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## WAR WITH MEXICANS IS NEARER THAN EVER

Two Armies Glaring at Each Other Across Rio Grande. Pershing to Continue Chase of Bandits Despite Warning. FUNSTON NOTIFIES WAR DEPT. Bravado Orders May Be Only for Home Consumption. No Advance Further South, However, Is Contemplated.

Washington, June 17.—The United States today apparently is nearer actual warfare with the Carranza army than at any time during the late controversy with Mexico. With stinging rebukes of two Carranza generals tending in Uncle Sam's ears, each technically an ultimatum, one declaring a move by United States men in any direction except northward would be a signal for an attack by Mexican soldiers, the other threatening to cross the Rio Grande in pursuit of bandits who were considered an act of warfare, the two armies, marshaled along the border each day figuratively are glaring at each other, keyed up to fighting "at the drop of the hat."

Warning from Mexican commanders that any movement of American troops except in retirement toward the border would precipitate hostilities, will not change the purpose of the United States government to keep its expedition in northern Mexico or prevent General Pershing from taking steps necessary to clear the Rio Grande of its columns and deal with bandits threatening the border. No advance further south is contemplated and it is not believed here that Carranza forces are planning any immediate attack upon the present American forces.

The war department today was without advice from General Pershing regarding the warning said to have been sent him by General Trevino, the Carranza commander in Chihuahua, but General Funston reported the substance of a telephone conversation he had with General Bell, at El Paso, who stated it as a fact that such a warning had been given. As he has no direct communication with General Pershing, it is assumed that the substance of the warning by Mexican officials at Juarez or El Paso. This is not regarded as confirmation of Chihuahua City press reports that the warning had been given on orders from Carranza himself.

No Change in Policy. Secretary Lansing said today the policy of the United States was unchanged. He added that the state department's reply to General Carranza's intelligent note regarding the withdrawal of the American forces probably would not go forward today.

It is being held up for possible additions covering the San Yacinto fight and also authentic information as to General Trevino's reported ultimatum.

There were no indications at the department that steps were being taken to strengthen the border forces with the additional national guardsmen. While precautionary steps toward mobilizing the state troops were taken some time ago, no new orders to that end have been received recently.

It was noted here that American troops crossed into Mexico yesterday near San Yacinto, Texas, without being attacked. In fact, Major Gray commanding the two troops which scoured the south bank of the Rio Grande in search of bandits, reported he had received offers of co-operation from the Carranza commanders in the vicinity.

Might Be Political Move. Diplomatic officials were inclined to believe that if General Trevino did deserve a warning, it was done for home consumption rather than as a prelude to hostilities. They thought it might be a political move by Carranza designed to offset the activities of the anti-American element in Mexico, without actually forcing hostilities.

Border Nervousness Grows. El Paso, Texas, June 17.—General Carranza, having thrown down the gauntlet to the United States in his advice to General Pershing that any troop movement east, west or south, would be regarded as a hostile act, every preparation was being made along the border today for any eventuality.

Officers and soldiers of the American garrisons here were kept closely to their quarters. Street car service to Juarez was suspended and efforts were made by United States customs officials to persuade Americans not to cross the border. Tension was noticeable on the Mexican side, where numbers of civilians were arming themselves. Reports from authentic sources indicated that recruiting for the army was being pushed in all the larger cities in northern Mexico.

## LATEST COMMUNIQUEES FROM THE WEST BANK OF THE MISSISSIPPI.



JEFFER JACKSON WILSON SOME OF DEMOCRACY'S FAVORITE SONS.

WOODROW AND HIS WONDERFUL TRAINED DONKEY

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FOR VICE PRESIDENT MARSHALL AND FAIRBANKS INDIANA

HOOSIER AND HUGHESIER CANDIDATES FOR THE VICE PRESIDENCY ARE BOTH FROM THE BANKS OF THE WABASH

PRES. WILSON REGISTERING SURPRISE MINGLED WITH PLEASURE UPON RECEIPT OF THE NEWS THAT HE HAS WON THE NOMINATION OVER ALL RIVALS.

CHARLEY HUGHES FAIRBANKS TWO OTHER FAMOUS CHARLEYS.

SENATOR OLLIE JAMES CONFERS A NEW DECORATION UPON PRESIDENT WILSON.

detachment of Colonel Bullard's command fire on a band of Mexicans eight miles east of San Benito, Tex. It is not known whether any of the bandits were killed as they scattered into the brush.

Travelers from Del Rio said today that 200 Mexicans have crossed the line there. This could not be confirmed at Funston's headquarters. American troops are building pontoon bridges near Del Rio and have machine guns trained across the river.

Big red lettered posters distributed throughout San Antonio bore this announcement: "Volunteers wanted for immediate service on the border. Coast artillery company, Loredo. Apply in person or by mail to the recruiting office, Loredo, Tex."

No Word From Pershing. Washington, June 17.—No word has come so far from General Pershing himself, but even before the arrival of General Funston's message, department officials were inclined to credit newspaper dispatches telling of the Trevino warning. Preparations have been made for any eventuality and Pershing is ready to deal with any force that may be sent against him. It is probable, however, that he will hold to his present lines and make no move to precipitate hostilities.

Major Gray of the Fourteenth cavalry, commanding the two troops attacked by Mexicans at San Yacinto, Texas, recently had returned from an effort to pick up the trail of the bandits. The cavalry rode some distance down the American side of the river, crossed to the Mexican side on reports that a bandit mobilization was in progress, turned north again on the Mexican side for several miles and recrossed it to American territory without having encountered any outlaws or finding a trail.

Gets Carranza Co-Operation? Two additional prisoners were captured on the American side and the body of another dead Mexican found in the brush near the scene of the attack. Major Gray reported he had received assurances of co-operation from Carranza military commanders across the line. The Mexican officers said they had captured twenty men believed to have been engaged in the attack on the American camp.

The American commander said he believed the band had been broken up and that no further activities were to be expected from that particular force.

DECLARES FOR HUGHES Nevada Progressive Committee Will Support G. O. P. Candidate. Reno, Nev., June 17.—P. L. Flannigan, Progressive national committeeman, today declared he was in favor of the candidacy of Charles E. Hughes for president.

He made this announcement after his return from the Chicago convention.

COLLISION SINKS BRITISH WARSHIP 39 CREW LOST Destroyer Eden Goes Down in English Channel. Loss Includes Three Officers; 32 Are Rescued. DEADMAN HILL AGAIN INFERNO Germans Renew in Vain Effort to Seize Fortress. New Austro-Russ Battle Along Volhynia Front.

London, June 17.—The British destroyer Eden has been sunk. Thirty-one members of the crew were saved. Three officers and 36 of crew reported lost.

The Eden was sunk in the English Channel last night after a collision. This announcement was made this afternoon by the official press bureau.

The British destroyer Eden displaced 555 tons and carried a complement of 70 men. She was 220 feet long, 22 feet beam and 8 feet deep. She was built in 1903 and had a speed of 26 knots. The Eden carried four 3-inch guns and was equipped with two 18-inch torpedo tubes.

Verdan Again Inferno. Paris, June 17.—Violent artillery combats are continuing on both banks of the Meuse, Verdun front, according to the official statement of the French war office today.

The duel of heavy guns in the Avocourt sector is particularly violent. Deadman Hill last night was an inferno of shell fire. The Germans hand grenade attack at Avocourt was easily repulsed.

In the Voges after a violent bombardment of Hill No. 435, to the east of Thann French infantry the statement added, penetrated the first and second lines, brought back a number of German prisoners.

Russians Don't Cross River. Vienna, June 17.—New combats have started along the entire Volhynian front, according to today's report from Austro-Hungarian headquarters. Several attempts of the Russians to cross the river were repulsed.

For the third game of the Duckling-Savage series this afternoon, Manager Holmes of the visitors stated that he would use a complete new battery. The long looper for batters that Rohrer taking Johnson's place behind the bat, and East going to the mound. The Savages spent this morning at the park trying to iron out the kinks, and this afternoon they were expecting the long looper for batters that Rohrer would give them victory. Tomorrow's game will end the stand with the Lincoln club.

PREPARE TO FIGHT CLAMOR IN BELOIT People Demanding Temporary Suspension Superintendent. Governor Says Board of Corrections Won't Do It. PROBE TO OPEN WEDNESDAY Citizens Demand Investigation of Industrial School. Whipping, Straightjackets and Shackles Among Charges.

Despite demands made by a Methodist minister and a number of prominent citizens of Beloit that Miss Frances Wilson, superintendent of the Girls' Industrial school at Beloit, be suspended awaiting a result of the investigation of charges brought against that institution by Beloit people, the investigation will be carried on with Miss Wilson in charge. Such was an announcement made by Governor Chapman this morning after issuing a statement that the investigating committee appointed would begin its probe on Wednesday, June 21.

"I don't believe the board of corrections will order Miss Wilson suspended," said Governor Chapman. "The people of Beloit are clamoring for her suspension while the investigation is in progress," said Dr. Eva Harding of Topeka, who is interested in the investigation. "The Rev. Mr. Smith, a Methodist minister at Beloit, and others, have demanded it."

Meaning, those who have preferred the charges are delving into the Kansas statutes and consulting attorneys to ascertain whether the clipping of a girl's hair and the shaving of her head can be construed as mutilation of the body. This is one of the charges preferred. Other charges, Dr. Harding stated, are:

Whipping girls. Placing them in straight jackets. Shackling girls. Varying to work in the laundry while wearing shackles. Making them sleep on a cement floor while wearing shackles.

Miss Wilson, superintendent of the school, is in Topeka, it is understood. Members of the investigating committee are: Mrs. Lillian Mitchner, president of the W. C. T. U., Miss Lillian Scott, former president of the State Teachers' association, Baldwin; Mrs. Katherine Hoffman, secretary of the State Federation of Women's clubs.

Announcement was made this morning that Mrs. Sam Freidberg and Mrs. Lucia Case of Topeka, are gathering testimony from former inmates of the school living here and that this testimony will be presented to the investigating committee.

CONVICTS PUT OUT FIRE Spark From Motor Threatens Destruction of Penitentiary Twine Plant. Lansing, Kan., June 17.—Prompt work by a prison fire brigade today prevented the spread of a small blaze that sprang up in the twine plant of the Kansas state prison. A spark from a motor started the fire. The loss was slight.

Democrats Had Real Scrap Before Convention Adjourned. Texas Governor Asserted U. S. Has Already Intervened. U. S. Representative Ordered to Come to U. S. Side. Indicates Something Popping, but Doesn't Talk.

Laredo, June 17.—Philip C. Hanna, United States consul general at Monterey, and one of the two remaining American consuls in Mexico, accompanied by half a dozen other Americans arrived here today. He was reticent as to the object of his visit.

Asked regarding conditions in Mexico and the probable length of his stay, Consul Hanna replied: "Everything is quiet down the line. I may remain two or three days." It has been known for some time that Consul Hanna was instructed by the state department that he could leave his post at any time at his own discretion.

Consul Hanna immediately on his arrival asked for an American newspaper. He appeared surprised when he glanced at the headlines but would not comment on over night developments.

Consuls Were Ordered Out. San Antonio, June 17.—The arrival at Laredo today of Philip Hanna, consul general at Monterey, developed the fact that the state department ordered both him and J. E. Silliman, consul at Saltillo, to the American side of the river. The withdrawal of these two consular officers will leave the American government with no consular representative at interior points in Mexico except an agent at Mexico City.

ARMY TOO SMALL Intervention in Mexico Will Require 100,000 Soldiers. Mexicans Are Veterans and Can Select Own Ground.

Washington, June 17.—An army staff officer, who cannot permit the use of his name, made the following statement: "The administration is evading for a while general military intervention in Mexico because the army is not prepared to do intervention duty. It is the conviction of military and diplomatic officers that nothing except American soldiers can restore order in that country."

"We had three years of actual necessity for intervention, but we are not ready. At best, we have about 40,000 men. We will get a few more on the first of the month, but they will be raw. Against this force there would be pitted at least an equal number of Mexicans."

"The Mexicans, however, would be all veterans; they could choose their own ground and defy our troops for months while we were ordering men to the border and seasoning the national guard. Even then, we should have to wait for at least 100,000 volunteers."

SEES CHANCE FOR RAIN Weather Observer Says an Unsettled Area is Approaching. Hourly temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau: 7 o'clock... 61 11 o'clock... 75 2 o'clock... 86 12 o'clock... 78 5 o'clock... 49 1 o'clock... 43 10 o'clock... 72 2 o'clock... 82

Temperatures today averaged a degree below normal. The wind blew at the rate of five miles an hour from the south.

The sky was clearing over nearly all of Kansas this morning and temperatures were below normal. Only a few scattered light rains fell in the state last night. Tonight there is a chance for rain, according to the weather bureau. The wind is in the east and the weather here tonight will be threatening.

The forecast calls for partly cloudy (Continued on Page 2)

TO PROBE STORES Welfare Commission Appoints a State Mercantile Board. Will Investigate Working and Sanitation Conditions.

Miss Linna Bressette, secretary of the state welfare commission, today announced that she had appointed a mercantile board, which, under the direction of the welfare commission will investigate working and sanitation conditions in the mercantile stores. In its appointment the commission endeavored to get representative men from the various departments of trade and labor in Kansas.

The new board will meet next week in Topeka when its work will be outlined. On Monday, the state laundry board will meet and turn in its report to the commission. Members of the mercantile board are: R. W. Ramsey, Atchison; Charles Danforth, Wichita; L. S. Pogue, Hutchinson; Miss Mary Hannigan, Topeka; Miss Laura French, Emporia; Mrs. Minnie Reardon, Kansas City; Representative E. E. Stauffer, Lawrence.

The state welfare commission is in session today, preparing recommendations on the minimum working hours and sanitation it believes should prevail throughout Kansas. At the same time, reports will be prepared for the state laundry board.

GERMAN PRIZE AERIAL FIGHTER BELIEVED KILLED London, June 17.—Captain Beelke, the champion German aviator who received a letter from the emperor recently complimenting him on his success in bringing down French aeroplanes, is believed to have been killed in an aerial combat with the French aviator, Roger Ribiere. A Fokker, painted yellow and of the type known to have been piloted by Beelke, was shot down by Ribiere two days ago between the German and French trenches near Verdun.