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TROOPS RUSHING TO POSITIONS ON MEXICAN BORDER

Orders Issued To Various Commands To Entrain At Moment's Notice

ENTIRE REGULAR ARMY MAY RECEIVE ORDERS

Situation About Brownsville Is Tense—More Mexican Raiders Are Killed

Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Aug. 11.—The Fifth United States cavalry will entrain for the Mexican border as soon as it returns from a practice march, it was stated unofficially today. Officers of the regiment would not admit, however, that they have received formal orders.

Laredo, Texas, Aug. 11.—Major General Funston this afternoon ordered another battalion of the Ninth Infantry from Fort McIntosh to Brownsville on a special train. It is reported that the situation there is very critical.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Orders concentrating all available regulars of the United States army on the Mexican border are expected to be issued some time today. Secretary of War Garrison would not discuss the situation, but he conferred with officials through whom such orders would be issued.

Situation on Border Tense. Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 11.—The situation along the Mexican border was tense today. Further clashes between Mexican raiders and American soldiers were feared as the result of the battle at Mercedes last night in which one American infantryman was slain. This fight and skirmishes at various other points along the international boundary have aroused the Texans to the highest pitch. Some are openly advocating private reprisals.

Twenty-five Mexicans suddenly attacked during the night four soldiers who were guarding Palma Gardens, near Mercedes. For 20 minutes the raiders were held at bay, although they kept up a hot fire, until the arrival of a posse and military reinforcements which drove them off. One of the soldiers was killed.

At Armstrong another group of raiders also fired upon American soldiers, but there were no casualties. A similar assault was delivered at the Norias ranch but no one was hit.

Word reaches here today that Texas rangers had slain the Brady brothers, American leaders of the bandits, near Corpus Christi.

Jails everywhere along the Texas border are filling with Mexican raiders or suspects, indicating that there is a concerted plot on the part of the latter to seize a strip of territory along the international line.

Minister's Train Delayed. Washington, Aug. 11.—The train bearing Brazilian Minister Cordeiro De Oliveira from Mexico City to Vera Cruz has been delayed at Apaxaco as the result of an attack by Zapatistas on the train preceding it. Special Agent John Williams reported to the state department today. It will be impossible for the minister to reach Vera Cruz before noon, he declared.

It is reported that the minister is bringing a strong appeal from the Americans in Mexico City for speedy relief from the intolerable conditions existing in the city.

Women of France Say War 'Until Germans Are Beaten'

By William Philip Simms. (United Press staff correspondent.)

Paris, July 31.—(By mail.)—How long will the women of France let this war go on?

Suddenly and without warning I put this question to the wife of a French soldier, a man 43 years old, who has been under the colors since the beginning of the war, a year this week. I deliberately surprised the lady with the question when she was most downhearted. Her husband had just been ordered into the front trenches at one of the hottest parts of the long line, north of Arras; yet her answer was immediate and unhesitating.

"Until the Germans are beaten!" Her voice was low yet it seemed to fill the air, like a doom pronouncing judgment.

"But your husband?" I insisted. It was cruel, I know, but I wanted to get at something. "Wouldn't you, like to have your husband with you now?"

"No," she said quickly, "the Germans are still in France."

"So you are satisfied that he shall remain where he is?"

"He must remain until the Germans are beaten. I would not have him back before that, even if I could."

The lady spoke as though inspired. Her eyes burned brightly, almost with fanaticism. To her—and she is an average Frenchwoman—the war is a Holy War, and to discuss peace with her on any terms other than the complete defeat of the Germans, is an insult. She is about 40 years old and there are no children. Her husband is her one great interest in life and should he die she would have to go out in the world and earn her own living. The couple have a modestly furnished apartment but at most not more than a thousand or so dollars in the bank. There is no life insurance, at any rate the death of her husband would mean the breaking up of her home and the necessity of earning her livelihood.

I relate these facts because the women of France have always exercised great influence on the country's history and because one often hears the remark:

"The government and the army may be willing to continue a long drawn-out war, and they may be perfectly able to do so from the point of view of men and money. But what about the women?"

The answer may be read above. The women of France have themselves under a sort of self-imposed discipline no less rigid than that which the men folks are subject to at the front. They are part of the "union sacre" just as much as the men and they will see the war through.

It must be stated here that the government is doing its share aiding the army's women-folk. Each wife gets 25 cents a day and more if she has young children. Of course if the husband's salary at the start of the war was above a certain figure (about \$600 a year) the wife is supposed not to need this allotment. The French lady quoted above gets no allowance, for example, though her husband was earning when he left to join the colors only about \$50 a month. She is compelled to live on her capital now which, thanks to years of thrift, is ample to see her through.

French effort, for the past year has been universal. It had to be if the Germans were to be held in check, for most of German preparedness backed by 70,000,000 of people left on France with her democratic unpreparedness and her mere 40,000,000. And it was largely due to the women of the land that the French have been able to accomplish so much against her powerful enemy during the past 12 months.

At the front and throughout the army discipline is very strict, largely, it is true, because of the individual French soldier chooses to have it so. I have seen a prince of one of the oldest and richest families in all Europe stand at rigid attention for 20 minutes while a major was delivering a little lecture on army operations, the major being the son of a village school teacher. You say he did perfectly right and of course all agree that he did. He knew it himself, and that is why he did it, which is precisely the point. Prince of a mighty family he was not above doing his duty scrupulously, standing straight as a parrot when any sort of a salute might have answered considering the circumstances.

This discipline is universal in France and being in France it is one of the wonders of the war, for perhaps in no other country does the individual demand more personal freedom. This does not preclude, however, a spirit of comradeship between officers and men, for perhaps this exists in France to a greater extent than in any other army in the world, certainly more than in the American army. The idea is, neither men nor officers take advantage of it, all working for one thing: the defeat of their old enemy, Germany.

Among civilians and especially among the women there is the same spirit. Duchesses, countesses, princesses, wives of cabinet ministers, and millionaires work hand in hand with the humblest and poorest women of France. Mme. Viviani, wife of the prime minister, is taking care of scores of babies so their poor mothers can earn a living. Mme. Poincare, wife of the president of the republic, is at the head of the French Red Cross and spends her days visiting the sick and wounded. And so it goes.

LA FOLLETTE SEAMAN'S BILL PROVES DEFECTIVE

All Depends On Whether Attorney General Upholds View of Thurman

Washington, Aug. 11.—The fate of the LaFollette seamen act depends upon a decision which Attorney General Gregory said today he would render in a short time. If he upholds the view of Solicitor Thurman, the provisions of the bill regarding life saving equipment and working conditions for the crew will apply only to American, Italian, Belgian and Greek vessels.

PRESIDENT WILL SEND ULTIMATUM TO WARRING CHIEFS

Belief Prevails in National Capital That Statement Is Now Prepared

CARRANZA'S HOT MESSAGE WARNS LATIN-AMERICANS

Pan-American Conference In New York This Afternoon Will Take Action

Cornish, N. H., Aug. 11.—President Wilson is preparing a statement to the warring factions in Mexico which will amount to an ultimatum, it is believed here today.

The president spent hours on the statement this morning while preparations were being made at his Harborside summer home for his departure for Washington this afternoon. It was understood that the statement is to be submitted to the New York Pan-American conference for endorsement.

Will Take Definite Action. New York, Aug. 11.—Definite agreement with regard to the steps to be taken to restore peace in Mexico was expected to be reached by the members of the Pan-American conference, who resumed their deliberations at the Ballston more hotel at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Secretary Lansing was prepared to lay before the conferees a plan that included a letter to the various Mexican factional leaders requesting them to cease their activities and agree upon a provisional president to hold office until a general election.

Belief that today's meeting would be the final session of the conferees was strengthened by the knowledge that Lansing has engaged accommodations on a train that leaves for Washington at midnight tonight.

A movement to secure support for Ernesto Madero for provisional president was developing today. Madero's friends asserted that he will not be opposed by the Catholic interests or by financial powers.

Carranza's Hot Message. (By C. P. Stewart.) Washington, Aug. 11.—A hot message from General Venustiano Carranza, warning the United States and the Latin-American republics to keep their hands off Mexico, burst into the already complicated Mexican situation like a bomb today.

The Carranzista agency here made public the note as Secretary of State Lansing was opening the final session of the Pan-American conference in New York and when American battleships were steaming towards Vera Cruz and the United States army was known to be in readiness to march along the international border.

With kaleidoscopic swiftness the whole Mexican situation today changed in a manner to make government officials gasp.

The early morning found the war and navy departments rushing preparations for threatened actual fighting. Violent anti-American demonstrations were reported to be imminent or to have occurred in Vera Cruz. Then came General Carranza's curt note to the United States and almost simultaneously with it an official report from Special Agent Silliman of the state department declaring Vera Cruz was quiet and that General Carranza was deprecating anti-American feeling.

Officialdom is convinced that while conditions in Carranza's territory possibly are not as threatening as had been feared, there was no doubt that Carranza meant to resist elimination of himself from the provisional presidency of Mexico. Should he pursue this course, it is believed that the necessity of starving him out can scarcely be avoided, even if it should be possible to escape fighting him.

Excepting for the defense of the American border and of the lives of foreigners in the interior, the administration does not contemplate the use of armed forces in Mexico, despite the

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THE WEATHER

Oregon: Fair tonight and Thursday; cooler this afternoon; cooler tonight and Thursday east portion; south westerly winds.

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"But in the meantime," continued MacDonald, "British labor has come to the stage of realization that the government must be helped out of its difficulty and inevitably British labor must forget the past and look to the future by helping the government fight for its existence."

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"For the present labor is forced to give in. It is inevitable at this time," answered MacDonald.

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"This will embrace the provision of compulsory registration and lays down certain penalties. I hardly think it will result in conscription, but in the hands of a clever minister it can be brought around and twisted to assume practically the same form. British labor cannot object to this because its hands are tied by the penalties existing, but the workers of this country will violently object to absolute bald military conscription because it is unnecessary. The government has been informed of the workers' intention, and that is to stay in the fight and help save the country. When the country is saved the workmen will say what he has to say."

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CARRANZA MAY YIELD. Washington, Aug. 11.—The first hint of yielding to the Carranza agency here this afternoon in the form of a suggestion that the "first chief" might consider a "get together" program on the basis of representation by Carranza, Villa and Zapata in proportion to their respective strength.

BULLETINS ON MEXICO. Cornish, N. H., Aug. 11.—President Wilson left here this afternoon and will arrive in Washington tomorrow. He was accompanied by his physician, Dr. Grayson.

Latin-Americans Agree. New York, Aug. 11.—The Latin-American diplomats attending the Pan American conference this afternoon formally approved the draft of a letter to be addressed to the Mexican factions. Secretary Lansing, who prepared the letter, made this announcement at the conclusion of the conference this afternoon at 4:45.

Situation Becomes Tense. Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 11.—The Mexican border situation is becoming hourly more tense and grave. Matamoros advises today declared that the Mexicans intend to attack that city, if the United States troops occupy Vera Cruz again. Alarmed by the widespread raids into Texas territory citizens everywhere are arming. More Texas rangers have been sent to the border and still more are on the way.

Poses, troops and rangers are scattering in every direction preparatory to concerted roundup of the bandits.

Warships Bound Southward. Washington, Aug. 11.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced late today that the battleships New Hampshire and Louisiana are bound for southern waters, and that they will be joined by the Connecticut. The destination of the three ships will be announced later, he said. Admiral Walter McLean is in command of the squadron.

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