

CHIHUAHUANS BALK AT SONORA ATTACK

Mexican Secessionists Report Cities Taken.

MICHOACAN JOINS REVOLT

Pro-Oregon Governor Flees to Hills With State Funds; Federal Troops in Command.

AGUA PRIETA, Sonora, Mex., April 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Chihuahua state troops and members of the "defense societies" or home guards, included in the federal force sent against Sonora have refused to attack that state, according to deserters from the federal troops who arrived here today.

The deserters, five in number, made their way through the mountains from near Casas Grandes, 200 miles over rough country to this town. Two were said to be officers. They were questioned by General J. M. Pina, Sonora commander, and his staff, and later it was announced that they had declared others were on the way. According to their story, the Carranza forces which started from Juarez to attack Sonora has not left Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, where it detained. Officers said it was awaiting reinforcements and transportation equipment to move its supplies over the long and difficult march through Pulpito Pass to Sonora territory.

Villa Reported Active.

The deserters brought word that Francisco Villa, whose field of activities for many months has been the state of Chihuahua, was increasing his activities in sections whence Carranza officers had drawn expedition troops for the march on Sonora. Meanwhile reports from the Sonora state forces operating against Carranza garrisons in Sinaloa, were optimistic. Announcement of military plans made by Sonora officials here, that Mazatlan, an important seaport in Sinaloa, the capital of which state, Culiacan, was captured yesterday, plans also include capture of Tepic, capital of Nayarit. In Sinaloa and Nayarit, Carranza forces were reported yesterday, and in Nayarit an actual revolt, in sympathy with Sonora, was reported.

Details of the capture of Culiacan have not been received here officially, but it was said the battle for possession of the town was short and that in its capture the Sonorans had gained large quantities of arms and ammunition.

Federal Assaults Anticipated.

Movement of troops to withstand the anticipated assaults by Carranza forces, either through Pulpito Pass from Chihuahua or from across the American border, should the United States permit troops to be moved in bond through that country from Juarez, opposite El Paso, continued today. Colonel J. M. Aguirre arrived from Nogales today at the head of 500 cavalry.

The camp of 455 Yaqui Indians, members of the Sonora force, here today attracted hundreds of visitors from Douglas, Ariz., directly across the boundary line. Many had their first view of the famous Indian fighters. The camp, with many of the Indians in their native garb, presented a picturesque scene. The Sonora soldiers here, compared with a modern army such as has been known in the last few years, presented a motley appearance. However, General Pina, as the 400 passed before him in review, said with evident pride: "How can we lose with such fine soldiers as these?"

Uniforms Are Varied.

Some of the marchers wore federal uniforms, others parts of federal uniforms and portions of civilian attire. Many were barefooted except for native hide sandals. Mounted men sat on big mules or little burros, work horses or small saddle ponies.

Another point of similarity was the almost universal possession of firearms and plentiful supplies of ammunition. The weapons themselves were of varied types—shotguns intended to fire buckshot, modern military rifles, sporting rifles of various models, Mausers, old and new type American Springfield and, according to some late models of American army rifles.

ANOTHER STATE IN REVOLT

Michoacan Governor Engineers Move and Flees With Money.

MEXICO CITY, Mex., April 18.—A revolt in the state of Michoacan, engineered by General Pablo G. Ortíz Rubio, governor of the state, and a strong supporter of Lieutenant-Colonel Alvaro Obregón, is announced in the government's second war bulletin issued early today. Governor Rubio, the bulletin states, has fled from Morelia, the state capital, with 100 men, accompanied by Major Jesús Millán with a command of 50 men.

General de la Torre, who came to the capital to confer with President Carranza, has been ordered to proceed immediately to Acambaro, and report to General Bruno Neiro, who has substituted in the Acambaro region for General José Rentería Lugliano, sent to take charge of the Sonora campaign.

According to the bulletin, Governor Rubio has fled to the hills, taking with him the contents of the state treasury. It adds that General Neiro has arrived at Morelia to take charge of military operations there and that a detachment of state troops had left the capital for Acambaro to pursue the outlaw governor and reinforce the Morelia garrison.

While the revolt of pro-Obregon authorities in Michoacan had been expected, it was considered officially as a purely local uprising. The remainder of the state is reported quiet.

A dispatch to El Universal from its correspondent at Morelia, claims that Colonel Obregón is there. It is stated that he is in open revolt. It is stated that this is not confirmed.

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man is selected by the state delegation to the national convention it is probable that if Guy Kelly of Pierce shows any strength outside of his own county for committeeman, he may seek a place on the delegation to Chicago.

Primary Repeat Fight Looms.

A fight for a platform declaration in favor of the repeal of the direct primary law is promised by Austin Mirra, elected to the state convention and selected as a member of the platform committee by Kittitas county. Repeal of the direct primary law also is urged in a resolution adopted by the Grays Harbor county convention. Efforts to repeal the law were three-

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