

Funston Asks Washington for Enough Men To Carry Campaign to Favorable Finish

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FIFTH CAVALRY WILL BE SENT TO BORDER

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(By Review Leased Wire.)

SAN ANTONIO, March 21.—Gen. Frederick Funston asked the War Department today for more troops to send into Mexico, only after long consideration of the advisability of continuing the operations against Francisco Villa with the forces now commanded by Gen. Pershing.

It was announced at Gen. Funston's headquarters that the Fifth Cavalry, of which one squadron is at Fort Meyer, a second at Leavenworth, Kansas, and the third at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, would be brought to the border at once and sent forward along Gen. Pershing's line of communication to Casas Grandes.

The only reason given for the strengthening of Gen. Pershing's force known by the public generally was that his field of operations had become so extended that his main line of communication and the subsidiary lines were much weaker than they should be.

"Merely a precautionary move," was the way Gen. Funston answered all questions.

Some uneasiness was displayed for a moment at his headquarters today when it was reported the wires had been cut between Casas Grandes and the border, but an official report stating that the line cut was a "buzzer" line General Pershing had laid, and that it had been broken accidentally by some of the American forces crossing it, allayed apprehension.

It is not believed here that Gen. Funston is worried to any great extent by the reports of growing antipathy against the American forces among the Carranza troops.

It has not been forgotten at his headquarters, however, that Villa has many more troops somewhere in northern Mexico than the few hundred said to be riding with him in his flight before pursuing troops of the two countries.

South of Casas Grandes the cavalry detachments that are following the band into the heart of the mountainous country where Villa is known to have gone are expanding in a triangle of approximately 5000 square-mile area. The search for Villa has assumed the proportions of a campaign and it was pointed out that if it became necessary to extend the operations much more it might be necessary to move into the field almost all the remaining available force of the American army.

At the time it was found necessary to leave some 2,000 men to guard the Mexican border towns.

It has been impossible in attempting in all cases to give them special protection but Gen. Funston does not care to move the troops from their stations that are within reach of most of the more populated points along the frontier.

With the arrival of four and one third regiments of infantry, two squadrons of cavalry it amounts to about half the field force of the American army. This does not include the coast artillery.

The regiments left in the United States, exclusive of those in the southern department and on foreign tours, are the Second Cavalry, Fort Ethan Allen, Vt.; the Fifth Cavalry, Fort Sheridan, Ill.; Fort Meyer, Va., and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Third Infantry, Madison Barracks, N. Y., and Fourteenth Infantry, one battalion at Fort Lawton, Tex.; Twenty-fifth Infantry, Vancouver Barracks, Washington; Twenty-fourth Infantry, Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo.; Thirteenth Infantry, Parrisburg, Pa.; and the First Field Artillery with the exception of one battery, Fort Sill, Okla.; Three batteries Third Field Artillery, Fort Meyer, Va.

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British Consul at Torreon Orders Box Car to Take Foreign Women Out

(By Review Leased Wire.)

TORREON, March 21.—Thomas O'Hea, the British vice-consul, engaged a box car tonight to carry the foreign women and children to the American border. The car was unable to leave Torreon, however, on account of a wreck near Pomona, but will start tomorrow under a special escort furnished by Gen. Francisco Gonzalez.

Gen. Gonzalez informed Gen. Gonzalez that his forces had penetrated the stronghold of Juan Madrid, one of the Canute Reyes' chieftains, in the hills west of Dinamita, Durango, killed a number of the enemy, capturing 136

DEATH SENTENCE OF WOMAN MURDERER COMMUTED

RALEIGH, North Carolina, March 21.—The death sentence imposed on Mrs. Ida Bell Warren, the first woman ever sentenced in North Carolina to die in the electric chair, was commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of Samuel Preston Christy convicted with Mrs. Warren for the murder of her husband in 1914.

The death of Edith Cavill at the hands of the German firing squad was cited by Governor Locke Craig in the commutation order. There is no escape, said the Governor, from the fact that Mrs. Ida Bell Warren is guilty of murder, deliberate and premeditated. Germany executed the woman spy; England did not. The action of the military governor of Belgium was condemned by the conscience of the world. The killing of this woman would send a shiver through North Carolina.

GERMANS ENDEAVOR TO FORCE WAY THROUGH VERDUN'S WOODS

(By Review Leased Wire.)

LONDON, March 21.—Germans in working their way through the Malancourt wood and the Avocourt wood, have begun a heavy bombardment of the village of Ennes, about 8 miles northwesterly of Avincourt and Hill No. 304, which lies about a mile and a half south. The French have recaptured a trench and are contesting the further advance.

To the north and east of Verdun the cannonading has been only intermittent. In the Argonne forest, in Loraine and in upper Alsace, the French guns have been active against the German positions and machine columns. On the river Somme the Germans retreated, but the French were immediately driven out.

There has been fighting in Russia. The Germans while on Jacobstad are also along the Dvina river and in the lake region between Dvinsk and Vilna, and with the Russians generally on the defensive.

While the reports of both attacks as having been repulsed with heavy losses, the admission is made that a German salient, near Lake Narocz, was withdrawn from encircling the Russian front.

Near Bulzitszecki, midway between Dvinsk and Vilna, the Russians have captured advanced German trenches, and just south of Dvinsk, in the region of Novo Alexandrovsk, have recaptured and repulsed a German counter attack on a position taken from them.

Petrograd says that in the capture of the bridgehead near the village of Mikhaltzche in Galicia most of its defenders were killed in hand to hand fighting.

The Russians in the Caucasus have advanced several miles toward Trebizond after further fighting with the Turks. Ispahan, Persia, is reported to have been taken by the Russians.

Heavy fighting continues between the Austrians and the Italians along the greater party of the Austro-Italian line. No important changes in position have taken place however.

In a skirmish between British and German torpedo boat destroyers yesterday off the Belgian coast, both the British and the Germans claim victory.

Sir Edward Grey, announced that Belgium has been notified that when time came to ask Belgium to join in the peace negotiations it would be done.

REPORTS BOMBARDMENT

PARIS, March 21.—A heavy German bombardment on the left bank of the Meuse is reported in the official communication issued by the war office tonight. This operation was carried out against the village of Ennes and Hill No. 204, which lies from one to two miles east of the Avocourt-Milancourt line. The French guns replied vigorously to the shelling and no attempt to assault with infantry was made.

PRISONERS MAKE ESCAPE.

PROVINCE, R. I., March 21.—While two deputy sheriffs were guarding in a van 21 prisoners, including one woman, going from the court house here to prison in Cranston today, some of the prisoners attacked the deputies, shot one seriously and beat the other into unconsciousness. Sixteen of the 21 fled to the woods. The remaining 15 remained in the van which one of them drove the prisoners where they gave themselves up. Tonight eleven of the fugitives had been captured by police officers.

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FLAMES DEVOUR PART OF PARIS TEXAS

\$25,000,000 Fire Had in Southern Town. Large Part of Business and Residence District is Burned.

(By Review Leased Wire.)

PARIS, Texas, March 22.—The fire which swept through Paris, destroyed more than half of the city in less than six hours, was believed to be under control at 1 o'clock this morning. Although there was no known loss of life, the property damage is said to be worth over \$20,000,000.

PARIS, Texas, March 21.—Fire which started in the washhouse of the Long Transportation Company and which quickly spread to the Paris Cotton Company plant, late this afternoon had done damage estimated at \$25,000,000 up to nine o'clock when it was under control.

The fire near the Paris cotton compressors, late this afternoon, had swept northeast to the heart of the city and up to eight o'clock tonight had destroyed twenty-five blocks of residences and business buildings with a loss at that time estimated at about \$21,000,000.

The flames made a close sweep of the business portion of the city and burned a path three and four blocks wide extending to the public square where a large open space arrested the course of the fire temporarily.

In a square situated the Merrick Hotel, a four story structure.

Large residences in the fashionable part of the city and smaller houses in the small business and brick building were raised by the fire which was fanned by a brisk south wind.

This section has been without sensation for months and the Paris fire department was powerless to stop the onrushing flames. Scarcity of water also was an impediment.

Just how the fire started was not known at an early hour tonight. The compressor with hundreds of bales of cotton, was the first building destroyed. The fire spread to adjacent buildings. It is five blocks from there to the business district. This district was soon in flames. A total of twenty-seven blocks comprised the business loss area.

Severely almost due north the fire reached the district where large business blocks face the public square. Telephone girls were forced to flee from their office.

Only fifteen out of two dozen business blocks were left standing at 12 o'clock tonight by the fire which had swept over the city late this evening.

AID IS OFFERED

DENVER, March 21.—Aid to the City of Paris, Tex., was offered tonight by the American Red Cross Society in a telegram addressed to the Mayor of Paris by Dr. S. Poulter Morris, director of the Rocky Mountain Division of the Red Cross.

SUFFERING GREAT

BONHAM, Tex., March 21.—The fire which started shortly after five o'clock in the southern portion of the city has left a funnel shaped wake of destruction, two blocks wide at the start, and from eight to ten blocks wide where the fire was raging at midnight. The suffering in Paris is great, according to reports from there. The destruction of mercantile establishments cut off the food supply and unless food and clothing is sent in from outside points there will be kept distress.

Paris has a population of about 20,000, of which about forty per cent are negroes. It is estimated at least 5,000 persons were without food or shelter. The damage is estimated at between \$10,500,000 and \$20,000,000.

HEADS AIR SCOUTS IN HUNT FOR VILLA



• Captain Benjamin D. Foulois.

Captain Benjamin D. Foulois will command the air scouts that will accompany the American troops into Mexico to capture Villa. Eight aces will go with the first force of troops and will be followed with a reserve force that is being formed now.

ARMOR PLATE BILL PASSES THE UPPER HOUSE

By a Majority of Thirty-five the Tillman Measure Providing for Government Armor Plate Plant Approved.

HOUSE WILL CONSIDER BILL VERY PROMPTLY

Hay Bill is Again Considered in the Lower Branch of Congress. Final Vote Expected During Day.

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Democratic senators supported the bill solidly, claiming it was one of the important measures included in the national preparedness program, now being hastened to completion. Nine progressive Republicans joined with the majority in voting for the bill. They were Senators Borah, Clapp, Cummins, Gronna, Kenyon, Norris, Poindexter, Sterling and Works.

The passage of the measure in the House is regarded as assured. Administration leaders say they are planning to bring it up soon after the passage of the army bill.

The bill, which has the approval of the administration and Secretary Daniels, was bitterly opposed by several Republicans as a result of the committee hearings on the measure.

The opposing in the Senate was led by Senators Penrose, Oliver Lippitt and Lodge.

As general debate closed today the test vote on the issue came when Senator Weeks of Massachusetts, offered a substitution which urged a five year contract with The Bethlehem and Midvale companies to supply all the armor plate then needed by the government.

The substitute after considerable debate, was rejected 60 to 25. The democrats, working solidly with the progressive republicans, were against it.

Senators Oliver and Penrose insisted that the proposed measure was confiscatory and it would force the private plate manufacturers out of business at a time when they were most needed by the government.

Senators Swanson, Reed, and Dellman closed the general discussion for the administration maintaining that private manufacturers had never dealt fairly with the government and that the government was not in competition.

HAY BILL PROGRESSES

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Although progress was made in the House today with the Hay bill, it was before adjournment. It may be passed tomorrow. Other business having been set aside to permit its uninter-

Two Lieutenants of Aero Squadron Do Not Report at the Advanced Base of Expedition

BANKERS TO START EDUCATION IN THRIFT

Chicago, March 21.—The bankers will begin a campaign of education in thrift by the use of small portable savings banks, according to action taken at a conference of the Bankers Association of the Central States held here today. William B. Hughes, of Omaha, secretary of the Nebraska Bankers Association presided at the conference which was composed of presidents and secretaries of the Bankers' Associations in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

TERRIFIC WIND BLOWS TRAIN FROM TRACK

MARION, Ind., March 21.—Clover Leaf passenger train number five, "Commercial Traveler," was blown from the track four miles east of Marion during a cyclone which passed through this vicinity about 11 o'clock tonight. The train was overturned and wrecked while going at a high rate of speed. Physicians have gone to the scene. Details were slow in coming in as all wire communication was destroyed.

Southern Indiana Has Great World Storm. "Clover Leaf" Wrecked. Severy Killed in Logansport.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., March 21.—A wind and hail storm struck this city tonight, killing one person and injuring many others. The storm did thousands of dollars worth of damage. Several houses were demolished, others were unroofed and a great many had their windows blown in. Wires are down and communication with outlying districts is cut off.

DROPS DEAD IN JAIL

CHICAGO, March 21.—David Vollrath, former treasurer of the St. Marcus Lutheran Evangelical church, who pleaded guilty a few weeks ago to having forged notes again aggregating about \$50,000 dropped dead of heart disease in the county jail today. Vollrath was treasurer of the church for 18 years, during which time he forged names of its trustees to notes. When in 1913 his pecuniaries were discovered he fled and was captured nine months ago. On his plea of guilty he was sentenced to the penitentiary for one to twenty years, but because of ill health was not serving the sentence at the time of his death.

DANISH STEAMER SUNK

LONDON, March 21.—The Danish steamer, Skodsborg from Norfolk to Helsingborg, was sunk yesterday by torpedo without warning, according to a statement made by the captain of the steamer. This information was obtained in a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. Three members of the crew were reported lost.

RARE ACCIDENT IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, March 21.—Fifty troops were killed and more than 100 wounded in a railroad accident today at Sayula, west of Guadalajara on the Pacific coast extension of the Mexican Central Railway.

SMOKE ENVELOPES TOWN

DODGE CITY, Kas., March 21.—Dodge City has been enveloped all day in a cloud of smoke and the local fire department tonight was on guard at the edge of the city to contend the approach of prairie fires which are burning in a quarter circle in four counties to the north and west of here. The mild weather of the last few days coupled with high winds has made the prairies like tinder.

Army Fliers Thought Lost or Killed in the Wild Part of Northern Chihuahua Possible As Result of Snipers.

HUNT FOR THEM IS BEING PUSHED AHEAD

All of the Aviators with the Column Left Sunday and All But the Two Have Reported to Pershing.

(By Review Leased Wire.)

COLUMBUS, N. Mex., March 21.—Two lieutenants of the First Aero Squadron are lost somewhere in the desert foothills of the Madres with but two small canteens of water and three days rations between them and starvation. It was officially made known at Military headquarters here tonight. Army officers do not credit reports in Columbus that the two lieutenants may have fallen victims of snipers.

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE IS DOWN WEST OF CIUDAD JUAREZ

(By Review Leased Wire.)

EL PASO, March 21.—Mexican officials at Juarez practically conceded tonight that the cutting of the telephone and telegraph wires between Juarez and Casas Grandes was the result of a Villa raid on the Mexican Northwestern Railroad. The extent of the raid and the amount of damage done were either unknown or suppressed.

Following hard on the news that the Mexican telegraph and telephone wires between Juarez and Casas Grandes had been cut, word came from Columbus tonight, in a dispatch passed by the censor, that both wireless and ground wire communication with General Pershing had failed.

The army field wire between Columbus and the headquarters of the expeditionary force was severed in 88 places. The trouble with wireless occurred shortly before six o'clock but its cause is unknown.

Gen. Gavra at Juarez admitted tonight he had failed to restore wire communications with Casas Grandes and it was conceded by the Mexican officials that the cutting of the wire was the result of a Villa raid on the railroad. The extent of the raid and the damage done was unknown or suppressed.

In the absence of any news from either Gen. Pershing or Gen. Gavra, there was nothing left but conjecture as to the result of the fighting between Villa and the Carranzistas said to have occurred near Naniquipa. There was a strong belief here that Villa was not personally involved in whatever fighting occurred.

It is true that Villa has clashed at Naniquipa with Carranza troops, in a general battle in which he was defeated, it is probable that in time his followers will have to come in contact with the American columns.

The advance guard of the Americans was reported yesterday at El Valle, only 35 miles from Naniquipa. It is not believed, however, that Villa will risk an open fight with Gen. Pershing's troops but would split his men into small parties before contact with the northern soldiers and indulge in his favorite guerrilla warfare.

In spite of reassuring reports from Washington there was no lessening today in the tension along the border or no weakening in the freely expressed belief that there was serious dissatisfaction among the Carranza troops.

The protocol between the American government and Gen. Carranza did not alter opinion. It was pointed out that the First Chief's actions by no means reflected the actual wishes of all the Mexican people and that large numbers of troops under his command had been former adherents of Villa and other factional chiefs who still had strong claims on their sympathies.

Further proof was furnished today that the American military authorities consider the situation along the border as far from satisfactory. On the advice of Captain Moses, commander of the cavalry troop at Fabens, thirty miles east of here, Dr. Charles R. Ricker, the medical officer with the troop, sent his wife and family to El Paso. They were followed by five other American women residents, including two school teachers who closed the local school. Capt. Moses refused to admit, however, that he anticipated any trouble. He addressed the departure of Mrs. Ricker and her children to the fact that he didn't believe.

Reports reaching here indicate that the civilian section accompanying the punitive expedition were leading small detachments of cavalry into the wildest parts of the district in the search for the two lieutenants. Army men here tonight said that every effort would be made to expedite the search as the men carried only food enough for a few days and that both this and their water supply may have been lost if their machines were wrecked. Considerable hope was based on the fact that both men are athletes and are well able to care for themselves in emergencies. Lieut. Willis is 26 years of age and was appointed to the army from South Carolina while Lieut. Gorrell is 24 and was appointed from Maryland. Both took part in the recent successful flight of army planes from Fort Sill, Okla.

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