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FREE HAND GIVEN FUNSTON

U. S. TROOPS INTO MEXICO BY SUNDAY

Plans Perfected For Dispatch of Large Forces in Quest of Villa.

FUNSTON SUPREME ALONG BORDER

Given Full Powers to Send as Many Soldiers as He Needs and to Conduct Campaign — Strict Secrecy to Be Maintained as to Troop Movements After They Cross Border — No Objection Expected on Part of Carranza.

Washington, March 11.—Instructions conveying full authority to General Funston to dispatch a defensive expedition into Mexico in pursuit of Villa and his bandits are today in General Funston's hands. Secretary Baker announced that full discretion as to the number of men to be used and the route to be followed had been left with General Funston.

Strict Secrecy Maintained.

The strictest secrecy was being observed by war department officials today regarding the army's plan for the capture of the Villa bandits.

This is in accordance with the earnest request of General Funston, the object being to prevent Villa learning of the army expedition.

It was made plain that the expedition was purely a punitive measure for the suppression of outlaws and that as soon as the forces of the de facto government of Mexico were in control of the situation, any American troops then in Mexico would be withdrawn.

Carranza Will Not Object.

The state department has informed General Carranza of the action of the Washington government and expressed the hope that he would not object.

Eliseo Arredondo, Carranza's ambassador here, has indicated that his chief would not oppose the move.

Members of congress without regard to party approve the step, the only difference of opinion being on the part of certain republicans, who favor even more extensive operations than those planned. On both sides of the capitol the disposition apparently is to allow the president to handle the situation for the present.

To Grant Carranza's Request.

While American troops are preparing to move across the Mexican border, General Carranza in an official communication, delivered thru Consul Silliman, has asked the United States for permission to send his troops into American territory if necessary in pursuit of outlaws.

Administration officials urged General Carranza's proposals as favorable. It seems to indicate that he will not protest against American troops on Mexican soil, as has been feared.

Practically such a reciprocal arrangement probably would never result in a single Carranza soldier crossing the line, as the possibility of bandits taking refuge in American territory is considered remote.

It is realized that such an arrangement, however, would go far to satisfy Carranza and permit him to comply with popular sentiment in Mexico.

There was no indication early today how the proposal would be received.

Troops Moving by Night.

Up to noon today no American troops actually had crossed so far as is known here, and it was believed none would start moving before night. All arrangements are in the hands of General Funston.

Villa today was reported moving southeast with not more than 300 men. Last night's report gave his force as 5,000, but that is believed to include sympathizers in his territory.

By his movement southeast it was thought a threatened attack on the American Mormon colony at Casas Grandes has passed for the present.

Many Offer to Volunteer.

The war department was deluged with telegrams from individuals and organizations offering their service as volunteers. There was at present, Secretary Baker, said, no need of summoning volunteers to the colors.

Secretary Baker said he had no announcement to make as to whether General Funston would lead the expeditionary force.

It was pointed out that several parties under different leaders might be sent from various points on the border.

General Funston today confirmed the killing of Pablo Lopez, General Villa's first lieutenant, and also the report that Lopez commanded the bandits who murdered nearly a score of Americans at Santa Ysabel.

Mexicans to Aid in Hunt.

General Funston also confirmed the report that 400 Carranza troops had reached Palamos, six miles south of Columbus, to join in the pursuit of Villa.

A total of fifty-seven dead Mexicans have been found in and about Columbus, General Funston reported. A report that eighteen more bodies are lying in the brush between the town and border is being investigated.

Secretary Baker has suggested to General Funston that the army aero squadron, now at San Antonio, be employed fully in connection with the pursuit of the Villa bandits.

Senator Smoot, of Utah, received a telegram today from Mormon leaders, urging him to impress upon the war department the danger of the colony at Casas Grandes. The war department assured Senator Smoot everything possible would be done to protect them.

Pershing to Lead Expedition.

No definite announcement was made at the war department but it was understood that Brigadier General Pershing will command the principal column of American troops in pursuit of Villa, General Funston retaining command of the general operations, which, it is expected, will involve the use of three or more columns.

Two More Americans Missing.

The state department's announced receipts of telegraphic advice from custom officials, reporting that two additional Americans are missing from a ranch, raided on March 9, near Nimbers, and about eight miles west of Columbus.

The raid is not sufficiently identified to show whether it has been previously reported. The department announced it was not safe for Americans to go to the isthmus of Tehuantepec.

General Carranza's note will be answered after it has been laid before President Wilson. The reply of the United States probably will say to General Carranza that his suggestion will be considered if at any time it becomes necessary for his troops to pursue bandits into American territory thru lack of a sufficient number of American troops to do the work.

Representative Aswell, of Louisiana, refrained, at the speaker's suggestion, from presenting a resolution calling for a reward for Villa dead or alive.

FUNSTON NOT TO TAKE FIELD.

Expedition Will Be in Command of Brigadier General, Unnamed.

San Antonio, Tex., March 11.—Major General Frederick Funston announced today that while he will have direction of military affairs along the border the expedition into Mexico will be in charge of a brigadier general, whose name, he said, would be given out at Washington.

Organization of the expedition will not be completed for two or three days, the general said, as troops from other army divisions than the southern will be added. The general was silent as to the size of the expedition and points of entry into Mexico.

The full aero squadron here will accompany the expedition.

Messages to Be Censored.

New York, March 11.—Messages for Mexico are subject to censorship, the Western Union Telegraph Company announced here today. English or Spanish must be used when messages are routed by way of El Paso, it was stated.

RAILROAD EMPLOYES UNITED IN DEMAND

Ninety-Eight Per Cent Vote in Favor of Demanding Eight Hour Day and Time and a Half For Overtime.

Chicago, March 11.—It was unofficially reported today that 98 per cent of the locomotive engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen employed on all railroads of the country had voted in favor of demanding an eight hour day with time and a half for overtime. The tabulation of the referendum vote of the men was completed here today and the chiefs of the four brotherhoods of railway train service employes who have been in session here adjourned.

Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said no detailed figures on the result of the vote would be given out.

MEXICANS RAID HOME.

Owner Escapes With Family and Spends Night in Brush.

Columbus, N. M., March 11—Eighteen mounted Mexicans are reported as having raided the home of Henry B. Blankenship, a section foreman at Malpias, eighteen miles east of Columbus. The family, including two small children, escaped thru the rear door and crowled to cover in the darkness where they lay in the brush most of the cold night.

Train No. 8, arriving at daylight, was flagged, and the family was taken to El Paso.

The squad is said to have passed south into Mexico.

Mrs. J. J. Moore, wounded in the raid on Columbus, Thursday, was reported as being in a more critical condition. Her wounds are not thought to be fatal.

HUBBARD RESIDENT IS ASPHYXIATED

Christopher Reese Found Dead From Inhaling Gas at Home of Relative in Chicago — Coroner's Jury Finds Death Was Accidental.

Chicago, March 11.—Christopher Reese, 64 years old, a well to do cattle owner of Hubbard, Iowa, was found dead from gas in the home of Mrs. Marie Fiddelke, a relative living at 4037 Prairie avenue. A coroner's jury returned a verdict that it was accidental.

Girls Taking to Athletics.

Des Moines, March 11.—Des Moines high school girls are playing basketball volleyball and indoor baseball because those games help them reduce their weights and keep their complexions clear.

MEXICANS ASK JOINT ACTION

Carranza Seeks Permission to Send Troops Over American Border.

INCURSIONS BY INDIANS RECALLED

Desires Right to Send Government Soldiers Over Boundary Line in Pursuit of Bandits—Indicated That American Troops Will Be Free to Enter Mexican Domain to Seek Villa—Carranza Anxious to Exterminate Rebel.

Washington, March 11. — General Carranza, thru Consul Silliman, has asked the American government for permission to send Mexican troops across the border and into the United States in pursuit of bandits.

Consul Silliman transmitted the following communication dated at Guadalajara, March 10, which was handed to him by Jesus Acuna, Carranza's minister for foreign affairs. It is a reply to the American government's representations for permission to pursue the Villa bandits with American forces.

"In due reply to your courteous note dated yesterday and transmitted today thru Mr. John W. Belt (Silliman's secretary), I have the honor to inform you that having brought the above note to the attention of the first chief of the constitutional army, he has directed me to say to you to the end that you may in turn transmit it to the department of state of the American government, that he learned with regret of the lamentable incident which occurred in the town of Columbus, N. M., on account of the assault it suffered yesterday from the bandits led by Francisco Villa.

Mexican Troops Pursue Bandits.

"That, altho there has been a competent number of forces in the state of Chihuahua to establish order and afford protection to nationals and foreigners, ever since Francisco Villa appeared in the mountains of the above named state, at the request of the governor of the state and of the constitutionalist consul in El Paso, Tex., the first chief ordered the timely departure of 2,500 men, commanded by Gen. Luis Gutierrez, with instructions to actively pursue the bandits who had just crossed the line to American territory, which they undoubtedly did, compelled by the pursuit of the above mentioned forces.

Ancient History Is Recalled.

"The above lamentable incident is similar to the incursions made into the states of Sonora and Chihuahua by Indians from the reservations of the government of the United States. Incursions into the state of Sonora occurred more or less about the year 1880, when Geronimo, the Indian chief, who died not many years ago, led a numerous horde and invaded a part of the north of the state of Sonora, committing many murders, and until, after a long chase by American and Mexican forces, the band was captured.

"The incursion into Chihuahua, led by the Indian chief Victoria, commanding about 800 Indians, took place between the years 1884 and 1888. Then the bands of maurauders committed also many crimes, went into the country near the capital of Chihuahua and during the first formal encounter between them and Mexican forces, after having lost their chief, they were dispersed.

Co-operation Is Desired.

"On these two cases, thru an agreement, it was decided that the armed forces of one or the other country might freely cross to the territory of one or the other in pursuit and for the purpose of punishing the bands of maurauders. Recalling these incidents and the good results for both countries, the government presided over by the first chief, anxious to exterminate within the least possible time the hordes led by Francisco Villa, who has been recently placed beyond the law, and to capture, resorts to you as confidential agent and requests the permission of the United States for Mexican forces to cross into American territory if the incursion which took place in Columbus, should unfortunately be repeated in any other part of the Mexican line.

"Please accept, Mr. Confidential Agent, the assurances of my high consideration.

"Jesus Acuna, secretary, in charge of the department of foreign affairs."

WOODS TO BE CHAIRMAN.

Iowa Congressman Certain to Retain Place at Head of Committee.

Washington, March 11.—The fight in the republican congressional committee has been ironed out and compromised. This is the meaning of an announcement that Representative Woods has been agreed on in a conference of members of the committee as chairman for another term, with Representative McKinley as head of an executive committee. McKinley was for a time diligently planning to unhorse Chairman Woods.

Representative Nicholas Longworth of Ohio, was at one time urged for chairman against the Iowa man but could not muster the votes. The plan now agreed on is a compromise.

Iowa Guard Ready For Service Within Forty-Eight Hours

Des Moines, March 11. — Three thousand five hundred members of the Iowa National Guard could be assembled ready for instant service on forty-eight hours' notice, according to a statement today by Adjutant General Logan. General Logan added that since the situation in Mexico became tense he has received hundreds of letters from former members of the state guard offering their service if the guard is mobilized. The general's statement said:

"We have approximately 3,500 men enlisted in the guard and probably half as many more former members who would volunteer for service. We have equipment sufficient for this latter group.

"The Iowa guard is divided as follows:

"Three regiments of infantry, four troops of cavalry, three batteries of field artillery, and an engineer, ambulance and field hospital corps.

"The guard has a large supply of ammunition."

PORTUGAL TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT

Cabinet Resigns to Give Place to National Defense Ministry—Seizure of German Merchantmen Was at Request of Great Britain.

Lisbon, Portugal, March 11. — The Portuguese cabinet has resigned to give place to a national defense government government, which is now being formed.

In parliament yesterday, Dr. Augusto Soares, foreign minister of the retiring cabinet, read the notes exchanged between Germany and Portugal, and also a note from Great Britain to the Portuguese government, in view of the alliance between those nations to seize German ships in Portuguese ports.

Tranquillity prevails thruout the country.

Leaders of all the opposition groups have offered to support the government. At the suggestion of the president of the chamber cheers were given for the entente allies.

[Portugal's seizure of German merchantmen was the immediate cause of Germany's declaration of war. It has not been known hitherto that Portugal seized German vessels at the request of Great Britain.]

BENSON FOR PRESIDENCY.

New York Man to Head National Socialist Ticket.

Chicago, March 11.—Allan L. Benson, of Yonkers, N. Y., has been chosen as the candidate for president of the socialist party by a referendum vote. George R. Kirkpatrick, of New York, won for vice president.

Victor Berger, of Milwaukee, and Maurice Hillquist, of New York, were chosen members of the executive committee.

The result of the vote was announced here today by the officers of the socialist national committee.

HENRY GASSAWAY DAVIS IS DEAD

Formerly Senator From West Virginia and Vice Presidential Candidate on Parker Democratic Ticket in 1904—Was 93 Years Old.

Washington, March 11. — Former United States Senator Henry Gassaway Davis, of West Virginia, vice presidential candidate on the Parker democratic ticket in 1904, died here today after a brief illness. He was 93 years old.

The recent illness of Mr. Davis, former senator from West Virginia and democratic candidate for the vice presidency in 1904, recalled to the nation's attention a picturesque and interesting figure. His nomination by the St. Louis convention as running mate for Alton B. Parker took the country by surprise, for he had been out of the senate for twenty-one years and was 81 years old. Mr. Davis was born No. 16, 1823. The late Senator Stephen B. Elkins was his son-in-law.

TROOPS EAGER TO HUNT VILLA

Soldiers Welcome News That They Are to Invade Mexico.

VILLISTA SPIES UNDER ARREST

Suspected Mexicans Taken Into Custody at Columbus—Sentry Kills One Who Refused to Obey Command to Halt — Villa Lieutenant Dies of Wounds Received During Attack on Columbus.

Columbus, N. M., March 11.—The arrest of several Mexicans suspected of being Villa spies divided interest among civilians here today with the preparations of the military forces for the pursuit of Francisco Villa and his bandits. The American soldiers, officers and men, in their preparatory activities, displayed an eagerness for the receipt of the order that would start them in Mexico.

Despite the nervousness among civilians quiet prevailed in the border district during the night and in practically every case circulated reports of the appearance of hostile Mexicans were shown to be unfounded.

Sentry Kills Mexican.

Early in the night a Mexican refused to obey the command of an American sentry to halt. The Mexican was killed.

Scouts brought in reports that Villa was at Boca Grande, twenty-five miles southwest of here. Other advices stated that a large number of Carranza troops had reached Palomas, supposedly to assist in the pursuit of Villa.

Among the Mexicans arrested for spying was Pablo Gonzales. When taken he wore overalls over a military uniform.

Civil authorities continued plans to bring charges of murder against captured Mexicans in connection with the raid on Columbus Thursday.

Captain Pablo Garcia, the wounded Villa officer, died here today.

Civil authorities had included Garcia among the Mexicans against whom they planned to file charges of murder as a result of the Columbus raid.

MORMON COLONY MENACED.

Escape to United States May Be Cut Off By Villa.

El Paso, Tex., March 11.—The position of the 500 members of the Mormon colony in the Casas Grandes district, Chihuahua, 158 miles from El Paso, critical as it was in the first place, has been further menaced by the presence of Villa with a band of 300 followers at La Ascencion, close to the railroad over which they must travel to the safety of the American frontier.

Carranza guards from Chihuahua City were expected to accompany a trainload of refugees due to leave Casas Grandes for the north today.

The natural covers of the land near La Ascencion, however, afford protection should Villa attack the train.

In El Paso hope for the escape of the Mormons is based largely on the unverified rumor that Villa is short of ammunition. Altho 300 men are reported to be with him at La Ascencion, Villa still has a force of 2,000 in that region.

Awaiting Escort.

The train which was to carry out the Mormons from their colony near Casas Grandes has not started and will not start until a sufficient escort arrives from Chihuahua City, according to General Gavira, commandant at Juarez.

When the escort may arrive he does not know. Meantime, it is believed, Villa is near Ascension within easy striking distance of the railway over which the refugees must pass.

General Gavira received word today that General Gutierrez, in command at Chihuahua City, disposed forces of from 300 to 900 men each at San Geronimo, Santa Clara and Laguna, in order to block Villa's passage at those points, reserving a mobile force of 500 from which the escort for the Mormon train will be taken.

General Bertina is holding his force intact near Palomas as it is not large enough to risk division. He will protect American interests there.

Enlist Trained Volunteers.

Chicago, March 11.—Following a proposal made to the Training Camp Association last night that a volunteer regiment be enlisted thru the effort of those who took part in the training camp at Fort Sheridan last year, and that the regiment be offered to President Wilson in the event of need of more troops to meet the Mexican situation, a recruiting station was opened today in a downtown hotel. Enrollment blanks are available for those who wish to join the regiment.

Troops Ordered to Border.

Sturgis, S. D., March 11.—The third squadron, troops I, K, L, and M, Twelfth cavalry, stationed at this point, have received orders to prepare to leave for the Mexican border on a moment's notice.

WALLACE WILL PROBATED.

Private Property Divided Between Three Sons and Two Daughters.

Des Moines, March 11.—The will of "Uncle" Henry Wallace, late publisher of Wallace's Farmer, was filed for probate today. After distributing his private property among three sons and two daughters, the will makes the following bequests:

Income from one of Mr. Wallace's books to the Sunday school of the Des Moines First Presbyterian church, and $15,000 for benevolent work in which Mr. Wallace was interested.

The closing paragraph of the will contained a message to the family. It said:

'Keep clean in speech, clear in mind, vigorous in body and God will bless you. Any serious departure from this policy will be failure to the best interests of the family."

The value of the estate was not made public.

T.-R. BULLETIN.

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Sun rises March 12 at 6:16; sets at 6:04

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AMERICANS ON SHIP SUNK UNWARNED

Norwegian Steamer Silius Attacked and Destroyed by Submarine as Yet Unidentified — None of American Sailors Lost.

Paris, March 11.—Seven of the crew of the Norwegian bark Silius which was torpedoed and sunk March 3, were Americans. The Silius left New York Feb. 4 for Havre.

The Petit Parisien says that one of the Americans on the Silius was injured seriously and was taken to the Pasteur hospital. He is John Hartmann 18 years old.

All Are Rescued.

Washington, March 11. — Consul Osborne at Havre reported today that when the Norwegian bark Silius from New York to Havre, was torpedoed without warning in Havro roads on the night of March 9, seven Americans aboard were rescued.

The loss of the Silius was first reported last night from London. Three members of the crew were reported lost.

State department officials seemed inclined to view the attack on the Silius as a serious affair.

So far dispatches to the state department simply have said the vessel was torpedoed without warning. No mention was made of the nationality of the submarine and there was nothing to indicate whether the vessel was destroyed by a torpedo or from striking a mine.

If she was torpedoed such attack was contrary to the assurances the United States has secured from the central powers.

Secretary Lansing said no action would be taken until the state department had full information.

Americans Members of Crew.

New York, March 11.—There were only four Americans aboard the Silius, according to agents of the line here, and they were members of the crew. She carried no passengers.

The Americans were David Sherman, of Bedford, Mass.; John Wargman, of Philadelphia; Daniel Norah, of Connecticut, and Henry Monahan, of Boston.

The bark, which was commanded by Capt. A. B. Syversten, sailed from New York Feb. 4, for Havre, with a cargo of 2,200 tons of barley shipped from San Francisco.

The local agents said the Silius' crew numbered seventeen men.

ALGONA MEETS FORT DODGE.

Eagle Grove and Boone Fall in Semi-Finals at Ames Tourney.

Special to Times-Republican.

Ames, March 11.—In the first game of the semi-finals of the Ames district of the state interscholastic basketball tourney this morning, Fort Dodge defeated Boone, 17 to 12. Paige was the Fort Dodge star. Boone fell down on hitting baskets.

In the second game of the semi-finals, Algona defeated Eagle Grove, 16 to 6. The finals, between Algona and Fort Dodge, will be played at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

FOLLOWS WIFE IN DEATH.

Double Funeral to Be Held For Aged Des Moines Couple.

Des Moines, March 11.—When Mrs. Loaf G. Nelson, 86 years old, died on Feb. 29, her husband, 86 years old, who has been an invalid for years, expressed the wish that he might die and be buried with his wife. He said he felt his death was near and requested that burial be delayed.

Nelson died today. The double funeral will be held tomorrow.

FRENCH THINK THEY'VE WON AT VERDUN

Germans Still Attacking But With Diminished Intensity.

PARIS BELIEVES BATTLE IS ENDED

Latest German Attacks Confined to Small Sectors on Both Sides of Meuse—Severe Struggle For Possession of Vaux Still in Progress—Germans May Be Resting Before Making Third Drive Against Great Fortress.

The second great effort in the Verdun drive apparently is nearing its close. The latest German attacks have been directed at comparatively small sections of the front east and west of the Meuse. Military opinion in France is that the great battle is at an end.

The German admiralty announces that on Thursday German sea planes successfully bombarded a squadron of one Russian warship and five destroyers in the Black sea.

The Portuguese cabinet has resigned to give place to a national defense cabinet empowered to take all measures necessitated by Germany's declaration of war.

STILL ATTACKING VAUX.

Germans Fighting Violently in Effort to Capture Fort.

Paris, March 11.—There is still violent fighting for the possession for the fort at Vaux, according to announcement of the French office this afternoon.

The Germans have made progress along the slopes leading to this position, but they have not yet reached the barbed wire entanglements in front of the forts.

The Germans hold some houses in the eastern part of the village of Vaux, while the French still are in possession of the western part of the town.

Dwindles in Intensity.

The battle of Verdun is fast dwindling in intensity. The Germans have in no way materially impaired the defense despite the violence of their onslaught. Whether they will make another big effort after a lull, as did the other great offensives on the western front, can not be discerned at present, but French military opinion is inclined to believe the latter will be the case.

On the west bank of the Meuse, the Germans, facing an effective curtain of fire from the French, have made no further attempts on Bethincourt. They contented themselves with winning back, at heavy cost, portions of Corbeaux wood, which were wrested from them on the preceding day. The determined nature of the attack there indicates the Germans evidently intend, if possible, to drive thru Cumieres wood to the village of Cumieres and get in between Dead Man and Goose Hills. This they nearly succeeded in doing on Wednesday.

Hills Key to Situation.

Once solidly established there, they would be able to attack Goose Hill from two sides, as Hill No. 265, to the east of Goose Hill, is already in their possession.

If Bethincourt was carried in the meantime they would be able to repeat this process against Dead Man Hill.

Fighting to the east of the Meuse at present is hardly as active as it is west of the river. The ranks of the Germans were depleted by yesterday's heavy losses in the attacks between Douaumont village and Haroumont and on the village of Vaux, which were cut short by French fire before being developed.

Airmen Attack Russian Ships.

London, March 11.—An official German communication, according to a Central News Dispatch from Amsterdam, says that on Thursday morning German sea planes dropped bombs on a Russian squadron of one battleship and five destroyers and on several Russian merchantships in the Black sea near Kali Akra cape, on the coast of Bulgaria, about twenty-five miles northeast of Varna. It was observed that some of the destroyers were hit. Despite heavy shelling from the Russian ships, the seaplanes returned safely.

Germans Capture French Position.

Berlin, via London, March 11.—Capture of French positions, [illegible] yards wide and about two-thirds of a mile deep, near Rheims, was announced today by the war office.

CRUSHED UNDER BALED HAY.

John and Luella Bell, of Near Hillsboro, Are Killed.

Fort Madison, March 11.—The bodies of John and Luella Bell, brother and sister, aged 45 and 40 respectively, were found today, buried under several tons of baled hay, which had fallen to the first floor of their barn, when the floor of the hay mow collapsed. They had been missing since last night. The two victims are members of a wealthy family residing on a farm near Hillsboro, Henry county.

The world's product of lead pencils probably amounts to nearly 2,000,000 a year, half of which are made from American-grown cedar.