

CARRANZA DESIRES ARMY

Villa Expedition Termed Unauthorized and Troop Negotiations End.

BANDIT DECLARED BEATEN

De Facto Government Says Object of Crossing Border Is Accomplished and Asserts Ability to Handle Situation.

MEXICO CITY, April 13.—The Government of the United States has been asked by General Carranza, representing the de facto government of Mexico, to withdraw American troops now operating against the bandit Villa, his followers from Mexican territory. It was requested that further pursuit of the Villa forces be left to the Mexican constitutionalist army.

In a note of about 5000 words, sent Eliseo Arredondo, the Carranza representative in Washington, for delivery to Secretary Lansing today, it was contended that as the American troops crossed into Mexico without permission they should be withdrawn. A proper formal compact can be entered into between the two governments.

It is affirmed that the previous notes of the Mexican government especially emphasized the fact that permission for reciprocal crossing of the frontier would be granted only in the event of the repulsion of a raid similar to that made by Villa at Columbus, N. M.

The note ends negotiations for a reciprocal passing of troops and asks for discontinuation of the de facto government by American troops in view of Villa's party having been destroyed.

The American troops crossed the Mexican border on March 15. Pershing's advance cavalry is now reported to be 400 miles south of the boundary.

Emphasis is laid on the fact that the American expedition was undertaken under a misunderstanding. Although acting in good faith, the declaration is made that the United States had interpreted the first note of the de facto government as effecting a definite agreement between the two nations.

The note declares that in consequence of no final agreement having been reached as to the terms of the treaty to regulate the reciprocal passage of troops over the dividing line, "the Mexican government judges it convenient to suspend for the present all discussion or negotiation in this particular of founded on the circumstances that the expedition sent by the United States Government to pursue Villa is without foundation in virtue of the non-existence of a previous agreement formal and definite."

From the beginning the Mexican government judged that by reason of the time which has elapsed and for the purpose of treating a case already passed the said incident could not continue as a proposal for the reciprocal passage of troops.

The fact that the United States had incorrectly interpreted the note of March 19 was called to the attention of the Washington Government, the statement points out, in a note dated March 17.

On March 18, the statement continues, Frank Polk, Acting Secretary of State, in an interview with the Carranza confidential agent, deplored not having received the observations of the Mexican government before American troops crossed the border, declaring that the passage of troops took place in the best of faith and in the belief that it would not be necessary to enter into more details of an agreement which was considered definite and ended.

Reference also is made in the note to the declaration made by President Wilson March 25, saying "the expedition was ordered under an agreement with the de facto government of Mexico for the purpose only of capturing the bandit Villa, whose forces have invaded territory of the United States, and on no pretext whatever would we order an invasion of that republic or a violation of its sovereignty."

In concluding the note, which is signed by Candido Aguilar, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, points out that, as the American expedition "has fulfilled its object insofar as it was able to do so, as the party headed by Villa has been dispersed, and finally, because there are Mexican troops in sufficient numbers pursuing them and more forces are being sent to exterminate the rest of the beaten party, the first chief of the constitutionalist army, charged with the executive power of the nation, considers that it is already time to treat with the United States Government for the withdrawal of their forces from our territory."

MEXICANS FIGHT TROOPS

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go to New York tomorrow night and speak there Saturday night.

Carranza's proposal for the withdrawal of the expedition seemed to meet the general sentiment in Congress that the Administration should be left free to handle the situation for the present. Whether the attack on the troops will alter that view remains for tomorrow's development.

The situation of the isolated detachment tonight is the cause of some anxiety. Outnumbered and possibly beleaguered in ambush in a notoriously anti-American district, and how far from reinforcements no one here knows, the troops may be in grave danger.

Baker Telegraphs Funston.
Secretary Baker conferred with members of the General Staff at the War Department tonight. Later he made this statement:
"I telegraphed General Funston a summary of the statements given out at the Mexican Embassy. I directed him to take all necessary steps to protect our people, to prevent further trouble, and to telegraph all details he can get as fast as possible. Unfortunately, we have no facts yet. I hope that reports of the incident are exaggerated and that it is only a local affair."

The Secretary declined to say whether General Pershing had orders to keep his troops in the vicinity of the town in the future. He pointed out that when the expedition reached Casas Grandes the question arose with the de facto government as to the "occupation" of any Mexican towns by the American troops, and orders were received not to occupy any town. Mr. Baker indicated, however, that these orders did not preclude the American troops from passing through such towns when necessary and that he did not consider that the de facto government was responsible for its 15,000 inhabitants, could be construed as an "occupation."

Parral Hard to Pass Around.
General Funston made clear in his dispatches that Parral is so important physically that it is difficult to pass around it and almost necessary to pass through it to proceed south. That probably is responsible for the cavalrymen's entering the town and officials noted that all the American reports agreed that they retired at once when the local officials protested against their presence. The War Department investigation will clear up how they came to enter.

The Carranza Embassy issued the following statement after the note and telegrams had been placed in Secretary Lansing's hands:
"Eliseo Arredondo, Ambassador designate of the Mexican government in Washington, voicing the sentiments of the Carranza Government, has today to the State Department to express Mr. Carranza's sincere regret for the occurrence in the Carranza Government of the de facto government of the United States, and the people of the United States, and the lamentable incident was the result of the mistake of the American government in entering the Carranza territory to the instructions of his Government. This can be readily seen from the note submitted by Mr. Arredondo to the Secretary of State."

Versions of Note Vary.
The official text of the note signed by Secretary Aguilar, made public here tonight, showed various differences in language from the unofficial version published today. In several instances terms of the translation as given out by the State Department are more diplomatic in substance, however, the texts are the same and present the argument that American troops should be withdrawn from Mexico as they had been sent on a misunderstanding by the State Department of the attitude of the de facto government.

There is one marked difference. In citing reasons for the proposal for the withdrawal of the American troops, the official text shows this language:
"And because this expedition is not fulfilling its object and undoubtedly cannot do so, because the band headed by Villa already has been dispersed."

The unofficial text says the expedition "has fulfilled its object, insofar as it was able to do so."

Pursuit Declared Unwarranted.
The concluding paragraph which formally terminates "for the present" negotiations over the proposed agreement to regulate the reciprocal passage of troops, in Secretary Lansing's suggestion that the Carranza pursuit be classed as outside the agreement and that the expedition is without warrant under the circumstances.

The note asserts, adding that it is "now time to treat with the Government of the United States on the subject of the withdrawal of its forces from our territory."

No State Department official who had studied it would comment on this aspect. It was intimated, however, that a misunderstanding might still exist in Mexico as to the attitude of the United States that the present expedition was in fact regarded at the State Department as coming under the terms of the agreement.

Should this prove to be the case, it is possible the diplomatic tangle might be straightened out quickly. The terms of the agreement as suggested originally or as amended by Secretary Lansing in his counter draft, referred to in the Carranza note, never have been made public. On the limited basis of the Carranza note, it is possible that the Carranza pursuit which might result from its inclusion under that agreement would be a violation of the President's decision as to what answer will be made to General Carranza.

Relief Plans Prepared in Advance.
Whatever steps the War Department took today or has already taken, further than Secretary Baker's letter to General Funston, with the possibility in view of an attempt to eject the American forces from Mexican soil, have not been disclosed. It is known, however, that military authorities have had that possibility in mind constantly, regarding the diplomatic status of the expedition. It is understood that the Carranza Government has virtually definite plans for the relief of any beleaguered column may have been mapped out.

The situation at Parral was unexpected. If official reports from General Pershing bear out the Mexican advice, it seems likely that the conduct of the Carranza expedition of the troops will be subjected to close scrutiny. Parral is described as lying at the base of a rugged mountain, on the bank of the river and flanking the stage road. It is thought possible by some officers that the commander of the American column merely sought to pass along the road which would lead the Carranza through the outskirts. The fact that Mexican messages say he reversed his march immediately after his objection was made by the Mexican officials was taken as proof that no attempt at occupation of this place was intended.

GIRL SEARCH NATION-WIDE
Wealthy Fresno Man Believes His Daughter Has Been Abducted.
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SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.—Bernard Meehan, a wealthy Fresno, Cal., business man, started a Nation-wide hunt today for his daughter, Bernice, who, he told the police, he believes has been abducted. Miss Meehan left here April 7 with a man, after telling her parents she was married in San Francisco. He father can find no record of the marriage here.

He received a telegram yesterday from Colorado Springs, Colo., stating that the husband had been killed riding horseback, and signed "Bernice." Inquiries there, however, have developed there had been no such accident and Mr. Meehan believes the message was a hoax.

Messages have gone out to Chiefs of Police in the principal cities of the West.

Klamath Falls Recall Pends.
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 13.—(Special.)—It was decided at Monday night's meeting of the City Council that the question of the recall of Councilmen Matthews, Miller and Doty will have to be considered at a special election after May 1.

ATTACK ON RUBBISH NOT TO BE SPORADIC

Make Portland Clean and Keep It So Is Object of Chamber of Commerce.

WORK TO BE CONTINUED

Prevention of Throwing Refuse Along Columbia Sought—Candidates' Cards to Be Torn Down From Poles in City.

What was declared to be the funeral of the tin can and the obsequies of rubbish and unsightly objects generally was held at the Chamber of Commerce last night under the auspices of that body. Delegates from more than 100 civic organizations and schools met and enlisted anew for the onslaught to be made on the rubbish heaps during the clean-up campaign planned for May 1-15.

Mayor Albee presided. City Commissioners were present and pledged the full co-operation of the city. Women's clubs of various kinds, parent-teacher bodies, schools, all kinds of local organizations generally, stood by the movement and announced their purpose as not to clean up Portland but to keep Portland clean.

"Make Portland as clean in September as in June; not only clean up the city, but keep it clean," was the keynote of the meeting. The clean-up movement extended even beyond the city limits, for it was moved that a committee be named to prevent throwing rubbish and picking flowers and foliage along the Columbia River Highway.

Last night's meeting was called by Mayor Albee, C. C. Coit, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and J. H. Dunbar, president of the Board of Education. A comprehensive plan for clean-up activities was presented and captains will be named in the various districts to direct the work.

Not only Mayor Albee, but Commissioners Doby and Baker promised co-operation of the city in cleaning up Portland. A municipal garbage collection system was proposed by Mrs. Alva Lee Stephens, president of the Portland Parent-Teacher Council.

Mrs. Lee Frankel, president of the Portland Women's Club, took the floor for the collection of tin cans and paper by the children, under the direction of a committee of 100. Mrs. R. D. Ingram, chairman, and Mrs. J. H. Frankel, plant exchange for the use of needy families.

W. M. Alderman, Superintendent of Schools, pledged the co-operation of the teachers and school children in the work. He also made a plea for an attack on littering, saying that, according to the 1910 census, there are 2400 adult white people in this city who can neither read nor write, and he said, is a lesser number than most cities of the size of Portland, but he urged that a campaign of education be undertaken that would make the Portland percentage the lowest of any.

Dr. Luther R. Dyott spoke for the Portland Women's Club, saying that the need for such work as was proposed is in homes not represented at the meeting. The ministers, he said, would do all they could to help.

Upon a resolution presented by N. G. Pike, it was decided to make the clean-up campaign an annual event. Samuel C. Lancaster made a plea for the preservation of native flora on the Columbia River Highway.

W. M. Davis was called on by Mayor Albee to tell what the candidates will do to lessen the election card evil, and he said a small army of boys is being recruited to tear down political placards that are placed on telephone poles and in other conspicuous places where they harm the appearance of the city.

FIRE BOMB PLOT DEVELOPS
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bonds. The others were paroled in the custody of Captain William M. Orlief.

of the local bureau of the Department of Justice. A further examination was set for April 27.

The complaint charges that the nine men "conspired and agreed among themselves that they should within the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the United States willfully, feloniously and corruptly surprise and by open force, unlawfully attack and set upon vessels belonging to others, with intent then and there unlawfully to despoil the owners of such vessels of money, goods and merchandise laden on board of such vessels."

HEROIC TALE IS TOLD

DR. SPIRO SARGENTICH DESCRIBES SERBIA'S OVERWHELMING.

Returned Portland Physician Tells Progressive Business Men's Club of Horrors of Great War.

"The third phase of the war is men when we look at the 2,000,000 men, Germans, Austrians and Bulgarians, swooping down on poor, little Serbia, meager 200,000, and—" Then Dr. Spiro Sargentich, Portland physician, halted, his voice quivering, hesitatingly, as though trying to find the correct word, and the masterful address to the Progressive Business Men's Club, yesterday at the Oregon Grill was ended before its conclusion, followed by rounds and rounds of applause for the speaker, whose emotions got the better of him, and his sorrow for his native country was vividly expressed in tears as he took his seat at the speakers' table.

Dr. Sargentich, who has just returned from the battlefields of blood-stained Europe, recalled his picture of the war, which "is hell," he said. The eyes of his audience were opened by his recitations of conditions in the hospitals, where he, at one time, was the only doctor for 1000 wounded men, as well as medical adviser for as many more poor, sick, homeless inhabitants of Serbia.

It was announced that the club's next speaker would be Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio, candidate for the Republican nomination for the Presidency. The club went on record as favoring arbitration in the railroad strike by adopting the following resolution:
"Whereas, such a strike as is threatened would be a severe blow to the Pacific Northwest, and it is the duty of the Progressive Business Men's Club of Portland, Ore., to take such action as may be necessary to prevent such a strike, and to be it further resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Progressive Business Men's Club, and be given due publicity."

PORTS TO FILE PROTEST

Representatives of Land Grant Sections to Meet at Eugene.

EUGENE, Ore., April 13.—(Special.)—Representatives of the various ports in the state of Oregon, and those of the districts Oregon & California lands are situated arrived in Eugene tonight for the purpose of attending a meeting tomorrow at which some formal demand will be made upon Congress for a division of the funds to be derived from the sale of the public lands as proposed in a bill now pending before Congress.

That the ports have been omitted from the apportionment of the funds proposed by the House committee has resulted in a storm of protest and it is possible that the various ports at the meeting tomorrow will decide to send a special representative to Washington. It is believed by some of the Port Commissioners that Congress should give at least 20 per cent, or one-half of the amount to be set aside for the reclamation funds, to the ports.

Delegates who arrived tonight were: Peter Logie, Port of Coos Bay; I. B. Cushman and Hans Peterson, Port of Siuslaw; Warren Reed and A. R. Christian, Port of Tillamook; Nehalem, Newport and Toledo; Colonel Ross, Port of Coquille.

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