

VILLA LEADS HIS FORCES IN BATTLE

Colonel Cano Engages Bandit Army at Namiquipa, Is Report.

AMERICANS DRAWING NEAR

Dispatches to General Funston indicate United States troops may be fighting fugitive within 24 hours.

EL PASO, Tex., March 20.—The forces of Colonel Cano were engaged in battle at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon with bandits led by Villa in Namiquipa, according to a dispatch received this afternoon by General Gaviro, Carranza commandant at Juarez. The result of the fighting was not decided at the time of the receipt of the dispatch. Namiquipa is in the District of Guerrero, State of Chihuahua.

Colonel Cano is in command of a force of 900 cavalry, which came in contact two days ago at El Valle with Villistas, with whom on this occasion fled without giving battle.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 20.—Francisco Villa may be forced into the flight with American troops within the next 24 hours, if reports coming to General Funston, both from General Pershing and from Mexican sources, are correct.

Villa Defeat Reported.

General Pershing reported today that Villa had been reported defeated by Mexican government troops near Las Cruces and that he was retreating northward. General Pershing's report was followed, however, by a conflicting report that Villa was still fighting at Namiquipa, south of Las Cruces. If the Carranza force wins in the fighting that was said to be continuing late today, Villa will have to move northward along a road over which a detachment of American troops is riding southward or leave the road and make for the Santa Maria Mountains that parallel the road to the east, or to the Oriental Range on the west side. Retreat, according to the report, is impracticable because of the presence in the rear of American troops to force him to turn northward from Las Cruces.

The detachment that is headed south on the road along which Villa was reported advancing is one of the three sub-divisions operating south of Casas Grandes. One column was sent towards Lake Babocora, 70 miles south of Casas Grandes, and the other two towards the one to Galeana, south and east of Casas Grandes, and were separated, one continuing in more easterly direction towards Carmen, 55 miles from Casas Grandes, and the other south toward Las Cruces, 50 miles from Casas Grandes, which now has become the advanced base of the expeditionary forces.

Whereabouts Not Known.

Just where General Pershing is was not announced, but he is directing the work of the three detachments and by means of scouts is attempting to keep in communication. It was made known at headquarters, however, that divergent directions will make this difficult, also the mountainous character of the country will afford elevations that will make more feasible communication by signaling. From all points to which the three detachments are moving Villa has been reported. Although it is realized that he could not have been at all points where he was said to have been, the three detachments will be so widely separated by the time they have gone a short distance further that it is regarded as almost certain that one of them will come in contact with him. The force marching toward Las Cruces was only a short distance north of Valle, 25 miles north of Las Cruces, this afternoon.

CAPITAL FACES DRY LAW

Congress to Act Soon on Proposal for Prohibition in District.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, March 20.—But for the fact that international problems now overshadow everything else in Washington, Congress would be keenly interested in a pending bill to make the District of Columbia dry. Such a bill was slipped out of the Senate committee one day when the "wets" were off their guard, and is likely to be called up some time. Senator Underwood, of Indiana, who does not favor the pending bill, has offered a substitute giving to the male taxpayers of the National Capital the right to decide the question. Now comes Senator Borah, of Idaho, with an amendment to the Underwood substitute to give men and women the vote on the referendum.

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This topographical map indicates how difficult the work of the United States Army has become if Villa escapes to either range of the Sierra Madre Mountains, between which lies the plateau that extends southward from El Paso to Mexico City. Villa is now believed to be making for the hills lying west of Chihuahua, where he will find plenty of friends and supporters.

SCOUTS LEAD FORCE

Intimate Knowledge of Country to Aid in Pursuit.

far as the attitude of the Mexican government is concerned, between allowing merchants to ship food to sell to American troops and the American Army shipping direct.

CAVALRY QUITS COLUMBUS

American Civilians, Who Are Said to Know Mountain Trails of Chihuahua, Accompany New Body of Invaders.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 20.—A large body of American cavalry left here today. The troops, which were brought here from Texas border points, were preceded by a motor train carrying supplies. Whether the detachment will serve as a separate command in the effort to capture Francisco Villa, or whether it is to join the punitive expedition force now in the field under General Pershing somewhere in Northern Chihuahua, was not indicated by military authorities here.

Accompanying the troops were a number of American civilian scouts, who are said to know the mountain trails of Chihuahua, in which Villa is reported to be fleeing, as well as the city man knows his front yard. Wearing the sombrero of the frontier, heavily powdered spurs and little wrinkles at the corners of their eyes, bespeaking lives spent in the open, these scouts form what is said to be the most picturesque group of men in the expeditionary force.

Military men frankly admit that upon their knowledge of the district in which Villa is reported fleeing rests much of the hope for the capture of the bandit. It is the volunteers, many of whom are drawn from the homes and their property in Mexico, that are leading the American columns to the water-holes and to the hiding places in the hills and in the uniform of a few of his followers might seek to evade the American pursuit.

That more Villistas than the 75 already accounted for were killed in the running engagement following the raid on Columbus was indicated in the discovery of three additional bodies here today by H. K. Lemmon, a ranchman. Mr. Lemmon asserted that one of the bodies is clad in the uniform of a lieutenant, and that they were found lying just north of the boundary, three miles south of here.

VILLA MAKES HIS ESCAPE

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ican reinforcements reaching those points also, but nothing is known as to their numbers.

There is no question that there is serious and growing uneasiness in El Paso, which has been sharply accentuated by the problem which has arisen over the request of the United States to General Carranza for the use of the Mexican railroads to transport supplies.

Outbreaks by Peons Feared. Americans here do not believe that Carranza dare grant this request, especially as it is understood that General Funston proposes, if it is granted, to take train crews and equipment into Mexico, and place military guards at the stations. The presence of American soldiers on Mexican railroads could not fail to be misunderstood for more important, it is feared, would be sure to provoke outbreaks.

On the other hand, there are many indications here that the Mexican railroads are sorely needed by the American military authorities to ship supplies to the troops in the field. At the present time these supplies must go forward, over a desert and mountain trail, by wagons and mules. The pressure is intensified by the fact that almost all the forage for the cavalry horses must be sent from the base, as on Mexican railroads mounted troops of the United States could not live on the diet that will support a Mexican pony.

Ominous News Increases Anxiety. Omnis reports are received here that the transportation system is already overtaxed and it is this feature of the situation that causes the deepest anxiety and the most apprehension. This anxiety has not been lessened by the news that Carranza has deferred fall to be requested for more information from the Washington government.

At the same time Andres Garcia, Carranza's Consul here and known to be in intimate relations with the first chief, maintains that there is no danger of friction over the question of the shipment of American Army supplies over the Mexican railroads. As long as it was merely a question of supplies, Mr. Garcia said today, it was a matter of small consequence. He added, however, that the passage of American soldiers on Mexican trains would come under a different category.

"The Americans have permission to buy supplies in Mexican towns," said Garcia. "So far as little difference, so

MEXICO PROPOSES PURSUIT PROTOCOL

Troops of Two Governments Already Are Co-operating, Says Washington.

SOME REPORTS DISTURBING

Industrial Workers of World Said to Be Making Inflammatory Speeches in Sonora, Inciting Populace to Strike.

WASHINGTON, March 20. The de facto government of Mexico today proposed to the United States the drafting of a protocol, under which American and Mexican troops may co-operate in running to earth Francisco Villa and his bandits without danger of misunderstanding or conflict. The terms of such a formal convention would be designed to meet all questions which may arise in the future, setting forth the rights of the American expeditionary forces now in pursuit of the bandit chieftain and the nature of the co-operation expected from the troops of the Carranza government.

These facts became known at the conclusion of a conference between Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican Ambassador-designate, and Acting Secretary Polk, of the State Department. Negotiations on the details will be in progress for several days, but the two governments are in agreement on the general principles involved.

Troops Now Co-operating.

Meanwhile, however, the troops of the de facto government actually are co-operating with the American forces and, according to information received by the War Department, are planning to render even greater assistance. High military officials allowed it to become known that the Carranza government had promised to move a large force of its troops from Central Mexico to the north forming a trap into which the American cavalrymen under General Pershing may chase Villa and his followers.

During the day disturbing reports came to the War Department from General Pershing regarding conditions at Nogales, Sonora. There, an official dispatch said, members of the Industrial Workers of the World were engaged in making incendiary and anarchistic speeches to stir the Mexican populace to rash acts. The speakers, according to the dispatch, are believed to have crossed the border from the United States. The information was turned over to the State Department, which will advise the de facto government of the conditions in Nogales.

Concession to Be Made.

The United States, it is understood, is prepared to make every concession possible under the circumstances to the de facto government, it being felt that as American troops are operating on Mexican soil the de facto government is entitled to the greatest possible consideration. It is the desire of officials that nothing be done which in the slightest way would tend to embarrass the de facto government or bring about any adverse feeling of any kind.

Word that the Carranza troops were reaching conditions where they may head off Villa if he attempts in his flight before the American cavalrymen to strike still farther south, was received here enthusiastically. Press dispatches containing the announcement of General Funston that Villa was reported to have been defeated by Carranza troops at Cruces, and to have turned back northward toward El Valle, from which point the second American column is moving, were regarded as being extremely favorable, as were reports of an engagement between Villa's followers and Carranza forces.

HOSPITAL SHIP TORPEDOED

Vienna Describes Attack as "Gross Violation of International Law."

BERLIN, March 20.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—The official account of the Austrian Admiralty of the torpedoing of the Austro-Hungarian hospital ship Elektra was received here today from Vienna as follows:

"The Elektra was torpedoed on March 18 by an enemy submarine. It was clear and sunshiny weather, and no warning was given. One sailor was drowned and two Red Cross nurses were badly wounded. It is impossible to imagine a more gross violation of international law on the sea."

ALBANY CLUB COMES INTO ITS OWN

ALBANY, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—The formal transfer of the W. C. T. U. hall and lot to the Albany Commercial Club was completed today, the club thus coming into possession of a hall

of its own. Local architects now are working on plans for remodeling the building and before the first of next month the club expects to be located in its new home.

HOLDER OF NOTE LOSES

Defendant Released From Paying for Machinery Despite Transfer.

LA GRANDE, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—The unusual legal feat of defeating recovery on a promissory note in the hands of a third person upon circumstantial evidence and against the direct testimony of both the seller and buyer of the note, was accomplished

here last week in the Circuit Court when D. P. Burnett won a case in which he was sued by the Western Farquhar Machinery Company, which bought the note from the Union County Co-operative Association.

The defense was that the machinery, for which the note was given, did not come up to standard.

CLACKAMAS, Or., March 20.—(Special.)—On Thursday, March 23, the chapel-car St. Peter will be at the Clackamas depot. This is a church on wheels, fully equipped with altar and confessional. The lectures will be given by the Rev. Charles M. Smith, of St. Johns, Or. The subject of the lecture on next Thursday beginning at 8 P. M., will be "What the Catholic Church is and What It is Not."

In Burr, Oak, N. T., a big guessing contest was held recently as to how many grains of corn a hungry and unhampered goose would eat. Estimates ran as high as 100, but the bird free to go as far as liked, stopped short at the count of 454 grains.

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