

MINORITY NOT TO HAMPER PRESIDENT

No Action Taken on Border Patrol, When Funston Reports Situation Quiet.

MORE AIRMEN TO BE USED

Cavalry Mounts Put on Short Rations, Pending Adequate Means of Maintaining Communication Lines Into Mexico.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Failure of Senate Republicans to take any action at a conference today on the Mexican situation left the Administration unhampered in dealing with the problem.

Official advice confirmed press dispatches telling of the physical difficulties encountered by General Funston in keeping a 200-mile supply line in operation without the use of railroads.

Steps to meet the situation have been taken by Secretary Baker, as there is no indication of an early agreement on the proposed protocol providing for the use of Mexican lines by American troops.

No Conflict Reported. Mr. Baker issued this statement late today: "All information the department has from the border shows conditions to be quiet and the excitement of the last few days somewhat allayed."

The expedition is, of course, moving forward, and so lengthening the line of communication. For that reason, General Funston has requested and the department has purchased two auto-truck equipments, comprising 54 cars in all.

In addition to that, General Funston tells us that additional aeroplanes will be of service, both in reconnaissance work and in carrying messages from the advance column to the base at Columbus. The department is now negotiating for the purchase of additional aeroplanes.

Wireless Not Dependable. "Wireless communication is reported to be intermittent because of the static conditions in the electric fields there. For this reason additional importance is given to the request for large aeroplane facilities."

The secretary said the destruction of two Army aeroplanes had not been explained as yet to the department. Four of the remaining six machines on the border were under repair, leaving only two of the original eight in actual service.

The Army has plenty of skilled aviators to operate the machines that will be purchased, Mr. Baker added. He said that, while the Aero Club had volunteered the services of its men and machines, the law forbids their acceptance.

The negotiation of a protocol covering use of the Mexican railways and the other matters beyond the border encountered a delay today with the receipt of General Carranza suggestions as to modifications and additions to the plan worked out by Colonel Polk, of the State Department, and Eliseo Arredondo, Ambassador designate.

Templars Invited to Services. VANCOUVER, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—The Knights Templar of Oregon Commandery No. 7 and Washington Commandery No. 19, of Portland, have invited the Knights Templar of Vancouver, Commandery No. 10, of this city, to join with them in attending services at 3 P. M., April 23, at the White Temple.

MEXICANS NEARING BORDER

Two Thousand to Be Stationed 35 Miles From Douglas.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 27.—General Arnulfo Gomez, commanding a column of 2000 de facto Mexican troops, arrived in Agua Prieta late today for a conference with General P. Elias Calles, military governor of Sonora.

Gomez left his column in the vicinity of Campas and Mochizuma, approximately 150 miles south of the border. The new troops will be stationed at Agua Prieta, 25 miles south of Douglas, and at Cabullona, where General Calles previously had established his forces, retaining but a small number in Agua Prieta, opposite here. The new troop movement is said by Mexican officials to be for the purpose of establishing a mobile force in a position where it can strike rapidly either northeast or southwest in protecting the Chihuahua border from any attempt on the part of Villa to enter Sonora.

Esqueda is the railroad station for El Tigre, situated 25 miles eastward, and that camp can be protected, also. It was said, it was not said whether the new forces are bringing any artillery.

PAPER COST IS SERIOUS Proposal Made to Put Embargo on Materials Needed in Factories.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—A resolution for an investigation of the news print paper situation by the Department of Commerce was introduced in the House today by Representative Copley, of Illinois.

Much of the supply of raw material for print paper that came from Germany, Norway and Sweden was cut off by the war. Other material is being shipped from this country to Europe for use in the manufacture of explosives. An opinion is asked on the advisability of placing an embargo on raw material.

According to Mr. Copley, the price of paper has advanced so far that the lives of many small newspapers are threatened.

WARSHIP SENT TO TAMPICO Americans in Oil Region Apprehensive of Danger.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The gunboat Marietta has been ordered from Vera Cruz to Tampico to aid in protecting American interests. Today's report from Tampico said conditions were unchanged, with quiet prevailing, but that it was desired to have in the bay a vessel at that point which can go up the river to the town.

The battleship Kentucky, now off Tampico, will proceed to Vera Cruz. Americans in the Tampico oil region are still apprehensive and the Marietta and Machias will remain at that port as long as there is any alarm. There are some 2000 Americans in the vicinity.

RATE ORDER PERMANENT Injunction Gives Sacramento and 3 Other Cities Terminal Rights.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—A special United States District Court benchmanently enjoined today the effectiveness of orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission making the cities of Sacramento, San Jose, Stockton and Santa Clara nonterminal rate points on westbound transcontinental freight.

AMERICAN AIRMEN ENDOURE HARSHIPS

Flying in Mexico Most Difficult Ever Experienced by Army Aviators.

STORM PERILS THRILLING Observers Unable to Leave Machines Without Assistance, So Chilled Are They, and Cold Nights Add to Misery.

FIELD HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN EXPEDITION, Colonia Dublan, Chihuahua, Mexico, March 25.—(By aeroplane to Columbus, N. M., March 27.)—The first aero squadron of the United States Army in a week's service with Brigadier-General John J. Pershing's expedition in Mexico has surmounted flying problems more difficult than most of those encountered by European aviators.

The work has been done without, thus far, a really serious accident. One of the senior aviators said today that only in the Alps are the European flyers likely to encounter conditions paralleling those under which the American aviators now are working.

The flying service has been a succession of unique adventures, each one met successfully by the quick wit of the aviators.

"Never," said this aviator, "have we had any flying as difficult as we have done here. We are under a handicap of an altitude of about 5200 feet when we rise. Some of the mountains we have tried to get over are approximately 7000 feet above sea level and none of our machines are powerful enough to carry a military load, the pilot, observer and sufficient fuel at such an altitude. We might get over one of the high mountains, but we probably would be unable to carry enough fuel for the return flight."

Plane Grazes Trees. He told about a flight of some of his men over a mountain pass which the aviators described as some of the roughest country in Mexico.

Just before reaching the pass they were above a gorge 2000 feet deep. No landing place was observed within 10 miles of this pass. One of the flyers had difficulty in rising to the necessary altitude. He turned and wheeled his machine trying to ascend, but the strong air currents swept him around until he was within about 20 feet of the tree tops near the summit of the pass.

After he had grazed the trees, without being able to fight his way higher through the treacherous winds, he was forced to turn back. The other aviators made the flight.

The men slept, cold and hungry, in the open without blankets, choosing any handy clump of grass or knoll for a windbreak.

Airmen Brave Winds. When the wind moderated enough for flight, it still was very cold. In fact the aviators did not wait for favorable weather before resuming flight, and one of them cranked his engine from 5:50 A. M. until 9:30 A. M., until by hand power alone he got it into trim to take him off the ground.

The other machine got away by the same process with two-hour cranking.

The aviators believe that their work of gathering and transmitting information for the Army is a more difficult duty than being under actual fire. The chances of being hit while under fire in this country they estimate at "about 1,000,000 to 1."

In any work they may undertake against Villa the American aviators are not counting on saving their lives if they should be forced to descend within reach of bandits.

staff anxiously studied the map, referring frequently to the scale of miles that showed the advanced cavalry columns rapidly nearing points 200 miles away from the border.

It was realized that the early capture of Villa would be little better than an accident. With their knowledge of the country and with the assistance they can obtain along their route, Villa and his followers, it is feared, will have no difficulty in keeping ahead of the pursuing Americans.

Their hope for an early ending of the chase is that Carranza troops will finally check Villa's flight or that Villa himself after joining one or more of his wandering bands in Southern Chihuahua or from North Durango, may decide to fight it out with the steadily advancing cavalry of the punitive force.

That Villa will be able to effect a juncture with a considerable force before he is brought to a stand again is regarded as headquarters here as probable. Canuto Reyes, one of his Generals, who has been operating in the vicinity of Toluca, has been reported to have an exceedingly mobile force that is by no means negligible, and in the state of Durango it is said the Arrieta brothers are in a position to move northward to his support.

Unofficial observers have offered a theory, regarded as somewhat fanciful by American military men, that Villa, after joining these and others, will continue his movement to the south, with the hope of gathering strength as he goes and with Zapata and other enemies of the Carranza government, attempt one more to gain possession of Mexico City.

ARMS REFUSED CITIZENS ARIZONA GOVERNOR'S REQUEST DENIED BY WASHINGTON.

Secretary Baker, of the War Department, Says Citizens Should Not Be Armed Indiscriminately.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Senator Ashurst was informed by the War Department today that it could not, under the law, furnish citizens of Arizona 2000 rifles, requested by the Governor for purposes of self-protection against raids from Mexico.

Senator Ashurst today made public a telegram from Secretary Baker to Governor Hunt explaining the department's refusal.

"There is no authority of law for this issue of arms," read the telegram. "In the present apparent panicky state of mind of citizens along the border, I do not think that arms should be placed in the hands of any body of men except those who are under the severest discipline of military training."

Consular reports indicate that there are few Mexican troops along the border. General Funston is aware of conditions and is believed to be taking such steps for protection of citizens as conditions demand.

PRINCIPAL IS RE-ELECTED J. C. Nelson to Head Salem High for Third Term.

SALEM, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—The Salem School Board tonight re-elected J. C. Nelson principal of Salem High School, for the third successive year, at a salary of \$1740.

Soap Is a Staple. You Use It Every Day of Your Life

- 6 bars Ivory Soap 25c
6 bars Fairy Soap 25c
6 bars Grandpa's Tar Soap 25c
6 bars Jergen's Glycerine Soap 25c
6 bars Wool Soap 25c
6 bars Colgate's Floating Bath Soap 25c
6 bars Colgate's Turkish Bath Soap 25c
6 bars Lifebuoy Soap 25c
6 bars Lurline Soap 25c
4711 White Rose Glycerine Soap 15c
15c Liebig Skin Soap, 3 for 25c
10c Vallant's Antiseptic, 3 for 18c
10c Strictly Pure Castile Soap, 3 for 18c
50c Synol Soap 34c
10c Kirk's Toilet Soap, 3 for 17c
10c Wood-Lark Oatmeal Soap, 3 for 18c
10c Buttermilk and Cucumbe Soap, 3 for 17c
10c Maxine Elliott Buttermilk Soap, 3 for 17c
10c Jergen's Elderflower Soap, 3 for 19c
\$1.00 bar Fontaine Castile Soap, French 73c
10c Wood-Lark Bath Soap, 4 for 25c
25c Floating Castile Soap 18c
25c Pear's Glycerine Scented S'p 18c
10c Lister's Antiseptic Soap, 5c; 3 for 14c
1 gross Guest Room Soap \$2.50
50c Madero Castile Soap 39c
10c Lava Soap, 3 for 19c
10c Sayman Vegetable S'p, 3 for 25c
25c Cuticura Soap 18c
25c Woodbury's Facial Soap 20c
25c Packer's Tar Soap 18c
10c Wood-Lark Almond Cocoa Soap, 3 for 19c
10c Wood-Lark Glycerine Soap, 3 for 19c
10c California Medicated Soap, 3 for 19c
10c Juniper Tar Soap, 3 for 17c

Woodward Clark Co. 25c D. D. D. Soap for 20c. ALICE STREET AT WEST WALK - MARSHALL 4700-HOME 4879

RAILROAD IS NEEDED

Question of Getting Supplies to Front Is Serious.

SAND STORMS DANGEROUS

Army Officers Await Permit From Carranza to Use Mexican Northwestern-American Crews and Rolling Stock Are Ready.

EL PASO, March 27.—With the belief that the chase of Pancho Villa was going to prove a long and tedious one, attention here was turned once more tonight to the railroad situation.

Army officers here privately admit that the question of getting adequate supplies to the forces at the front is growing serious. They say that the present system of motor transportation across the Chihuahua desert has proved entirely inadequate, and as General Pershing's columns push farther into the desolation of Western Chihuahua, the supplies problem is growing acute.

General Otis Improving Los Angeles Publisher Is Said by Doctor to Be Out of Danger.

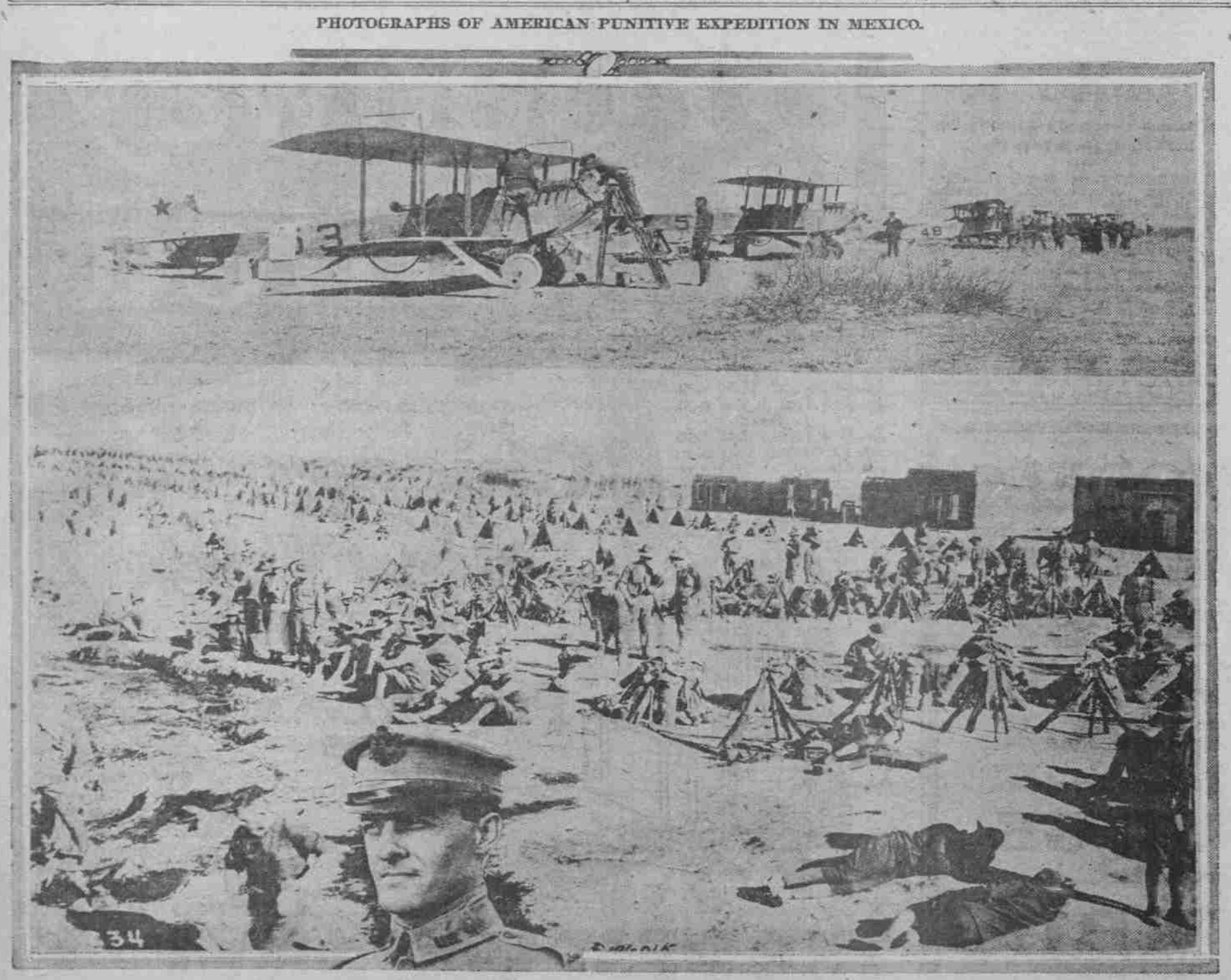
LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 27.—General Harrison Gray Otis, editor of the Los Angeles Times, was pronounced out of danger today by Dr. John C. Ferbert, "providing there were no unforeseen circumstances."

Bridge Near Dec Is Completed. HOOD RIVER, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—At a cost of \$1200 L. M. Bentley, a Hood River contractor, has completed a county bridge just north of Dec. The structure, which crosses Collins Creek, replaces a bridge destroyed in a forest fire last summer. The new bridge has 12 spans, crossing a wide canyon. The road at the point has been straightened.

Indian Hiker at Chehalis. CHEHALIS, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—White Eagle, a three-quarters Comanche Indian, who says he is a globe trotter, was in Chehalis yesterday. He says that two companions who started on the trip were left in the East by him. White Eagle reports that since he left Chicago, October 16 last, he had not had a sick day and had not been forced to rest. The trip is declared to be for \$10,000 and is to include a distance of 32,500 miles.

New Victor Records for April today

The Wiley B. Allen Co.'s Stores Are Noted for Superior Record Service. Because we are Victrola Specialists, because we give most earnest attention to the needs of each and every caller and because of the completeness of our stock and the unusual excellence of our service, ours is the house best qualified to meet your every demand. One visit will convince you. You're welcome to come in any time and we will gladly play any selections you'd like to hear.



PHOTOGRAPHS OF AMERICAN PUNITIVE EXPEDITION IN MEXICO. TOP—AEROPLANE SQUADRON AT FIELD. BELOW—TROOPS MAKING CAMP AT SAN MIGUEL. BELOW—LIEUTENANT BENJAMIN D. FOLLOIS, COMMANDER OF AVIATION CORPS.