

UNCLE SAM MAY TAKE MEXICAN RAILROAD FOR USE OF ARMY

General Pershing Is Said to Have Notified Funston He Must Establish Bases.

CAVALRY FORCES PROCEED

American Horsemen Have Reached Mexican Settlement in Fertile Casas Grandes Valley.

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successful use of the seven aeroplanes from the San Antonio corps in scouting with the expedition. Their work was done in a novel manner. Soaring southward from Columbus at a speed of 50 to 75 miles an hour, the machines easily caught up with the main division of infantry and artillery.

Flies Return to Columbus.

Passing the cavalry in the vanguard the aeroplanes sailed somewhat nearer the ground to make observations of the country in advance of the troops. The aviator then turned for Columbus and, on alighting there, made a report of his observations which was sent back over the signal corps field wireless to Pershing.

The seven aeroplanes were in their hangars at Columbus tonight. All have made flights with the expedition since it entered Mexico last Wednesday. As long as the main division is within easy reach of Columbus the machines will be maintained at the base camp. The birdmen expect to engage in real scouting for Villa when a permanent base for the expedition is established in Mexico.

Field Wireless Unsatisfactory.

The operation of the field wireless has not proved entirely satisfactory. Four of the five outfits with the main body were out of commission tonight, awaiting repairs. Pershing's communication with his base at Columbus was seriously impaired.

Dodd struck into the heart of Villa's territory by one of the most remarkable marches in the annals of American army history. Leaving Hachita, in the dead of night, he entered Mexico before Thursday and, by forced marches over a desert, hilly country, arrived at Casas Grandes early today, insuring the safety of 500 American Mormon colonists frequently reported in danger of extermination by the Columbus raiders.

Negro Cavalry Makes Record.

Resting in the heat of mid-day and traveling partly by the brilliant moonlight of the desert, the Seventh and Tenth (negro) regiments of cavalry in Dodd's division covered the 75 or 100 difficult miles in time regarded as extraordinary, considering the nature of the country.

Mormon scouts acquainted with every trail and water hole piloted the vanguard. The division was under orders from Major General Frederick Funston, directing the expedition from San Antonio, to rescue the American colonists. From the time it left the vicinity of Hachita it was practically cut off from communication with Pershing, heading the Columbus column about 50 miles to the east.

Mexicans Get News First.

American army men here were dependent upon the announcement of the Carranza authorities in Juarez for their first information of Dodd's arrival in Casas Grandes. Local Mormons later learned that the United States cavalry already were in the midst of the Dublan colonists, presumably able to take on light supplies and refresh their mounts in preparation for taking up Villa's trail.

While the border country was ringing tonight with tales of Dodd's feat, Carranza officials made the important announcement that the American expedition would be permitted to receive its supplies over the Mexico & Northwestern railway via Juarez.

Supply Question Solved.

Carranza Consul Garcia and General Gavira, of Juarez, stated that they have not yet been requested for this permission, but that if the United States authorities desired it, the privilege would be granted. If the de facto government at Queretaro approves the stand taken by the local officials, the difficult problem of supplying General Pershing's division of cavalry, infantry, artillery and accompanying units of the hospital, signal and aviation corps will have been solved. Visitors

OFFERS \$50,000 FOR FRANCISCO VILLA



Colonel Slocum, U. S. A., commander of the Thirteenth cavalry, in consultation with a number of his staff officers over a map, at Columbus, N. M. Colonel Slocum has offered \$50,000 for the capture of Villa, dead or alive.

FUNSTON IS ORDERED TO SPEED CAMPAIGN FOR VILLA'S CAPTURE

Alarming Reports That Villa Sympathizers Are Stirring Mexicans' Cause.

Washington, March 18.—(I. N. S.)—Orders went forward from Washington to General Funston tonight to speed up his campaign to capture Villa.

These orders were inspired by alarming reports from the border that pro-Villa propagandists are inciting Mexicans in the interior to rise against the invading American forces.

Acting Secretary of State Polk went to the White House tonight to place the reports on the Mexican situation before the president.

It was after this conference that the speed up orders were sent to General Funston. The latter is expected to communicate with General Pershing, commanding the joint expeditionary forces in interior Mexico to use all haste in running down Villa and his bandit force.

Confidential dispatches to the state and war departments tonight indicate that uneasiness is spreading rapidly in Mexico today. Mexicans along the border have been sending reports into the interior placing the wrong construction on the expedition against Villa. These reports have served to cause alarm among Mexicans.

The situation is believed to be such that there will be serious danger of trouble if the American troops remain long in Mexico.

At Arredondo, Carranza's ambassador designate in Washington, was in conference with Acting Secretary Polk at the state department this afternoon. Officials remained silent after the conference, but it is understood that Arredondo impressed on Mr. Polk the necessity for haste in the Villa expedition that the American troops may be withdrawn at the earliest possible moment.

to Columbus, N. M., returned tonight with stories of the wagon trains going and coming in an almost continuous stream from the base camp there.

Carranzistas Boastful. What has happened to the well presented Carranza attempt to take Villa and under the American expedition unnecessary was a mystery here tonight. War Minister Obregon was said to be engaged in a complete reorganization of the Carranza forces. A large number of de facto soldiers sent into Chihuahua before cooperation with the United States troops was announced as the Carranza policy, were much closer to Villa than any American forces.

Supply Team Passes El Valle. Reports from another reliable source also told of Villa's march. Santa Ana and San Gerónimo. His supply train, traveling somewhat slower than the border, has passed southward through El Valle in the Guerrero district.

The rumor that Villa was planning to continue south until he can unite forces with Zapata was not generally credited in El Paso. Strong Carranza forces are between Villa and the de facto government tonight announced a new campaign of extermination.

As reports of Villa's whereabouts were at least 24 hours old when they reached the border his start on Dodd's column was now believed to be perhaps two days' march, and his chances good for hiding in his favorite haunts or leading the American expedition into the heart of Mexico, which ever he plans to do.

Amputation Not Sailed. That the Carranza authorities knew of Villa's amputation at Numaquipa but made no effort to prevent him getting it caused no surprise here as Villa has a strong following in the Guerrero district. Men who know the wily outlaw believe he will not make a stand until he has either aroused

Slocum's Offer of \$50,000 Confirmed

Military Authorities Say Report Colonel Would Give Money for Villa, Dead or Alive, Is Authentic.

Columbus, N. M., March 18.—(U. P.)—Military authorities here tonight confirmed the report that Colonel H. J. Slocum, whose wife is a niece of Mrs. Russell Sage, had offered \$50,000 reward for Villa, dead or alive.

At Slocum's request the offer of the reward was sent to Colonel Dodd's cavalry column, the most advanced division of the expedition.

Army officials declined to comment on the apparent lack of precedent for Slocum's offer, but indicated they expected results from it when it becomes generally known in Villa's territory.

the poor class against the "gringos" or until the Americans are drawn into a district filled with his loyal sympathizers.

Repeated suggestions that Mexican blood shed at the hands of the American expedition would set off a rebellion against the de facto government's co-operation with the expedition, General Gavira today said:

"General Carranza has proved his ability to control the Mexican people and his generals have supported him."

Disapproves of Expedition. Gavira plainly intimated, however, that he strongly disapproved of the passage of the United States troops over Mexican soil.

The restraint our people have shown," he declared, "is due to their confidence in General Carranza."

That this restraint may burst all bounds as the American troops enter the interior of Mexico was the fear which gripped the border tonight.

With indications that the first skirmish might momentarily take place, interest in the progress of the expedition reached an intense stage, but the military censorship cut off practically all news.

Censorship Was Tightened. Reports that Villa "spies" were watching Columbus resulted in the censorship being tightened. Correspondents who visited the camp there were threatened with federal prosecution if they gave out any vital information of troop movements.

Telegraph messages were limited to harmless descriptions of camp life and to the threat of Columbus pioneers who have boosted prices of foodstuffs and turned the front parlor into a lunch room.

According to the best obtainable information here, Pershing's main division had split into two columns which with Dodd's cavalry squadron makes three columns in the field. Pershing's main and secondary forces were reported to be midway between the border and Casas Grandes, while Dodd's men were below Dublan.

No Movement Shown. Julio Sanford, American member of the Carranza garrison at Ascencion, arrived in El Paso with the report that Pershing's cavalry scouts had passed southward a short distance west of Guzman. He said the Ascencion garrison knew of the expedition and its purpose and that there was no resentment against the invasion.

Sanford's claim that the American expedition had not aroused the Mexicans to revolt was confirmed by Consul Garcia. He reported all peaceful in northern Chihuahua and stated that where Dodd's column passed the large Mexican quarter in Casas Grandes there was no sign of disorder.

To show his good faith in cooperating with the expedition, General Gavira, stationed with some martial any Carranza soldier in Juarez who gives out information of the United States troop movements.

The Columbus censor refused all information excepting the statement that no hostile act so far has marked the American advance.

WILSON'S CAMPAIGN SLOGAN IS SELECTED, PREPAREDNESS AIM

"Peace, Prosperity and Preparedness" to Be "Battle Cry" of Democratic Hosts.

Washington, March 18.—(U. P.)—With the national conventions only a few months away, work for the reelection of President Wilson is on in full swing. Reams of campaign matter are being compiled at headquarters.

Activity is much greater than in the Republican headquarters and is expected to continue so until after the Chicago convention names the Republican candidate.

Work for Wilson is proceeding on the theory that he will be unopposed in his own party. Bryan's recent announcement through Chairman Thompson of the Nebraska state committee, that he will be found for Wilson at the convention, all doubt in the minds of other leaders.

The Democratic leaders have already picked a slogan. It is: "Wilson stands for peace, prosperity and preparedness."

"Americanism" is the probable response from the opposition, Republican and Progressive. Talks with leaders make clear their intention to hammer Wilson's foreign policies hard, in their belief that the president has not lived up to best American traditions in his handling of foreign relations.

They will take much of their campaign matter, no matter who their candidate is, they say, from speeches of Democratic senators and representatives in opposition to Wilson's foreign policies.

Wilson will be seen on the stump to some extent, there is reason to believe, notwithstanding the plan announced earlier whereby he contemplated remaining most of the summer at Long Branch, N. J. He is expected to visit certain states not visited since he was elected.

Democratic politicians of the administration are giving considerable thought to the part Roosevelt is likely to play. Whatever direction it takes, they say, it will be important. They agree he will be in the campaign, up to his hat, whether or not he is a candidate.

"We know he won't be on the sidelines," said one of them today. They give his strenuous utterances on the subject much of the credit for condemning the battery of their opponents into the word "Americanism."

Engineers Will Meet. The Oregon Society of Engineers will meet at the sixth floor grill room of the Oregon building tomorrow night for an informal smoker.

John Lytle Harrington, consulting engineer in charge of the Interstate bridge, will describe the bridge, with photographs, maps and charts to illustrate.

TONIGHT at 7:45 AT WALL'S HALL Corner E. 12th and Lexington; Sellwood Car.

CATLIN LECTURE on BIBLE PROPHECIES and CURRENT EVENTS

Intensely Interesting

Los Angeles, March 18.—(U. P.)—Sheriff Joseph dispersed a Chihuahua band of Mexicans on El Monte road today, believing they planned an uprising. The Mexicans said they had no interest in international affairs and were merely having a "party."

Mrs. Thorne Passes Away. Mrs. Mary Thorne, age 81 and widow of the late James Thorne, died yesterday at her home, 355 East Yamhill street. She leaves two daughters and two sons, namely, Georgia Graham of Portland, Flora M. Raymond of Ariel, Wash., and Herbert J. and Frank S. Thorne of Portland. The remains are at the residence establishment of J. P. Finley & Sons, Fifth and Montgomery streets. Funeral arrangements will be made later.

ARMY AND NAVY JOIN TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY IN MEXICO

Cooperative Action While Funston's Troops Are Pursuing Villa Arranged.

USE OF RAILROAD ASKED

That Carranza Will Grant Permission for Supplies to Go by Railroad, Is Informally Stated.

Washington, March 18.—(I. N. S.)—Plans for cooperative action by the army and navy to protect American life and property in Mexico while Funston's troops are pursuing Villa were made at a conference between Secretaries Baker and Daniels today. Reports of serious conditions in the Tampico oil district where there are 1000 Americans and foreigners were communicated to Secretary Daniels. The reports will be communicated to Admiral Fletcher that the Atlantic fleet may be held in readiness for any move that may be found necessary.

Another significant move in the Mexican situation was made today when an informal request was sent to General Carranza for permission to send supply trains into Mexico over the Mexican & Northwestern railroad out of El Paso.

Permission to Be Given. The state department took this action at the request of General Funston, communicated to the war department.

Washington officials have been informally told that General Carranza will grant this permission, provided local conditions will permit.

Secretary Baker left Washington today for his home in Cleveland. He will remain there until Tuesday. Meanwhile Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, will be acting secretary of war.

Before Leaving Secretary Baker Is

Issued the following statement:

Sample Excitement Reported.

"The reports received directly through military channels and those from other departments of the government indicate quiet along the entire border except some excitement at Tampico which is apparently temporary and without cause."

"There are no reports of the operations of the expedition available for publication."

Secretary Baker would not go into details as to the excitement at Tampico, but he said that the reports he had received on this condition had influenced his action in communicating with the navy department.

Fleet in Ready Position.

The navy already has ordered 800 marines from Philadelphia to Pensacola to be ready for duty along the Mexican coast if their services are necessary. There are also 1000 marines in Haiti that could be moved to Mexico on short notice if needed. In addition to the battleship Kentucky, now

en route to Vera Cruz, and the gunboat Machias at Tampico, the entire Atlantic fleet is at the naval base off Guantanamo within a short distance of Mexican waters.

The state department today issued an extended report on conditions in Mexico. The destruction of a bridge on the Mexico & Northwestern railroad near Veraltillos and destruction of the postoffice and other buildings at Monterrey by fire were reported.

The railroad bridge destroyed in the line that will be used by Funston to transport supplies to the troops. The statement said:

Telegraphic advice dated March 17 from Brownsville state that there has been no trouble so far and that there are no indications that there will be.

"Quiet prevails at Nogales." Frank L. Polk, counselor for the state department, was in conference today with Charles W. Burdette, Washington attorney for General Carranza. Mr. Polk informally communicated to him the request of General Funston for permission to use the Mexican railway, which is government owned, for troop movements.

Dodd Reported Still Far From Villa Band

Carranza Scouts Say He Is Wearing Galena—Summers of Trouble Among Carranzistas Garzonas Denied.

Douglas, Ariz., March 18.—(U. P.)—Carranzistas scouts arrived in Agua Prieta tonight and reported to General P. Elias Calles, confirming the report that Colonel Dodd's American cavalry was nearing Galena. They declared, however, that Dodd was still far from Francisco Villa's forces.

With the denial by Calles and Ives G. Leveier, Carranzistas consul here, among the Carranzistas at Chihuahua, rumors of trouble there have quieted. General Calles also dispelled rumors of a revolt in the garrison at Hermosillo.

Bandits Slay Owner Of Mexican Ranch

El Paso, Tex., March 18.—(I. N. S.)—Eduardo Visconti, owner of the large Estancia ranch, situated 100 miles south of Ojinaga, was murdered by Mexican bandits late Wednesday afternoon. That his family, consisting of a wife and two young sons, escaped a similar fate, was due to the fact that several hours before the tragedy Mrs. Visconti and the sons started for Santa Rosalia, 80 miles southeast.

Babes Save Father-From Prison. San Francisco, March 18.—(U. P.)—Sam Hartmann yelled "You lie!" at a lawyer during an alimony hearing today. Judge Graham ordered him to jail for a month.

Two daughters clinging to him as bailiffs approached. The sight softened Judge Graham. He cancelled the sentence, and Hartmann departed with his children romping beside him.

VILLA IS BEGINNING TO FEEL ENCIRCLING NET OF AMERICAN FORCES

Leader With Less Than 400 as Bodyguard Was Near Galena on Friday.

BAND SPLIT IN SECTIONS

Division Made to Facilitate March and to Confuse United States Troops in Pursuit.

San Antonio, Texas, March 18.—(U. P.)—"Pancho" Villa in his retreat near Colonia Gracia, in the Galena district, is tonight mentally balancing the problem of fight or run.

With less than 400 men as an immediate personal bodyguard about him the leader is beginning to feel, for the first time since he galloped into the battle-torn village of Columbus, N. M., the tug of the encircling net being drawn about him by Uncle Sam's forces aided by "First Chief" Carranza.

Consul Sends Information. From the American consul at Chihuahua General Funston late today received his first information of Villa's whereabouts, other than reports from American sources. The American consul wired that Villa was seen Friday at Colonia Gracia, a small Mexican hamlet near the village of Galena.

This seems to effectually dispose of the report that the bandit leader had reached Las Cruces, more than 100 miles south of Casas Grandes. With Villa at Colonia Gracia were 400 men. These, however, are known to be merely a personal bodyguard and officers at Fort Sam Houston do not regard the number as at all indicative of Villa's real strength.

Carranza Troops Gather. As the bandit chieftain passed south of the scene of the Columbus raid, he detached at various points bodies of troops in order to secure the double advantage of faster time and of confusing the forces sent in pursuit.

In spite of his craftiness the net is closing in, according to authoritative Mexican sources. South of Galena, Carranza is massing a body of several thousand soldiers along the Northwestern railway to operate between Villa's present position and the Sierra Madre.

Forging south at a speed that up to today had been relatively faster than Villa's retreat is the cavalry under Colonel Dodd, which made the wonderful dash of 100 miles in 48 hours to make certain of the safety of the Mormon colonists about Casas Grandes and to intercept Villa's flight to the mountains to the west.

Will Pass Through Ojinaga. Close behind Dodd is the main cavalry column of General Pershing. Protecting Pershing's line of communication are infantry regiments. The immediate future seems full of trouble for Francisco Villa.

General Funston officially stated tonight that American troops will pass through Mexican cities and towns

Cornering of Villa Is Called Difficult Job

Student of Mexican Affairs Says Villa's Fate Will Depend on How He Is Cornered.

Oakland, Cal., March 18.—(U. P.)—For 15 years Dias rurales, familiar with every inch of the country in which Francisco Villa is now seeking refuge, pursued him without being able at any time to make him fight. American troops face an exceedingly difficult task in trying to do in a few weeks the work which rurales could not do in 15 years.

This is the opinion of Herman Whitaker, student of Mexican affairs, who spent two months in Villa's Terreon camp during the heavy campaigning of 1914.

Whitaker says the desert stretches for 400 miles below the border, with the desolate Sierra Madre running through the middle of it. Villa knows every spring and cave. He could easily, Whitaker says, order his men to scatter if hard pressed and meet him again at some rendezvous miles away.

From the border to Villa's home in Guerrero is 1400 miles and the bandit chief could follow the mountains all the way, is Whitaker's belief.

"In those mountains," declared Whitaker, "Villa will be as hard to catch as a flea in a stack of hay."

when such passage is necessary, but will not encamp, nor occupy them in the military sense. It was pointed out that there would be no military advantage in occupying towns, and that the danger of troops catching typhoid and other diseases due to faulty sanitation, would be greatly increased.

"Sniping" Is Expected.

That "sniping" by Villistas upon advancing columns south may be expected at any time, was stated by army officers at department headquarters here. The country through which the troops are passing is filled with former Villa soldiers, but a clash with a considerable body of Villistas is not considered likely.

until the American troops go south from Casas Grandes. It is possible Pershing's cavalry column may overtake Colonel Dodd's command east Sunday and the two may unite for the second stage of the march southward.

Movie Men Troubled.

Following the report that an enterprising movie photographer had smuggled himself into Mexico with Pershing's troops, frantic telegrams have been pouring in upon General Funston asking for a "square deal." It was announced tonight that no moving picture operator is known to be with the troops, and that no authority for such a person had been issued. A wireless was sent General Pershing to send back to the way this film operator who may have joined the expedition without authority.

Funston Gets Little Rest.

General Funston, who has been working from 10 to 12 hours daily since the Columbus raid, does not hope to be able to take advantage of Sunday rest.

He will wait at headquarters until tomorrow for wireless reports from Pershing.

The announcement that Colonel Sichel of the Twelfth cavalry will hereafter be in command of the border control in the vicinity of Columbus, was made late today. He will have two troops. Major Samples will remain in charge of the Columbus base, under the direction of General Pershing.

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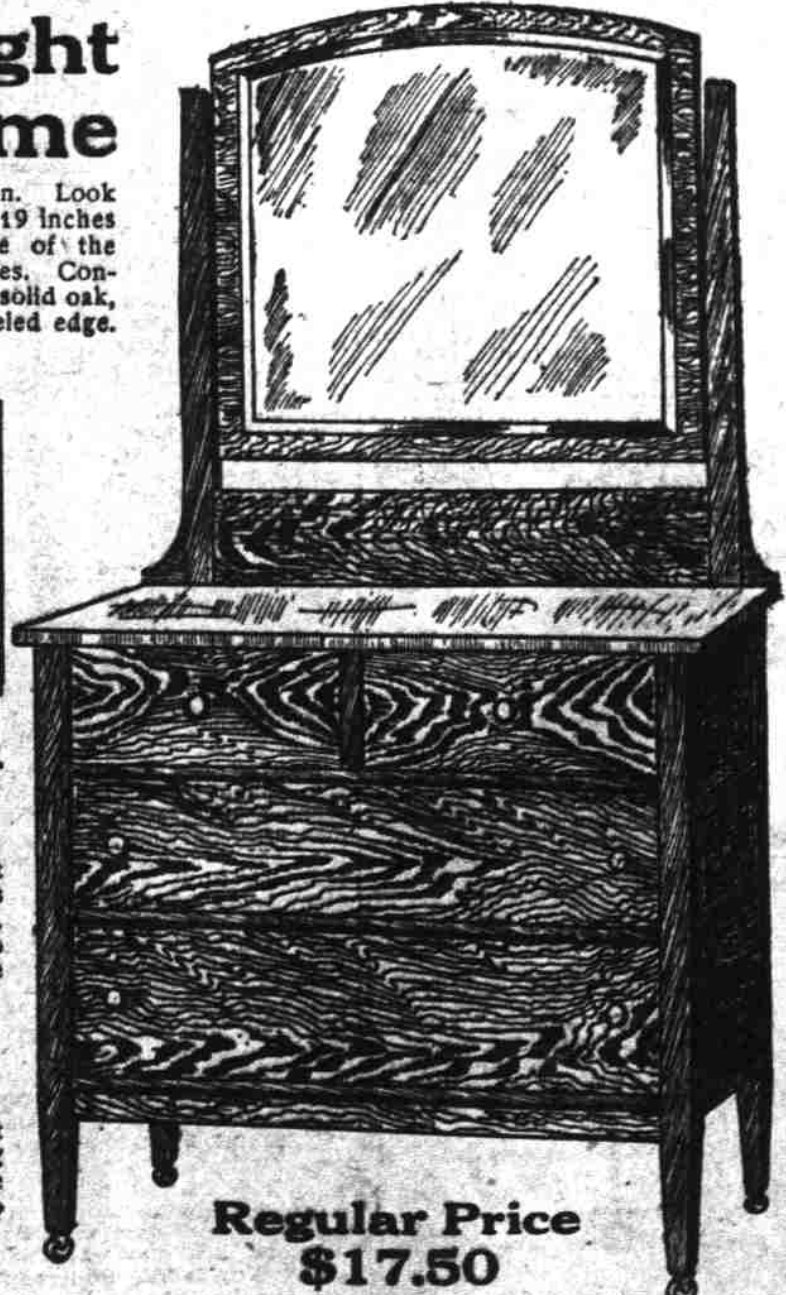
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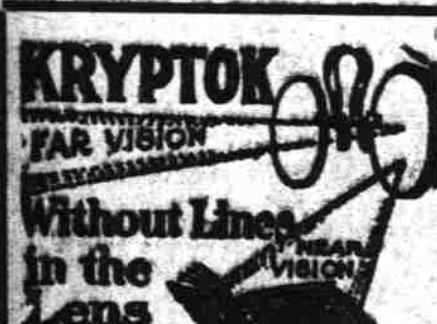
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