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EUROPE CHECKS WILD ADVANCE OF WHEAT; STOPS BUYING---SELLS

Price of Great American Cereal Rises to Highest Figure Since the 'Old Hutch' Corner in 1888.

WARRING NATIONS BECOME SELLERS

Agents for Purchase Called Off, and Allies Take Profit by Disposing of Recently Secured Stocks.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)

Chicago, Oct. 25.—War-torn Europe succeeded, at least temporarily, today, in accomplishing what all the embargo agitation in the United States had heretofore failed to effect—the stoppage of the wild wheat price advance, which has been in progress virtually unchecked for nearly four months. After the market here made a fresh jump of 7 cents today, Europe not only stopped buying, but turned aggressively to the selling side and forced a setback that offset the greater part of today's upturn in prices.

Foreigners Begin Reselling.

Sudden withdrawal of British government purchasing agents was announced when the wheat market advance took traders' breath away by vaulting to $1.86 a bushel, 1 cent above the high price record of the Joseph Leiter "corner" in 1898. Then almost simultaneously the enthusiasm of bullish speculators had to withstand the shock of word that foreigners were reselling their holdings both for immediate and future delivery. As some of these holdings had been acquired only yesterday at prices nearly 12 cents below today's top level, the bearish influence on the market was electrical. Quotations came crashing down and at no time during the remainder of trading was there any lasting rally. The close was unmistakably weak at net gains of only 7-8c to 2c, with December delivery $1.80 to $1.80 3-4 and May $1.80 1-8 to $1.80 1-2.

World Shortage Reported.

World shortage in wheat supplies, a deficit estimated by one authority at roughly a billion bushels, as compared with a year ago, was the reliance of the traders who were buying at today's high prices, and who chiefly had as a goal $2 a bushel, once realized by B. P. Hutchinson ("Old Hutch") in a "corner" in 1888. The sole other high price record not excelled today was shortly after the American civil war, when sales were made at $3.70 a bushel.

PROGRESSING WELL WITH CARLILSE NINE

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO MORNING JOURNAL)

Santa Fe, Oct. 25.—Drifting and cross-cutting has been started by the Carlisle Mining company in western Grant county. As greater depth is reached the base ores are being replaced by copper. The west drift on the 500-foot level after being extended only eight feet is in almost solid sulphide ore rich in copper and lead, with but little zinc.

Plans for a large mill to treat the complex ores are under way. The mill will have 100 tons capacity daily. The first unit will be completed by New Year. Something like half a million tons of milling ore has been blocked out.

Several strings of zinc ore have been cut by the shaft of the Progress Mining company near the Carlisle mine. A force of men has been put to work on the road through Whiskey gulch. The Eclipse min is to sink its shaft from 200 to 500 feet, the ore being copper, silver and gold.

LULL IN FEDERAL COURT BUSINESS

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO MORNING JOURNAL)

Santa Fe, Oct. 25.—There was a lull in business before the federal court this forenoon, so that United States Judge Pollock and Clerk Harry F. Lee went on a brief rabbit hunt in Mr. Lee's automobile.

H. C. Yontz, a local merchant, has gone to his home in Indiana, being called there by the serious illness of his father.

Colfax Republicans Nominate.

Santa Fe, Oct. 25.—The republican convention of Colfax county yesterday nominated the following ticket: Sheriff, Matt J. Keenan; clerk, E. G. Twitty; treasurer, Henry C. Jones; assessor, J. S. Taylor; probate judge, J. M. Garner; superintendent of schools, J. T. Conway; county commissioners, T. F. McAuliffe, Masom Chase, Elijah Shaban; state senators, Celso Chaves; J. F. Branson; representatives, E. N. Burch and Henrique Mares.

Mexican Dead From Exposure.

Santa Fe, Oct. 25.—The first death from exposure this fall is reported from Silver City, an unknown Mexican being found frozen and started to death on the road between the mining camps of Tyrone and White Signal.

WEATHER

THE WEATHER FORECAST.

Denver, Oct. 25.—Forecast: New Mexico: Thursday and Friday, fair and warmer.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT.

For twenty-four hours, ending at 6 p. m. yesterday.

Maximum temperature, 63 degrees; minimum, 18; average, 35; temperature at 6 p. m., 50; northwest wind, clear.

Can the Leopard Change Its Spots?

The Journal desires once more to call attention to the fact that none of the pointed questions put to the candidates for office on the republican ticket and to their friends and supporters have been answered.

The only argument that has been advanced in favor of Frank A. Hubbell's election as senator is that he is a man of great wealth who has made a success of business.

The only basis for support of Holm O. Bursum consists of promises made by Mr. Bursum which do not square with what Mr. Bursum has done in the past.

The only reason advanced for electing Mr. Hernandez to the house of representatives is that he was elected two years ago and wants to be elected again.

Nobody has even thought of giving a reason why Gregory Page should be elected to any office in the gift of the people.

So it goes, all along the line. The desire for office is the only qualification suggested by the friends of any of the candidates on the republican ticket.

Confronted with the question whether the methods employed by the old republican ring were justifiable or excusable—asked point blank whether, if returned to power, the men put out for office by the old ring this year have maintained absolute silence. They have shown neither repentance nor an intention to reform.

There is every reason to believe that if the republican candidates are elected this year New Mexico will return to the old condition of affairs that brought reproach on the state in former years—that appointive offices will be filled with men chosen solely for their political pull regardless of their efficiency or worthiness—that the schools will again be dragged into politics—that road building will be used more for giving jobs to political parasites than for giving the state a real highway system—that tax laws will be passed primarily for the benefit of the big non-resident, tax-dodging corporations—in short, that the old order, once the shame of New Mexico, will be restored.

For the old crowd never learns a lesson. It returns to office not chastened, but famished for more spoils. The old crowd in New Mexico is of a piece with the old crowd in other states. The only way to prevent it from despoiling the people is to keep it forever out of power.

WAR SECRETARY IS CENSURED BY S. A. R. SOCIETY

New Mexico Organization Follows Course Taken by New York and Massachusetts Societies.

The New Mexico society of Sons of the American Revolution late yesterday adopted resolutions censuring Newton Baker, secretary of war, for his alleged comments upon Washington's army, and demanding a retraction.

Pearce C. Rodey, secretary of the New Mexico society, was informed by Elmer M. Wentworth, president general of the national society, by telegram, that the Massachusetts and New York societies had adopted resolutions condemning the statements attributed to Secretary Baker, acting upon the stenographic report of his speech published by the New York Tribune. Mr. Wentworth telegraphed that he endorsed and commended their action.

The resolutions adopted by the New Mexico society follow:

"It has been generally reported in the public press that Newton D. Baker, the present secretary of war, made the following statements in a recent public address, to-wit:

"'I know that the Mexicans do not respect American rights and property; I know that they do not pay their debts; that they are ragamuffins; that they desecrate church property; that their money is no good and that they are generally worthless But people never respect these things in revolution. We did not respect them in our civil war. Washington's soldiers in the march to Valley Forge stole everything they could get their hands on; took the silver vessels out of the churches and sold them to buy drink. They drove ministers out of the churches. Their money was worthless and they were just as bad characters as the Mexicans.'

"And, whereas, the alleged utterances of the secretary of war constitute a libel upon the authors of our American freedom and are also a libel upon the thousands of law abiding people of the unfortunate republic of Mexico.

"And, whereas, the said statements of the secretary of war are known to be false and are not facts connected with the history or our American government or of our American society, in the achievement of and preservation of American liberty, nor in the organization and development of our civil institutions established and maintained by the prowess, courage, character, devotion, benevolence and loyalty of our citizens within the generations of our people who have to do with the creation of American and Americanism no matter of what race or clime.

"And, whereas, the New Mexico society has made inquiry of the president general of the national society of the Sons of the American Revolution whether the accuracy of the newspaper reports of the above alleged sayings of Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, have been corroborated and the said president general has informed us that he has corroborated the accuracy of the reports of the said alleged speech containing the expressions hereinabove set forth.

"Now, therefore, be and it is hereby resolved by the New Mexico Society of the Sons of the American Revolution that the said statement made by Newton D. Baker, the present secretary of war, regarding the men who achieved American independence, be and the same are hereby subjected to the severest censure and condemnation of this society, and this society censures and condemns the said Newton D. Baker for maligning his country and countrymen, and we call upon all patriotic men and women to express in the most potent and efficient manner possible their contempt and censure for the utterance of such false statements made by the head of one of the great executive departments of our government.

"And be it further resolved that the said Newton D. Baker purge himself and the great department of which he is the head by a retraction of the above expressions which falsify our history and the ideals to which patriotic men and women in official and private stations regard with increasing reverence and admiration."

TWO CONVENTIONS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY IN VEGAS

Democrats Would Like to Effect a Union With the No-Nomination Wing of the Republicans.

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO MORNING JOURNAL)

East Las Vegas, N. M., Oct. 25.—With the anti-re-electionist wing of the republican party holding a convention and the democrats also in session for the purpose of nominating a county ticket, tomorrow promises to be an eventful day from a political standpoint. The democrats do not conceal the fact that they would like to effect a union with the no-renomination wing of the republicans, which is headed by Margarito Romero. The latter, however, are unwilling to give up their allegiance to Hughes and the state ticket, and it is doubtful if a fusion can be arranged on such terms.

Apolonio Sena, who was one of the prominent signers of the Margarito Romero call for the county convention, last night attended the primary held by the regular republicans in East Las Vegas and was elected a delegate to the regular republican convention, which will be held Friday. This confuses the "dope" somewhat, as it had been thought that Sena would work with the no-renomination crowd. Last night's developments tend to indicate that any danger of a breach in the party has been averted, but the convention tomorrow has to be dealt with before anything positive along that line can be stated.

There is a well defined rumor that the anti-renomination section will hold its convention in session until after the republicans have made their nominations, in order that it may act more intelligently regarding its choice for the various offices. There have been few, if any, primaries held by the Margarito Romero faction, and there is much speculation as to who will be given seats as delegates. Not a delegate has been named from East Las Vegas or the town of Las Vegas.

REPORTED FALL OF CHIHUAHUA NOT CONFIRMED

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)

San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 25.—Persistent reports of the fall of Chihuahua City to the Villa forces, which have been current here, have not been confirmed in advices to southern department headquarters of the United States army. Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston, questioned directly regarding the reports, said tonight that so far as he knew they were not true.

CHIHUAHUA GARRISON HEAVILY REINFORCED

Washington, Oct. 25.—Mexican Consul Garcia at El Paso, Tex., telegraphed the Mexican embassy here tonight that he had been advised by General Trevino of the arrival at Chihuahua of troop trains bringing about 8,000 men under General Mayeotte, to reinforce the garrison.

TREVINO DENIES THE CHIHUAHUA STORY

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 25.—General Gonzales at Juarez said tonight that he had just received a message from General Jacinto Trevino at Chihuahua City stating that all was quiet there and authorizing him to deny "in vigorous terms" the report that the city had fallen before an attack by Villa.

The rumor of Chihuahua's fall reached Mr. Soriano Bravo, the Mexican consul at El Paso, from the Mexican embassy at Washington. He immediately asked General Gonzales by telephone to telegraph General Trevino.

A train arrived in Juarez from Chihuahua City this evening filled with Mexicans of the peon class, who reported all quiet at the time they left this morning. There was only the usual train guard on board.

RUMANIA NOW IN JAWS OF TEUTON TRAP; CLOSING IN PROCESS ON

Railroad Line Across Danube Is Now in Hands of Mackensen; Important New Positions Are Taken.

VON FALKENHAYN ALSO GAINS STRATEGIC POINT

Highways Into Little Kingdom Are Now Open for March of Austro-German Armies Into the Interior.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)

From three points the Teutonic allies are working with feverish haste in an attempt to encompass Rumania—from the northeastern and eastern borders of Transylvania, and through Dobrudja. In the latter region and on the east Transylvania front further progress in their inroads into King Ferdinand's territory has been made. On the northeast Transylvania front, however, in engagements with the Russians, they have been driven from the heights south of Dorna Watra.

Mackensen Keeps Up Drive.

Keeping up his drive in Dobrudja, Field Marshal von Mackensen has brought his line well above the Constanza-Tchernavoda railway line, the right wing resting approximately on Tachaul, near the Black sea, twelve miles north of Constanza, and the left north of Tchernavoda, whence runs the only bridge across the Danube in this region. Whether the Rumanians in their evacuation of Tchernavoda left intact the fourteen-mile bridge, which would be of immense strategic value to the Teutonic allies in a diversion toward Bucharest, has not been made known, but following military precedent, despite the quickness of von Mackensen's forward push, it probably was blown up or otherwise badly damaged.

Moutlain Passes Taken.

Further ground on the eastern Transylvania front, on the Rumanian side of the Vulcan and Predeal passes, has been given up to the Austro-Germans by the Rumanians, but, according to Bucharest, the Teutons east of the River Aluta, in Transylvania, have been driven northward, while in the Czni and Gilug valleys the Rumanians have made advances.

French Gain More Ground.

In the region of Verdun where the French Tuesday made their spectacular drive over a wide front north and northeast of Verdun, they are still holding the ground gained, despite the vicious counter-attacks, delivered particularly in the region of Haudremont and Douaumont, and east of the Fumin wood and north of Chepois, have gained further ground. More than 4,500 German soldiers have been captured by the French in this region. Elsewhere along the front where the French and British are facing the Germans in France little activity, except by the big guns, has been shown.

Likewise, in the Austro-Italian theater, the artillery is doing the greater part of the work along the entire line of battle. The northern part of the Carso plateau is under a heavy bombardment. Only minor operations have taken place on the fronts in Russia and Macedonia.

COUNTER-ATTACKS AT VERDUN REPULSED

Paris, Oct. 25 (via London).—Three successive counter-attacks by the Germans north of Verdun, in the region of Haudremont and Douaumont, were repulsed by the French today, says the bulletin issued by the war office tonight. The prisoners taken by the French now exceed 4,500.

CURRY EXPECTS CLOSE VOTE IN NEW MEXICO

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO MORNING JOURNAL)

Santa Fe, Oct. 25.—Ex-Gov. George Curry left today for his home at Cutter, Sierra county, after campaigning for H. O. Bursum and the rest of the republican ticket. He is sanguine of success for the republicans. If the Hughes electors carry the state by 2,500 or more plurality, then the entire republican state ticket will be elected, is his opinion. However, if the Hughes electors are not elected, and there is a possibility of this, then the republicans will also lose the United States senatorship and possibly the state treasurership. As for the rest of the ticket, he feels certain of its being elected, no matter what else may happen.

Two More Days to Register!

Unless you are registered by midnight of October 27, you are likely to lose your chance to vote.

There are a lot of new voters in Albuquerque. Any man who has lived in the state a year, in the county for three months, and in his precinct for thirty days, can vote—provided he is registered.

You have today and tomorrow until midnight.

Whether you are republican or democrat, it is your duty to go to the polls and exercise your right of franchise on election day.

Register today, then you will not run the risk of forgetting it tomorrow, and being disfranchised a week from next Tuesday!

ACTIVITY AMONG CANDIDATES HAS NOW GOTTEN TO FEVERISH STAGE

Both Republicans and Democrats Straining Every Nerve to Get Out Full Strength of Ticket on Election Day.

CONFIDENCE REIGNS IN CAMP OF DE BACA

Backers of San Miguel County Man Have Gotten Out of Their Doubtful Attitude and Predict Big Majority.

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO MORNING JOURNAL)

Santa Fe, Oct. 25.—The campaign for national and state offices in New Mexico has now reached a stage which can best be described, in the language of the novelist and the perfervid newspaper writer, as one of feverish activity. All talk of apathy has departed. Candidates and campaign managers are putting on all the steam the boilers will stand and the headquarters of both parties present such scenes as can only be witnessed in political headquarters less than two weeks before election day.

For everybody realizes that just at this time the fate of the nation is being decided—at least the fate of those earnest patriots who aspire to run the nation for a period of years is being decided. In a very few days now it will be too late to do anything that will change the result. The minds of the voters will be definitely made up one way or the other and all that will be left for the party managers to do will be to hold their lines until the verdict is recorded on November 7.

How It Looks.

The question that is most heard in Santa Fe these days is, "How does it look?" Especially if one has any connection with the headquarters of either party, or if one is endeavoring to keep the public informed through the columns of a newspaper as to the progress of political events, one can not by any possibility escape being asked many times a day, "How does it look?"

Of course, there are so many things to obstruct the vision that when one undertakes to tell how it looks he may find, after it is all over, that his vision has been distorted and warped and that the way it looked was altogether different from the way it actually was.

However, an impartial and candid effort to tell how it looks at the present time leads to the statement that it looks, in New Mexico, very much like Wilson and Jones, that with each passing day it looks more and more like Walton and de Baca and that it is impossible to tell how the rest of it looks because you can't see the rest of it for the four big races.

De Baca Strength Growing.

The most important development of the last few days has been the growth of sentiment all over the state for E. C. de Baca for governor. A few weeks ago democratic leaders made no secret of the fact that they considered the present lieutenant governor the weak man of their ticket, so far as vote-getting ability was concerned. They have gotten out of this state of mind and now boldly predict that he will be well up with the leaders of the ticket.

Two factors are apparent in this change in the situation. One is the persistent attack that has been made on H. O. Bursum by democratic speakers during the last two weeks and the other is the systematic campaign for de Baca that has been conducted in the strong native counties of northern New Mexico. The attacks on the republican candidate for governor have not been of a specially personal nature, such as those that were launched against him in 1911, but have taken for the most part the form of criticism of more recent events in his political career, such as the billboard and picture-show incident in Socorro, alleged deficiencies of Mr. Bursum in the payment of taxes and the showing made in his home county in the building of the Socorro-Mogollon road.

The democratic campaign in northern New Mexico has been conducted quietly but most effectively, and republican leaders do not attempt to conceal their anxiety over the situation in that part of the state, especially so far as the governorship is concerned. Whether this gain will extend to other candidates on the democratic ticket is a matter of doubt, but the belief prevails that it will, to some extent at least, decrease the hitherto large republican majorities that those counties have returned.

Walton's Steady Gain.

State Senator "Billy" Walton has not been making a noisy campaign, but those in a position to know declare that it has been none the less effective for that fact and that his gains in every county where he has spoken have been steady and pronounced. Mr. Walton enjoys one advantage in that he is squarely in line with President Wilson's policies regarding both the Adamson eight-hour law and the Mexican situation, and as has already been pointed out in these dispatches these two policies are at the basis of the tremendous sweep for Wilson that is now apparent in New Mexico.

For there has not been the faintest sign of a recession of the tide for Wilson in New Mexico. If anything it is growing stronger from day to day. If one wants to get an idea of the strength of the Wilson sentiment in New Mexico it is only necessary to get into conversation with the conductor or the brakeman on the train the next time one takes a trip. To be sure, the conductor and the brakeman are personally interested in the Adamson law, but it must be remembered also that they are not alone in that interest, that there are many thousands more in New Mexico that are interested in one way or another in that law and that those thousands have an influence that embraces other thousands when it comes to voting.

Also, it is well to remember that the conductor and the brakeman are pretty good barometers of public opinion—that regardless of how they themselves feel regarding the Adamson law they are in a position to know how others feel and how they are going to vote. If you will talk to the conductor and the brakeman and get either one to open up and tell you just what he knows you will get a pretty good idea of how New Mexico will go in the coming election as between Wilson and Hughes.

And there is still the possibility, growing more and more a probability as the Wilson tide increases, that the entire democratic ticket will be swept into office on the wave for the re-election of the president.

CALLES MAY NOT BE GIVEN U. S. PERMIT

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)

Douglas, Ariz., Oct. 25.—Gen. P. Elias Calles, who is expected to arrive in Agua Prieta Thursday morning, will find no permit for his passage through United States territory awaiting him, unless it arrives tonight from Washington. Mexican officials are worried over the possibility of refusal.

Calles was summoned to Mexico City to confer with Venustiano Carranza and Gen. Alvaro Obregon, and applied through Gen. T. F. Davis, commanding the Arizona district, for permission to go from Douglas to Eagle Pass.

NEBRASKANS ARE INFORMED WHAT T. R.'S POWER IS

Colonel Explains That Foreign Nations Respect Him, and Therefore Harmed No Americans in His Reign.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)

North Platte, Neb., Oct. 25.—A large crowd greeted Theodore Roosevelt here tonight when he made a ten minute talk between trains. He declared that a man who is too proud to fight is not too proud to get kicked and the same is true of nations. Three hundred Americans, he said, had lost their lives in Mexico and on the Lusitania, because foreign nations concluded that the United States was too proud to fight.

"I was president of the United States seven and one-half years," declared Colonel Roosevelt, in making a platform speech at Kearney, Neb., "and during that time no representative of any foreign power ever harmed a citizen of the United States, because all knew that while I never picked a quarrel, I was not too proud to fight."

The former president reviewed his acquaintance with the west and declared that here one may always find the truest American sentiment. "I would never have been president except for my experience in the west," he said.

BUSINESS MEN OUT STRONG FOR WOODROW WILSON

Believe His Administration Has Made Good; Previously Have Always Voted Republican Ticket.

(SPECIAL DISPATCH TO MORNING JOURNAL)

New York, Oct. 25.—Jackson Johnson, of St. Louis, chairman of the board of directors of the International Shoe company and one of the biggest manufacturers in the world, announced today that he will vote for President Wilson.

"I have balanced the great constructive measures of the Wilson administration against the ill-advised measures of previous republican rule and I have concluded to support Mr. Wilson for a second term," says Mr. Johnson.

"Mr. Wilson has faced the most trying times of any president since Lincoln.

"Through his leadership the inadequate currency measure known as the Aldrich law was amended by a democratic congress to prevent what would have been the greatest panic this country has ever known.

"In my judgment the federal reserve act is one of the greatest and most beneficial pieces of legislation ever placed upon the statutes. It has served to advance the business of this country and has done more to bring prosperity to the whole people than all other things combined."

Sends Check to Democrats.

Louis Bamberger, one of the foremost business men of Newark, sent a check for $1,000 to the democratic national committee today with the following comment:

"It might be of interest to you to know that at the last presidential election I voted for Mr. Roosevelt, but as Wilson's administration, in the face of perplexing conditions, has accomplished in my judgment, all that any reasonable citizen could expect, I shall take great pleasure in casting my ballot for him."

C. E. Lenz, of 42 Broadway, New York, sends a check for $100 enclosing a copy of a letter replying to a request for a contribution to the New York republican county committee.

"I will say that during all my voting years I have voted for republican presidential candidates," Mr. Lenz says, "but my next presidential ballot I will cast for Woodrow Wilson."

WASHINGTON IS ALARMED OVER VILLA'S GROWING MILITARY POWER

Carranza Government Is Believed to Be Tottering Before the Accumulating Opposition in Northern Mexico

PERSHING NOT TO BE RECALLED JUST YET

National Guardsmen to Remain on Border Until Situation Is Cleared Up to Prevent Columbus Raids.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)

Washington, Oct. 25.—Conditions in northern Mexico, revolving on the new ascendency of Villa as a military leader, are comanding more attention than at any other time since the border raids which resulted in the dispatch of the American punitive expedition.

Administration officials made no effort tonight to disguise their opinion that the American-Mexican commission sitting at Atlantic City cannot be expected to arrive at a satisfactory solution of border problems until the situation in Chihuahua has been clarified. Any agreement for the early withdrawal of General Pershing's forces from Mexico apparently is considered now as out of the question.

Will Take No Chances.

Moreover, the impression stood out clearly from all the views expressed that while the present situation exists there is little possibility that the forces of regulars or national guardsmen on the border will be reduced. It was indicated that no chances would be taken of another raid into American territory.

Coupled with ugly reports which disparage the stability of General Carranza's regime are reports of his removal from Mexico City to Queretaro as a sign of the breaking up process which his enemies have repeatedly predicted the military march of Villa, now making a formidable campaign in Chihuahua, are regarded here as menacing the de facto government's control of the whole northern country.

Developments Expected Soon.

Prominent in the whole situation are apparently well founded but indefinite reports of the connection of the so-called legalista movement with the whole train of events, which are expected by those familiar with the Mexican problem here to develop within a short time.

May Abandon Chihuahua.

At the same time reports came to the war department that Villa's camp fires were in sight of Chihuahua City, and General Trevino, Carranza commander there, although plentifully supplied with arms and receiving reinforcements, was short of ammunition and considering evacuating the capital.

Department officials said tonight they had not heard the report reaching the border that Chihuahua had actually fallen. As a matter of military strategy, it was pointed out that Villa, once occupying Chihuahua, could compel the surrender of Juarez, as he did easily once before, and at another strike might take Torreon, Monterey and Saltillo, when he would be a military factor somewhat different from the bandit whose life an American military expedition was dispatched for.

Reports From Bell.

The war department's reports on Villa's latest coup came from Brigadier General Bell, who transmitted stories he had obtained from refugees arriving in El Paso. As he did not give the names of his informants, some state department officials expressed doubt as to the entire accuracy of the tales. It was conceded, however, that no room was left for doubt that the bandit leader was operating openly and in force against the de facto government's army. General Bell's dispatches gave details of the annihilation of Carranza columns under General Ozuna, by Villa forces at Palomas, and described how the Villa troops captured or killed more than a thousand Carranza troops and took all the supply trains.

Embassy Explanation.

The Mexican embassy's explanation of General Carranza's move to Queretaro was that he had gone to prepare for the meeting of the constituent assembly, for which deputies just have been selected. The arrival of the families of Generals Carranza and Obregon in the United States was declared to be without significance.

"The rumors that this visit has any political significance, or that the families of the leaders are abandoning the country, are absurd," said an embassy statement.

Reports forwarded by Major General Funston, however, said General Trevino had privately advised many officials in Chihuahua to leave the city. Trevino has sent his own family out of the country and he prepared a special train for officials which he guarded with military trains in expectation of an attack by Villa bands.

Villa's New Alliance.

Reports to persons here in touch with the legalista movement state unequivocally that Villa has personally given assurances that he will leave Mexico and go to Cuba if Carranza is overthrown. The shortage of ammunition among Carranza troops in the north is explained by the same persons with the statement that the internal politics among the Carranza leaders are such that General Obregon is personally keeping control of practically all the available ammunition. Recent news dispatches reported the movement of a trainload of ammunition to Queretaro when Carranza and Obregon went there from Mexico City. Sources in touch with the legalista movement say Obregon took it with