

VILLAS ARE HUNG FORCES IN FLIGHT

Military Authorities Now Regret Pursuit Was Not Begun Thursday.

MEN THEN DEMORALIZED

Thirteenth Cavalry Said to Have Been Assigned to Take Direct Trail—American Units Are Widely Scattered.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 12.—Reports multiplied here today that Francisco Villa is disintegrating the force of 1500 to 2000 men which he used to make the Columbus raid last Thursday.

American military authorities said today that, if possible, it would have been advisable to go after Villa Thursday, when his raiders fled southward. They were then demoralized and were dropping loot and war material before the attacks of 50 men under Major Frank Tompkins, and the Thirteenth Cavalry here, and of Major Tompkins to the southward. The pursuit Friday with a larger force were denied pending the organization of the large expedition.

Preparation May Consume Days.

It was said today that this expedition, owing to inadequate railroad facilities and the widely scattered positions of the troops necessary to constitute it, may have been on patrol duty, might require several days of preparation before it could enter Mexico, at least from this point.

Meanwhile reports from Mexican sources said that Villa apparently was carrying out a plan to elude pursuit by breaking up his force into small bands and hiding among the mountains. Some of his forces were reported to be approaching the Sonora state border. Others were said to be making their way southward and toward the mountains of the Sonora district, from which the bandit chieftain started March 1 with the announced intention of invading the United States.

Thirteenth to Take Direct Trail.

Information was received here today that two regiments of infantry and a battalion of mounted troops were being sent here from the East, in addition to a battalion of the Sixth Cavalry from Nogales, Ariz.

Colonel Stumpe, who had been ordered to join the regiment, said that the Thirteenth Cavalry also had been ordered to join the regiment. The number of troops sent, it is said, to have been assigned to the duty of taking Villa's direct trail. Owing to the exigencies of the patrol duty, which the army has been assigned ever since the outbreak during the Madero revolution in 1910, the regiment has had on duty here only two-thirds of its strength. The first squadron, under Lieutenant-Colonel T. Rivers, has been stationed at Marfa, Texas, more than 250 miles from the border, assigned to patrol a stretch of territory 85 miles in extent. It may be several days before this squadron will be assembled here.

Other Units Scattered.

Other units said to have been assigned for service in Mexico are quite widely scattered because of demands for protection and patrol at various points. Infantry, artillery and cavalry deemed necessary for the expedition are scattered in various parts of the country. This line is closely guarded to minimize any chance that irresponsible persons may leak information.

Brigadier-General John J. Pershing at El Paso, according to military officials here, is expected to arrive Thursday and the subsequent pursuit of the bandits by Major Tompkins, who described their flight as practically a rout.

Villa Retreat Precipitate.

Although Villa's strength in the battle here was estimated at from 1500 to 2000 men, Captain Joseph Snyder and Captain George Williams, who participated in the pursuit, described his retreat as precipitate. Prisoners captured declared that the bandits were struck by fear, although when they discovered the meager force of 50 to fight they made a stand with 900 men. E. E. Stone, special agent of the department of justice, was advised today that the six wounded Villa soldiers held as prisoners would be tried over by the military authorities to the state courts of New Mexico for trial on charges of having murdered the nine civilians slain here. It is believed that Stone's intention to file charges of murder against the bandits in the United States Court for the District of New Mexico. There were to be eight charges, one for each of the eight soldiers killed in action.

Villa May Be Indicted.

It was suggested that the state authorities would also indict Villa on charges of murder and formally demand his extradition.

Although the Villa trail is getting colder every day, Army officers expressed confidence in their ability finally to apprehend him.

It was announced today that the two squadrons, numbering about 100 men each, the Twelfth Cavalry, under Colonel H. G. Sicker, who were ordered from Fort Robinson, Neb., yesterday, will take the place of the Thirteenth Cavalry in the pursuit of Villa.

VILLA'S MEN CUT TRACKS

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read at Conchos today and killed three passengers. To make matters worse, the train was unarmed. Carranza's troops put the bandits to flight. The train was southbound from Chihuahua.

It is the general opinion along the border that the approach of the first American soldiers on Mexican soil will be a signal for the rallying of thousands of other revolutionary warriors to Villa's standard. Villa has 3000 men with him now, according to the most authoritative reports.

Ten thousand men, it is believed, will join him the day the American advance is begun. Men old in the wisdom of the border say Villa will have from 20,000 to 30,000 men within a week after the hated gringo sets foot in Mexico.

Tales come out of Mexico of gold, silver and ammunition that Villa has buried that put to shame the stories of

Captain Kidd and the lost pirate treasure of Cocos Island.

"I should place the gold and silver in bullion and money that Villa has buried in Northern Mexico at \$5,000,000," said one of the bandit's former lieutenants. "The spots where this treasure is buried are known to no one on earth except Francisco Villa. The men who buried it for him were shot. Villa himself told me of one cache of treasure he made in the mountains near Guerrero, which is popularly supposed to have been his birthplace. It required a pack train of six horses to carry the cache of money and gold and silver bars to the spot where Villa had decided to inter them. Six men dug the trench."

"After their return to camp Villa had them arrested on a charge of treason. They met their death in front of a line of Mausers and took the secret of the buried wealth into the other world with them."

VANCOUVER MEN IN SUSPENSE

Married Officers and Soldiers Most Eager for Mexico News.

VANCOUVER, BARRACKS, Wash., March 12.—(Special.)—All officers and troops here are eagerly waiting for orders to move them closer to the Mexican border, but nothing of any importance has been received from the War Department during the past 24 hours. Orders were given to hold all troops in readiness to depart on short notice. Soldiers have been ordered to the post to Vancouver, but they could be recalled in a few minutes if necessary. If the troops were ordered away, all of the married soldiers and officers would be particularly anxious to hear the latest news.

There are some officers, however, who do not believe the Twenty-first Infantry will be ordered to San Francisco to replace troops sent from there to the border.

Mrs. Wright's Baby Is Safe.

EL PASO, March 12.—Mrs. Maud Hawk Wright, who was taken to Columbus by the Villa raiders, has not yet recovered her baby.

MEXICAN ARMS SEIZED

VILLA SUSPECTS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AT NOGALES.

Former General Is Among Those Apprehended—Patrols Keep Constant Watch in Streets.

NOGALES, Ariz., March 12.—Several Carranza suspects of being Villa adherents, were taken into custody and questioned here today by United States military authorities acting on information furnished by deputy sheriffs. Considerable arms and ammunition in their possession were confiscated. Among those apprehended was General Canabier, a former Villa General. A condition of subdued excitement prevailed here today, marked by activity on the part of the American troops.

A heavy guard patrolled the border, while patrols kept constant vigil throughout the streets of the town.

Late last night the sound of American military bands moving about, followed shortly afterward by bugle calls on the Mexican side of Nogales, increased the excitement until it was believed that the bandits were preparing for the assembling of a company of Mexican artillery preparatory for its departure for Naco.

CARRANZA HAS MANIFESTO

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given instructions to his confidential agent at Washington immediately to make representations that under no circumstances, with any motive, be the reasons or explanations of the United States what they may, will it justify the armed invasion of Mexican territory without reciprocal rights being granted to the Mexicans and that not for an instant will the invasion of Mexican territory or an outrage to its dignity be tolerated.

"I am sure that in this I interpret the national sentiment and that the Mexican people will worthily comply with my duty, by the sacrifices what they may sustain their rights and sovereignty."

"If, unfortunately, we are dragged into war, we will not be responsible for the disastrous consequences, but will serve as instruments for our country, who have labored long to produce the result, and upon their heads will fall the inexorable justice of the Mexican people."

WASHINGTON REPLY FORECAST

Carranza to Be Told He Can Enter When American Force Is Lax.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—General Carranza's request for permission to send Mexican troops into American territory to pursue bandits who escape across the border will be considered by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing tomorrow.

It has been considered practically certain that it would be to the effect that American troops were being sent into Mexican territory in pursuit of the Villa outlaws only because the de facto government of Mexico did not have sufficient forces on the scene to deal with the situation and that whenever bandits should cross into American territory, where there was not sufficient American soldiers to take them into custody, the right to entry would be accorded Carranza troops.

This, it is believed, will be satisfactory to Carranza and make it possible for him to acquiesce in the operation of American troops in Northern Mexico without stirring up popular resentment among his people against him.

C. B. JENKS MAY GO UP

Rumor of Changes in Officials in Hill Lines Is Current.

It is rumored in railroad circles that C. O. Jenks, general manager of the Hill Lines in Oregon, will soon be promoted to assistant general manager of the Great Northern, with headquarters in St. Paul. Such a report has been printed in Spokane.

In the same report is given the statement that J. H. O'Neill, of Seattle, general superintendent of Great Northern lines west, will be the possible successor of Mr. Jenks, should the latter be relieved of his position as general manager of the Oregon Hill Lines.

The rumor follows the order of Frank Gavins, ex-trainmaster of the Great Northern, to St. Paul to become superintendent.

The report of the United States Commissioner of Internal Revenue shows that 1731 returns were filed in 1909 and 2832 in 1912.

WAR DEPARTMENT KEEPS ITS SECRETS

No Word Given Out as to Bandit Pursuit and High Officials Are in Dark.

VOLUNTEERS ARE MANY

White House and War Department Flooded With Offers of Services.

No Call on the National Guard Is Contemplated.

ACADEMY'S PROBLEM

FUTURE OF OLD PORTLAND SCHOOL IS NOT DECIDED.

Accommodation of St. Helen's Hall, Or Establishment of Institution for Boys Suggested.

Will the Portland Academy buildings become the new home of St. Helen's Hall? Or will it be maintained as a "country school" by the board of trustees under whose management it has been for many years? Or, again, might it be taken over by school district No. 1?

These are all plausible questions and all of them have been topics of public discussion.

So far there has been but one statement made bearing on the final disposition of the property upon its vacating by the institution known now as the Trustees of Portland Academy, by the board of trustees. That was made by the trustees of the school, Frederick H. Strong, and he said that it was to be maintained for educational purposes.

It is true also that the trustees have remotely considered making it a country school, the type of practical school that has proven so popular in Eastern cities.

The function of the country school is to provide both work and play for the school children. The school is usually in the street and whose associates are those whom he meets while at that play. These are the boys who are taken in by the country school. Their work and recreation alike are supervised by competent hands.

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