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MORE TROOPS WANTED BY FUNSTON

War Department Is Asked to Supply Larger Body of Soldiers to Protect General Pershing's Lines in Mexico

San Antonio, Mar. 21.—General Funston today announced he had asked the war department to give him additional troops, so he could adequately protect General Pershing's "dangerously thin" lines of communication.

Funston refused to make public the number of troops needed. He said he preferred Washington to furnish that information.

Funston did not state whom he regarded as possible enemies, necessitating use of additional troops. The reinforcements requested consist of cavalry and infantry, and probably of artillery also.

Thirty thousand soldiers are now in Funston's district, but most of them are needed for patrol duty. Funston had no word from Pershing this afternoon. His latest advice placed Villa in the Las Cruces district.

Washington informed Funston that \$20,000 had been placed to his credit, to be used in employing guides, scouts and interpreters.

STRIKE TIES UP COAST SHIPPING

Seattle, Mar. 21.—Practically every steamer plying between Puget sound ports inside of Cape Flattery is reported tied up today, unable to load or discharge freight, as the result of a general walkout of employees. More than 400 firemen, oilers, deckhands, waiters, porters, cooks, watchmen, pantrymen, and messmen are on strike, demanding wage increases of from \$5 to \$15 a month, 50 cents an hour for overtime, and improved conditions of labor. But three steamers are reported running out of this port today to neighboring points. They are the Tacoma, on the Seattle-Tacoma run, and the Kulapan and Waialeale. The Kulapan's crew has been replaced with negroes, it is reported.

NO SELECTION OF G. O. P. CHAIRMAN

Chicago, Mar. 21.—Without selecting a temporary chairman for the republican national convention, to be held here in June, the sub-committee making arrangements for the gathering adjourned today.

Selection of a temporary chairman is considered highly important, as he will deliver the "keynote" speech when the G. O. P. delegates meet to choose their presidential candidate. The temporary chairman may be named at the next session of the sub-committee in April.

Nicholas Murray Butler telegraphed to Chairman Hillis that commencement exercises of Columbia university, of which he is president, would require his attendance on the first day of the republican convention.

With regard to the temporary chairmanship, Hillis said:

"We have not elected anybody, upon the request of an absentee, who asked us to postpone the choice until April."

ROSEBURG BOND ISSUE KNOCKED OUT BY COURT

Salem, Mar. 21.—Declaring that the city of Roseburg was attempting to loan its credit to a private corporation, the supreme court today declared unconstitutional a \$300,000 bond issue voted by Roseburg taxpayers to subsidize a logging railroad into the Cascade mountains.

The contract between the Roseburg and Eastern Railroad company, the Kendall Lumber corporation and the city of Roseburg was styled "a violation of organic law."

TREBIBOND BESIEGED BY RUSSIAN WARSHIPS

London, Mar. 21.—Russian warships have arrived off Trebizond and are besieging it, advices received here today asserted. The city was said to be defended by a large force of Turks.

CARRANZA PROTOCOL IS SATISFACTORY

Washington, Mar. 21.—President Wilson and his cabinet agreed today that the proposals in General Venustiano Carranza's protocol are satisfactory. The hunt for Francisco Villa will probably be continued under the protocol's terms.

Counsellor Polk, of the state department, presented the plan to the cabinet. Consideration of it resulted in a decision which, it is believed, will prove of benefit to both the United States and Mexico.

Washington, Mar. 21.—A message will probably be sent to General Carranza late today informing him that President Wilson and his cabinet agreed to the Carranza suggestion that further operations against Francisco Villa be conducted under the terms of a written protocol.

The plan was presented by Counsellor Polk, of the state department, at the cabinet meeting today, and was assented to.

There is no intention of signing the protocol immediately, since time will be necessary to give both nations opportunity for ample consideration of counter proposals.

A factor in the cabinet's decision was realization of Carranza's difficulty in making his position clear to the Mexican people unless he had some written document to show the Americans were acting in good faith.

In reporting the joy of American Mormons when they were rescued from the Villa menace by American troops, General Funston said:

"We have found the natives friendly everywhere. The Carranzistas are also showing every indication of friendliness."

NAVAL BATTLE OFF THE BELGIAN COAST

London, Mar. 21.—Four British destroyers engaged three German destroyers off the Belgian coast yesterday, the admiralty announced today. Two of the German vessels were hit by British shells. Four British sailors were wounded. The Germans escaped into Zeebrugge after a running fight.

This clash was the first in weeks. It is believed the German vessels either emerged from Zeebrugge or dashed along the coast of Holland from Heligoland. Incoming skippers reported mists overhanging the English channel and the North sea.

The German admiralty's statement said the Teuton destroyers scored several hits. They said Berlin, the British vessels fled.

KUROPATKIN IS HERO IN THE EAST

Slav Leader Who Won Notoriety in the War Against Japanese, Gains Victories Over the Kaiser's Troops

London, Mar. 21.—Russian victories at both ends of the 800-mile eastern battle line today overshadowed new German gains at Verdun.

General Kuropatkin, of Japanese war fame, forced Field Marshal von Hindenburg to withdraw his troops from the salient south of Naracoz lake. Berlin admitted this was necessary to avoid having the German troops annihilated by a circle of fire.

Berlin announced Russian attacks had been repulsed south of Riga, west of Jacofstadt, and northwest of Postawy. The Russians suffered heavy losses.

At Uscieczko, Russian artillery forced the Austrians to abandon the bridgehead, which had been held for six months against strong Slav attacks, according to the official Vienna announcement.

Petrograd's statement said that Teheran reported Russian troops last Sunday marched into Ishpahan, which they had been menacing for some time.

Petrograd, Mar. 21.—Russian troops marched into Ishpahan Sunday, according to advices from Teheran received today.

Ishpahan was formerly the metropolis of Persia. It is 210 miles south of Teheran, in the midst of an extensive plain, surrounded by orchards. The Russians have been menacing it for some time.

The earlier Austrian official statement admitted the important Russian victory in southeastern Galicia, 38 miles north of Czernowitz. This makes the Austrian position on the north bank of the Dniester precarious and is believed to forecast the beginning of a new Russian campaign

COL. DODD SENDS CAVALRY TO JOIN CARRANZISTA FORCES AGAINST VILLA

El Paso, Mar. 21.—Colonel Dodd's swiftly moving cavalry is reported today on a forced march toward Namiquipa to reinforce a Carranzista force that is engaged in a fierce running fight with Villa and his followers.

Encircled by Carranzistas and Americans, Villa is apparently desperately trying to reach Santa Clara canyon in the Guerrero mountains, 20 miles east of Namiquipa. Absence of any news from the battlefield since late yesterday, at Juarez, that Villa was at bay, led to fears today that he might cut through the flying ring and reach a position of temporary safety.

In order to trap Villa if he escaped the central American column, General Pershing sent squadrons of cavalry toward Babricosa and Carmen, on either side of Namiquipa. One of them should be within striking distance of Villa today or tomorrow.

Several aeroplanes accompanying the expedition spent the night at Ascencion, within a few hours' flight of Namiquipa, possibly to assist the reinforcements in locating Villa.

General Gavira said today that he had no further details of the battle. He urgently requested information and momentarily expects replies to

PEACE HINT COMES TO NEW YORK

Metropolis Paper Prints Story Indicating That Plans May Be Under Way to End War in the Near Future

New York, Mar. 21.—That Germany may be seeking peace, and has intimated to America that its present proposals may not be unacceptable in the near future, was hinted in special dispatches from Washington to the Evening Post today.

The messages said Ambassador Gerard at Berlin had postponed his vacation at the request of Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, in order to be at his post if America's services in peace negotiations should be needed.

Von Bethmann-Hollweg recently gave Gerard his ideas about acceptable peace terms during an hour's discussion of peace possibilities.

Gerard had cancelled his vacation plans, and will remain at his post indefinitely.

The Post's information appears to support recent United Press reports from Washington that Colonel E. M. House brought tentative peace terms from Germany to President Wilson after his recent "mystery tour" of Europe.

Gerard's talk with Hollweg is declared to have followed a conference between the imperial chancellor and the kaiser. Hollweg told Gerard he did not desire to state specific peace terms, but that Germany was willing to withdraw from Belgium without demanding indemnities.

The chancellor said the German public would demand indemnity for withdrawal of the Teuton army from northern France, and would also demand restoration of German colonies taken by the allies.

against Bukovina. It is considered certain the new Russian offensive will compel a withdrawal of Germans from the western front and possibly terminate the Verdun smash.

OREGON TO SEND INSURGENTS TO MOTHER'S MEET

Portland, Mar. 21.—Oregon's delegates to the national Congress of Mothers, to be held in Nashville, Tenn., will be instructed to fight the administration of Mrs. Frederic Schoff, of Philadelphia, president of the national body.

At a meeting of the executive committee, Mrs. George MacMath, president of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, was instructed to favor rotation of officers in the national organization and the enlargement of the national executive board to include every state president.

Mrs. Schoff has been president of the national Congress of Mothers for 14 years. Oregon members charge that the present rules are such that she with two other members of the executive board control the entire organization, comprising more than one million women throughout the United States.

MEXICO TO CONTROL JAP IMMIGRATION

San Francisco, Mar. 21.—Passengers on the steamer George W. Elder, which arrived here today from Mexico, declared the Mexican government has taken definite action against Japanese immigration to Lower California. Forty-eight Japanese laborers were refused admittance to Lower California at Ensenada recently by Governor Cantu when the Elder took them from Salina Cruz. No reason was given.

Under contract to land the Japanese, the Elder's officers and others interested in the contract appealed to Japanese and American consuls for relief, but despite all pressure, Cantu was obdurate and the Japanese were returned to Salina Cruz.

Students of Mexican affairs point to the incident as supporting rumors of Japanese colonization activities in Lower California.

CARRANZA ASKING INFORMATION OF U. S.

Washington, Mar. 21.—General Carranza has asked how many soldiers are in the American expedition hunting Francisco Villa. It was announced today.

Carranza's question was in connection with the proposed protocol under which the great man-hunt will probably proceed. The American consul at Queretaro, to whom the query was directed, did not explain the question in his message to the state department. The reply is expected to be that the American expedition is only large enough to accomplish its mission of catching Villa, and that it does not intend to pursue its operations further after the bandit chief is eliminated.

U. S. AIR SCOUT IS INJURED IN MEXICO

El Paso, Mar. 21.—Lieutenant Thomas S. Bowen, of the American expeditionary force, has been seriously injured "somewhere in Mexico," it was announced today. His aeroplane collapsed while he was scouting for Villistas. Bowen went from San Antonio to join the expedition.

This is the first time on record that an American army aviator has been injured in active service.

Bowen sustained a broken nose and was severely shaken up in his 50-foot fall, later dispatches said. He will recover.

Harry Silver, of Ashland, spent a few days in the city, returning home this afternoon.

LEE SILL IS KILLED BY ACCIDENT

Well Known Pioneer Resident Dies Under Somewhat Peculiar Circumstances When On His Way to Takilma

Lee Sill, a pioneer resident of this district, met with instant death late Monday afternoon while on his way to Takilma. Mr. Sill was going to Takilma with the wheeled drill outfit that was being taken out to the Harris property by San Francisco parties for the purpose of prospecting the placer ground. The drill was being hauled by four horses, in charge of Lew Parker, a trail wagon being drawn behind the drill. Mr. Sill was riding on a running board at the rear of the drill in order to manipulate the brake, which he handled with a rope. While descending the last grade, about three-quarters of a mile before reaching Takilma, Mr. Parker, who was riding one of the wheel horses, felt the wagon come down onto the horses as though the brake had slipped. He called to Mr. Sill to ask if the brake would not hold, but receiving no reply, and seeing that Mr. Sill had disappeared from his post, stopped as soon as he reached the foot of the grade and went back. In the road on the grade he found the body of Mr. Sill, life already extinct. The wheels of the trailer had passed over his head and neck, and while these injuries were said by Dr. Dixon, who was called from Kerby, to be severe enough to have caused death, the physician believed it possible that Mr. Sill may have been dead when he fell from the wagon. It is said that Mr. Sill was subject to heart trouble, and it is thought that he may have been suddenly overcome following the exertion of helping to get the drill outfit over the roads.

The body was brought to this city and is being held at Hall's pending arrangements for the funeral.

Lee Sill was born in Iowa November 21, 1853, went to California in 1876, and came to Oregon 34 years ago. In 1887 he located in the Grants Pass district, where he engaged in farming and other activities, and was always a respected and influential citizen. Just before his death he had made arrangements to take charge of the store and post office at Wilderville, and had already sent his goods to the Applegate village. He and Mrs. Sill were to go the first of the week to assume their new duties.

Besides his wife, to whom he was married at Clarion, Iowa, in 1872, the deceased is survived by seven children, Mrs. Eva Young, of Port Simpson, B. C.; Mrs. Millie Gaslin, Mrs. Erma Eastman, Glenn, Merton and Bernard Sill, of Portland, and Mrs. Clyde Martin, of Grants Pass. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. S. M. Plumley, of this city, and a number of other brothers and sisters throughout the east.

The funeral will be held from the Wm. Bunch residence, 711 I street, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

HUSBAND AND WIFE SECURE DIVORCE DECREES TOGETHER

San Francisco, Mar. 21.—One of the few instances on record in which a husband and wife have simultaneously secured final divorce decrees was recorded here today. Mr. and Mrs. George L. Kronmiller rushed to court, each demanding the final decree. The interlocutory decree was granted a year ago. Judge Van Nostrand gave Mrs. Kronmiller her decree, while Judge Muraski gave the husband his.

Both decrees are legal.

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