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PERSHING TAKES CONTROL OF ROAD IS LATEST REPORT

All Northern Mexico Is a Powder House Surrounded by Fire

EXPLOSION MAY FOLLOW SLIGHT PROVOCATION

Rumor of Fight With Villa, Americans Losing Two and Mexicans 82

SAYS HERRERA LOYAL

Washington, Mar. 23.—Consul Garcia at El Paso telegraphed the Mexican embassy here today denying that General Luis Herrera had revolted against Carranza. He declared Herrera was most active in the campaigning against Francisco Villa.

El Paso, Texas, Mar. 23.—General J. Pershing has taken control of the Mexican Northwestern railroad south of his base at Casas Grandes. It was unofficially stated today. He is said to be transporting American infantry over the railway toward Madera, in an effort to get behind Francisco Villa while Colonel Dood's cavalry pushes the bandit chief and his followers southwest. The Americans were reported to have entrained at Casas Grandes and Pearson.

Settles With Revolt

San Antonio, Texas, Mar. 23.—Northern Mexico today is like a powder magazine with fire burning on all sides. The entire border fear of Mexican uprisings has been renewed. Though Major General Fred Funston had not received official word of General Luis Herrera's reported desertion to the Villistas, he is facing the situation frankly and has ordered additional troops to the most dangerous border points.

The Third battalion of the Fifth infantry is en route to Columbus, and a portion of the Twenty-fourth not required to protect Brigadier General John J. Pershing's lines of communication will also be distributed along the border. The Fourth artillery has been transferred from Mercedes to Brownsville, opposite to Matamoros, which is a veritable hotbed of Villistism. The total American strength at Brownsville is five thousand.

Army headquarters stated precautions were being taken to protect Pershing's communications from revolting Carranzistas.

General Funston had no information about the reported engagement between Villistas and the Seventh cavalry detachment 80 miles south of Casas Grandes. The rumor that two Americans and 82 Mexicans had been killed was unconfirmed. Funston stated that the news might possibly have reached the border before it came to him.

General Bell's reported establishment of a censorship at El Paso was "not improbable," staff officers said. There has been no official announcement.

ABE MARTIN



Whenever there's a social gathering, you'll find A. B. Martin. You don't mean to tell me that's his wife? Spring in winter is never up to any good.

DAMAGE \$2,000,000

Indianapolis, Ind., Mar. 23.—Indiana was recovering today from the windstorm which swept 11 northern counties, killing six persons and doing \$2,000,000 damage. The infant son of Albert Irwin, of Monon, was blown from his mother's arms receiving injuries which caused his death. Relief work and rehabilitation have been started.

\$5,000,000 BLAZE AT AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

Ten Business and 20 Residence Blocks Burned—3,000 Homeless

Augusta, Ga., Mar. 23.—Flames sweeping Augusta were under control at noon, after having ravaged 1-4 square miles, including 10 business and 20 residence blocks. Three thousand are homeless. The loss is estimated at \$5,000,000. Several firemen were injured.

Augusta, Ga., Mar. 23.—One person was known to be dead, hundreds of homeless walked the streets and injured people crowded a dozen hospitals today as the result of the fire which swept the business district and residence area of Augusta. Estimates placed the damage at upwards of \$5,000,000. Business was prostrated. Militiamen spaced the debris littered streets through blocks of blackened ruins that had once been homes, guarding piles of household goods in the gutters.

Fire fighters were on the ground from Mason, Atlanta and Savannah. With the flames curbed, the volunteers and regular firemen searched cooling ruins for more dead.

Immediate relief for the victims was asked, and thousands of dollars subscribed at once.

Starting in the commercial district, the fire destroyed a number of the city's biggest office buildings. When it was thought to be extinguished, a high wind carried embers two blocks and started the blaze which devoured six blocks of residences. Flames also ate into the cotton warehouse district, where 15,000 bales, worth \$500,000, were menaced.

Schooner Oakland Wrecked Near Bay City

Bay City, Ore., Mar. 23.—Abandoned by her crew, the three masted schooner Oakland, of San Francisco, is aground north of here today and heavy seas are breaking over her. Most of her cargo of railroad ties has been washed away. The Oakland had been driven northward 200 miles out of her course by a severe southwest. She sailed Sunday from Coos Bay for San Francisco. Tuesday she had been driven far north and was in distress. The steamer Saginaw, bound for Seattle from Redondo, went to her assistance and removed her crew of seven.

Late yesterday the coast guard cutter Snobomish reported the Oakland a derelict. She was sighted by the big steamer Beaver yesterday morning and the Beaver reported her position to the skipper of the tug Onusta. The Onusta today was attempting to salvage her.

The Oakland was built in 1902 in San Francisco and was owned by the Pyre Lumber company. She was of 418 gross tons.

President Wilson wants congress to adjourn July 2, probably so the country may indulge in a rip-roaring Fourth of July celebration.

GENERAL FUNSTON'S OFFICIAL VERSION OF MEXICAN SITUATION

San Antonio, Texas, Mar. 23.—I believe General Pershing may take over the Mexico Northwestern railroad operating from Casas Grandes toward Cuernavaca tunnel, although he has not reported to me," said Major General Funston today.

"Of course he must first obtain consent of the local Mexican commander," added Funston. "I understand the road is in fair condition from Casas Grandes to Cuernavaca tunnel. The tunnel was wrecked a year ago by an explosion and it has not been repaired, but three cars at a time can operate there on a switchback."

Headquarters officers emphasized the need for speed south of Casas Grandes by pointing out that the line runs where Pershing is most likely to want troops suddenly.

Funston sent a wireless message to Pershing asking a report on the Casas Grandes situation during the past 24 hours, information about Lieutenant

ONE MILLION DEAD AND FOUR MILLION FACE STARVATION

Such Is the Condition in Serbia Says Prince Regent Alexander

THOUSANDS MASSACRED IN AUSTRIAN INVASION

Typhus Epidemic Carried Away 100,000—Thanks America for Aid

By Henry Wood.
(United Press staff correspondent.)

Rome, Mar. 23.—Serbia has lost nearly 1,000,000 of her 5,000,000 population through death by the sword, by starvation or in the recent typhus epidemic, the Prince Regent Alexander informed the United Press today.

The remaining 4,000,000 face starvation. It is to save them from the greatest calamity of history that Prince Alexander, Prime Minister Pachitch and the foreign minister have begun a tour of allied capitals. They hope to secure military action in the Balkans that will assure the restoration of their native country.

"Terrible as have been the losses in our army, they have been vastly less than our civil losses," said the prince regent. "During the first two Austrian invasions of 1914, practically the entire civilian population in the devastated districts was either massacred or carried off into captivity in Austria."

"Then came the typhus epidemic carrying off more than 100,000. Hardly had this been overcome when the Germans invaded last October. Hundreds of thousands more either fell before the invaders or fled."

Prince Alexander realized, he said, that only by keeping intact Serbia's fighting forces could he hope to redeem his country from its enemies. For this reason everything else was abandoned during the disastrous retreat into Albania.

No Means of Existence.

The aged King Peter, suffering intensely from the hardships of the retreat through the mountains left his armed forces in command of the son, Prince Alexander refused to leave the Albanian coast until the last Serbian soldier had been transported to Corfu, or elsewhere.

"With the Serbian army which retreated before the combined German, Austrian and Bulgarian forces vastly superior in number and equipment to their own, there retreated thousands upon thousands of women, children and old men," said Prince Alexander. "Remembering the atrocities committed by the Austrians during the invasions of August, September and November, these women and children and old men fled under the most terrible conditions imaginable."

Information reaching us from Serbia, Montenegro and Albania gives the most sombre picture of the general situation.

"Enemy armies, we have learned, have taken from the Serbian population every means of existence. Then, in whole districts where the entire population is dying of hunger and disease."

"Those Serbian refugees who fled across the Albanian Alps suffered untold tortures during their wanderings. The greater part would surely have died but for the help extended by your noble Americans. Thanks to this"

Market Remained Dull With Prices Slightly Off

New York, March 23.—The New York Evening Sun's financial review today said:

Despite denials and modifications of original reports, peace influences still lingered today, and in addition the market was restrained by the unfavorable turn of affairs in Mexico.

Uncertainty was the keynote of the entire session. It was reflected in the halting and hesitating government. First prices, except Mexican Petroleum, smelting, Refining, Grease, Canada Copper and Southern Pacific averaged higher, and various pools tried to advance war stocks under the theory that the Mexican situation would necessitate heavy munitions orders. The argument failed.

Although conspicuous specialties moved up a trifle in early dealings, the improvement was not maintained.

Mexican Petroleum broke five points, Baldwin Locomotive, Crucible Steel and American Locomotive reacted a point or two.

Conditions were not changed during the later dealings. Dullness characterized the afternoon.

HAY BILL PASSED

Washington, Mar. 23.—The Hay army bill passed the house by an overwhelming majority this afternoon.

Randall, of Los Angeles, voted only "present" when his name was called. Britten and London were the only members casting negative votes.

The bill provides for 149,000 regulars.

VILLISTA WANTS TO QUIT

El Paso, Texas, Mar. 23.—General Reyes, Villista chief in Laguna district, is negotiating for the surrender of his forces to Carranza. It was reported this afternoon. Commandant Gavira at Juarez confirmed the report that Reyes and his entire command, one of the strongest in the Laguna district, wanted amnesty, promising to support Carranza hereafter.

AIRSHIP SERVICE ROTTEN

San Antonio, Texas, Mar. 23.—Army headquarters here wireless General John J. Pershing urging an immediate report on the case of Aviator Correll, lost with his military biplane somewhere between Columbus and Casas Grandes.

Major General Fred Funston is very uneasy. The aero mishaps of the campaign have been a great disappointment to him. He referred to the aero squadron's work as "very poor."

Three machines have been disabled and a fourth lost.

FAIR GROUNDS ROAD TO BE PAVED BY CITY

Hard Surface Will Cost Property Owners 60 Cents Per Square Yard

A hard surface pavement on the Portland road leading from the Fairgrounds inside the city limits was practically assured this morning by the state board of control promising to furnish the labor necessary for the sub-grading of the street. The work will be done either by steam inmates or convicts and the city will furnish the funds in either case. This will provide only for the grading of the street, however, and it is not proposed to employ convict or asylum labor for laying the hard surface top dressing. A committee consisting of Mayor Hasey O. White, P. B. Southwick, H. W. Hetch and Councilman J. A. Mills appeared before the board of control at the meeting and urged state assistance to secure a continuous hard surface pavement from the city proper to the fairgrounds.

The property owners petitioned for a pavement to cost not more than 60 cents per square yard and at present it is proposed by the committee that the city of Salem or outside owners make up the excess cost over 60 cents per yard, it is probable, however, that the state highway commission voted to donate \$2,000 toward the paving of this road but the attorney general ruled that the state could donate no funds for roads inside the corporate limits of any city. The present plan avoids this conflict with the law by appropriating only labor which is not prohibited by tax statutes.

The city will lay the pavement by day labor and the asphaltic top will be prepared in a plant to be purchased by the city or the one erected by the county last year which is now in place on Highland avenue a short distance from the scene of operations on the Portland road. The city does not plan to use the plant used by the county last year though unless the city's new plant fails to arrive in time.

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BURNED ITSELF OUT

Nashville, Tenn., Mar. 23.—Fire in East Nashville had burned itself out today. The property loss is estimated at \$1,500,000. Many of the city's finest residences burned when the flames cut a swath 15 blocks wide and from one to five blocks wide through East Nashville. Hundreds are homeless. One negro perished.

SLAUGHTER HOME IS FIXED FOR OCCASION

Evidence of Minister's Goodness Displayed Error in the Kitchen

Chicago, Ill., March 23.—It was like circus day here when the jury in Rev. Madison Slaughter's trial on charge of attacking Gertrude Lamson, arrived today to look over the scenes of the alleged offenses.

A curious throng gathered at the depot when a special train came in carrying Judge Gregory, the jury court officials, Rev. Slaughter, his wife and a number of other interested parties.

The principals entered automobiles and proceeded through the main streets followed by 15 other machines. Every storekeeper ran into the road to see Slaughter as the long parade moved slowly through the business district. Crowds lined the way.

Slaughter, with arms grimly folded, his wife at his side, rode in the tonneau of a leading motor. Arrived at the scene, the jury toured Slaughter's home, and also the houses of Mrs. Widen and of Gertrude Lamson's parents.

Fluttering always before the eyes of the jurors as they investigated the Slaughter cottage were Ruth and Naomi Slaughter, the pastor's daughters and Mrs. Clark Camper. As the jury strolled through orchard and house the girls gathered flowers, fed chickens and rabbits and busied themselves with household tasks.

Inside the cottage the jurors found many religious mottoes on the walls, a Bible open on the center table, and other evidences of a typical country parsonage.

Entering the barn where one of the alleged offenses is said to have been committed, the jurors closely inspected it.

At the home of the Lamson family they found Mrs. Lamson baking biscuits. There was a photograph of Slaughter on the wall, flanked by biblical quotations. A hymn book was prominently displayed on Gertrude's piano.

When the twelve men, in whose hands Slaughter's fate rests, were about to enter a room, scene of an alleged attack, the prosecution lawyers took a peek into it first, then objected. They claimed the chamber had been changed to resemble a workroom, with piles of washing and junk scattered around. Judge Gregory decided the jury couldn't look in.

After their inspection the jurors returned to Oroville. The taking of testimony will be resumed tomorrow. Arguments probably will begin Monday.

GALE AT SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Mar. 23.—Ocean steamers were unable to enter San Francisco bay today, because of a terrific gale which made the bar break so heavily it was deemed dangerous. The big freighter Geoflan of the American Hawaiian line, from New York, tried to enter, but was forced to turn back.

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RUMORS FLY THICK BUT UNCONFIRMED ABOUT MEXICANS

Claim Made That General Herrera's Command Had Joined Villa

COLONEL CANO SAID TO HAVE QUIT CARRANZA

No Word of Villa's Whereabouts Has Been Received Since Monday

By E. F. Conkle.
(United Press staff correspondent.)

El Paso, Texas, Mar. 23.—The predicted uprising against Americans in Mexico is under way, it was feared today. Reports that large forces of Carranzista troops had deserted the "first chief" and had gone over to Francisco Villa, persisted, but were without confirmation.

There has been no word of Villa's whereabouts since Monday. It is believed he escaped the net of soldiers which partially enveloped him. Colonel Cano's 900 Carranzista troops who were reported to have defeated the Villistas at Namiquina are now reported to have changed sides and to have joined the outlaw's following. This would explain General Gavira's silence with regard to the outcome of that encounter.

Unless the American vanguard returned to its base when it heard the Villistas were rapidly increasing in numbers, army men believe the United States troops to be hot on the bandit's trail. The Americans were near Namiquina on Monday. In addition, 2,000 Carranzistas under General Luis Herrera are reported marching from Chihuahua toward the Villistas.

Following Cano's action, constitutionalist garrisons in Torreón and Chihuahua were reported to have mutined and declared in favor of Villa. Five thousand former Villistas who were given amnesties and permitted to enlist in the de facto army when Villa's generals surrendered at Juarez last fall are believed among the deserters.

Fear Local Uprising.

Fears of a local uprising were more acute following the arrest of Melchor Herrera, brother of Luis Herrera. Reports that the Carranza garrison in Juarez was on the verge of revolt has resulted in the reinforcements of the strong border guard here. General Gavira and Major Treto de Juarez, are said to be split on the question of how to treat Americans in Mexico.

Consul Garcia today formally denied that General Luis Herrera had revolted. He also cast further doubt on the alleged clash of Villa with General Cano's command. Garcia declared his advisers made no mention of a fight at Namiquina.

The report that Namiquina has revolted for Villa, and that Colonel Cano had joined him, was received over the Mexico Northwestern wire before the censorship was again enforced. The report caused General George Bell to cease his attempt to use the Mexico Northwestern in shipping supplies to General Pershing.

Street cars running between Juarez and El Paso are being halted after dark. The authorities said they have no danger, but explained that the car crews were nervous and that they did not want to take any chances.

Arrests of suspected Villa sympathizers along the border continued, with the El Paso jail already crowded. Among those in prison here were two generals and six colonels who served under Villa, some of them as recently as the battle of Agua Prieta.

RUMORS IN WASHINGTON

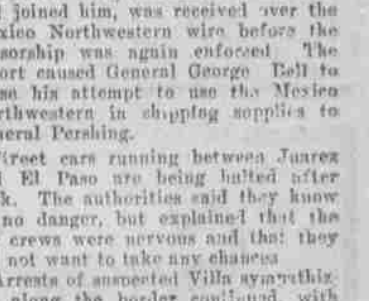
Washington, Mar. 23.—For the first time since Villa started his border raiding, the government today seriously considered the possibility of militia forces being a necessity on the international boundary. Every available regular may be needed to cope with the Villista field forces when they are reinforced by deserting Carranzistas.

If the entire regular army border force marched into Mexico, it is believed President Wilson would have to

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Friday partly cloudy; heavy frost tonight; westerly winds.

LAST DAY FOR THIS COAT



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