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## U. S. PREPARES TO FIGHT ALL MEXICO CARRANZA FORCES MASS ON BORDER

### FIFTY-MILE BATTLE FRONT NEAR VERDUN QUAKES UNDER FIRE

Terrible Bombardment From  
Kaiser's Artillery Answered  
By French Guns.

### GERMANS LOSE TRENCHES

Aviators in Battle During Attack  
on Supply Trains on Both  
Sides.

LONDON, March 13.—The whole  
region northeast, east and southeast of Ver-  
dun is shaking under terrific ar-  
tillery fire.

The struggle is extending along a  
curving fifty-mile front from southeast of the  
citadel, according to official statements from  
the German and French war offices this  
afternoon.

It is considered almost certain that  
this entire front is about to break out  
in heavy infantry actions.

Paris is awaiting the new thrust with  
confidence. An official statement from  
the French war office estimates German  
losses in the Verdun offensive thus far  
at 200,000.

### Take German Trenches.

A sharp struggle in Le Pretre woods,  
fort-five miles southeast of Verdun, is  
reported in both official statements this  
afternoon. Paris announced the capture  
of more than 200 yards of German  
trenches in the Carnes wood. The Ger-  
man war office, however, claimed the  
recapture of the French attack.

Aviators on both sides were busy  
throughout the night.

A French squadron raided the depot  
at Conflans through which the crowd,  
prince obtains supplies from Metz. The  
German war office reported air attacks  
on the Clermont-Verdun railway depots  
and the destruction of four French aerol-  
planes.

The Germans searched out the  
French front all yesterday with a ter-  
rific hail of steel projectiles. The  
French accept the cannonading as the  
forerunner of renewed attempts  
against Fort Vaux and the positions  
northwest of Verdun, and made ready  
to meet the assault.

German losses in the first three  
weeks of the Verdun offensive are  
estimated at 200,000 in an official  
statement issued by the French war  
office.

### Driven From Vaux.

Dispatches from Berlin contain the  
first admission from German sources  
that the Germans no longer hold Vaux  
fort. An official statement two days  
ago admitted that the French by  
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### Italians Active In Goritz Region

Heavy Fighting on the Carsoo  
Plateau—Several Trenches  
Are Captured.

ROME, March 13.—After a lull of sev-  
eral months, the Italians have sud-  
denly become intensely active along the  
whole front. Formidable artillery ac-  
tions are now occurring on the Carsoo  
plateau and the renewal of the Italian  
assault on Goritz is believed im-  
minent.

Advices from the front today report  
daily infantry actions around the Goritz  
brigadehead.

Heavy fighting has occurred in the  
past eight days. The Italians are mak-  
ing daily infantry attacks against the  
entrenched camp of Podgora, before  
Goritz.

They have captured several trenches  
and are lightening the ring about the  
bridgehead position.

The Austrians are hurrying up re-  
forcements.

### Russians in Persia Moving on Bagdad

Occupy Karind and Soon Will  
Flank the Turkish Army Op-  
posing the British.

PETROGRAD, March 13.—The Rus-  
sian army operating in Persia has ad-  
vanced seventy-five miles west of Ker-  
manshah to Karind, on the way to  
Bagdad.

The occupation of the town is an-  
nounced officially tonight by the war  
office.

Karind, like Kermanshah, is situated  
on the River Tigris, a tributary of the  
Tigris. From Karind the river runs  
northwesterly for fifty miles, then dips  
southwesterly thirty miles to the fron-  
tier, then for about seven miles, broad-  
ening as it goes, it flows through Mesop-  
otamia to join the Tigris fifteen miles  
below Bagdad.

It will thus be seen that this advance  
will very soon flank the Turkish army  
opposing the British forces on the Tigris,  
unless in the meantime the Turks re-  
treat. The occupation of Bagdad by  
the combined Anglo-Russian armies,  
therefore, appears to be imminent.

### HAVRE DISPATCHES DIFFER AS TO HOW SILIUS WAS SUNK

No Submarine Sighted and Crew  
Divided as to Mine or  
Torpedo.

### REGARDED AS SERIOUS HERE

More Far-reaching Than Mexi-  
co Crisis, Officials Privately  
Say.

PARIS, March 13.—Press dispatches  
from Havre today cast some doubt on  
the first reports that the Norwegian  
bark Silius, aboard which were seven  
Americans, was torpedoed without  
warning.

No submarine was sighted, the dis-  
patches said, though the majority of  
the crew believed a submarine at-  
tacked the Silius.

Others expressed the opinion that  
the Silius struck one of the mines the  
Germans are known to have been sow-  
ing off the French coast.

While the Mexican developments  
claimed the nation's attention today,  
grave consideration was given here to  
the unwarned torpedoing of the  
American bark Silius, with Americans  
aboard.

### State Department officials

admittedly regarded the case as fraught with  
serious consequences more serious any-  
far-reaching than the impending Mexi-  
can crisis.

The department has requested the  
navy to furnish added facts.

It desires to establish certainty that  
the vessel was a submarine victim, as re-  
ported, and was not sunk by a mine.

Another view is that the case on its  
face as one of the most flagrant inter-  
national law violations thus far re-  
ported. They say it involves innocent  
Americans, forced by their occupations  
to travel the seas, and immune under  
all law from an unwarned attack.

Secretary Lansing declared he had no  
other word from the navy except aside  
from the original report saying the ves-  
sel had been torpedoed.

### Thirteenth Cavalry To Lead Villa Hunt

Troops Arriving Hourly at Colum-  
bus Strengthens Belief in  
Start There.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 13.—Troops  
arriving hourly today from El Paso  
strengthened the belief that one of the  
principal columns after Villa will start  
from there.

The Thirteenth cavalry, which, bravely  
drove off Villa's superior numbers in  
Thursday's raid, was being outfitted,  
apparently to lead the pursuit.

Officers were under strict orders not  
to make any statement regarding con-  
templated movements.

### Senate to Take Up Army Bill Soon

Chamberlain Hopes to Get Meas-  
ure Up for Consideration  
This Week.

The Senate will soon take up the new  
army bill and efforts will be made to  
press it for passage without needless  
delay.

This was stated in Senate Military  
Committee circles this afternoon. Sen-  
ator Chamberlain hopes to get the bill  
up for consideration some time this  
week.

While it cannot be said this is due  
to the Mexican situation, there is no  
doubt a feeling in Administration cir-  
cles as well as in Congress, among  
those who are for preparedness, that it  
would be well to expedite the passage  
of preparedness legislation.

Senator Chamberlain, as chairman of  
the Military Committee, has asked for  
certain reports from the War Depart-  
ment on the new Senate bill. As soon  
as they arrive, he wants to push it.

### Owen Fails to Call Up Oil-Lease Bill

Senator Owen failed today to bring his  
Ogale oil-land leasing resolutions before  
the Senate. Senator Gore announced  
he would refuse his consent, necessary  
under the rules, before March 21.

### French War Minister Gallieni Seriously Ill

PARIS, March 13.—General Gallieni,  
French minister of war, is ill, and has  
been unable to attend to matters at his  
office for several days.

His physicians have demanded that he  
remain perfectly quiet until his health is  
restored.

### WORKS DECLARES ASYLUM HOSPITAL FACILITIES UNFIT

Senator Calls Conditions at  
Washington Institution "a  
Disgrace to City."

### GLAD MATTER TAKEN UP

Time Congress Gave Proper  
Attention to Care of Needy  
Sick, He Says.

Senator Works of California, a lead-  
ing member of the Senate District Com-  
mittee, strongly commends the exposure  
of conditions at the Washington Asylum  
Hospital in The Sunday Times yester-  
day.

"Conditions at the institution are a  
disgrace to the city," declared Senator  
Works.

"The Times will do a great public ser-  
vice in arousing public sentiment and  
Congress to the situation. I am glad  
to see the matter taken up.

"I think the buildings, the surround-  
ings, and the facilities absolutely in-  
adequate and unfit. I have not personally  
examined into the treatment of patients,  
but Congress is spending much money  
for monuments and memorials to the  
dead in Washington. It is about time  
that proper attention was paid to the  
care of the living.

### My own views on this subject are

well known. I expressed them at the  
time the report was made on the finan-  
cial condition of the United States and  
the District of Columbia.

"The additional views which I ap-  
pend to the report of the joint select  
committee, I dwell among other things  
on the condition of this institution and  
the hospitals in general. I adhere to  
the position I took in that report.

"My statement then was that the  
District of Columbia has a combined  
insane hospital, an asylum for the  
deaf and dumb, and a hospital for the  
blind. These three are of the same  
piece of ground.

### Disgrace to City and Nation.

"There used to be a workhouse and  
poorhouse connected with them. Through  
the most strenuous efforts of the  
Commissioners, the Board of Charities,  
and other charitable organizations  
and private citizens, other provisions  
have been made for a workhouse and  
an asylum for the poor, but the old  
hospital remains to disgrace the city  
and the nation.

### It is composed of a number of cot-

tages, worn with age, poorly equipped  
and unfit for use from age and decay.

Senator Works declared the Washington  
Asylum Hospital was just about such a  
pretense of a hospital as one would ex-  
pect to find in a city which permitted the  
slum conditions to exist which he de-  
scribed in his report. He added:

"For fifteen years, the Government  
has owned a suitable tract of land upon  
which to erect a modern hospital such  
as a city of this size should have.

"Ever since Congress has been ap-  
pealed to for an appropriation sufficient  
to erect such a building but the land  
remains vacant. It was a fine real  
estate investment. The property has a  
speculative value of five times as much  
as it cost, but that does not care for  
the needy, sick and afflicted.

### Help for Private Hospitals.

"While this imperative duty has been  
neglected by Congress from year to  
year it has been making appropriations  
of hundreds of thousands of dollars to  
privately owned hospitals, some of  
which needed no help, but were growing  
rich from their business.

"For this, neither the Government nor  
the class of people that it should serve  
have received any benefit whatever.  
Most of the indigent patients they re-  
fuse to receive at all, and if they do  
accept the Government, notwith-  
standing its contribution, must pay for  
them."

Senator Works pointed out that while  
the people of the District have been suf-  
fering for years for lack of a decent  
municipal hospital, the Government has  
donated to private hospitals nearly  
\$2,000,000.

Senator Works holds that the Govern-  
ment should have in the city of Wash-  
ington a first class, modern hospital to  
care for the unfortunate for which it  
now cares so indifferently and inade-  
quately, and for others needing its  
help.

He would have as a part of this, a re-  
ceiving and emergency hospital with all  
modern improvements and adequately  
equipped. He would cut off appropri-  
ations to private hospitals. At the same  
time, he would make the Government  
hospitals free to all kinds of practition-  
ers of all schools of medicine.

### Daniels Not Informed of New Code Book Theft

Secretary of the Navy Daniels claimed  
today to have no confirmation of a San  
Francisco report that a second navy  
code book had been stolen on the Pa-  
cific coast.

### Armed Ship to Sail.

The Treasury Department today or-  
dered custom officials of New York to  
allow the Italian liner America to  
clear on the representation of the Ital-  
ian ambassador that the liner was  
armed "for defensive purposes only."

### MEXICAN FIRST CHIEF AND ARMY HEAD



Gen. VENUSTIANA CARRANZA (sitting) and General OBREGON.

## All Mexico Threatens To Rise Against U. S. Because of "Invasion"

EL PASO, Tex., March 13.—Threaten-  
ed by resistance by an aroused Mex-  
ico, Uncle Sam's expedition to run down  
Villa and avenge the Columbus raid is  
halted temporarily.

Coming on special trains toward the  
"war front" are regiments of infantry,  
artillery, cavalry, engineers and forces  
of all branches of the army, either to  
take an active part in the invasion or to  
replace the border troops sent to wipe  
out banditry.

The hour for the real advance is now  
expected to arrive some time today, al-  
though Major General Funston's policy  
of thorough preparedness and diplomati-  
cally negotiations with the Carranza-  
istas may further delay the expedition.

Carranza's threatened armed opposi-  
tion to the entry of the American troops,  
as reported to agents here and Villa's  
Mormon colonists in Chihuahua has torn  
the border country between feelings of  
anger and fear.

The problem of seizing all the north-  
ern Mexican railways and preparing to  
fight both Carranzistas and Villistas if  
necessary is now before the army heads.

Carranzista officers are reported hav-  
ing trouble suppressing a mutinous  
spirit among their soldiers. Anti-Ameri-  
can demonstrations are reported from  
several Mexican points.

United States Consul Marion Letcher,  
at Chihuahua City, is arranging for  
the speedy transportation of the fifty  
American families there to the border.

Six American residents at El Paso,  
arriving from Chihuahua City, stated  
their lives were threatened by two Car-  
ranzista officers.

"We're going to take all you gringos  
out and hang you," one Carranzista  
said.

Villa was last reported marching  
southward from Corralitos toward San  
Juan Ventura, near the Mormon  
colonies. He was either determined to  
force out his threat to annihilate all the  
500 American men, women, and children  
who he was fleeing to the mountainous  
Guerrero District to hide from the Ameri-  
can pursuit.

Villa is believed to have divided his  
followers into small guerrilla bands.  
Villistas even are reported in the north-  
ern part of Durango state, where a  
band under "General" Urbalejo made  
an unsuccessful attack on a passenger  
train on the National Lines of Mexico,  
killing a number of the crew.

An armed Carranzista guard drove off  
the band after they had dynamited the  
station at Conchos.

El Paso had its first opportunity to

display its war spirit last night. The  
remainder of the Twentieth United  
States Infantry, about 500 men, passed  
through the city, bound for "some-  
where on the border." The first in-  
formation the citizens had of their de-  
parture were the soldiers' wild cheers  
from the train. They were happy over  
the prospect of some action.

Thousands of men, women, and chil-  
dren rushed toward the long train, ac-  
knowledging cheer for cheer.

Carried away by the martial spirit,  
scores of excited civilians shrieked to  
the soldiers: "Give the greasers hell!"

Apprehension that the depletion of  
the Fort Bliss garrison may encourage  
the 20,000 Mexicans in the city to attack  
El Paso, hundreds of American resi-  
dents are going armed. Brig. Gen. J.  
J. Pershing, in command of Fort Bliss,  
has given the authorities assurances  
that the city will be protected. Deputy  
sheriffs with automatic rifles have been  
sworn in.

The reported mutinous spirit of the  
Carranza garrison at Juarez also  
aroused apprehension.

### Dry Bill Blocked For This Session

Opponents of Sheppard Measure  
Appear to Have Impreg-  
nable Lines.

The Sheppard national prohibition  
amendment has probably been blocked  
for this session of Congress.

This was the information disclosed to-  
day, following a meeting of the Senate  
Judiciary Committee. The committee  
discussed the proposed amendment at  
length, but got nowhere.

The committee has had the matter up  
at previous meetings with like result.  
It has become apparent that the op-  
ponents of the amendment are trying  
to hold it in committee or to prevent it  
from getting to a vote in the Senate  
this session. The chances of success  
are growing.

### Seymour Eaton Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, March 13.—Sey-  
mour Eaton, author and journalist,  
who made millions of people laugh  
when he created the Teddy Bear toy,  
died shortly before noon of apoplexy  
at his home in Lansdowne, near here.  
He was fifty-seven years of age.

## FIRST CHIEF HELD RESPONSIBLE BY U. S. FOR 500 MORMONS

Commander of Juarez Garrison Informed  
That Constitutionalists Will Be Forced  
To Protect Americans—Villa Pursuit  
Held Up.

Practical conviction on the part of army officials that  
the United States will be forced to fight the whole of  
Mexico, has checked the advance of Funston's forces in  
pursuit of Villa.

In an effort to avoid opposition from the Carranza  
government, President Wilson and Secretary Lansing are  
now in conference.

They have before them the proposals of Carranza for  
a reciprocal arrangement permitting Carranza's troops to  
invade the United States when pursuing Villa.

To enable Carranza to save his face the disposition of  
the Administration is to grant the request.

But care will be taken to prevent the consent of this  
Government from being availed of.

In the meantime strenuous preparations are being  
made with the view that, regardless of the personal atti-  
tude of Carranza, his followers will flock to the banner of  
Villa to repel the American forces.

General Gavira, Carranza commandant in Juarez, has  
been informed through State Department agents that the  
de facto government will be held responsible for the safety  
of the 500 American Mormon colonists in the Casas  
Grandes and Galena districts, according to press dispatches  
from El Paso.

### WILSON ASKS PROMPT ACTION.

President Wilson sent to Congress today an urgent  
appeal for immediate action on the preparedness legisla-  
tion. The message was conveyed by him orally to Speaker  
Clark and Majority Leader Kitchin of the House. He  
urged that no time be lost by the legislative branch of the  
Government in enabling the Government to prepare for  
any emergency.

Although the War Department is maintaining a cen-  
sorship on official dispatches that defies all efforts to learn  
what troop movements have been made by Funston, pri-  
vate advices pouring into Washington in ever increasing  
number from the border have served to fan tension to a  
white heat.

From San Antonio comes the report that the Carranza  
government, while appearing to negotiate with the United  
States on a basis of co-operation, is rushing 25,000 troops  
to border points, on the theory that they will be used  
against the United States.

Officials at the War Department have no disposition  
to discount these reports. On the contrary the belief is  
firmly fixed in the minds of the general staff that war with  
Mexico is the inevitable consequence of Villa's daring raid.

The army is waiting impatiently for the outcome of  
the negotiations with Carranza. It wants to know whether  
the Administration is going to permit it to use a large  
enough force to meet the probable treachery of Carranza's  
followers, or whether the United States is going to accept  
the promises of Carranza at their face value.

Even if the expedition is to be limited to the pursuit  
and capture of Villa, officials at the War Department are  
prepared to believe that the chase will last years instead of  
months. Geronimo laughed for four years at the efforts  
of 5,000 American troops to capture him, and only gave  
up when he could name his own terms. Aguinaldo taxed  
the Philippine troops on a tedious pursuit, and was only  
caught by a strategem. Besides these two Villa is regarded  
by army officers as a genius.

They do not believe that Villa's raid on Columbus