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LANSING ANNOUNCEMENT PLEASING ALONG BORDER

Army Officers and American Refugees Praise Secretary for Allaying Fears of Many.

EL PASO, Tex., April 7.—Secretary Lansing's denial that the government was considering the withdrawal of the troops from Mexico was received here with a feeling of relief. Two classes especially, army officers and American refugees, were emphatic in their praise over the official quietus which has been put on the persistent reports that the Pershing expedition was to be abandoned.

MARKSMANSHIP OF TROOPERS IS IMPRESSING THE MEXICANS

Striking Fear in Hearts of Peons and Is Making Progress of Gen. Pershing's Men Easier as the Days Go By.

COLUMBUS, N. M., April 7.—Proof of the marksmanship of American soldiers has done more than any other development of the campaign in Mexico to strike fear into the hearts of Villa's followers, according to reports seeping across the border. The straight shooting done at Columbus, that of the little detachment that pursued the bandits across the line after the raid and that at Guerrero and Agua Calientes was totally unexpected by the Mexicans. It was utterly different from shooting they had experienced in engagements between factional troops in the five years of civil strife, close followers of the situation assert.

"Villa's followers had been taught that the Americans were weaklings, cowards, who were afraid to match their strength with Mexican forces," a naturalized Mexican living here said today. "They believed, in their ignorance, implicitly in themselves and their ability to conquer any force they should encounter. I am convinced that before the Columbus raid their feeling was that of contempt of a larger man for a smaller, weaker antagonist."

The first shock was given the Villa bandits when seventy-nine of their men were killed by half as many troopers of the 12th Cavalry, who made the sortie across the international line after the raid. But even then they did not realize their own weakness, soldiers and civilians returning from the front reporting that in the towns through which the band passed in its flight its members boasted of their superiority over the "gringo" forces.

It was at Guerrero that the contrast between the marksmanship of the two forces was demonstrated. There the troopers of the 7th Cavalry, shooting coolly and steadily, sent almost every bullet to its mark, while Gen. Hernandez' soldiers fired wildly as they ran, nearly all shooting high above the heads of the Americans. As a result, when the smoke of the engagement had cleared it was learned that only four American cavaliers had been slightly wounded, while fifteen times that number of Villa followers had been killed and as many more wounded.

A similar demonstration of marksmanship at Agua Calientes confirmed the suspicion already growing in the minds of the bandits that the ability of the "gringos" had been misrepres-

meager dispatches from the front and from unofficial Mexican sources, the pursuit of Villa, as far as the Americans are concerned, has reached a stage of marking time until the question of supplies transportation is solved.

Washington and not Guerrero is the focus for all eyes on the border at present. The belief is general that everything now depends on the outcome of the negotiations between Secretary Lansing and Gen. Carranza and that it is imperative that they be brought to a conclusion in the near future.

sent to them according to arrivals here.

Army men here point out that, although important, the moral effect upon Villa's command of the display of American marksmanship is a minor consideration as compared with the effect upon the peons of the district; for it was in Chihuahua that Villa first held sway, and it is in Guerrero that many of the natives worship Villa as an idol. Realizing this, Gen. Pershing has taken every precaution to prevent outbreaks among the Villa adherents, and has placed small detachments in towns along the American line of communication not garrisoned by Carranza troops.

FIND MEXICAN "BAD MAN" IN EL PASO MAN'S HOUSE

Officials Arrest Pablo Sianez—Has Long List of Murders to His Account.

EL PASO, April 7.—Mrs. Angie Williams and A. J. Abrams, Americans, were arrested last night after the discovery in an attic of the house they occupied of Pablo Sianez, a former Villa general. All three were held for investigation.

Sianez was said to have a long record of murders to his account, among them those of several Americans. His latest crime, it is charged, was the killing of another Mexican named Pablo Luna in Juarez last December, after a quarrel over a woman. After this he fled to Torreon, where he lived until a short time ago, when a demand was made on Gen. Carranza by the citizens of Torreon for his arrest and execution. At the time it was stated that a list of eighteen murders were charged to him.

He disappeared and had not been heard from until his arrest tonight. The police determined to take no chances in capturing him. When they had located Sianez they asked for the aid of the military and a detachment of infantry surrounded the house while detectives broke in and seized the prisoner.

RENEW ASSURANCES OF THEIR ALLEGIANCE

Indiana Delegates to Republican Convention Pledge Fealty to Charles W. Fairbanks.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 7.—The thirty Indiana delegates who are pledged to go to Chicago in June and vote for Charles W. Fairbanks as long as his name is before the republican national convention called on Mr. Fairbanks at his home here late yesterday and gave renewed assurance of their allegiance. They were led by Will H. Hays, state chairman, and accompanied by James E. Watson and Harry S. New, nominees for United States senator; Arthur H. Geisler, state chairman of Oklahoma republicans, and others.

Declaration of Purpose.
A declaration of purpose as voiced by all the candidates on the state ticket and the district and convention delegates to the national convention was read. The document guaranteed the heartiest support to Mr. Fairbanks, and, signed by all state candidates and delegates, is to be mailed to every delegate to the national convention in the country.

Mr. Fairbanks Responds.
"This is a little trying, my friends," Mr. Fairbanks said, "and I am glad you have come in this informal way, for now we can talk informally. I am glad you have come as friends in a common cause, that of republican success. Our democratic friends, with that ability which amounts almost to genius, have involved the nation in troubles that the republican party and its sane policies only can eliminate."

He then thanked his callers warmly for their generous expressions of friendship and said that if the republicans of Indiana decreed that he go before the Chicago convention he would answer the call.

MAJ. MOTON'S TRIBUTE TO DR. WASHINGTON

President-Elect of Tuskegee Institute Eulogizes Predecessor—Address by Former Gov. O'Neal.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 7.—The principal speaker at the memorial exercises for Dr. Booker T. Washington, late head of Tuskegee Institute, held in connection with the annual convention of the Alabama State Negro Teachers' Association last night, was Maj. R. E. Moton of Hampton Institute, president-elect of Tuskegee as the successor to Dr. Washington. Former Gov. Emmet

O'Neal delivered a splendid tribute to the late educator.

Maj. Moton's Address.

Maj. Moton in his address, the first to be delivered in Alabama since his election to be the successor to Dr. Washington, said in part:

"Few if any organizations in all this land are more to be congratulated or more justified, on account of the unique situation, in arousing the envy of other associations, than is true of the Negro Teachers' Association of the State of Alabama. And there is a good and strong reason. You are most fortunate to have had the intimate association and the close personal influence and example of the greatest teacher and social reformer the negro race has produced, as well as one of the most

beautiful and unselfish characters the world has ever known.

"Booker T. Washington's educational progress was not merely local, it was national—world-wide in scope. Industry, thrift, morality, decent homes, clean bodies and minds, better methods of farming—a kind of education which made a universal appeal was his. It was an education that helped farmers to do better farming, the carpenter to do better carpentering and the cook to do better cooking.

"The negro schools of Alabama, as a rule, have been wise enough to follow Dr. Washington's course, and as a result the white people of the state are growing more interested in negro schools.

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in negro education when it produces men of the type of D. U. G. Mason and Prof. A. H. Parker, the principal of your negro high school, and the other men and women, because these examples are valuable assets to any community from a moral, spiritual and an economic point of view. We, as teachers, must first of all live clean, honest, industrious, unselfish lives. Let us take a firm stand for morality and set our faces like flint against the loafing, worthless element in the negro race. Let us follow Dr. Washington in teaching the members of our race the necessity of decent living and the beauty and dignity of labor."

In closing his address Maj. Moton made an earnest appeal to the white people for their continued co-operation and support in helping the negro in Alabama carry out the wise, unselfish program formulated by Dr. Washington.



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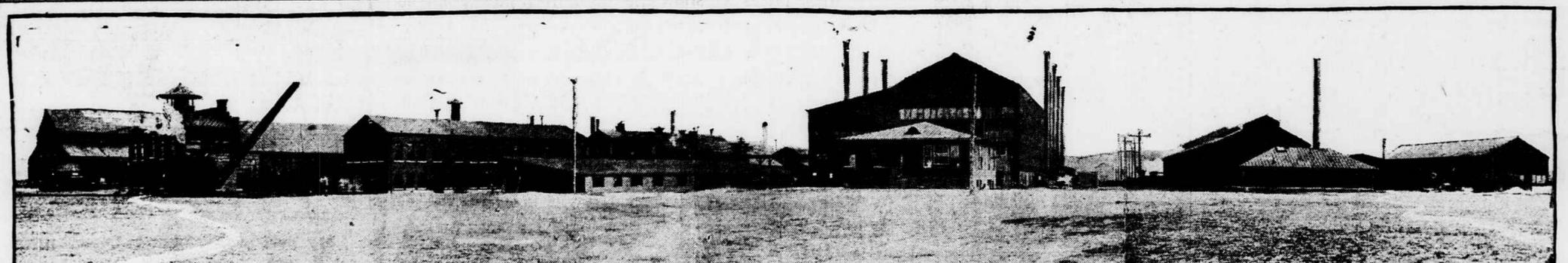
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