

MILITIA OF ALL THE STATES IS MOBILIZING NOW FOR DUTY WARSHIPS ARE MADE READY TO HURRY SOUTH

OFFENSIVE NOT CONTEMPLATED

United States to Be Prepared in Case the Threats Are Carried Out by the Mexicans to Attack the American Troops Across the Border.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Not since the Spanish-American war has the nation seen such military activity as today.

More than 100,000 national guardsmen in forty-five states were under orders to mobilize for Mexican service. They constitute virtually the entire militia strength of the United States. President Wilson to Secretary Baker issued the orders yesterday when it became apparent that the threatening conditions in northern Mexico were not improving.

Only drilling and recruiting will be in order among militia organizations for the present. All must be mustered into federal service. Later they will be sent to the border for patrol duty, releasing about 30,000 regulars for service in Mexico, if war actually develops.

Additional warships also were getting ready today to hurry south and stand by Mexican ports to protect Americans. Secretary Daniels after the militia order was issued ordered seven destroyers and nine other small vessels to join the American warships already in Mexican waters. No offensive attack on Mexico is contemplated. President Wilson only wants stronger forces to defend the border against bandit raids and to be prepared should Carranza troops carry out their threats to strike at American forces engaged in chasing bandits south of the border.

With about 100,000 militiamen under mobilization and about 50,000 troops already at the border the United States' reply to General Carranza's last note, demanding withdrawal of American troops, is ready to go forward. It announces a refusal to withdraw until Mexico curbs its own bandits and it is emphatic.

Unofficial reports received here today indicated that national guardsmen are mobilizing with a zest. In each state and the District of Columbia they are preparing to meet in a single concentration camp where they will drill pending further orders from the war department. Most units will have to recruit to the minimum standards required by the government.

Infantry, cavalry, artillery, signal and sanitary troops are included in the call. Only coast guard militia is not mobilized. Texas, New Mexico and Arizona guardsmen are already at the border under orders issued several weeks ago.

General Funston will determine when the militia organizations shall be despatched from their home states and to what points along the border.

While these troops were getting ready today war department officials were awaiting anxiously news of whether Major Anderson's squadron of cavalry was attacked by Carranza soldiers during a successful bandit chase south of the Rio Grande Saturday.

PERSHING TRYING TO PREVENT CLASH

(By Associated Press.)

COLUMBUS, N. M., June 19.—General Pershing, American expeditionary commander, is taking every precaution to prevent a clash with Carranza troops, according to reports from the field today. Detachments which for the last few weeks have been operating within a few miles of the camp of the Carranza troops have been withdrawn, while scouting patrols have been given orders to ride their territories with extreme caution. All the soldiers of the American command have been warned to exercise care in distinguishing bandits from Mexican soldiers. Close watch is being maintained upon lines of communication.

Leaves of absence, which had been granted a number of officers and men of the camp here have been revoked. The explanation being offered that the situation does not justify the leaving of their commands.

WEST VIRGINIA TROOPS TO OBEY THE COMMAND

Eagerly as They Are Said to Be Anxious to Rush to the Front.

and no delay will be encountered in compliance with them. General John C. Bond said that his assistants in the adjutant general's department were at headquarters by daybreak to assist in making necessary preparations so that the West Virginia soldiers will lose no time in reaching their concentration camp.

CHARLESTON, June 19.—Orders from the war department for the mobilization of the West Virginia National Guard occasioned no surprise

Col. C. F. Jolliffe, of Athens, in



President Woodrow Wilson.

command of the First infantry. His lieutenant colonel is R. L. Osborn, of Clarksburg. Colonel Charles E. Morrison, of Parkersburg, is in command of the Second infantry and George E. Wallace, of Huntington, is the lieutenant colonel.

Exaggeration is characteristic of the troops of the state and they are popularly credited with wanting to go to the front. It was the imminence of Mexican trouble sometime ago that led to the enlistment of a large number of men in the various companies of the two regiments. For the last week or so work has been in progress looking toward the creation of two companies of the First infantry in the eastern part of the state.

General Bond said the guard could be mobilized within forty-eight hours. They will be held at Terra Alta awaiting further orders. One regiment of the guard will be included in the first call.

NO ORDERS

Received by Captain Glenn Williams but They Are Momentarily Expected.

At 9 o'clock this morning, Captain Glenn Williams, of Company K, had received no orders from Adjutant General Bond at Charleston, but was expecting them momentarily. Everything was in readiness for the mobilization of the local company, and it was expected that it could entrain within an hour or two after receiving orders.

DENTISTS

Are Being Enrolled to Do Service in Preparing for Defense of United States.

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 19.—The Preparedness League of American Dentists, with headquarters in this city, has a registration bureau in this hope of enrolling 20,000 dentists who will each one agree to prepare, free of charge, the mouth of at least one applicant to meet the requirements in the army, navy, or marine corps, and subject to such rules as shall protect them against imposition.

MILITIA STRENGTH OF UNITED STATES

The following is the total strength of the organized and unorganized militia of the United States from the latest sources available, figures in the first column being those of the total commissioned and enlisted men of the organized militia and those of the second column being of the reserve or unorganized militia:

Table with columns for State, Organized Militia, and Unorganized Militia. Lists states from Alabama to South Carolina with corresponding troop counts.

CARRANZA BODY IS NEAR JUAREZ

GIRL'S LONELY GRAVE SACRED TO EVERY ONE

Still Unsolved is Tragic Mystery That Hovers over the Little Mound.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 19.—Nothing ever happened at Ellis, Mo.—except once. In all human probabilities nothing will ever happen in that place again. A history of the station would consist of a volume of blank pages, with one out of the lot bearing an incomplete record of a tragedy, written in red.

Party (Missouri, Kansas and Texas) trains stop at Ellis on saturday. It is a flag station on the time tables, but nothing resembling a town is there. Occasionally a farmer living in the neighborhood, boards a train or alights, but as a general rule the trains speed past as though Ellis meant nothing whatever in their rumbling lives.

A little white headboard at the head of a small mound is the only visible reminder of the only thing that ever happened at Ellis. You can see the grave from the car window. It is not more than twenty feet from the tracks, up on the slight embankment that is made from the earth shoveled up when the excavation was made for the tracks. Any conductor on any of the trains that pass will be quite willing to point it out in passing.

Story of a Man and a Woman. That which happened was on a spring night more than thirty-five years ago. A man and a woman who had tickets to Ellis alighted late in the afternoon. The story has been kept alive by word of mouth, so naturally the details are somewhat inexact. It is said of the girl, however, that she was young—in her early twenties, perhaps—and well dressed. Of the man not a scrap of description remains. Apparently there was not anything about him to attract even the casual attention of the trainmen or passengers.

Several persons on the train noted them as they started eastward down the tracks. It was accepted that they were walking out in the country to visit relatives or friends on some of the nearby farms. The train steamed away and out of sight.

The next morning a gang of track laborers found the girl dead beside the tracks. There was a revolver wound in her head. No sign of a struggle was apparent. She was lying as peacefully as though she was asleep. The ground about was dry, and neither she nor her companion had left any footprints. The absence of footprints gave no clue as to the direction taken by her slayer.

Her Identity a Mystery. It was not suicide, for there was no weapon beside the body. The body was not identified. There were no marks on the clothes. There was no pocketbook, no rings, lockets or anything that would indicate who she was or from where she had come. All that remained was the body of a young woman who had been young and beautiful.

An inquest was held on the spot, but nothing was developed. A search for the man was made, but he had disappeared. So they buried the dead girl where she had been murdered; without a coffin, as the story goes. It seems strange the case ended so quietly, but there were no relatives of the girl to inspire a search. The man was gone, no one knew anything about the case and it ended right there.

No reports of a missing girl answered the description of the body found were circulation. It she had a father and a mother living they

Seventeen Thousand Troops Said to Be Moving against Pershing Field Base.

(By Associated Press.)

EL PASO, June 19.—Developments in the Mexican situation, crowding one on the heels of the other in the last thirty-six hours, caused excitement today equal to the crossing of the border by the American expeditionary command at Columbus, N. M., more than three months ago. American military authorities admitted that every preparation had been made for eventualities, but asserted that no trouble is anticipated in this immediate locality. General George Bell commanding the El Paso military district, seemed confident today that with the 3,500 troops on station here, he is prepared to cope with any emergency.

Some consideration, however, was given a rumor that a body of Carranza soldiers estimated at 5,000 is encamped about twenty miles south of Juarez, prepared to reinforce the garrison of 4,000, and that 8,000 Carranza troops left Villa Ahmuda, eighty-three miles south, yesterday for El Valle, southeast of Dublin, one of General Pershing's field bases. This report, however, could not be confirmed.

Reports also were current that General Trevino, Carranza commander of the army of the North, is arming all male citizens above the age of 18, following his recruiting campaign for which orders were issued by the Mexican minister of war.

News that the fourth expedition had been withdrawn from Mexico after a brief campaign and Secretary Baker's statement that the new call for national guardsmen is for border duty only and not for increasing General Pershing's command had a quieting effect in Juarez as it filtered through to the masses of the people. While large numbers of persons gathered about the plaza the excitement was confined largely to speculation. With the military on both sides of the river taking increased precautions no demonstrations were attempted. So far as is known here only about ten Americans other than expeditionary soldiers remain in Chihuahua. Apprehension was manifested for the five at Parral, all of whom are employees of American mining companies. They have been directed to leave Parral if possible for the border today. The remainder at Chihuahua City are said to be protected by powerful Mexican friends.

Americans just out of Mexico expressed a belief today that the war fever in the northern states of the republic is likely to cool as suddenly as it had risen. The based their opinions under harsh reality of economic conditions. Considerable relief was manifest in El Paso upon the publication of the order of the Mexican minister of war, directing that no refugees be allowed to cross the border. Some 4,000 Mexicans from the interior states have concentrated in Juarez in the last few days in the hope of crossing into the United States in search of work. Officers on this side of the river expressed a fear that a large influx of laborers and their families might bring with them some of the disease which has followed in the wake of years of strife in Mexico.

never knew what became of her. In any case her people were spared the terrible knowledge of her fate and through the years that followed they had the consolation that some day they might hear of her; that a letter might come. Grief and anxiety may be spread over a number of years. Dull pain may take the place of a keen shock. It may have been, and probably was, that her friends and relatives, if she had any, kept alive a spark of hope through the long years.

The Grave Today. That was more than thirty-five years ago. Today the grave is as fresh and neat as the day it was made. Section men have tended the lonely spot throughout all the years. Chats or crushed gravel was spread over the mound and the grass and weeds have always been kept down in the little plot.

Summary table of militia strength by state, including totals for organized and unorganized militia.