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NOT so many people realize what they can do until they make the effort.

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PRESIDENT'S ORDERS ARE THE ARMY TO MEXICO

Funston Asks Censorship Be Placed On War Moves Garrison Offers His Services To Government.

MADE MEXICO AT ONCE IS ORDER

Get Villa Bandits Dead or Alive, Is Wilson Demand. President Issues Official Statement on Invasion.

NOT AN ARMED INTERVENTION U. S. to Maintain Friendliness Towards Carranza. 5,000 Soldiers Now on Border Ready for Dash.

FUNSTON WILL LEAD FORCE Government Acts on Advice of Kansas General.

Everything in Readiness for Plunge Over the Line. Washington, March 10.—President Wilson today ordered American troops over the Mexican border to capture or kill the Villa bandits who yesterday raided Columbus, N. M.

In its present stage the president's order does not mean armed intervention in Mexico. It provides for a punitive expedition to deal with lawless forces over which the Carranza government has no control.

The following statement was issued at the White House: "An adequate force will be sent at once in pursuit of Villa with the single object of capturing him and putting a stop to his forays.

"This can be done and will be done in entirely friendly aid of the constituted authorities in Mexico and with scrupulous respect for the sovereignty of that republic."

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way and organized plans will be laid for its apprehension. Officials received word of the decision to go after Villa with troops with undisguised satisfaction.

No Naval Demonstration. The announcement of the intention of the president to send troops into Mexico was accompanied by scenes not equalled at the White House since the declaration to send the Atlantic fleet to Vera Cruz in 1914.

Pains were taken by officials to point out the president's hope that General Carranza would realize the spirit in which the American troops were being sent after Villa.

Carranza May Co-operate. American officials realize that Carranza may have difficulty in consenting to the presence of American soldiers on Mexican soil because of popular feeling in his country.

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MORE RAIDS BY BANDITS LAST NIGHT

Crossed Border at Several Points and Stole Cattle. 4,000 Believed Lurking Near to Renew Atrocities.

VILLA PLAN TO CAPTURE U. S. Invited Zapata to March North and Join Him.

Recovered Letter Villa Wrote on American Invasion. Columbus, New Mexico, March 10.—Border raids on American ranchers and farmers continued today.

Again invading the United States, Villista bandits this morning and last night crossed the border at several points between Columbus and Hachita, looting ranch houses, driving off stock and destroying buildings.

There were no Americans murdered, according to telephone advices received here. Reports to Colonel Stocum stated that Villista raiders had been completely cleared from American soil by noon.

United States soldiers on patrol duty reported large bands of armed Mexicans encamped close to the border at several points. Returned at Daylight. Just before daylight several bands which figured in the raids today recrossed to the Mexican side.

News of the return of the 250 American cavalrymen who pursued the bandits into Mexico without having killed or captured Villa was received with unqualified disappointment. The next step of the Washington government probably will depend upon nature of General Funston's report.

Don't Criticize Stocum. Although strict orders had been given American army officers not to cross the border with armed forces there was no indication today that Stocum should be no objection.

Will Continue Raids. Brigadier General Pershing reported that he had received a letter from General Carranza in which Carranza invited American troops to enter Mexico in pursuit of Villa and that he would give the government recommending co-operation.

civilians left hastily today for Gibson's ranch. The battle with United States soldiers here yesterday in which seventeen American civilians and soldiers lost their lives, according to reports of army officials today.

Major Frank Tompkins of the Thirtieth cavalry, in command of the troops at the Francisco Villa and his bandits across the border, said that Villa's losses were fully 100.

Army border patrols and armed cavalry today maintained a close watch for the reappearance of bandits along the border. A report that armed Mexicans had appeared opposite Benson's ranch, 15 miles west, was being investigated by military authorities immediately upon receipt of this report a considerable force of American troops left here in automobiles.

On the Border. Columbus, N. M., March 10.—Federal troops in increased numbers early today patrolled the Mexican border between Columbus and Hachita, N. M., against the present pressure against further invasions of American territory by Francisco Villa's bandit army.

El Paso, Tex., March 10.—Failure of the machine guns to work at the beginning of the fight between the Villa bandits and the Thirtieth cavalry, was the cause attributed for the escape of the Villa band across the border and also for the relatively small loss of life among the soldiers.

There were no guns or weapons of any kind in the Villa band which he killed one Villa bandit with an axe which he threw as fleeing Mexican soldiers in the hospital shouting "Viva Villa!"

Chicago, March 10.—Incomplete return in the national primary election of the Socialist party showed today the closest race for president in the history of the party.

Paris, March 10.—Two German war planes, including a Fokker, were destroyed and thirteen others dropped behind the German lines as it damaged in a series of air battles around Verdun and in the Champagne, according to dispatches received here this afternoon.

Berlin, March 10.—German troops have advanced southeast of Danilou and are closing in upon Fort de Tannenberg, west of Verdun, it was officially announced this afternoon.

BULLETIN

Censor on Army Move. Washington, March 10.—In a report late this afternoon, General Funston told the war department he had accurate information that Villa had three thousand troops with him, that Carranza troops in his vicinity had fled and that he advised against "frittering away the time of the army guarding small towns," while Villa might have an opportunity to escape.

Fleet Not Ready. Washington, March 10.—The American fleet is not in condition to strike an efficient blow at an enemy, the house naval committee was told today by Captain W. S. Sims, commander of the New Superdreadnaught Nevada, which will be commissioned soon.

El Paso, March 10.—Private Jess F. Taylor of Troop F, Thirtieth Cavalry died at the post hospital at Fort Bliss today as the result of abdominal wound received in fighting Villistas at Columbus, N. M.

Garrison Offers Services. Washington, March 10.—Former Secretary Garrison came to Washington today and called at the war department for a conference with his successor Secretary Baker.

Expect Attack Tonight. Washington, March 10.—The administration has received confidential information that another bandit attack somewhere along the border may be made tonight.

KANSAS IS READY

This State Has 4,000 Men Trained for Field Action. Full Brigade in Ten Days, Says General Martin.

TO FOLLOW FELLOW KANSAN Jayhawker Troops Would Fight for Freddie Funston. Applications for Enlistments to State House Today.

Kansas has 4,000 trained men ready to go to Mexico under a war call, according to advices in the office of Charles I. Martin, adjutant general. In ten days or two weeks the state can supply a full brigade—three war strength regiments—with trained officers in charge of all troops and two-thirds of the fighting force composed of men who have seen service in the national guard.

RESULT IS UNCERTAIN

Socialist Presidential Candidates in a Close Race. Chicago, March 10.—Incomplete return in the national primary election of the Socialist party showed today the closest race for president in the history of the party.

WAR PLANES IN BATTLE

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CONGRESS STANDS BY PRESIDENT

Agitation and Announcement Before Body Today. Wilson's Action Wholly Justified, Is General Belief. PATIENCE NO LONGER A VIRTUE! Rep. Smith Suggests Capturing and Hanging of Villa.

No Longer Stand for Such Actions on Part of Mexicans. Washington, March 10.—While the president and the cabinet were deciding to send the troops over the border, the agitation had broken out afresh in congress.

Senator McComber and Senator Fall, both Republicans introduced resolutions proposing armed action in different ways. Both resolutions were referred to the foreign relations committee while Chairman Stone counseled his colleagues to let the executive department of the government handle the situation.

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AUTOIST IS KILLED

Okalahoma Man Dead; 5 Injured Near Wichita. Wichita, Kan., March 10.—George Newton of Bartlesville, Okla., was instantly killed and three other men and two women were slightly injured at 2:15 o'clock this morning in West Wichita, when their motor car skidded 100 feet and turned over while traveling at a high speed.

All Crew But 2 Saved

London, March 10.—The French bark Ville du Havre of 5,108 tons has been sunk. The bark was in ballast. Twenty-six of the crew were saved, two being lost.