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### FEDERALS ATTACK NEW MINOR REVOLT

General Calles Orders Army  
That Took Vera Cruz to  
Continue Campaign

MEXICO CITY, Mr. 14.— (AP)—General Plutarco Calles, who is directing the federal government operations in an attempt to stamp out the current rebellion, today ordered soldiers who last week terminated the revolt in the state of Vera Cruz, to go to Irapuato. That town is an important rail junction in the state of Guanajuato.

The task for these troops will be suppression of activities by insurgents whose motive, according to government sources, is religious. Mention of that situation in the government bulletin gave the first prominence to that movement since the military rebellion broke out in northwest and southeast sections of the republic ten days ago.

The government bulletin said that Governor Ramirez of the state of Jalisco had organized two regiments of volunteers which, with the troops brought from Vera Cruz, would be ample to hold the Guanajuato disturbances in check. The Jalisco and Guanajuato religionists have been blamed by the government for trouble which has occurred in those mountainous states for more than two years.

#### Northern Section Sees Much Action

Today's communique indicated that the most insignificant activities in the rebellion are taking place along the American boundary of the state of Sonora. That region has been considered a possible backdoor for the escape of rebel leaders in case their revolt failed.

Yesterday's capture of Naco, an important intermediary rail point between the rebel forces of Sonora and Chihuahua, was said by the government to have been a heavy blow to the rebellion. Imminent fall of Agua Prieta was predicted and it was said that this, taken with the capture of Naco, would completely sever communications between the Sonora and Chihuahua rebels.

The government claimed that the rebel leaders have been thoroughly alarmed by this situation and that many of them have been transferring their funds to banks on the United States side of the border. The object of this would be to give them money for subsistence when they are forced into exile by the collapse of the rebellion.

#### Federals Now Claim Saltillo

The communique announced also that Saltillo, in the state of Coahuila, was occupied by the federals this morning. The rebels had held the city for nearly ten days but the government announcement said that they fled without firing a shot.

General Ignacio Otero commanded the troops which took possession of the city. The flight of the rebels voided an encircling movement by which the federal leaders had hoped to cut them off from the road to Torreon.

It was surmised that the Saltillo rebels were making their way toward Torreon where General U. Gonzalo Escobar, commander-in-chief of all rebel forces, has been concentrating troops to resist the advance of General Calles. The rebels have held Torreon since the start of the outbreak and are supposedly strongly entrenched.

The city lends itself naturally to a strong defense. It is surrounded by high hills and if the rebels have enough men to occupy all those heights with machine guns and artillery, a heavy battle might result.

Federal forces are converging on Torreon from all available directions. Besides the troops un-

der General Otero which now can leave Saltillo in their rear as they proceed westward, a strong force under General Almazan is headed toward Escobar's stronghold.

### BOULDER SURVEY IS TO COST \$230,000

DENVER, Colo., March 14.— (AP)—The cost of preliminary engineering work which must precede the construction of Boulder Dam, will be financed from a special appropriation of \$230,000 made by the last congress for "investigation of reclamation projects" Dr. Elwood L. Mead, United States reclamation commissioner, announced at a conference of engineers here today.

Because of the terms of the Swing-Johnson bill which provides for the construction of the dam by the government, the funds will not be available for use on Boulder Dam until June 23, six months after the bill was signed by President Coolidge and then only in the event that the six state pact is in effect.

Dr. Mead is meeting here with 13 reclamation engineers for discussion of unfinished work which confronts the reclamation department.

"Our present conference in Denver is to consider many details in the expenditure of our appropriation of \$11,000,000 for the fiscal year 1929-1930," said Dr. Mead. "In our 20 years of service there have been left many projects still unfinished and as we are nearing the end of our ten-year program we want to clear all of them up."

"Our next duty will be to consider project in the San Luis valley of Colorado, for in Colorado we have no unfinished projects and we may consider some new ones. The largest prohibition for the San Luis is the construction of the state line reservoir on the Rio Grande river on the Colorado-New Mexico state line. This will require a large dam and will involve the expenditure of several millions."

On Monday representatives of the Imperial valley (California) irrigation association are expected to appear before the conference relative to preliminary survey work on the all-American canal. Engineer Dowd and Attorney Childers who have attended all conferences on the Colorado river and Boulder Dam projects will be members of the California delegation, Dr. Mead said.

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