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U.S. TROOPS
OVER BORDER
AFTER VILLA

Soldiers From Columbus Cross Into Mexico Shortly After Noon Today—Military Censors Prohibit Transmission of Actual Movements—Co-operation With Carranza Troops Assured—Aeroplane Squadron Arrives—No Excitement Evident Among Mexicans.

EL PASO, Tex., March 15.—American troops at Columbus started into Mexico about noon today. The first force crossed in a single column. The entry was entirely without disturbance.

EL PASO, Tex., March 15.—United States troops, with camps broken, were under marching equipment along the Mexican border west of here at daylight today in at least two positions. Military censors prohibited transmission of any information of actual movements throughout the first half of the day. The troops in readiness were at Columbus and Machita, N. M.

Rumors of the advance of the punitive force did not disturb the usual calm of Juarez today. The garrison soldiers appeared entirely friendly to visiting Americans, as was the native population. Even the departure of General Gutierrez, commander-in-chief of the state of Chihuahua, in a special train for the south, occasioned nothing beyond a mild interest. The general's train consisted of two coaches and of three box cars which were filled within and on top with his armed escort. Gutierrez will probably direct operations against Villa.

No Resentment Shown
Speaking of the rumors of popular resentment against Americans in Mexico, Consul Garcia said:

"The excitement, so far as I am able to learn, is entirely on the American side of the border. I haven't heard of a single authentic case of Carranza soldiers threatening the person of Americans. Perhaps a few individuals have called the Americans names, as has been charged, but I myself have often been called names on the American side. Our forces are well under discipline and there is no likelihood of any outrage against Americans of any sort."

Garcia added:
"I know that there has been none of the reported resentment among my men. We are all friendly disposed to the United States and her citizens."

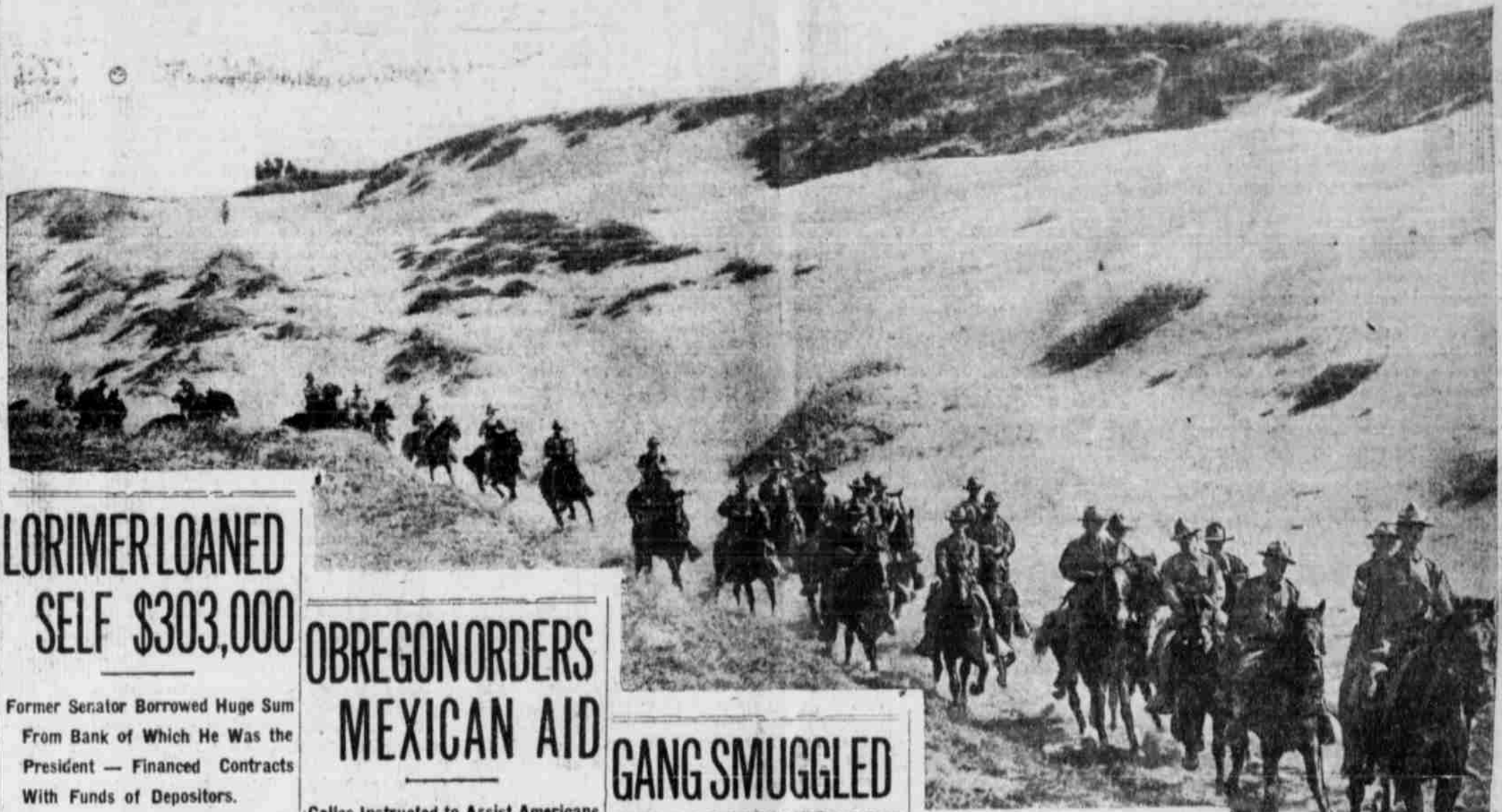
Aeroplane Squadron Arrives
During the night the first aeroplane squadron, which arrived here from San Antonio last night, moved out of El Paso. Its actual destination was among the military movements which the authorities desired kept secret.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 15.—While regiments of United States cavalry, heavily supported by infantry, awaited General Pershing's order today to advance, General Carranza troops, according to information received here, worked desperately to effect the capture of Villa in order to forestall an entrance into Mexico by American forces. From official and unofficial sources General Pershing received reports of increased activities of the de facto government troops, but there was no disposition at his headquarters to regard the activities as anything more than evidence of Carranza's determination to co-operate with the United States government in eliminating Villa.

BLIZZARD RAGING
THROUGHOUT EAST

NEW YORK, March 15.—Snow storms and blizzards broke over the eastern section of the country today following several hours of sleet and rain. From six inches to a foot of snow was reported in various parts of New York state, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Railroad traffic was interrupted and New York City's street traffic was seriously hampered.

AMERICAN TROOPS ON THE TRAIL OF VILLA IN THE HILLS OF MEXICO

LORIMER LOANED
SELF \$303,000

Former Senator Borrowed Huge Sum From Bank of Which He Was the President—Financed Contracts With Funds of Depositors.

CHICAGO, March 15.—William Lorimer, as president of the Lorimer & Gallagher company, and J. P. Gallagher, its secretary, borrowed \$303,000 from the La Salle Street Trust & Savings bank and its subsidiaries, William H. Holly, assistant state's attorney, today told the jury trying the former senator on charges connected with the bank's failure.

Mr. Holly said the Lorimer-Gallagher company was organized in 1910, that Mr. Lorimer was a politician at the time and "it was easy for a politician to get contracts." The company, he said, got the contract to build a road in central Illinois for the Southern Traction company.

"The Southern Traction company had no money, in fact it had nothing but its franchise," he continued, "but it agreed to give the Lorimer company stock in payment—\$100 worth of stock for every \$60 expended. When the road was finished the Lorimer-Gallagher company was to get 15 per cent of the contract."

"The Lorimer-Gallagher company," he declared, "which was already indebted to the La Salle Street bank for \$148,000, took a contract on which it was to get no money until the road was complete."

"The construction company had no money, he said, and to get it went to the bank which Mr. Lorimer controlled and borrowed \$168,000 more, making a total of more than \$306,000 which the company owed the institution."

"In security for this," he continued, "\$500,000 worth of Southern Traction company stock which the construction company had got at 60 cents on the dollar, was put into the bank at 77 and 80 cents on the dollar."

OSBORNE CLEARED
BY COURT'S ORDER

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., March 15.—Thomas Mott Osborne, prison reformer, Harvard graduate and former warden of Sing Sing, was acquitted of the charge of perjury by direction of Justice Arthur S. Tompkins to a jury in the supreme court here today.

Justice Tompkins, in a long opinion held that Dr. Rudolph Biedling, a state prison commissioner, was without authority, under the state prison law, when he investigated, single handed, Osborne's administration of Sing Sing. It was before Dr. Biedling that Osborne last October committed alleged perjury by swearing, as charged, that he was without knowledge of certain cases of immorality.

Justice Tompkins held there was no perjury committed by Osborne inasmuch as the warden had this right to keep inviolate the pledges given convicts who had confessed their immorality to him.

OBREGON ORDERS
MEXICAN AID

Calles Instructed to Assist Americans in Capturing Villa, Who Is Reported Headed for Ojitos Pass, Intending to Enter Sonora in Flight.

DOUGLAS, March 15.—Ives G. Leveier, Carranza consul here, demanded today that the local express agent here turn over to him three hundred thousand cartridges consigned to General P. Elias Calles and ordered held last night by the American military authorities. His request was refused.

Colonel Dato Campbell, commanding a flying column of 500 men, telegraphed General Calles last night that the American commander at Llanos ranch had informed him that Villa was headed for Las Chinenas canyon and Ojitos pass intending to enter Sonora. Colonel Campbell said he was starting at once for the western slope of the Ojitos mountains and that Colonel Morales was guarding the town of Ojitos.

After the receipt of General Obregon's order Calles sent instructions to all his subordinates to aid the American soldiers in every way possible. Obregon's dispatch said that the reciprocal treaty between the United States and Mexico permitting either side to send armed troops after bandits who had crossed the international line called for the fullest co-operation between the Carranza and United States troops.

General Calles has been officially notified of the number and disposition of American troops to cross the border into western Chihuahua, according to Consul Leveier.

"Calles told Leveier he did not expect any American forces to enter Sonora as he said he has ample forces to keep Villa from entering that state. He said he has no disposed of them that the entry of the bandit leader will be impossible."

JAPANESE STEAMER
LOADED WITH GRAIN
IS REPORTED LOST

LONDON, March 15.—The Japanese steamer Hokoku Maru has been posted at Lloyd's as overdue. She left Portland, Or., November 8, for United Kingdom ports, and was last reported as leaving Singapore December 20.

TOKIO, March 15.—The Hokoku Maru had on board a cargo of 4100 tons of wheat from Portland, Or. Shipping circles in Kobe, where the vessel is owned, fear disaster from a submarine.

Shortly after leaving Singapore the captain of the ship sent a wireless to the owner advising him that in consequence of submarine activity he would take the route around the Cape of Good Hope. The vessel was due at Durban about January 10.

GANG SMUGGLED
MILLION IN OPIUM

"Yellow Owl" Band, Composed of Five Whites, Seventeen Chinese and One Japanese, Arrested at Seattle—Huge Smuggling Operations.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 15.—Five white men and seventeen Chinese and one Japanese were arrested today in and near Seattle, accused of being the principals in an organized gang of smugglers charged with bringing into the United States opium valued at \$1,080,000 and enough Chinese laborers to net the gang \$280,000 in four years' work.

The men under arrest are: William (Big Bill) Kirkland, 50 years old, 1811 Fourth avenue west; tried here fifteen years ago on a charge of murder and acquitted.

Melvin R. Miller, 44 years old, 2700 East Roy street.

Fred Bayne, former city fireman, 40 years old, lives at Quilcene.

Louis E. Lord, 50 years old, 722 Tenth avenue.

James F. (Slim) Worthington, 36 years old.

Louis Lung Gin, 38 years old.

In addition, two Chinese were arrested in Portland and fourteen others in Seattle.

J. Ito, a Japanese chauffeur, 30 years old, is also in jail as a member of the alleged gang.

The arrests were made under the direction of Henry M. White, commissioner of immigration here. The gang of smugglers was known as the "Yellow Owls," because some of its active members were Chinese and because the members never worked in the daytime except when they were on the water.

The United States coast guard cutter Scout made a dash up the sound last night and captured two of the three swift launches used by the gang in bringing opium and Chinese from British Columbia to Seattle. The boats named Mate and Blanche were found concealed near the mouth of the stream in the Quilcene region. Bayne was arrested at Du-bob.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Information reached New York from Berlin today that Admiral Von Tirpitz, the German minister of marine, either has resigned or is upon the point of resigning, the Evening Post announced today. No official announcement has been made at Berlin, but the source of the information, the paper states, justifies confidence. No reason for the resignation is disclosed.

BUILD AIRSHIP
WITHIN A WEEK

Edison Tells House Naval Committee That With a Fully Equipped Laboratory Standardization of Parts Would Hasten Construction.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Thomas A. Edison told the house naval committee today that with a fully equipped federal research laboratory with facilities for standardization of machine parts of submarines and aeroplanes could be built within a week. He said the United States should appropriate liberally for such a laboratory as recommended by the naval advisory board of civilian experts.

The government could distribute standardized parts to manufacturers, the inventor said. The federal laboratory, he said, could be put in full working operation for \$1,500,000. The aim of the laboratory would be to "always keep ahead of the other fellow." Submarine and aeroplane engines, he said, should be studied.

As to the initial cost of the laboratory, Mr. Edison said with a chuckle that "a lot of them were trying to snarl the government."

"Who should control the labor in the laboratory?"

"The navy department, I suppose," replied Mr. Edison. "Naval officers as administrators and civilians to do the laboratory work. There are some pretty smart men in the navy."

Howard E. Coffin, of Detroit, a member of the naval advisory board who followed Mr. Edison, said that mobilization of industries to help in time of war was of greater importance than building ships or recruiting men.

Mr. Coffin opposed secrecy in working out preparedness plans.

"Let us get this secrecy bunk out of our heads," he said. "There probably isn't a foreign country who does not know all about our resources."

MEXICANS JOYFUL
OVER CO-OPERATION

QUERETARO, Mex., March 14 (delayed).—Manifestations of joy at the settlement by diplomatic means of any possible difficulties between Mexico and the United States over the Columbus trouble were ushered in at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon with the chiming of the cathedral bells, music by military bands and the congregating of a large part of the population of this capital.

American troops through the rocky defiles of northern Mexico. Note the bleak rocky appearance of the country, ideal for ambushes.

SENATE VOTES
INCREASED ARMY

Unanimous Approval of House Resolution to Bring Mobile Army to Its Full Strength, Adding 20,000 Men to Present Establishment.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The senate today approved unanimously the joint resolution adopted by the house to bring the mobile army to its full strength which would add about twenty thousand men to the present establishment.

Sixty-nine senators were in the chamber and voted for the resolution. When the vote was announced Senator McCumber, republican, of North Dakota, declared it served as notice to the world that "the nation and this congress stand as a single man in defense of American rights."

When word that the senate had adopted the resolution reached the war department the adjutant general's office took steps to begin recruiting the additional men immediately. Instructions were prepared for recruiting officers throughout the United States to conduct an active campaign.

The resolution now goes to the president for his approval.

A roll call on the resolution was ordered on request of Senator Gallagher, who explained that he asked it for the purpose of demonstrating that there is no division in the senate over measures to provide for protection of the country.

There was not a dissenting vote on the roll call.

COLONEL ROJAS
SHOT BY SOLDIERS

MARFA, Tex., March 15.—The reported death of Colonel Rojas, Carranza commander at Ojinaga, at the hands of his own men, who attempted to mutiny last night, was confirmed by telephone advices here today. Rojas was trying to control his men, who were drinking and threatening to invade the United States, when he was shot from the crowd, according to the report.

LOST GROUND
RECAPTURED
BY FRENCH

Trenches Captured by Germans Yesterday West of Meuse Taken by Night Attack—Struggle in Progress for Dead Man's Hill—Third Phase of Battle of Verdun Opens by Renewed Fighting—French Await Outcome, Confident of Success.

The French have turned to the aggressive in the desperate struggle northwest of Verdun and have recaptured a part of the ground gained by the Germans west of the Meuse, Paris announces today.

Yesterday the crown prince's armies gained a footing at two points between Bethincourt and Dead Man's Hill, the dominating height which is the immediate object of the present German drive. Last night the French launched heavy counter-attacks and recaptured portions of the trenches the Germans had taken.

Berlin officially denied rumors that the new German submarine campaign, under which armed merchantmen are regarded as warships, has been abandoned or postponed. On the contrary, it is now in full swing, it is declared.

Berlin declares that the French counter-attack west of the Meuse failed to result in any measure of success and that the Germans took 1025 prisoners.

French Statement
PARIS, March 15.—The Germans last night made no further aggressive movement to the west of the River Meuse, according to announcement this morning by the French war office.

French counter-attacks between Bethincourt and Cumieres resulted in the recapture of certain trenches captured by the Germans yesterday. French troops still hold the height of Mort Homme.

The artillery exchanges have been active between Bethincourt and Cumieres, but elsewhere the night passed with relative quiet.

Third Phase of Battle
PARIS, March 15.—The renewal of the fighting west of the Meuse after three days' pause, is regarded as heralding the opening of the third phase of the battle of Verdun. The defenders have profited by the period of relative inactivity to strengthen further the weak points in their armor and they await events with full confidence.

"Now I know where I stand. I am certain of final success," said General Petain, who is in charge of the French operations at Verdun, to Messrs. Laurain and Pate, members of the chamber of deputies, who returned to Paris yesterday from an inspection of the supplies at the forts and who declare themselves edified by all they saw.

The first appearance of the German infantry yesterday after the usual intense bombardment, occurred at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and the fighting lasted for three and a half hours. They attacked along the whole line from Bethincourt to the crest of Cumieres, a distance of about four miles. There was every indication, according to latest advices, that the struggle would be resumed during the night.

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CHINESE REBELS
CONTINUE ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Continued activity among revolutionists in China was reported today by Admiral Winterhalter, commanding the Pacific fleet. Revolutionary forces were preparing to attack Luchow, Sze-Chuen province, the dispatches said, and were operating generally in Hunan province. Government troops were reported to have captured Suifu, which had been occupied by rebel forces.