

FUNSTON ANXIOUS OVER NEW UPRIISING

Herrera Thought to Be Moving Toward Pershing's Column into Interior.

PEOPLE ARE WITH BANDIT

Effect on Other Carranza Leaders Considered by Army Men as Serious—Successes in Eradig Diaz Are Recalled.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 22.—General Funston said tonight he had been informed of General Herrera's revolt, and that, while confirmation was lacking, he had taken precautionary steps toward meeting any aggression along the border.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 22.—The report that General Herrera, commanding 2000 men at Chihuahua, had signed himself with Francisco Villa against the United States with grave concern by General Funston and his staff.

Officially and unofficially the opinion has been expressed that the international situation might be made so complex that by comparison the pursuit of Villa would be regarded as a minor detail.

Consul Beltrán, of Carranza's government, received no report of the reported revolt of Herrera, and he is inclined to laugh at it as a "border rumor."

Wire Cutting May Be Significant. According to the version reaching here Herrera was relieved Monday from command and immediately took steps to alienate his garrison.

That Carranza has enough loyal troops in Northern Mexico to drive him from the city of Chihuahua, if he attempts to hold the place was believed by military men here, but it was feared that retention of Chihuahua would not be his plan.

Military observers here see a possible connection with his plan in the interruption of wire service between Casas Grandes and Juarez yesterday and wire cutting today between Torreon and Ojinaga, opposite Presidio, Tex.

It was suggested that those who cut the wires between Casas Grandes and Juarez might have thought that they were being used by General Pershing for communication with General Funston.

Grave Embarrassment Possible. If the report should be true, and if Herrera demonstrated his government's great interest in his efforts to run down Villa and his followers, cutting off the Northwest, it would be impossible for the Americans to use it for forwarding supplies for many days, even if the Carranza government decided to grant General Funston's request. Another move that it was feared he might make was to cut and send to the Cuernavaca, and enroute Villa by attacking Presidio.

A small American force is there now, and this probably will be so now, and this probably would not be so simple as that effected at Columbus, however, since between Presidio and Ojinaga is the Rio Grande, instead of an imaginary line.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 22.—Following reports, which were credited here, that General Herrera, Carranza commander at Chihuahua, City, had maintained and gone over to the Villa cause, came reports that the garrison had taken the field.

American Expedition Threatened. The exact place at which General Herrera's troops are encamped was not indicated in the messages, which reached Columbus from a source that always has been thoroughly reliable. It is believed, however, that the troops, most of whom recently constituted the Carranza garrison at Chihuahua, City, tonight are some place between San Pedro and Chihuahua and are preparing to work north and west toward the American expedition in the field under General Pershing.

The sentiment of the people in this district, which lies about 70 miles directly east of the Cuernavaca region, in which Villa began his days as an outlaw, is strongly in favor of the bandit chieftain. His success in withstanding Porfirio Diaz rurales for eight years, during all of which time there was a heavy price on his head, was due to the loyalty of the people, who worship Pancho Villa as an idol. Army men believe here that Herrera and his command will have every possible cooperation from the people of the district.

Other Leaders Wavering. The report marks an important development in the American campaign to capture Villa, according to experienced observers of Mexican military affairs. It is pointed out that the reported renunciation of the Carranza standard by Herrera is the first to be made by an important military leader of the de facto government since the American troops crossed the international border a week ago.

The possible effect on other Carranza leaders, who have been reported to be wavering in their loyalty to the government of the "first chief," was food for much discussion.

No reports were received as to arms and equipment of the Herrera command, but it is declared he can cause the American expedition much trouble by pursuing tactics of guerrilla warfare in a country with which he and his troops are thoroughly familiar and in which it is believed they have the sympathy of the people.

General Herrera was military governor of Chihuahua at the time of the massacre of 18 foreigners at Santa Ysabel several weeks ago. It was reported that Carranza relieved him of his command because of drunkenness weeks ago.

Plot to Bring About American Intervention Is Charged. CALLES EXPELS PRIESTS

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 22.—General P. Elias Calles, Military Governor of Sonora, today said he had ordered the deportation of six Catholic priests from Sonora, but denied that he intended to restrict in any way the work of the Catholic church.

"These men were deported from Hermosillo, Guaymas and other cities of Western Sonora because they sought to bring about intervention in Mexico by the United States," he said. "They were deported as individuals, not as Catholic clergymen."

The Military Governor said he would welcome the appointment of new priests, "provided they did not take part in political activities."

STEAMER OAKLAND ASHORE (Continued From First Page.)

from San Francisco to Coos Bay, at a point about 15 miles south of Cape Blanco. The Lindauer is being towed to San Francisco, the Smith having turned back.

This information was received in a wireless message from the Adeline Smith to the C. A. Smith Company here early this morning.

The captain of the Yellowstone later reported sighting the two vessels and said that the Lindauer had lost her lumber deck and appeared to have her engines out of commission.

There was a heavy swell off the coast last night, and the deckload is supposed to have gone overboard in a squall.

SAILER IS SEEN NEAR BEACH

Beaver Reports Three-Masted Close Inshore at Cape Mearns.

Sighting a three-masted schooner off

CARRANZA GENERAL WHO IS REPORTED TO HAVE LED 2000 TROOPS IN MUTINY IN VILLA'S FAVOR.



GENERAL LUIS HERRERA.

NEW DANGER SEEN

Pershing's Column in Mexico May Face Another Foe.

SUPPLY LINE IS DIFFICULT

Rumored Revolt of Carranza Garrison at Chihuahua Complicates Situation—Railroad Communication Much Needed.

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ice across the desert was being badly hampered by sand storms. There are no roads except those which the American engineers have been able to improvise, and these are said to be cut to pieces by the heavy transport wagons.

An American mining man who has lived for 25 years in Chihuahua declared that it would be little less than a miracle if the American Army staff were able to send the needed supplies for 8000 men a distance of 200 miles for any period of time.

That General Funston is fully alive to this situation is evidenced by the elaborate arrangements being made for using the Mexican Northwestern Railway, if Carranza grants the needed permission. Conductors, engineers, firemen and brakemen, most of whom have been service on the Mexican National Railway, have been listed for service.

All of the equipment in the El Paso yards has been inspected and enumerated, and exact information obtained as to how many trains can be counted on with full American crews for each.

Big Supply Base Planned. There has been particular activity in the Quartermaster's department, where plans are being made to establish a base here larger than that at Columbus. At the same time it was said that no attempt was contemplated to send troops across the border at this point, but supplies alone.

One of the most popular reports here today was that Villista spies, ranging in numbers from three to 16, were shot in Juarez today. It was pronounced a canard by General Gavira, the commandant, and by Consul Garcia.

The soldiers around Juarez seem to be mostly middle-aged men are exceptional, while many in the ranks are not as tall as their rifles. Not much emphasis is laid on soldierly appearance. Many of the soldiers are barefooted or wear sandals. As to their numbers, no reliable estimate is made, as the majority are kept in the mountains outside of the town.

UNPATRIOTIC PUPIL BARRED Negro, 11, Sentenced to Reform School for Refusing to Salute Flag.

DES MOINES, March 22.—Because of refusal to salute the flag, Hubert Eaves, a negro, 11 years old, was expelled from the public school of this city and sentenced to nine years in the El Dora reformatory.

The order was issued by District Judge Dudley. The court suspended sentence and paroled the boy to his parents on their promise that he would be placed in a private school where education demanded by the Iowa statutes is given.

Hubert, a member of the so-called "Sanctified Cult," refused to repeat the oath of allegiance or salute the flag, because it had no God in it and there was nothing about saluting the flag in the Bible.

PRIMARY LAW HELD INVALID Texas Supreme Court Refuses Public Funds for Party Function.

AUSTIN, Tex., March 22.—The State Supreme Court today held unconstitutional a law passed by the last Legislature providing for the holding of a Democratic Presidential preferential election.

Substantially the decision, said public funds were not available for holding party primaries, for the reason that these primaries were not public functions.

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ARMY INCREASE TO BE VOTED ON TODAY

Chairman Hay's Bill Is Only Slightly Altered by Amendments in House.

CADET MEASURE PASSES

Senate Favors Doubling of Corps at West Point—National Guard Regiments May Have Fourth Battalions as Reserve.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Final action on the Hay Army increase bill was in sight tonight when the House adjourned. With only two important sections remaining to be discussed, passage of the measure some time tomorrow is assured.

The bill will come up in the Senate probably next Monday. Chairman Chamberlain, of the Senate military committee, announced today which he would await the arrival of the House bill, give it brief consideration in committee and ask for its immediate consideration in the Senate.

As a preliminary step on Army legislation, the Senate passed in the course of the day, by a vote of 59 to 2, the bill virtually doubling the authorized strength of the cadet corps at West Point Military Academy. A similar measure applying to the Naval Academy already has been signed by the President.

The Hay bill has not been altered in any of its broad aspects during the three-day struggle in the House with amendments. Chairman Hay has been defeated only once, having approved every other change made in the detail of the bill, but it is practically certain the bill will go to the Senate virtually as framed by the committee.

One section still to be disposed of, however, is the vital element of the whole Army plan proposed. It is the militia pay provision under which the militia will be authorized to produce a force of 425,000 National Guardsmen within five years as a substitute for the Administration's continental army proposal.

The section had been read when the House adjourned and Representative Gardner, Republican of Massachusetts, had presented an amendment proposing to substitute for it the Federal volunteer provisions of the Chamberlain Senate bill. The amendment will be debated at 10 o'clock tomorrow under an agreement reached by Representatives Hay and Gardner.

Another important section remaining is that authorizing the construction of a plant to produce atmospheric nitrogen for use in explosives. It is certain to cause extended debate. It is certain to be left to the National Guard system and the Federal treasury except when the militiamen were called out for training periods.

The provision of the Chamberlain bill, which is offered as a substitute, is a brief authorization of the creation of force of 25,000 Federal volunteers by Congressional districts along the lines proposed by the proponents of the continental army. While the amendment has little chance of adoption, the Senate is certain to focus attention on weaknesses of the National Guard system and bring out the reasons which impelled ex-Secretary Garrison to resign.

The House refused twice today to insert in the bill provisions designed to prohibit use of the National Guard by the states for strike duty.

The struggle will be renewed tomorrow, but there is no prospect that the House will change its mind.

A proposal by Representative Emerson, of Ohio, Democrat, that would have admitted general officers of the National Guard to the Federal service in command of their brigades or divisions in time of war, was defeated after much debate.

The most important amendment placed in the bill was suggested by Representative Hayden, Democrat, of Arizona. It provides that when a regiment of National Guard is sent to the front, a fourth battalion be organized by the National Guard reserve to take the regiment's place and to train recruits for the fighting lines. Under this system, if the entire Guard were called out, a force one-third its total strength would immediately take its place at home to maintain order, secure and train recruits, and insure that the fighting regiment would be kept up to full strength without being hampered by lack of new recruits. It is possible a similar system will be devised for the regular regiments.

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