

ARMY ORDERED INTO MEXICO

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WATCHFUL WAITING ENDED

Whether General Occupation Will Follow Depends on Carranza's Attitude.

FUNSTON WILL COMMAND

American Columns Expected to Be Moving Across Border Before Tonight.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—American troops were ordered across the Mexican border today by President Wilson to take Francisco Villa and his bandits dead or alive.

Under the direction, if not the leadership, of Major-General Funston, who ended the Philippine insurrection by taking Aguinaldo, American columns are expected to move into Mexico before tomorrow night.

Carranza Troops Have Fled.

They go to meet 3000 guerrilla troops in a mountainous region, from which Carranza troops have fled.

Whether this long-deferred armed action, which begins purely as a punitive measure, to clear Northern Mexico of menacing bandit bands over which General Carranza has no control, shall grow into a general armed intervention or occupation in Mexico depends, in a large measure, on General Carranza and the Mexican people.

White House Issues Statement.

The following statement was issued at the White House:

"An adequate force will be sent at once in pursuit of Villa with the single object of capturing him and putting a stop to his forays.

"This can be done and will be done in entirely friendly aid of the constituted authorities in Mexico and with scrupulous respect for the sovereignty of that republic."

The statement was prepared by the President himself.

Watchful Waiting Ended.

President Wilson's intention to depart from the policy of watchful waiting, ended by the Columbus massacre yesterday, was announced today after it had been unanimously approved by the Cabinet and Administration leaders in Congress. The President's position was explained fully to the latter, who agreed that he should not be embarrassed at this time by discussion of a minority which might arouse trouble in Mexico.

After a brief Cabinet meeting, at which the President was described as being as determined to eliminate Villa as he was to eliminate Huerta, Secretary Baker retired to the War Department and sent orders to the border troops.

Staff Confers on Plans.

Soon afterward the Army General Staff assembled and conferred over the plans, long drawn and perfected since the Mexican situation loomed up as a disturber of the peace of the United States.

General Funston telegraphed urging secrecy of the Army plans. The border is honeycombed with Mexican spies, and it was agreed that the expedition would be pushed to success by keeping Villa and his men ignorant of its movements. It is possible that no correspondents will be permitted to accompany the columns. At any rate, a strict censorship will be imposed.

Garrison Returns to Aid.

Ex-Secretary Garrison, familiar with the Army's Mexican plans by his association with the crisis of two years ago, came to Washington and offered his services to aid his successor. They were at once accepted and Mr. Garrison went into conference with Secretary Baker at the War Department.

General Carranza, in a telegram to the State Department, expressed regret at the Columbus massacre, but made no comment on the proposal of sending American troops to hunt down the bandits. Elihu Arredondo, his Ambassador here, was officially informed of the American Government's action. He replied only that he would communicate with his chief. He pre-

CARRANZA TROOPS WILL CO-OPERATE

GENERAL CALLES WITHHOLDS COMMENT ON WILSON ACTION.

Remarks on Move by American Government Must Come From Carranza—Pursuit Is Hot.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 10.—Although General P. Elias Calles, Military Governor of Sonora, who is at Agua Prieta, opposite here, refused to comment on the action of President Wilson in ordering a punitive expedition of United States troops into Mexico to capture Francisco Villa, he indicated his desire to co-operate with American soldiers in this task today.

Remarks of the action of the American Government, he said, must come from General Carranza. General Calles dispatched Colonel Dato Campbell, with a patrol of 100 cavalry, from Agua Prieta late today with orders to enter Chihuahua in an endeavor to discover the Villa bandits. Colonel Campbell was instructed to co-operate in every way possible with the United States border patrol.

The departure of 1000 Mexican cavalry from Hermosillo for Agua Prieta, from which point they will be distributed along the Eastern Sonora border to guard mining camps, was delayed until today. They were expected to leave last night.

BOMB KILLS TWO MEXICANS

Unexplained Explosion in Carnival Tent May Presage Trouble.

BISBEE, Ariz., March 10.—Two Mexicans were injured when a small bomb was exploded tonight under the tent of the carnival company showing at Lowell, Ariz., a short distance south of here. The explosion threw the district into turmoil.

No reason could be assigned for the throwing of the bomb, nor was the perpetrator found.

The injured Mexicans were Juan Seco, of Cananea, and Antonio Valasquez, of Lowell. The latter was a result of the incident, Americans expressed the fear that there might be trouble with Mexican residents there.

FAITHFUL HORSE TO REST

"Ginger," of Fire Department, to Have Permanent Vacation.

"Ginger," known up to a few years ago as the fastest horse in the Portland Fire Department, is to be retired from the service. Fire Chief Dowell decided yesterday that after 18 years' service the trusty old horse is entitled to a permanent vacation.

For years he had the reputation of being so fast that other horses in the department could keep up with him when on a fire run. For some time he has been on duty at engine company No. 25 at Greenwood street and Francis avenue. He will be put out on pasture with light work.

PACKING CASES SETTLED

Britain to Protect American Meat Shippers Against Loss.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—From unofficial but reliable sources it was learned today that the long-standing cases of the American packers have been settled. The cases involved the detention by the British government of large quantities of meat products shipped from the United States to the neutral countries of North Europe.

While details of the settlement are lacking, it is known the British government has undertaken to secure the exporters against loss by a system of long-time contracts.

\$42,000 FOR ROAD SOUGHT

Representative Hawley Asks Money for Southern Highway.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 10.—Representative Hawley today introduced a bill authorizing an advance from forest receipts in Oregon of \$42,000 to build a road connecting the county road out of Grants Pass with the Oregon Caves in Josephine County, the entire road lying in the Siskiyou National forest.

The money advanced is to be reimbursed from Oregon's 55 per cent of forest receipts. The bill is indorsed by the Forest Service.

TWO AMERICANS EXECUTED

Babe Taken From Woman Captive of Villa Located in Chihuahua.

EL PASO, Tex., March 10.—Edward John Wright and Frank Hayden, Americans, were executed by Villa bandits March 2, according to a dispatch from Pearson to railroad officials here tonight. These advisers also said that the babe whom Mrs. Maud Hawk Wright was forced to give to a Mexican family when she was taken prisoner by Villa had been brought into Pearson, Chihuahua.

WIRELESS TO REACH OUT

Holland to Connect With East Indies Via San Francisco.

THE HAGUE, March 10.—In a debate in the chamber on colonial matters, Deputy Gillieson explained a proposal today to establish wireless telegraph connection with Holland and the East Indies by way of San Francisco, Honolulu and New Guinea.

Deputy Gillieson said the cost of the installation would be 1,500,000 florins (\$200,000).

CREDITS GATHERING DODGES ITS TASK

Conference Result Is to Increase Split.

PORTLAND'S VIEWS IGNORED

\$9,000,000 Bait Offered to Each Side to Beat Other.

MR. KAY "SPILLS BEANS"

Corporation Lawyers and Labor Delegates Vote Together and Foes of Long Standing Often Are Found on Same Side.

SALEM, Or., March 10.—(Staff Correspondence.)—There was something uncanny about the way the conference on irrigation, drainage and rural credits did business, which may or may not account for the remarkable results of a widely heralded gathering.

For example, ex-Governor West and W. Lair Thompson confabulated in secluded corners, the lumber barons cooperated with the Grange, and on close divisions the corporation lawyers lined up with the Federation of Labor.

As a bubbling, seething leaven for these incongruities, State Treasurer Kay, next exalted spiller of the beans, was quite busy demonstrating that he could come back.

Work Intended Not Accomplished.

The record of the conference is that it calmly but firmly refused to do that which it was called together to do. The call was very plainly worded. It invited certain organizations and institutions to send delegates to a conference to draft a constitutional amendment and legislation necessary to provide district bonds and establish a system of rural credits.

One might have reasonably supposed that if any of the organizations or institutions invited to send delegates to do a specific thing were not in favor of doing that thing they would have declined the invitation. Not so. There were such organizations and institutions and they sent their delegates, not to carry out the purpose of the call, but to "bust up the meeting."

Only Rural Credits Wanted.

The delegates from the Grange, the Farmers' Union and the Federation of Labor, and here and there delegates with other credentials, wanted a system of rural credits and nothing else. Moreover, they demanded their own particular brand of rural credits. That brand would exclude drainage and irrigation. Be it known to the laughing pursuer after knowledge that rural credit is a generic term applicable to any one of a number of plans for providing cheap loans for development of agriculture.

New development of agriculture, in the opinion of the webfoot portion of the state—that is, if the delegates represented public opinion—may mean anything from buying a goat to pulling stumps, with one exception. That exception is application of water to land to make crops grow on it.

Probably the conference was held at

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WILSON SAILS ON WEEK-END CRUISE

WIRELESS TO KEEP PRESIDENT IN TOUCH WITH EVENTS.

Message on Mexico May Be Prepared for Submission to Congress on Return to White House.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—President Wilson left Washington late tonight with Mrs. Wilson on the naval yacht Mayflower for a week-end trip down the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay.

He plans to be away until Monday morning, unless unusual developments in the Mexican situation necessitate his return before that time.

The President's wireless will keep the President in constant touch with the pursuit of Villa and his band by American soldiers.

The President made his plans for leaving Washington for the week-end several days ago. He wanted to abandon the trip today after the decision to send troops into Mexico, but was urged not to do so by his advisers, who insisted that he could keep in as close touch with the situation from the Mayflower as by staying at the White House. Secretary Tumulty remains here to handle exchanges of messages between Mr. Wilson and the War Department.

During his trip on the Mayflower the President will consider going before Congress next week and, if he decides to do so, will prepare a message on the Mexican situation.

GEN. CARRANZA "SORRY"

Brief Reply Made to Telegram From Sonora's Military Governor.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 10.—"I am sorry that conditions are such that the United States deems it necessary to take the action of which you have advised me."

This answer was made by General Carranza to a telegram sent to him by General P. Elias Calles, military governor of Sonora, asking the first chief of the de facto Mexican government for an expression of his opinion on the act of President Wilson in ordering a punitive expedition of United States soldiers into Mexico to capture Villa, according to reliable information received here tonight.

RIFLE CLUB IS PROPOSED

Employees of Forest Office in Portland Plan Organization.

A rifle club is to be organized by the men of the local government forest office, the movement having been started by District Forester Cecil. Already 26 of the some 50 men employed in the office have signed the roll.

Guns will be provided by the Government, and it is hoped to get the use of the Clackamas range. Permission to do some indoor shooting at the Armory will also be sought.

WILSON CHEERED FOR ACT

President Congratulated on Order Sending Troops Into Mexico.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—President Wilson was enthusiastically applauded today when he entered a theater to attend a concert.

Within an hour after the word that the troops had been ordered to Mexico had been given out, messages congratulating the President on his action began arriving at the White House.

DETAILS ARE LEFT TO 'MAN ON GROUND'

Funston Not to Be Permitted to Leave

GENERAL INSTRUCTION SENT

Villa's Greatest Handicap Is Lack of Ammunition.

MACHINE GUNS ARE FEW

Area of 160,000 Square Miles May Be Covered in Pursuit—Possible Necessity for "Dragnet" Method Is Considered.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Indications late tonight were that the carrying out of President Wilson's order that American troops re-enter Mexico to capture or kill Villa and his bandits would be left to the man on the ground, General Frederick Funston.

After a late conference with the President, Secretary Baker announced that no invasion of Mexico in force was contemplated; that the troops would be sent to disperse or capture the raiders and would be withdrawn immediately when their work was done, or when the de facto government was able to insure peace along the border.

Staff Prepares Instructions.

Officers of the general staff began at once the preparation of instructions for General Funston in accordance with this announcement. Their purport was not revealed. Earlier in the day General Funston had suggested that the plans for troop movements across the border be kept secret. He desired to add the element of surprise to his weapons for avenging the murder of Americans at Columbus.

General Funston also urged that cavalry be sent to replace the mounted forces he might withdraw from border patrol duty to form the expeditionary column or columns. Steps to comply with this were taken at the War Department.

Needed Troops Will Be Sent.

Whatever new troops are needed will be ordered promptly to the border. Officials of the department and Secretary Baker himself worked far into the night on details of possible troop movements, supplies and the like.

The Secretary's call at the White House followed a busy session at the War Department. The machinery of the general staff was set in motion immediately after President Wilson's decision to hunt down the raiders was announced at the close of the Cabinet meeting. The war plans committee assembled and went over the situation.

Funston Left Unhindered.

Little detailed information as to the immediate situation on the Mexican side of the border is available here. Such matters are under the jurisdiction of General Funston, who has his own intelligence office. The committee quickly reached the conclusion, it is understood, that Funston must be left unhindered to work out the problem of pursuing the bandits with whatever

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RANCHER SLAIN IN RAID INTO ARIZONA

BAND OF 200 TO 500 MEXICANS GROSSES BORDER.

Men From Tenth Cavalry Are Sent to Rescue and Are Awaiting Sally. Livestock Are Driven Off.

BISBEE, Ariz., March 10.—An American rancher was killed early tonight when a band of approximately from 200 to 500 Mexican bandits crossed the border southeast of Osborn Junction, Ariz., according to reports reaching here tonight.

Many head of livestock were killed or driven off by the bandits, it was said. In response to an appeal from the residents for help, 65 troopers of the Tenth United States Cavalry at Naco, Ariz., were rushed to that point.

The cavalrymen were reported late tonight to be awaiting a sally from the bandits. All of the Americans at Osborn Junction with the exception of one family came to Bisbee on a special train tonight.

The reported killing of an American rancher could not be fully verified, but statements that livestock had been killed were known to be authentic.

BRITISH STEAMER AFOUL

St. Veronica Crashes Into Astoria Dock in Fog, Doing Damage.

ASTORIA, Or., March 10.—(Special.)—The British steamer St. Veronica met with an accident tonight just after she had started for sea with Pilot Lapping on the bridge. She suddenly ran into a dense fog bank. The engines were reversed, but the craft would not answer the helm and took a sheer toward shore. The anchor was dropped quickly, but the steamer crashed into the Mack dock, smashing it for a distance of fully 30 feet and causing damage estimated at about \$7000. Several of the steamer's forward plates were dented, and the port rail on the forecastle head was torn off.

The St. Veronica is anchored in the upper harbor and a survey will be made tomorrow.

L. G. PHIPPS IMPROVING

Millionaire Steel Man in Hospital at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, March 10.—(Special.)—The condition of Lawrence C. Phipps, millionaire Philadelphia steel magnate, who was taken to the hospital last night immediately on his arrival in the city, was pronounced much improved today.

Mr. Phipps, accompanied by his wife and two sons, arrived in their private car, Mr. Phipps suffering from an acute affection of the throat. The Phipps party is on a pleasure tour.

FAIRBANKS LEADS WILSON

Republican Vote in Indiana 17,282 Ahead of That of Democrats.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 10.—Practically complete returns from Tuesday's primary tabulated here unofficially today, show that ex-Vice-President Fairbanks, candidate for the Republican nomination for President, received 17,282 votes more than were cast for President Wilson, candidate for renomination on the Democratic ticket.

Fairbanks received a total of 176,129 votes to Wilson's 158,847.

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CAVALRY EAGER TO BEGIN CHASE

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COLUMBUS AT HIGH TENSION

Town Stampeded by Reports That Bandits Have Made Another Invasion.

SPIES ARE ROUNDED UP

Funeral of American Woman Victim Attended by Great Throng, All Armed.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 10.—Francisco Villa, with the Mexican bandit army whose raid on Columbus was beaten off by the Thirtieth United States Cavalry with severe losses Thursday morning, was at Boca Grande, 25 miles southeast, at last reports brought here today by scouts.

American military authorities here were impatient for orders to cross the border and assail the bandit leader before he had time to retreat farther into the interior of Chihuahua.

Colonel Slocum Confident.

With plenty of cavalrymen available tonight, Colonel Slocum and his officers were convinced that an order to cross the line now would mean a quick disposition of Villa. When Major Frank Tompkins, of the Thirtieth, with hardly 200 men took up the pursuit of the entire Villa force, estimated at 2500 men, yesterday, the Mexicans fled 15 miles. Six troops of cavalry were ready and eager to start the chase.

Meanwhile residents of the town of Columbus were in a state of high tension tonight. A report today that Villa had recrossed the border and surrounded the town stampeded nearly all the inhabitants.

Funeral Throng Is Armed.

The funeral of Mrs. Milton James, one of the American civilians killed by Villa's raiders when they burst into the town Thursday morning before daylight, was held today. A throng attended. Every man, and even boys in knickerbockers, in attendance were alert and armed with rifles and revolvers. Rifles captured from the Mexicans when the American troops drove them from the town supplied arms for many of the civilians.

The report that Villa was again advancing gained currency tonight. Armed civilians, supplementing the two patrols put out by the military authorities who have charge of the town, fired shots at everything that appeared to move in the desert brush surrounding the town.

Alarm Rings Through Town.

Shouts of "Put out the lights" rang through the streets and military camps at 7:30 o'clock, but half an hour later there appeared no sign that Villa had reached the boundary with his army. The entire military force at the disposal of Colonel Slocum was ready, however, at a moment's notice for a fight.

In response to the urgent request of Colonel H. J. Slocum late today, three companies of the first battalion of the Twentieth Infantry were ordered to Columbus from Victoria, N. M., 32 miles west. The battalion only arrived in Victoria from El Paso at dawn today.

After it had become known that the Government had decided to send troops into Mexico after Villa, Army officers sent their wives and other women relatives away. With civilian women alarmed by reports of another Villa attack, departures numbered scores.

A squad of cavalry, sent out today to investigate a report that Villa soldiers had crossed the border and surrounded a patrol of the Seventh Cavalry, returned from a reconnaissance tonight with a report that no Mexicans had been seen this side of the border. At 8 o'clock a report was received at headquarters of the Thirtieth Cavalry that firing, heard a few minutes earlier east of the town, was the result of the failure of a Mexican to halt on order of a patrol. The Mexican was killed.

Suspected Spies Are Held.

A few minutes later the lights were

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THERE'S NO STOPPING HIM NOW.

