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SEND TROOPS TO GET VILLA "DEAD OR ALIVE"

SOLDIERS ARE ORDERED TO CROSS INTO MEXICO AND HUNT DOWN OUTLAWS

President Wilson Gives Orders to General Funston, in Charge of the Border Troops, Authorizing the Use of U. S. Forces Across the Line to Exterminate the Raiders Who Attacked Columbus, N. M., Thursday Morning

Washington, Mar. 10.—General Frederick Funston, commanding the United States border forces, was officially advised this afternoon of President Wilson's order authorizing American forces to cross the border and hunt Villa. Detailed instructions will be sent to Funston later.

Secretary of War Baker said today the army's activities would be likely to spread "over a large area." He added that the movements of troops probably would be in small bodies over extensive territory.

Washington, Mar. 10.—Eight thousand American soldiers will invade Mexico immediately.

They will go with the single purpose of capturing General Francisco Villa and exterminating his band of followers who raided Columbus, N. M., yesterday.

This was announced this afternoon by President Wilson in the following statement:

"An adequate force will be sent into Mexico at once in pursuit of Villa, with the single object of capturing him and putting a stop to his forays. This can and will be done entirely in friendly aid of the constituted authorities in Mexico and with scrupulous respect for that republic's sovereignty."

The president's declaration indicated President Carranza had informed this government he was willing to have Americans co-operate with him in ending Villa's banditry.

Secretary of War Baker refused a statement as to the war department's plan of action. He indicated he might issue a statement later.

"Get Villa, Dead or Alive." When the cabinet met, several members were committed to the belief that America's first action should be to "Get Villa, dead or alive."

Meanwhile, tension in the house and senate increased. Senators Stone and Fall joined in asking the senate to suspend action until the troops had completed their present operations and until further information of the Columbus outrage had been received.

Stone was obviously angered clear through. He referred to the Villista invaders as "murdering whelps," and intimated he might lead an organized demand for aggressive action.

Senator McCumber introduced a resolution demanding that something be done. It declared that for two years murders of Americans and acts of fiendish brutality had been of weekly occurrence, that the government had exhausted every effort to keep from intervening, and that all efforts had been worse than fruitless. The resolution said the American attitude only emboldened the bandits to commit further atrocities. McCumber's measure was referred to the senate foreign committee.

Senator Ashurst, in a sensational speech, charged that the state and war departments planned not over five days ago to remove troops from the border, and that, despite over five months' of incessant entreaties, the administration had refused to regard the border situation as dangerous.

Trouble Forecasted "Time after time," he cried, "I have placed before the state and war departments most earnest pleadings for adequate protection for border towns. The Columbus catastrophe

was forecasted to these departments as early as any human event can be. "Yet they were so sure nothing would happen that not only did they refuse to increase their forces, but they proposed to remove many of them, possibly to maneuver or train with the militia at some safe place in the United States."

He read telegrams from his constituents backing his allegations and declaring that Arizona towns were also possibly endangered.

The senate met with the air of a man whose finger is on the trigger, but who is not quite ready to fire. Senator Gallinger was ready to introduce a flat declaration of war on Mexico. Senator Fall had ready a resolution calling for an invading force of 500,000 men.

Nearly all members had telegrams hotly demanding summary action. Most of them were disposed to see what the military branches of the government would do before risking a senate outbreak.

Action Like Vera Cruz While it was not announced, it is probable that President Wilson will send a message to congress within a few days outlining his reasons for today's orders. He acted similarly in ordering the fleet to Vera Cruz. Congress then immediately passed a resolution of approval.

The American expedition will consist chiefly of infantry, with at least 2,000 cavalry, a detachment of field artillery and several batteries of mountain guns on pack mules. The mountain guns are especially adapted to the guerilla fighting which is anticipated south of the Rio Grande.

A "flying column" of 2,000 men, mostly cavalry, will constitute the advance force, which is to do the active work of searching out Villa and making tentative plans for the campaign.

Troops at Columbus

The Americans probably will concentrate at or near Columbus within 24 hours. From points east and west of Columbus the remainder of the expedition will be hurried toward Mexico until they have gone southward far enough to turn toward each other, thereby surrounding Villa if possible.

General Scott, chief of staff, is in active charge at the war department. Secretary Baker has decided to leave matters to Scott, being unfamiliar with the crisis himself.

Scott was acting secretary of war after Garrison resigned.

Representations to Mexico thus far have consisted only of advising Eliso Arredondo, Mexican representative, of the situation, and expressing a hope that Carranza will not object to the pursuit of Villa on Mexican soil.

JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT AGAINST COMEDY STAR

Portland, March 10.—Because he ignored the \$50,000 breach of promise suit brought by Mrs. Edah Witherspoon, Joe Howard, musical comedy star, may have to pay the full amount.

The last day of grace in which Howard can answer the suit and content it had passed today. A default order was entered by Judge Morrow late yesterday. Within a few days

"I'VE ONLY BEGUN TO FIGHT," SAYS VILLA

Columbus, N. M., Mar. 10.—"Americans will suffer for Mr. Wilson's act in recognizing the whiskered Carranza," General Villa stated after the Columbus fighting to Julio Garcia, Mexican cowboy, who arrived here today.

"I have only started my campaign against the 'gringos.' Wait; they will yet hear from Francisco Villa. I am going to invade the United States, to burn cities and kill every 'gringo' I can find—men, women and children."

Garcia said he met Villa 20 miles south of the border, and camped for a while with him.

"CRUSH VILLA" IS AMERICAN SLOGAN

Washington, Mar. 10.—"Crush Villa," is the new American slogan, succeeding the former administration policy "Huerta must go."

A complete clean-up campaign against Mexican border bandits, especially Francisco Villa, is promised, with fighting for an indefinite length of time by an American border army of about 19,000 men.

According to present administration plans, "intervention" in or "invasion" of Mexico has not occurred, and will not occur.

The Mexican campaign promises to be merely against banditry.

The future American policy, however, depends largely on General Carranza. Word from him is expected hourly. Mexican Representative Eliso Arredondo, here, indicated Carranza would not object to United States troops crossing the line and might welcome American aid in exterminating Villa.

The administration had basis for a belief that Carranza's statement will declare Villa an outlaw against both the American and Carranza governments, and a common enemy of both.

General Trevino, Carranzista commander in Chihuahua, is reported in pursuit of the Villistas. The report that Villa was wounded in the Columbus fight has not been confirmed.

If the government decides only to wipe out the Columbus raiders, army men said that possibly not more than 1,000, and certainly not over 2,000 or 3,000 soldiers, would be sent into Mexico.

President Wilson's statement regarding his intended course regarding banditry along the Mexican border may be issued today the White House indicated. It is considered certain, however, that it will declare against intervention.

Judge Morrow will hear the testimony of Mrs. Witherspoon and decide how much heart balm she should receive. Then the pretty widow attorney plans to go to New York and garnish Howard's salary.

It was when Howard appeared on the stage in Portland two years ago that he proposed, Mrs. Witherspoon asserts. She says he made strenuous love to her and promised to return promptly and marry her.

Howard, in an interview, said he proposed jokingly while they were dining at a down-town cafe. He says he never made love to her.

EXPECT NEW RAIDS BY VILLA

Bandit Chieftain's Troops Are Reported Within Eight Miles of Columbus, and Attack Is Feared Tonight

Columbus, N. M., Mar. 10.—Refugees arriving here this afternoon asserted Villista troops had been seen within eight miles of the city. It was rumored they were preparing for another raid. Colonel Slocum discredited the story, but took every precaution.

Anticipating a new attack tonight, practically all women left Columbus this afternoon. They were taken by automobile toward Deming and El Paso. Three Mexican bandits, captured at a nearby ranch, today gave different reports as to Villa's whereabouts. One of them stated he was concentrating his men at a camp sixteen miles southwest of Columbus.

A guard was thrown out close to the border to warn Americans if the bandits approached again.

Officers of the 13th cavalry were delighted at the prospect of a real chase after Villa. Colonel Slocum personally expressed pleasure at the president's decision. Men of the "Fighting Thirteenth" eagerly awaited orders to advance. Two of the 13th's scouts are thoroughly familiar with the Chihuahua country, in which any fighting will probably take place. Officers declared it would not take longer than a month at the most to capture Villa, provided the Carranzistas co-operate.

Columbus, N. M., Mar. 10.—Villista raids over the border into American territory continued today. The state of New Mexico was invaded at several points. Between Columbus and Hachita bandits this morning and last night dashed across the line, looted ranch houses, drove away cattle, horses and wagons, wrecked farm machinery and destroyed buildings. Telephone advices said there were no additional murders.

Colonel Slocum's report announced all raiders were cleared from American soil before noon. Patrols sent word of large bands encamped close to the boundary at many places. Just before daylight several mounted bandits, carrying loot, were seen crossing back to the Mexican side.

Villistas, now estimated to number 4,000, are believed lurking within a few miles of the border. Wherever they are visible, patrols watch their movements closely.

Soldiers from Fort Bliss have reached Victoria, where they found the inhabitants had been in terror all night, fearing an attack. The First battalion, 20th infantry, detained at 7:15 a. m. today and pitched camp.

DESTROYER AND TORPEDO BOAT LOST

London, Mar. 10.—The British destroyer Coquette and torpedo boat number 11 have been sunk by mines, it was officially announced today. Forty-five perished.

The casualties included one officer and 21 men of the destroyer, three officers and 20 men of the torpedo boat.

FOREST SERVICE WOULD AID LAND CLASSIFICATION

Washington, Mar. 10.—The forest service, working with the department of the interior, can classify the Oregon-California public lands during the coming summer and have them in shape for sales next year. E. A. Sherman, assistant forester, told the house public lands committee today. It was estimated the cost of classification might be \$100,000. Sherman said \$60,000,000 might be realized if the timber on the property were withheld until there is more of a demand for lumber.

TURKS EVACUATE CITY OF ISHPAHAN

Petrograd, March 10.—Turkish and Persian troops, ordered by Germans, are evacuating Ispahan before the Russian advance, it was announced here today.

This dispatches said the Russians were within 30 miles of Trebizond. Their operations are still hampered by bad weather.

Ispahan is a famous city, formerly the metropolis of Persia. It is 210 miles south of Teheran, in the midst of an extensive plain, five thousand feet above the sea, surrounded by groves and orchards. In the seventeenth century Ispahan was one of the largest and most magnificent cities of the world. Now it has 80,000 inhabitants.

LINER LOUISIANE SUNK BY TORPEDO

Paris, Mar. 10.—The trans-Atlantic liner Louisiane has been torpedoed and sunk, but its crew was saved, according to dispatches received here today.

The Louisiane was one of the French General Trans-Atlantic company's fleet of liners. It was a 5,100-ton vessel, and was well known on different runs. Officials believe the Louisiane might possibly have been a victim of the German submarine warfare against armed merchant ships, but there was nothing in the dispatches to indicate that such was the fact.

It was reported there was little or no loss of life. The vessel carried few passengers, if any. It went down at midnight off Havre.

It is understood the French admiralty commandeered the Louisiane at the beginning of the war.

BANDITS SHOOT TWO MEN IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Mar. 10.—Raiding the Germania Worsted mills today, two bandits shot and killed one man, probably fatally wounded another, and escaped with \$2,000 in cash.

GERMAN AEROPLANES ARE BROUGHT TO EARTH

Paris, March 10.—Two German aeroplanes, including one of the famous Fokkers, have been destroyed, and 13 others have dropped, apparently damaged, behind the German lines, during a series of air battles around Verdun and in the Champagne, dispatches declared today.

O. L. Leitch spent yesterday in Medford, returning this morning.

FORT DE VAUX IS RETAKEN BY FRENCH

Germans Admit That They Have Lost Hold in Fortress and Allies Deny Claims of Tenton Successes

Berlin, Mar. 10.—That the French have regained a foothold in Fort de Vaux, reported captured by the Germans Tuesday, was officially admitted today.

Paris, Mar. 10.—It was officially announced that last night's fighting around Verdun resulted in no changes. The situation on both banks of the Meuse is the same.

The statement reiterated all Germans had been driven out of Vaux village, and denied the Germans' claim that Fort de Vaux and adjoining positions had been captured.

Artillery fighting continued all night on both banks of the Meuse. There were no infantry operations.

In addition to denying reported German successes around Verdun, the communique said:

"The German claim that Germans captured the fortress and village of Vaux is an insult to the intelligence of neutrals. The same thing may be said with regard to the report spread by Germans that the battle of Verdun was started by an attempted French offensive."

FORMER WAR SECRETARY WILL AID MR. BAKER

Washington, Mar. 10.—Former Secretary of War Garrison arrived here this afternoon and immediately offered his services to War Secretary Baker, in any capacity.

Garrison's offer was accepted. He at once conferred with Secretary Baker and other army heads, planning the expedition against Villa. Garrison said he would remain until his services were no longer desired. He cast his personal business affairs to the winds.

Garrison did not inform President Wilson of his coming. There has been no conference between them yet.

TRAINMEN ARE KILLED IN WRECK

The Dalles, Mar. 10.—Two were killed and one was seriously injured today when a freight train broke in two and ran away on the Shauke branch of the O.-W. R. & N. railroad. The engine was pulling eight heavily loaded wheat cars over a slight grade. Seven of the cars broke away on the down grade and piled up against an embankment.

One remained with the engine. On this car was brakeman J. W. Stinson. When the train broke in two, he was hurled against the embankment and instantly killed. The engineer, Alfred Williamson lost control, ran away, piling up beside the track a mile farther on. Fireman Lew Kaster was crushed to death instantly. Williamson was badly scalded by steam and was brought to The Dalles for treatment.

The exact cause of the wreck has not yet been determined.