1500 Bandits.

BAND PURSUED INTO MEXICO

United States Troopers Have Brisk Engagement 15 Miles South of Border.

TOWN LOOTED AND BURNED

At Least 16 Americans Are Killed in Surprise Raid Made at Dawn.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 9.—Major Frank Tompkins, commanding the detachment of American troops which pursued General Villa and his bandits into Mexico after the attack early today on Columbus, N. M., and his men have returned to the border after engaging in three running fights with the Mexicans, who finally made a stand which stopped the advance of the American soldiers.

This information was conveyed tonight to Major-General Frederick Funston, commanding the Southern Department, United States Army, in an official report on the situation from Colonel H. J. Slocum, in command at Columbus.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 9.—Francisco Villa, outlawed Mexican bandit, raided United States territory today. With 1500 men he attacked Columbus, killed at least 16 Americans and fired many buildings before he was driven back across the international border.

At least 250 troopers of the Thirtieth United States cavalry followed the Villa band into Mexico. Reports to Colonel H. J. Slocum late today said that Villa had made a stand 15 miles south of the border, where spirited fighting ensued. In this engagement an unnamed private was killed and Captain-Adjutant George Williams was wounded.

Americans Hold Their Ground.

The small detachment of troopers under Majors Tompkins and Lindsay, fighting dismounted, made a determined stand against the renewed Villa attack and at last reports were holding their ground.

The raid to American territory proved costly to the bandit chieftain. The bodies of 18 Mexican bandits, including Pablo Lopez, second in command, had been gathered and buried before noon and troopers reported an undetermined number of dead still lying in the brush.

American Civilians Shot Down.

The first volley brought American troopers into almost instant action. While a portion of the raiders engaged the cavalrymen, others, detailed by the bandit chieftain, began applying the torch and shooting American civilians who ventured from the buildings. Lights in homes and public buildings immediately became targets for snipers posted at Villa's direction. Other bandits, creeping close to American homes, enticed several civilians into the open with English-spoken invitations. Several fatalities are attributed to this ruse.

Torch Applied to Buildings.

Stores were looted, oil was poured upon frame structures and the match applied by still other bandits. The postoffice was raided and the furniture smashed, but the looters secured only one small registered package.

Many civilians barricaded themselves in their homes and fired at the Mexicans as they darted through the streets.

The fighting in the town ended almost as suddenly as it began. Less than two hours after the first shot was heard Villa's buglers sounded the retreat and the raiders began a disordered flight, closely followed by American troopers.

Three troops of cavalry were posted on the boundary tonight. A battalion of infantry and a squadron of the Eighth Cavalry from Fort Bliss left El Paso late today to reinforce the troops here. With these forces Colonel Slocum said he could handle any further attack that Villa, in desperation, might decide to make.

The casualties of the Thirtieth (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

MACHINE GUNS FAIL AGAINST BANDITS

Privates Explain Escape of Villa Forces.

Soldier, Throwing Ax, Kills Invader in His Flight Past Defenseless Hospital at Columbus.

EL PASO, Texas, March 9.—Failure of the machine guns to work at the crucial time when most needed at the beginning of the fighting between the Villa bandits and the Thirtieth Cavalry at Columbus early this morning is the reason given for the escape of the Villa band across the border and also for the relatively small loss of life among them, according to Private Thomas Barton, of the Hospital Corps, who, with Private E. M. Johnson, brought five wounded soldiers and one officer to El Paso today.

According to the men, the attack began near the edge of Columbus. There were no guns or weapons of any kind in the hospital. Johnson said he killed one Villa bandit with an ax, which he threw as the fleeing Mexican passed the hospital shouting, "Viva Villa."

Private James Venner, Troop K, who was shot through the chest, says he killed four Mexicans and was raising his rifle to fire at another when a bullet laid him low. He says many of the guns used by the Villistas were .22 rifles, and others were of ancient model. The Villa men, he said, were without machine guns.

KING CONFERS ORDER

Albert of Belgium Honors Portlander for Work at Battle Front.

Dr. Karl V. Morrow, Portland boy and son of Dr. J. W. Morrow, of this city, who has been in charge of the hospital corps in Europe for some time, has been honored by King Albert of Belgium, according to a wire which was received from him yesterday. The cablegram announced that he had been decorated by the King with the Order of Leopold. This is said to be the highest honor which may be given by the King.

Dr. E. V. Morrow has been in the hospital work in Europe for the past year. He was born in Portland and received his education here.

MILL GIVES WAGE RISE

Booth-Kelly Plant Orders 10 Per Cent Increase, Effective Soon.

SPRINGFIELD, Or., March 9.—(Special.)—A new wage scale averaging 10 per cent higher than the one now in force, will be established by the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company beginning March 15, according to an announcement this morning by Superintendent O. H. Garrett.

The new scale will advance some of the workmen more than 10 per cent, and some a little less, and will be intended to adjust wages to the various sorts of work required.

About 150 men in the Springfield plant are affected by the order.

BURNS REGISTER NAMED

Senate Confirms Nomination of Victor G. Cozad.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 9.—The Senate today confirmed the nomination of Victor G. Cozad as register of the Burns Land Office. The following also were confirmed as postmasters in Oregon: Chester Noland, Creswell.

Washington, George H. Watrous, Bellingham; Charles L. McKelvey, Coquille; William Sample, Rosalyn; S. F. Patton, Watsburg; William L. Adams, Zillah.

Idaho, John F. Brown, Kendrick.

Also Clyde B. Walker register and Frank A. Boyle receiver, Juneau, Alaska, Land Office.

"BOOZERS" TO BE LISTED

Aberdeen Chief Also Will Publish Names of Supply Sources.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 9.—(Special.)—The names of all persons arrested for intoxication and the places where they obtained their liquor hereafter will be published by Chief of Police Robert Schmidt, according to an announcement made by him today.

"This will be done," he said, "to discourage drugstore proprietors from selling alcohol to customers in cases where the druggists are not absolutely certain that the buyers want the alcohol for chemical or mechanical uses."

REED EXTENDS DANCE TIME

Students Decide That Sessions May Last Until 5:30 o'Clock.

Reed College students will be allowed to prolong their dances half an hour longer because of the action taken by the student body at their regular assembly meeting yesterday. Eleven o'clock has been the traditional closing hour for all Reed functions, with the exception of those after examinations at the end of the year.

Many of the students objected to this early closing because dances must begin at 8 o'clock in order to be over by 11.

Plague in Tacoma Rats Studied.

TACOMA, Wash., March 9.—Dr. J. B. Lloyd, of the Government health service, who is supervising the campaign of rat catching here on an extensive scale, says tests are now being made from rats caught during the past week as to evidence of bubonic plague, but it will be some time before the result of the tests on guinea pigs is known.

WOMAN CAPTIVE OF VILLA TELLS STORY

Raid on Border Carefully Planned.

BANDIT FURIOUS IN ANGER

Threat Made to Kill Women and Children in Columbus.

SURPRISE AIDED BY SPIES

American Defense Known to Be Weak Before Attack in Overwhelming Force Made—Atrocities of Band Described.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 9.—Mrs. Maud Hawk Wright, an American woman, who said she was held captive by Villa for nine days and was liberated in the midst of today's fighting, declared late today that Villa announced on March 1 his intention to attack Columbus and proceeded north under forced marches to carry out his purpose.

His men, with scant supplies of water and meat, suffered severely, she said, and many dropped from their horses on the march to Boca Grande. Villa, she declared, ruled them by fear, and his officers, with the flats of their swords, beat the soldiers into animation.

American Cattlemen Slain.

Tuesday, Mrs. Wright related, Villa bandits attacked employes of the Palomas Cattle Company, engaged in rounding up cattle, killing four Americans. Mrs. Wright said her husband, Edward John Wright, formerly of Houston, Tex., and Frank Hayden, a youth employed at the La Booker sawmill, were taken from the Wright ranch March 1 and presumably killed. When she was taken prisoner and forced to ride away with a detachment of Villa's men under Colonel Nicholas Servantes, she said a bandit ordered her to give her baby to a Mexican family.

Mrs. Wright was cared for today at the home of Mrs. Slocum, wife of Colonel H. S. Slocum, commanding the Thirtieth cavalry. There she told the story of her capture and experience from the time she was taken from the ranch at Colonel Hernandez, west of Pearson, where the de facto Mexican government was reported to have maintained a heavy garrison for the protection of Americans.

Villa in Civilian Clothing.

Up to yesterday, she said, Villa wore civilian's clothing and a queer little round straw hat and rode a small mule, but just before the fight this morning he appeared clad in the trim military uniform he used to wear at Juarez, and rode one of three handsome sorrel chargers which had not been ridden during the long march. Mrs. Wright said Villa had nearly 1500 men on the sleeping American town, at which were quartered less than 300 American troopers.

She said that some of the men detailed to guard her during the march (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

GENERAL CALLES ORDERS PURSUIT

Military Governor Takes Charge of Campaign.

Garrisons Directed to Mobilize as Once and Try to Cut Off Retreat of Band to Mountains.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 9.—General P. Elias Calles, military governor of Sonora, who arrived at Agua Prieta, the Mexican town opposite here, late today said he had come personally to supervise the campaign against Francisco Villa and his forces should they enter Sonora.

"I will remain until Villa has been killed, captured or driven into some other part of Mexico," General Calles said tonight. "I have plenty of troops to protect the Sonora border and the mining camps within the state."

General Calles said he had ordered the garrisons at Huachinera, Bavispe and Bucerac, Sonora, to mobilize immediately and make every endeavor to cut off Villa's retreat into the mountain regions. He said 600 cavalrymen were available for this purpose.

"I am anxious to do all in my power to avenge this murder," he added.

General Calles canceled a reception with the townspeople of Agua Prieta arranged in his honor, saying he was too grieved over the Columbus affair to give thought to social engagements.

Following his conference with Consul Levelev, General Calles said he had ordered 1000 infantry to Agua Prieta. They will be used to garrison the mining camps in Eastern Sonora, he said. The soldiers were expected to arrive here tomorrow night from Nogales, Sonora.

CHANCE PLAY HELD GAMBLE

Mr. LaRoche Beats Coin Machine First Flip and Rules Accordingly.

When a man can win first, a "skill-and-science" game at the first attempt is the game is gambling. Such was the ruling yesterday of City Attorney LaRoche.

A man took to Mr. LaRoche's office a machine, which is operated by placing a nickel in a slot and flipping it for one of a series of holes. If the nickel hits the right hole the man wins all the way from 10 cents to 30 cents, depending upon the hole selected. Mr. LaRoche put a nickel in, pointed out the hole he wanted to play, and flipped the coin. He won. "No skill or science about that," he announced. "It's a matter of luck. It's a gambling device."

VILLA MEN EXECUTE 30

Carranza Soldiers Taken From Train and Shot.

LAREDO, Tex., March 9.—Thirty or more Carranza soldiers, including several officers, were executed by bandits three days ago near Torreon, according to authentic information received here tonight. The bandits were reported to be adherents of General Villa and were commanded by Colonel Chacon.

The men executed—a Lieutenant-Colonel, two Majors, several minor officers and 24 privates—were taken from a train en route from Torreon to Monterey, it was said, and were shot by the side of the cars. Other passengers were not molested. It is believed the bandits fled to the hills.

Uniform Lading Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Senator Pomerene's bill for a uniform bill of lading passed the Senate today.

BORDER AWAITING ANOTHER ATTACK

Possibility Is Admitted by Army Men.

AMERICAN FORCE AUGMENTED

Regulars, Militia, Cowboys and Civilians All Alert.

SLOCUM FULLY CONFIDENT

Volunteer Defenders Arrive on Scene, Armed Partly With Rifles Taken From Dead and Fleeing Mexicans.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 9.—American cavalry border patrols, New Mexico militiamen, cowboys and civilians were alert tonight against another surprise attack by Francisco Villa's Mexican bandits. Heavy guards patrolled Columbus and vicinity.

Approximately 250 troopers under Majors Frank Tompkins and H. L. Lindsay, who pursued the Villa bandits to a point 15 miles south of the border, were halted when Villa threw out a heavy rearguard, which checked the American forces. Meanwhile the main body of bandits were thought to have retreated into the Mexican hills, presumably making for the Boca Grande River, the nearest water.

Possibility Is Admitted.

The possibility of further attack was frankly admitted by military authorities, who commented on what was termed a Villa ruse in arranging to send here yesterday what is believed to have been a fake telegram. This dispatch ostensibly was sent by the American manager of the Palomas Cattle Company. It said that Villa had reached the Nogales ranch in Chihuahua, more than 80 miles southwest of Columbus, and that Villa personally was at the ranch house.

This message came about 4 in the afternoon. About that same hour, with his men refreshed and feasted on stolen cattle, Villa began his march to Boca Grande to attack Columbus. That the town was not taken and sacked and its inhabitants slaughtered was attributed to the fact that his men served him only through fear, and would not stand under the well-directed fire of the American troopers.

American Forces Augmented.

Commenting on the situation, Colonel Slocum declared that if Villa in a surprise attack with 1500 men could not overwhelm 250 American troopers stationed here, he has less chance with every American soldier and civilian on the border alert. He also referred to the augmenting of his force by a battalion of infantry and a squadron of cavalry expected to arrive from El Paso at midnight.

Thirty-six New Mexico militiamen arrived from Deming in the course of the day. They were augmented by American cowboys and civilians armed in a large measure with rifles taken from dead and fleeing bandits. Late in the day there was an exodus (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

GOVERNOR WANTS PRESIDENT TO ACT

EXECUTION OF BANDITS AT ONCE IS DEMANDED.

Policy of Watchful Waiting Is Declared Indefensible and to Have Cost Dearly.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., March 9.—(Special.)—Denouncing the massacre of American citizens by Mexican bandits today at Columbus, N. M., as a crime which the United States Government should not allow to go unpunished, Governor Withycombe tonight declared the policy of non-interference by the Wilson Administration was indefensible. He said summary action to punish the slayers should be taken.

"In my estimation the murder today of American citizens on United States soil, following the continued assassination of Americans in Mexico, demonstrates the absolute necessity of vigorous and unyielding action to bring the offenders to justice," said the Governor.

"Every Mexican murderer concerned with today's massacre should be executed, no matter what the cost nor where he may be apprehended. The policy of non-interference with Mexican affairs, so far as protection of American citizens is concerned, has become tragic and indefensible, and it we already have paid far too dearly."

TURKS MAY AID IN WEST

Germany Said to Have Promised Compensation at End of War.

ODESSA, via London, March 9.—It is reported here that Germany has given formal assurances to Turkey that she will not make peace without compensation to Turkey, and that Turkey has consented to send Turkish troops to assist the Germans on the western front.

Several engineering regiments have been withdrawn from Asia Minor to Constantinople.

\$80,000 EASES CONSCIENCE

Unknown Giver of \$30,000, Largest Contribution Yet, Tells Tale.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—A \$30,000 contribution to the Treasury's conscience fund, the largest ever received, came by today's mail in a registered package mailed yesterday in New York. Under separate cover came a letter, unsigned, dated Philadelphia, but mailed in New York, which announced the sending of the \$30,000 and explained that the sender had restored to the Government \$30,000 in all.

BLAZING VESSEL BEACHED

Passengers and Mail Are Removed From Nellore.

LONDON, March 9.—A Lloyd's dispatch from Malta says that the Peninsular & Oriental steamship Nellore, with fire aboard, was beached, that the fire has been extinguished and that passengers and mails have been removed. The Nellore was built in 1913 at Greenock and is of 853 gross tons. She was last reported in shipping records as having sailed from Penang, February 12.

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PURSUIT INTO MEXICO UPHELD

Washington Is Squarely Behind Colonel Slocum.

'HOT TRAIL' BEING FOLLOWED

Lansing Notifies de Facto Government of Action of American Troops.

RECALL IS NOT ORDERED

General Satisfaction Is Felt in Official Circles Over Avenging Expedition.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Washington stands squarely behind Colonel Slocum in sending his cavalrymen into Mexico in pursuit of Francisco Villa and his band of outlaws who raided Columbus, N. M., today, murdering American soldiers and citizens and firing the town.

Secretary Lansing tonight informed the de facto government of Mexico through Eliseo Arredondo, its Ambassador designate here, that he trusted no objection would be made to the action of the American troops, they having followed what is known in military circles as a "hot trail." No orders have been issued for the return of the soldiers, and it is not probable any will be issued for the present.

General Satisfaction Felt.

Shocked indignation occasioned by news of Villa's outrage was quickly succeeded by undisguised satisfaction in official and Congressional circles over the knowledge that after three years of patient forbearance United States troops actually were on Mexican soil to avenge the death of their comrades and bring to justice the outlaws whose depredations have terrorized Americans on both sides of the border.

Reports that the American troopers were in action tonight probably 15 miles south of the border against a much larger force of bandits were heard with anxious interest in official circles.

Free Rein to Be Given.

Five troops of cavalry crossed the border early in the day. At a late hour tonight it was not known officially just where they were or just what account they had given of themselves.

While no formal word of the policy of the Administration was given out, it was reliably stated that free rein would be given the Army to catch the bandits if possible.

It was not considered in Administration circles that Colonel Slocum's act in any sense constituted an invasion of Mexico, a policy which the Administration has opposed in the past and will continue to oppose.

Permission Not Asked.

The State Department at first had planned to ask permission of the Carranza government to send troops across the border in pursuit of the outlaw bandit. Then came official word that the cavalry already had crossed. Later Mr. Arredondo called on Secretary Lansing, expressed regret for the Villa raid, and was informed of the attitude of the United States. Mr. Arredondo said he would communicate with General Carranza immediately.

In expressing hope that the Carranza government would not object to the crossing of the troops, the State Department was said to realize fully that there might be objections and it was fully prepared to meet them should they arise.

Objection May Not Be Made.

Persons who talked to Mr. Arredondo, however, gathered the impression that he, at least, seemed to believe the Carranza government might not object, it being understood that the American troops were simply hunting down bandits whose depredations have long been a source of trouble, not only to the United States, but to the de facto government.

Formally, there is no authority for the presence of the American troops in Mexico. In fact the patrols along the border have from the beginning of the disorders there been under orders not to cross under any consideration. If the provocation had not been (Concluded on Page 2, Column 5.)

EAT SALMON TODAY!

PACIFIC OCEAN

COLUMBIA RIVER SALMON

MISS OREGON

UNCLE SAM MAY NOT BE PREPARED FOR WAR BUT HE'S PREPARED TO EAT OREGON SALMON TODAY

\$6,000,000 YEARLY OUTPUT