

MUTINY STORY AT CHIHUAHUA PROVES FALSE

General Herrera and Forces Loyal to Carranza and Busy Fighting Villa—Have Not Gone Over to Bandit Leader—Official Denial Relieves Tension Along Border.

EL PASO, Tex., March 23.—Further confirmation that General Luis Herrera, of the Chihuahua garrison, had not deserted to Villa was received by General Gavira of the Juarez garrison this afternoon in a telegram from General Herrera himself.

EL PASO, Tex., March 23.—Ignacio Enriquez, civil governor of the state of Chihuahua, sent a telegram to Consul Garcia at El Paso today declaring that General Luis Herrera, commanding the garrison at Chihuahua City, still was loyal to the first chief and not to credit reports of his defection to Villa.

Consul Garcia made public a message from Governor Enriquez, which reads:

"Your message referring to the press reports regarding General Luis Herrera received. I have just shaken hands with General Herrera and he is loyal to the government of Mexico. Do not give credit to reports in this matter."

Confirmation Lacking.

Reports of General Herrera's revolt were heard at army headquarters yesterday and from private advisers received here. They were generally credited, but an absolute confirmation or denial of the report was lacking.

Whether or not the report of Herrera's defection was correct it was obvious that in military circles much apprehension was felt over the situation at Chihuahua.

Brigadier General Bell said he had been advised everything was quiet in Juarez and while his reports indicated there was a Villa sentiment there, he regarded the situation as satisfactory. The general said every precaution had been taken to meet any possibility of an uprising in Juarez.

General Bell said that he had no information regarding a vague report that General Pershing had taken over the Mexican Northwestern railroad south of Casas Grandes, and that troops were being moved south from that point by railroad.

Official Denial.

GALVESTON, Tex., March 23.—General Luis Herrera is conducting active military operations against the Villa forces and has not gone over to the bandit leader, according to a cablegram from Mexico City, received by the Mexican consulate here today. This message says that the Herrera campaign against the Villa forces is being waged in southern Chihuahua, and that on Tuesday night part of Herrera's force under Colonel Cano fought a battle with a band led by Villa himself.

GERMAN PLAN OF STRATEGY AS VIEWED IN BERLIN

BERLIN, March 23.—Attempts in other countries to interpret the various phases in the German operations at Verdun as indicative of the waning offensive or the exhaustion of German troops denote failure to comprehend German strategy, according to the tenor of discussion in military circles here. Officers say these phases are only a part of the general scheme of operations. The method has been to make preparations for every attack so thoroughly as to guarantee success with minimum losses. German commanders have purposely avoided a simultaneous attack on the whole Verdun front.

Neither do these officers admit the Germans are fighting to revive the spirits of the people at home, with only a forlorn hope of victory. It is said these operations are intended to lead to the capture of Verdun and hasten the termination of the war.

ASK \$8,807,095 TO COVER COST OF VILLA CHASE

Lansing, Back From Week's Vacation, Takes Charge of Mexican Situation—Rush Appropriation Sought—Soft Pedal Put Upon Mexican Agitation as Dangerous to Peace.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Secretary Lansing, returning from a week's vacation, took personal charge of the situation so far as it concerns the state department. He conferred with Eliseo Arredondo, General Carranza's ambassador, who presented a dispatch from Consul Garcia at El Paso, denying entirely that General Herrera had revolted with the Chihuahua garrison and joined Villa.

Counselor Polk and Mr. Arredondo discussed with Secretary Lansing the proposed protocol for joint action in the pursuit of Villa.

Mr. Arredondo said he found Mr. Lansing in accord with the protocol as it has been drawn and forwarded to General Carranza, and he expected some work from the general to go ahead and complete the agreement by late today.

Appropriation of Millions.

A rush appropriation of \$8,807,095 to cover the extraordinary expenditures of the expedition into Mexico, including the increase of the army to its full strength, was asked of congress today by the war department. The amount contemplates \$7,350,077, in consequence of the full enlisted strength and the balance, it is stated, is for "urgent expenditures brought about by the extraordinary conditions prevailing on the Mexican border and the complete fitting out of the expedition entering Mexico in pursuit of bandits."

The aggregate includes items for emergency purchase, maintenance, operation and repair of airships and other aerial machines and motor vehicles, not to exceed half a million dollars altogether, and for purchase and maintenance of pack animals, motor trucks and other paraphernalia for the expedition. The appropriation will be hurried for quick action.

MORE VICTIMS OF UNDERSEA WAR

LONDON, March 23.—Lloyd's reports that the French bark Bougainville has been sunk. Twenty-three members of her crew were picked up. The Bougainville sailed from San Francisco August 21, last, for London and was reported as having sailed from Falmouth in February. She was owned in Nantes, where she was built in 1902. Her gross tonnage was 2245.

LONDON, March 23.—The British steamship Sea Serpent has been sunk.

LONDON, March 23.—The Norwegian steamship Kannik was sunk Wednesday night, according to a dispatch to Lloyd's from Havre. The crew was saved.

PLATE MAKERS PREDICT FAILURE

WASHINGTON, March 23.—To support the contention of private manufacturers that a government armor plate plant cannot be successful, Vice President Barba, of the Midvale Steel company, told the house naval committee today that his plant, with all its facilities and technical equipment has already lost \$300,000 on a contract to make armor or piercing shells for the navy.

"And when we make delivery," he said, "we are through for all time with making projectiles for the navy under its present specifications of testing at 19 degree angle. Every naval officer we have talked with said he hoped he would not be assigned to armor making for he could not do it."

CAVALRY CLASH WITH VILLAISTS UNCONFIRMED

Rumored Defeat of Bandits by Troopers Near Namiquipa Not Verified—Funston Preparing to Meet Any Emergency—Communication With Pershing Restored.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 23.—General Funston proceeded today with his plan of preparation to meet the altered situation that would be created by any injection of new forces into the Villa band.

No evidence confirming the reported defection of General Luis Herrera and 2000 Carranza troops to Chihuahua, was received.

No report has been made to General Funston of a revolt at Torreon or in Sonora. Unofficial reports were that many of the troops in Sonora yesterday proclaimed themselves adherents of Villa.

General Funston today sent to General Pershing, at Casas Grandes, orders to make earlier and more detailed reports of his operations.

Battle Unconfirmed.

Whether the seventh cavalry had encountered and defeated a detachment of Villa's men near Namiquipa as reported last night was not known at headquarters.

No additional troops have been asked for since the Fifth cavalry and the Twenty-fourth infantry were ordered to the border.

General Funston is still anxious to use the Northwestern Railroad for the movement of supplies. The quartermaster at Columbus reported that less difficulty now is being encountered in moving supplies with the automobile trucks, but staff officers regard such a method as inadequate.

No information concerning a report that General Pershing is using a section of the Northwestern Railroad for the transportation of troops was available at headquarters here, but General Funston said it might be that he was using that part of the line south of Casas Grandes to the Cumbe tunnel. If he was using it, General Funston said, it was with the consent of the local commander.

Communication Restored.

COLUMBUS, March 23.—Wireless communication with the expeditionary base at Casas Grandes was resumed today when it was learned by Major Sample, commanding the army station here that all the transport trucks and wagons with their drivers and guards were safe at the temporary base. Two drivers and four guards, who left Ascencion for Casas Grandes last Monday, who had been missing, reported today. The trucks were delayed by the heavy sand trail.

ASQUITH ATTENDS WAR COUNCIL

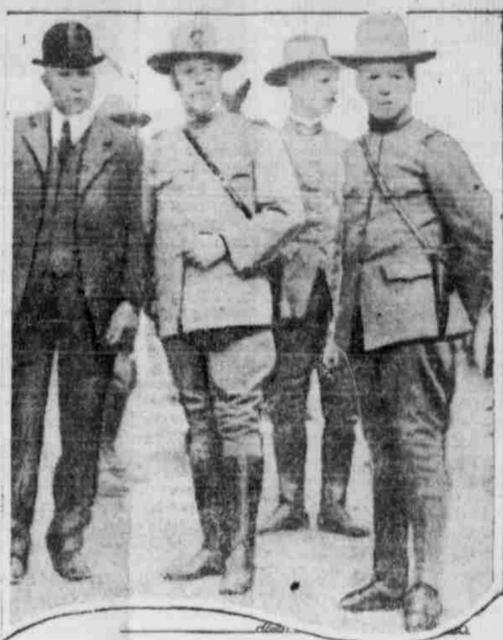
LONDON, March 23.—Announcement was made in the house of commons today by David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, that Premier Asquith would go to Paris next week to attend an important conference of the entente allies. Sir Edward Grey and Earl Kitchener also will attend.

ROME, March 23, via Paris.—Premier Salandra and Foreign Minister Sonnino left Rome today to attend the conference of the entente allies at Paris. On their way they will visit King Victor Emmanuel at the front to discuss the attitude to be taken on questions raised at the conference which affect Italy.

SIX DEAD FROM INDIANA TORNADO

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 23.—The death of the infant child of Albert Irwin of Monon, brought the death toll taken by the tornado which swept northern Indiana early yesterday morning to six. The child was carried more than 100 feet by the wind. The property loss was estimated at upwards of \$2,000,000.

CARRANZA COMMANDANT AND AIDES, INCLUDING AN 18-YEAR-OLD CAPTAIN



The age of a captain in the Mexican army is liable to be anywhere from 16 years up. This picture shows one of the trusted captains of the de facto government, Captain Rodriguez, who is 18. He is stationed in the office of General Gavira, the Carranza commandant at Juarez. General Gavira is shown in the center, the young captain on the right and Andres Garcia late consul-general of the de facto government at El Paso, Texas, on the left.

ACCUSE DOCTOR OF MURDERING HIS FATHER-IN-LAW

NEW YORK, March 23.—Detectives sent today to arrest Dr. Arthur Warren Waite in connection with the death of John E. Peck, millionaire druggist, of Grand Rapids, Mich., found him in a condition of stupor as a result of an opiate, self administered.

District Attorney Swann, later in the day, after a visit to Dr. Waite, in the apartment, made the announcement: "I shall charge Dr. Waite with murder in the first degree."

The district attorney last night received information from Grand Rapids indicating that Peck may have been poisoned. The district attorney's office gave out the information that Dora Heller, a maid employed in Dr. Waite's home at the time of the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Peck, had said that on two occasions she saw Dr. Waite pour something into Peck's tea.

Dora Heller was, during the day, the principal witness before the grand jury before which the case was presented.

Dr. Waite, who had partially recovered, was left in custody of two detectives, who had orders to take him to police headquarters as soon as his condition permitted. Dr. Waite was married to Miss Clara Peck last September.

DAY IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Senate: Met at noon. Debate was resumed on the Indian appropriation bill.

Finance committee considered the house resolution repealing free sugar tariff provisions.

Kern amendment to bank law to permit bank directors to serve as directors in other banks was favorably reported.

House: Met at 11 a. m. Debate on army reorganization bill continued.

Ways and means committee Democrats met to perfect the administration tariff commission.

Naval committee continued naval defense hearing.

AMUNDSON TO START FOR NORTH POLE IN 1917

LONDON, March 23.—Captain Raold Amundson, according to a Central News dispatch from Christiania, will start on a north pole expedition in the spring of 1917.

DIVISION OF FUND FROM LAND GRANT CHANGED IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The house public lands sub-committee has voted the following division of the proceeds of the timber sales from the Oregon & California land grant: Forty per cent to counties of Oregon for roads and highways.

Ten per cent to the state of Oregon for common school purposes.

Forty per cent to the general reclamation fund.

Ten per cent to federal treasury for administration of grant.

Representative Sinnott offered an amendment providing that 40 per cent be assigned to reclamation, but he was outvoted. Action was preceded by a long discussion. While the full committee will later pass on the matter, it is believed the apportionment made will be retained in the bill as reported for passage.

Section 7, dealing with executory contracts, probably will be passed up to the entire committee for decision.

Power Sites Withdrawn.

The chief changes agreed upon are as follows: Classification as timber land of tracts containing 300,000 feet on forty acres.

Withdrawal of power sites. The secretary of the Interior to offer timber for sale at such time and under such conditions "as in his judgment may be productive of best results," and may limit the time for the removal of the timber.

Cultivation of logged-off land required such as will satisfy the land office of the settler's good faith, instead of imposing rigid restrictions.

For the Actual Settler. Actual settlers on land December 1, 1913, to be recognized.

If there is over 1,200,000 feet of timber on a quarter section claimed by an actual settler, he will be allowed only forty acres.

Mineral claim entrymen are allowed no timber.

Applicants to purchase are left in the cold.

No additions to forest reserves, unless to protect city water supplies.

SOUKHOMLINOFF OUSTED BY CZAR

PETROGRAD, March 23, via London.—General Soukhomlinoff, former minister of war, has been removed by imperial ukase from the council of the empire, says a semi-official news agency dispatch.

RUSSIANS FAIL TO BREAK LINE STATES BERLIN

Despite Great Efforts, No Advance Secured by Slavs—Germans Complete Success at Avoncourt by Occupying French Points at Hautcourt—Bombardments Reported.

BERLIN, March 23.—The Russians, in spite of their great offensive on the eastern front, have made no advance, says the official statement given out today by the German army headquarters.

The statement says: "Western front: The German successes near the forest of Avoncourt have been completed by the occupation of the French points of support on the mountain ridge southwest of Hautcourt. About 450 prisoners were taken.

"Otherwise the general situation on the western front is unchanged.

Attacks Repulsed.

"Eastern front: The Russians showed their main aggressive activity in the evening and night time. They advanced several times with strong forces against the German positions and bridgehead of Jacobstadt on both sides of the railway between Mitau and Jacobstadt, and four times against the German lines north of Viday.

"On the front northwest of Postavy the number of prisoners taken by us has reached fourteen officers and 859 men. The Russians in this district undertook no more important attacks, apparently on account of the overwhelming losses they had suffered. They advanced several times with renewed force, however, between Narocz and the Wislitz lakes.

"The great sacrifices of men and ammunition brought to the Russians in these attacks as well as in several local enterprises at other places, not even the smallest advantage against the unshaken German defense."

French Statement.

PARIS, March 23.—The French official statement this morning says that last night a violent bombardment took place to the east of the Meuse river. To the west of the Meuse the fire diminished in intensity and the general situation is unchanged.

The French war office this afternoon gave out the following statement: "West of the Meuse the bombardment diminished last night. The enemy did not renew his attacks on the little hill of Hautcourt (about one kilometer southwest of Malancourt), part of which we hold.

"East of the Meuse the bombardment has continued with violence at several points.

"In the Woevre there has been no important development to report with the exception of an intermittent cannonading.

"West of Pont-a-Mousson a surprise attack upon a trench of the enemy in the vicinity of Fey-en-Haye resulted in our taking several prisoners.

"The night passed quietly on the remainder of the front."

Austrian Statement.

BERLIN, March 23.—The Austro-Hungarian official statement last night said:

"Russian artillery fire has been violent on the whole northwest front. On the Stripa and Korwin sector Russian infantry detachments attacked our forces, but were everywhere repulsed. At one place in East Galicia a Russian force of about one battalion suffered losses of 3 officers and 150 soldiers killed and 100 made prisoners, while the Austro-Hungarian casualties were only some soldiers wounded."

NORWEGIAN BARK SUNK, CREW SAVED

LONDON, March 23.—The Norwegian bark Lindfield has been sunk. Thirty of the crew were rescued and are aboard the Norwegian bark Sidas, which is approaching Queenstown.

HOUSE REJECTS ARMY PLAN FOR NITRATE PLANT

Administration's Effort to Establish Electric Plant for Securing Nitrogen Out of Air as a National Defense Safeguard Slaughtered—National Guard Provisions Successful.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Consideration of the Hay army increase bill continued in the house today with only two important sections awaiting disposition. One was the military pay provision under which the bill is expected to produce a force of 425,000 national guardsmen within five years, and the other providing for the construction of a nitrate plant. Passage of the bill virtually was assured.

On the first vote to strike out the provision for a government plant to take nitrogen from the air for manufacture of explosives, the motion to eliminate the project carried, 122 to 100. A record vote was demanded.

The administration plan was shown by the record vote to be defeated, 254 to 128. This eliminated the entire provision for securing nitrogen as a national defense safeguard, designed to make the country independent of foreign supplies.

THE WOMAN WHO KNOWS—

Celebrated Clairvoyant and Medium. Know what 1916 holds for you; she tells you the truth, what you want to know, at a glance. Her powers have mystified the most skeptical. Business, love, courtship, marriage, divorce, lost or stolen articles, missing, samples of ore read with absolute accuracy. Tells whether your husband, wife or sweetheart is true or false. Adopted with little debate. Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, however, expressed fear that it would accomplish little in time of war, pointing out that during the civil war only 46,000 men were obtained out of 776,000 subjected to draft.

An amendment by Representative Anthony, republican of Kansas, to have army officers retired for disabilities examined at intervals and assigned to duty if able, was adopted without opposition.

Another amendment by Representative Good, republican of Iowa, provides that when any munition manufacturer refuses to make supplies for the government the plant may be taken for the public, also was adopted.

NASHVILLE FIRE LOSS \$1,500,000, 5000 HOMELESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 23.—Citizens, civic and church organizations of Nashville today were caring for 5000 persons made homeless by the fire which swept East Nashville late yesterday, destroying 600 residences, causing one death and a property loss of \$1,500,000. National Guardsmen patrolled the burned area.

The blaze started from a lighted ball of yarn thrown into a grassy vacant lot by a boy. A planing mill first was destroyed. The flames quickly spread to an extensive negro settlement, where, fanned by a high wind, every house was consumed. The conflagration then broke into two distinct blazes, one flowing east on Seventh street and the other down Fifth avenue. An area of thirty blocks was swept clean which included many of the most costly residences of Nashville, several churches and one charitable institution. After paralleling each other on separate streets for many blocks the two fires again joined.

ABUSE OF FRANKING PRIVILEGE BY CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Abuse of the congressional franking privilege is denounced in a report of the house printing committee, which has included a provision in the pending revision of the printing laws designed to stop the practice.