of the army, had not been advised of the President's orders when he went to lunch.

Immediately after his return he is expected to go into conference with Secretary Baker and arrange ways and means for carrying out the armed invasion of Mexico. ORDERS SENT TO FUNSTON.
War Department officials intimated that the President's orders were communicated at once to General Fun ton, permitting the latter to make all necessary plans for the invasion.

General Scott said that not less than $\mathbf{5 , 0 0 0}$ troops would be sent after Villa. Other officers said that from 8,000 to 10,000 troops of cavalry, infantry, and artillery may finally be sent to run down the bandit.

ADD COMPLICATIONS TO SITUATION.
There is no doubt about the fact that the return of the American troops to this side of the border added to the early complications of the situation. It raised the question as to how they were to be sent back on a new expedition without making it appear that punishment of Villa and not inter vention in the affairs of Mexico was the object aimed at.

Just as there were no orders sent from Washington to send the five troops across the line in the first instance, no orders were sent recalling them. Although yesterday's dash across the boundary was contrary to the standing orders which the border forces have, there was no disposition in Administration circles to criticise. On the contrary it can be stated on authority that when it was known what Colonel Slocum had done, there was general satisfaction oxpressed.

The Cabinet met at 11 o'clock. Just as it assembled official confirmation was received at the War Department that the five troops were back on the American side.

When the meeting began it was understood a majority of the members was in favor of drastic punishment and of the opinion that Villa himself should be captured dead or alive. Secretaries Lansing, Lane, and Houston, Postmaster General Burleson, and Attorney General Gregory were lielieved to share this view.

It was the hope of the Administration that whatever course should be pursued would not be taken as intervention. There was no disposition to embarrass Carranza, either by appearing to invade Mexico contrary to his wishes, or, on the other hand, by obtaining his consent. HOPED HE WOULDN'T OBJECT.
For that reason, it is believed, Arredondo was informed last night of the action taken by the American troops with the hope that Carranza would interpose no objections. At the time the Cabinet met Carranza had not been heard from.

Overnight, however, the situation changed by reason of the return of the American forces. While officials would not openly admit it, it was nevertheless known that the Administration would have been far more satisfied if they had remained on the Mexican side, in which event re-enforcements could have been sent as part of the original punitive expedition.

Had Villa himself been killed or captured when the American pursuers came up with the Villistas last night south of the border, it is probable the Administration would have regarded the matter as settled. With Villa still at large, however, it was felt he must be taken and personally made to pay the penalty.

For that reason there was considerable interest manifested in an unofficial report which reached Washington this morning that the bandit chieftain had been mortally wounded. But officials looked in vain for confirmation.


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