

U. S. CAVALRY DRILLS AT CALEXICO FULL SIGHT OF MEXICANS

Commandant at Mexicali, Just Over Line, Makes Protests, Fearing Trouble.

HIS FEARS ARE ALLAYED

Assurance Is Given by American Officers That They Will See There Is No Trouble from This City.

(United Press Laredo Wire.)
Calexico, Cal., April 25.—Troop L of the first cavalry arrived here early today and went into camp close by troop, which has been on the ground for several days. The regulars were met at the railway station by several troops of the first cavalry, National Guard, who arrived yesterday from Los Angeles.

The border was quiet today in spite of reports that conscription had been resorted to on the Mexican side.

Officers of the American forces here conferred late yesterday with Colonel Juan Lajero, commander of the Mexican garrison at Mexicali, opposite here. Lajero protested against the use by the American cavalry for a drill ground of a field close to the border, fearing that the sight of the Americans would inflame the soldiers across the line.

Officers of both commands gave assurances that they would make every effort to prevent trouble between their men.

Coast Artillery on Heights.

San Diego, Cal., April 25.—Two companies of regular coast artillery from San Francisco joined the American forces at San Ysidro, on the heights above Tijuana today, bringing two 15 pound field guns and several machine guns.

There are now 350 soldiers on the American side, with approximately twice that number of Mexican soldiers at Tijuana and in the hills back of Tijuana.

The naval reserves who joined the regulars at San Ysidro yesterday were sent back to guard the water system, after the arrival of reinforcements from San Francisco.

Captain Condon, in command at San Ysidro, today shut off all supplies from going into Tijuana from the American side.

Mexican Newspaper Seized.

Laredo, Tex., April 25.—Mayor McComb today ordered the seizure of the plant of El Guardo del Bravo, a Mexican newspaper, because of inflammatory utterances against America. J. P. Adams, the publisher, was not arrested.

Artillery Corps Ready for Battle

Eighth Company Has Room for a Dozen Recruits, Reports Captain Charles O. Brown.

There is room for 12 more recruits in the eighth company Coast Artillery Corps, according to Captain Charles O. Brown.

"The recruiting at the Army is progressing in fine shape," he said today, "and the corps is ready for a call to action. Each man has his field kit, and the company is ready to give the company's clerk his field kit number so that he can be notified at once."

A telegram from Senator Chamberlain was received last night from Governor West in which Chamberlain stated that he has made another application to the war department to convert the Oregon Coast Artillery into infantry for service. He said if the request is not granted he believes a bill under which the desired transfer could be made will be passed by congress.

Volunteers Would Get Positions Back

City Employees Assured by Mayor Albee and Members of the Municipal Civil Service Board.

City employees wishing to go to war will find their positions ready for them upon their return, according to Mayor Albee and the members of the municipal civil service board. Arrangements may be made for leaves of absence, and employees who are not to be allowed to go to war will be allowed time off, provided their positions would be held for them.

"You bet," Mayor Albee, when asked if the employees would be allowed to go. "As far as I am concerned, all wishing to go may do so. I have talked the matter over with members of the civil service board and they are anxious to put nothing in the way of those wishing to take part in the war."

Campaign of Fire Federals' Threat

Would Burn Every Town in Northern Mexico to Prevent Occupation by Americans; Troops Guard Bridges.

Laredo, Texas, April 25.—Using a locomotive with an electric headlight and many bonfires for illumination purposes, Americans troops last night guarded all approaches to international bridges, fearing a renewal of the attempt by Mexican federals to dynamite the structures.

The fire loss at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, yesterday was estimated at \$500,000 today. Federal troops have announced that before they would see Americans seize them they would burn every town between Nuevo Laredo and Monterrey.

It was reported this afternoon that constitutionalists were en route to occupy Nuevo Laredo.

Husband Seeks Divorce.

Oregon City, Or., April 25.—Married in January, 1912, and deserted by his wife in September of the same year, as he alleges, Lucian G. Biederstadt is suing Clara Biederstadt for a divorce in the circuit court of Clackamas county. They were married in Pasadena, Cal.

Recruiting Officer Is Ordered Here

Captain Swain, Retired, United States Army, to Be Sent Up From San Francisco.

Word was received today from San Francisco that Captain Harrison Swain, retired, of the United States marine corps, had been ordered to Portland to carry on the work of recruiting men for the service in this district. Captain Swain was at San Francisco, Cal., but is believed to be en route to Portland now.

Should he take charge of the recruiting station in the Panama building, this will give Lieutenant Frederick A. Uffell an opportunity to open several recruiting offices in various cities of Oregon and Washington, probably at North Yaluma, Walla Walla, Tacoma, Everett, Eugene and Salem.

Seven recruits were accepted for four year enlistments yesterday at the local station, making a total of 18 taken in during the last four days.

In addition to the large number of inquiries as to whether the government will allow two year enlistments.

TROOPS ARE DISCOVERED PREPARED TO MARCH AT MOMENT'S NOTICE

Kits Are All Packed and Equipment Inspected During Past Few Days.

All that remains to be done at Vancouver barracks in case the Twenty-first infantry, stationed there, is ordered to Mexico, is to march the men out and lock the barracks doors. During the last few days preparations for actual service have progressed rapidly under the guise of military routine. For the last two days Colonel Young supervised drill save gallery practice for the youngsters, and the soldiers gave their time to cleaning up the barracks, packing their kits and inspecting all equipment.

As an example of the thoroughness with which this was done, every tent was unpacked, spread and patched if needed. Work is usually done in the latter part of the morning, with an eye out for possible service. Colonel Young quietly moved the date for annual inspection up a few months.

At the present the Twenty-first is recruited below peace strength. Information has been received, however, that about 200 recruits would soon be sent to the barracks from one of the recruiting depots.

Although the officers are a unit in deploring that they received no word from Washington, they are, nevertheless, very busy preparing for actual movement.

The officers for the most part are married, and they are making arrangements to send their families to the homes of relatives or friends, although some are making arrangements to send their wives accompany them to the southern border if orders come for a move. Virtually every officer is winding up his business affairs, so confident are several that the Twenty-first will soon be moving southward that they have begun to pack their household goods.

Call for Militia Not Looked For.

In the opinion of regular army men, the Mexican trouble, even if it should develop into a war against a united Mexico, would mean the calling out of only the regulars and National Guard. "Under the new regulations," said one of the highest officers at the barracks yesterday, "the army would be recruited to full war strength would number 150 men. This would mean that the combined strength of the regulars and National Guard would be something like 400,000 men and never figured that we should need more than 250,000 to pacify Mexico. There will be any call issued for volunteer regiments."

Although it is not openly admitted, conscription plans for the invasion of Mexico have been made some time ago, it is said, and regimental commanders, so it is reported, are in possession of information concerning the probable destination of their troops in event of general hostilities.

U. S. MARINES CLEAN UP VERA CRUZ; STREET CARS RUNNING AGAIN

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The greatest precautions will have to be taken to prevent much sickness. The reestablishment of the municipal government was progressing slowly. Street cars were running and the newspapers had resumed publication. They gave lurid accounts of the city's capture.

Unquestionably there was an undercurrent of bitterly anti-American feeling. Nevertheless the city was regaining its normal air of calm. The cafes were crowded with laughing, chatting crowds last night while the marine band played in the plaza.

To the people who did most of the "sniping," the Americans were a problem. They could not understand how the bluejackets and marines could shoot and kill and feed and nurse their enemies the next.

General Funston's troops were expected in the city by a train from Vera Cruz and Zapotlan were no longer very seriously expected. Considering that the fleet's guns could annihilate the city, it was not surprising that American officers could not believe they would be so rash.

The exchange rate was raising. Food was scarce and prices were soaring. There were 40 Mexican dead to be buried and 250 wounded were in San Sebastian hospital with American surgeons and nurses in charge.

Illinois Tornado Kills Woman, Stock

Great Damage Done in Kankakee and Rockport Counties; Man Fatally Injured, Much Livestock Killed.

Kankakee, Ills., April 25.—Three villages were razed by a tornado in Kankakee and Iroquois counties today. Mrs. Horstene Collins was killed, a man fatally injured and hundreds of livestock killed. Details were unavailable as the tornado caused an interruption of all wire communication. The damage to farm property in the district struck by the tornado was estimated at \$100,000.

GUARD OFFICERS FIRST: 'POLITICAL PULL' NOT TO COUNT, SAYS WEST

Governor Asserts Enlisted Men Have Earned Right to Preference in Case of War.

MILITIA IS STILL WAITING

Army Continues to Be Scene of Warlike Preparations in Anticipation of a Call to the Colors.

As commander-in-chief of the Oregon National Guard, Governor West made it plain today that he will stand absolutely by officers of the National Guard and will see that none of them is superseded by anyone who is not seeking commissions now that actual service in Mexico is promised.

He made known his position in this regard first to the division of General Finzer last night and again to Major Knapp over long distance telephone today.

"I believe," said the chief executive, "that the men who are now enlisted in the guard and who earned their commissions by hard work should keep them and no political pull or push will be allowed to supersede them. The present officers worked for their commissions in time of peace. They equipped themselves for service and I intend to back them up."

"Should any vacancies occur, then will be time enough to look to former officers, all of whom are now offering their services, show their patriotism, something which I am sure the citizenship appreciates and likes to see."

At the adjutant general's headquarters today the president's policy of "watchful waiting" was in force. Not that it is desired, but because the long expected call to arms has not materialized, although the feeling is that it soon will.

Last night, at the Armory, 35 additional recruits were taken into the Third Infantry, which is now organized, working from 8:30 to midnight, could examine.

That the United States really expects war is the official hope held out for peace in various dispatches is evidenced by a wire received today by Adjutant General Finzer from General Mills, chief of the division of military affairs, stationed at Washington. In this telegram General Mills says: "Due to the movement of all regular army troops from Fort Riley, Kan., officers' camp, June 1 to 15, is canceled."

Officers Given Training.

The officers given is held for the purpose of giving them a field study of the organization of the army. Captain Hiram U. Welch, adjutant general, is in charge of the training. Captain Hiram U. Welch, adjutant general, is in charge of the training.

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MEXICANS KILL FOUR AMERICANS IN CITY OF MEXICO, LATE REPORT

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When the United States embassy was closed.

It was hoped that Americans would take refuge at other countries' embassies, but this was not the case. Some thought Huerta would be afraid not to protect.

It was said, however, that the mobs were not organized, and many fears were entertained that they would not discriminate.

Await Army's Coming.

At the navy department it was said that if it were true Americans had been killed, it would mean that the United States hand would not be forced into the war.

The president was not at his desk but was in constant touch with the cabinet members.

Chairman Stone of the senate foreign relations committee was still on crutches but was able to resume his duties. He visited the White House today.

It was said no further warlike measures would be taken at present unless fears of violence at the Mexican capital were increased.

Railroad Men Arrested.

Bryan had received word that 20 railroad men were arrested on a train running from Tijuana to San Diego. They were on their way to the coast, and taken to Orizaba.

From a train running between Yriplata and San Juan Del Rio, 125 men, women and children were taken and detained despite their pleas that they be allowed to go on to Vera Cruz.

The state department notified British Ambassador Sir Cecil Spring-Rice of the reported arrest of an Englishman, and the Brazilian embassy in Mexico City, acting for the United States, was asked to investigate and make all necessary representations to President Huerta concerning steps for the protection of foreigners.

It was feared, however, that not many more would be taken. Americans in Mexico City had been disarmed and had no means of defending themselves if attacked. Even the stores of arms at the United States embassy were seized by the dictator before Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy's departure.

War Tax Discussed.

Secretary of Treasury McAdoo was understood to favor the introduction of a war tax measure in congress that there might be plenty of time for its consideration and it would not have to be hurried through in a hurry at the last moment, should it become necessary.

War Talk Keeps Ft. Stevens Awake

Members of the Hospital Corps En Route; Shells and Field Gun Ammunition Shipped by Fast Freight.

Fort Stevens, Or., April 25.—Excitement prevails at the mouth of the river fortifications because of the departure of the members of the hospital corps for Mexico and the heavy shipments by fast freight of shells and field gun ammunition.

Officers and men have their field equipment ready for the hour. Wireless stations are manned at all times with relays of operators.

Field equipment, tents, blanket rolls and supplies are being inspected daily. All troops have been provided with identification tags with their names and rank inscribed thereon. The batteries are preparing extra rations.

The more conservative element holds that the war department will not send the coast defense troops, except as a last resort in view of the possibility of the use of the coast.

They point out that there is no navy on the western coast and that the coast artillery is the only protection the harbors have.

Ensenada Is Quiet; Americans Are Safe

Relations Were Strained by False Reports of Fighting on Border, But Americans Have Retired to Country.

San Diego, Cal., April 25.—American Consul Guyant, at Ensenada, Lower California, in answer to a query as to conditions there, telegraphed the San Diego office today that there were no reports of fighting on the border.

"Ensenada is quiet and all Americans have temporarily retired to the country. All are safe. There was no rioting here, but there were some disturbances in the operations of the road club, citizens in almost every community having taken up the idea and turning out in large numbers."

The city and county have each bought several thousand yards of crushed rock to be spread today, and overhauled and going on with the output of their bunkers for the occasion. The paving companies have given the free use of their wagons and tools and hundreds of citizens are working their teams gratis.

McMinnville Was Busy.

McMinnville, Or., April 25.—"Good Roads day" was observed in McMinnville today. The city and county yesterday instead of today and many of the business men responded to the call for "better roads" by donating money to the work of the county court, which is to improve the roads under the supervision of the road supervisors.

Rev. E. V. Stivers, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, spent the whole day in the city, with a shovel. Other business men and motorists from McMinnville were seen in action. Thirty farmers furnished gravel and sand for the work of the road supervisors.

County Judge Pearce expressed himself as well pleased with the spirit of the day's work and reports from various supervisors show a splendid response to the call for improvement of the roads.

County Officials Work.

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O'SHAUGHNESSY AT VERA CRUZ; BRINGS OUTRAGE REPORTS

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out from Mexico City Huerta issued an order prohibiting any more Americans from either leaving or entering. This was a blow to the members of the American chargé d'affaires, who had an even severer one to the unprotected Americans in the smaller towns in the vicinity, since it deprived them of what protection they might have hoped for by seeking refuge in the capital.

Americans' Homes Searched.

Thursday night the dictator ordered all Americans' homes searched for arms and money. Various women's clubs, societies and organizations were on hand at the noon hour with plenty of "pork and beans" and other food.

The Mexican City newspapers were issuing the wildest extra editions. One advised the Mexicans to "chop the dogs up."

The diplomatic party's transfer from the Mexican to the American train was made along a railroad embankment through a tropical swamp between sky-line markings and the sea.

About a mile of torn up track separated the two trains.

Captain H. McL. Huse crossed this interval alone. Approaching the Mexican capital, he saw a white flag and the Mexican colors. Colonel Carona met and shook hands with him.

Like Exchange of Prisoners.

"By order of my president," said the Mexican officer, "I deliver to you the American chargé d'affaires, and the American consul and their staffs."

Captain Huse grasped the hands of O'Shaughnessy and Shanklin, thanked Colonel Carona and then said to the latter:

"I have brought on my train many Mexicans who wish to leave Vera Cruz. Admiral Fletcher desires me to say that he would like to have Americans in the capital wish to leave. He will be pleased to open passenger traffic both ways between the two cities. As an earnest of his wish he instructs me to turn over to you a wife and daughter of General Maas."

Colonel Carona greeted the two women, who are relatives of Huerta, warmly, and asked if they belonged to 250 Mexicans he had brought on his train to cross the line into what is still recognized as Mexican territory.

O'Shaughnessy speaks for Americans.

Perhaps allowed Mr. O'Shaughnessy to the Mexican colonel, "you can now arrange for the departure of the Americans still in Mexico City."

LANE COUNTY GOOD ROADS CLUB GETS PLEASING RESULTS

Pick and Shovel Army Responds to Call to Action and Dirt Flies.

OTHER SECTIONS ACTIVE

Citizens Generally Give Day of Labor and the Use of a Great Many Teams.

Eugene, Or., April 25.—Perhaps 2500 Eugene men are at work on the county roads and the city streets today, observing the good roads day as set aside by Governor West. The work is in charge of the Lane County Good Roads club, which has held a series of meetings during the past two weeks and created enthusiasm among the citizens of Eugene and the entire county.

There are many crews at high tide in various parts of the county, independent of the operations of the road club, citizens in almost every community having taken up the idea and turning out in large numbers.

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Governor Asks for Volunteer Names

Mayors of Principal Cities in State Sent Letters and Blank Petitions for Proposed Cavalry Troop Names.

Salem, Or., April 25.—Governor West today sent letters and blank petitions to the mayors of the principal cities in the state for signatures of those who wish to organize a troop in the proposed cavalry regiment. He advised the mayors that the names of the proposed troops should be given in the returned petitions with a reasonable number of signatures and would be given in the proposed organization.

"While the organization is progressing nicely, nothing is being