

FUNSTON NOT TO LEAD

FRENCH POSITIONS CAPTURED BY GERMANS

TROOPS GETTING READY TO CROSS

Some Brigadier General Will Command Punitive Expedition into Mexico.

MOVEMENTS ARE SECRET

Military Activity at Points in the Southwest Preparatory to Orders to Move.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 11.—Orders were issued at Fort Sam Houston late today for the second battalion of engineers, composed of companies E, G, and H, with Major L. Brown, commanding to entrain similar orders were issued to field hospital No. 7, Major Jere B. Clayton, commanding, and to ambulance company No. 7, Major Harold J. Jones commanding. No destinations were announced except that the details would go "west."

TROOPS ARE ORDERED.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., March 11.—Lieutenant H. Brand and fifteen men of the United States engineering corps, at Fort Brown, were ordered tonight to proceed to El Paso immediately. They will leave Sunday morning.

SHIPS SAIL

Two Carry No Passengers While at Least One Other Carries 550 Passengers.

NEW YORK, March 11.—The White Star liners Cymric and Lapland, both passenger ships, left here today for Liverpool carrying freight only. Partitions and sleeping quarters in the third class section of the Lapland were removed to make room for freight.

The American Line steamship New York with 550 passengers for Liverpool and the Holland-American liner Rotterdam for Rotterdam via Falmouth, England, also sailed.

DESTROYER SUNK

By a Mine According to Report from Sofia but Some of the Crew is Saved.

BERLIN, March 11.—(By wireless to Sayville)—The Russian torpedo boat destroyer Leteanan Pushtchin, has been sunk by a mine, according to a report from Sofia, Bulgaria, given out by the Overseas news agency. Four officers and eleven sailors of the crew of the destroyer were rescued by Bulgarians.

The Leteanan Pushtchin was a Russian black sea fleet and probably was lost in the Black sea off the coast of Bulgaria. Its complement in peace times was sixty-seven men.

KANSANS TO MOBILIZE.

TOPEKA, Kans., Mar. 11.—Tentative plans for quick mobilization of the Kansas national guard were made today under direction of Adjutant General Martin. The Kansas guardsmen number 2,000 and it is declared, can be mobilized within forty-eight hours.

VILLA'S WEREABOUTS.

EL PASO, Tex., March 11.—Villa with a band of about 900 men was in the neighborhood of Corralitos, Chihuahua, today, according to a despatch received late tonight at the Mexican army headquarters in Juarez from General Bertani Alpaonmas.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 11.—Instructed by the war department at Washington that he was not to personally command the troops that will cross the Rio Grande into Mexico to search for Francisco Villa, Major General Frederick Funston today began to arrange the details of the expedition and plan for the safe guarding of the entire Mexican border.

During the day the general conferred with his staff at Fort Sam Houston, southern department headquarters. A close censorship was established, however, on proceedings. All announcements were made by General Funston himself.

Funston's Plan. From General Funston came this information: "That an officer subordinate to him, a brigadier general, would command the punitive expedition.

"That this officer would have complete charge in the field and would not be hampered by unnecessary instructions.

"That it would take two or three weeks to organize the force or forces that will go in pursuit of Villa. That the first aero squadron stationed at Fort Sam Houston, will be a part of the expeditionary force.

"That a close watch will be kept at all border points for any symptoms of disorder that will necessitate the movement of troops."

General Funston, for military reasons, refused to state how large the expeditionary force would be. The time the forward movement would start; whether there would be one or several forces, and the point or points at which the Rio Grande would be crossed when the search began.

Funston Willing to Lead. It was known yesterday that General Funston was willing to personally lead the force searching for Villa. It was explained here, however, that the war department thought it best

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CARRANZA SENDS NO WORD AT ALL

As to What His Attitude is toward American Expedition into Mexico.

EL PASO, Tex., March 11.—First Chief Carranza's attitude toward the United States as a party to the conference, the general answered no, that the conference was entirely personal. He was quick to deny the report that the Mexican populace took a hostile view of President Wilson's position. "I have the greatest faith in Mr. Wilson's disinterestedness and friendly motives," he said, "and I am quite as positive that General Gutierrez shares my view. We shall be glad to co-operate with the United States."

Inquiries among well informed Mexicans in Juarez showed that the idea of American troops on Mexican soil is not altogether welcome. One

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FOREMAN KILLED.

ELKINS, March 11.—Morris Adams, aged 31, foreman at the plant of the Keystone Manufacturing Company, was killed last night when his clothing caught in a line shaft.

RURAL CHILDREN

Are Three Times as Physically Unfit as the Children of the Cities, Says Marsh.

HUNTINGTON, March 11.—Figures compiled by the department of free schools in West Virginia show that the children of the rural districts are three times as physically unfit as the children of the cities, according to J. E. Marsh, secretary of the state board of regents, who was one of the speakers at the concluding session of the International Rural Life Conference which ended here today.

It was unanimously voted to arrange a tri-state round table conference for teachers of southern West Virginia, eastern Kentucky and southern Ohio to be held here next fall.

"DOWN WITH AMERICANS!" CRIES VILLA, AS U. S. ARMY PURSUES



The United States intends to swallow Mexico. Let us do what we can to make it stick in their throats. Death to Americans. —Gen. Villa to his troops.



General Villa, Secretary of War Baker and machine guns used on Mexican border.

The present troubles of the United States on the Mexican border may be traced to Villa, the bandit, the man who was befriended by America in his efforts to gain control of the Mexican government. Secretary of War Baker and other officials of the government are convinced that border troubles will not cease until Villa is either captured or slain

FUNSTON MOVES TROOPS TO THE MEXICAN BORDER

Behind a Veil of Secrecy under Orders of the President of the United States.

QUICK WORK IS DESIRED

Border Patrol to Be Tightened Which Means Stationing of Many Additional Troops.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—General Funston asked the war department late tonight for four additional regiments of cavalry for patrol duty on the border. General Scott, chief of staff, immediately issued orders for the First cavalry, Monterey, Calif., the Eleventh cavalry, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and the Twelfth cavalry, Robinson, Neb., to proceed at once to the border. The Fifth cavalry, which is divided into three squadrons stationed at Fort Meyer, Va., Fort Sheridan, Ill., and Fort Leavenworth, Kan., was ordered to hold itself in readiness to move. General Funston said the fourth regiment was not needed immediately.

Late tonight Secretary Baker said the department had no reports that troops had crossed the border.

The engineering detail comprises one third of the United States engineering corps and the order to entrain indicates that heavy engineering work is expected ahead of the expeditionary force. Each company of the battalion is composed of from 140 to 150 men.

The ambulance detail consists of twelve ambulances. It finished en-training tonight, but the other details probably will not be entrained before tomorrow afternoon.

Army officers estimated it would take from three to five days for the three cavalry regiments to reach the border. The regiment from Monterey, Calif., probably will be the first to arrive.

While no announcement was made the order was construed to mean that General Funston intended to employ the four cavalry regiments now on duty along the border both to the east and west of Columbus as part of his expeditionary force which, it is understood, will be under the direct command of Brigadier General Pershing. A regiment of mountain artillery with its twenty-four guns packed on mules, also is available in that district and, this force, with necessary engineers to repair railroad bridges destroyed by the bandits and possibly with aeroplane scouts prob-

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Newspaper is Squelched For Ugly Utterances About the United States

MILITARY HONORS

Are Paid to Seven Troopers of Thirteenth Cavalry Killed in the Villa Raid.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 11.—Military honors were paid today to the seven troopers of the Thirteenth cavalry killed in action Thursday when Villa raided Columbus.

Captain S. M. Lutz, regimental chaplain, held services in front of the post hospital.

Led by Colonel Slocumb and officers who drove Villa's raiders out of Columbus, escorted the bodies to the station. The regimental band, which suffered severely, appeared with guidons draped in black. The charges of Griffin and Kindvall, the two members of troop K killed, were in line, the saddles covered with crepe.

General Bertina, leader of the Carranza forces, which reached Palomas, Chihuahua, six miles south of the border last night, marched with the regimental officers. He had been sent by Carranza military authorities to join the funeral procession as a mark of respect for the American dead.

TROOP TRAINS NOW REACHING DOUGLAS.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 11.—Trains bringing approximately 1,000 infantry and cavalry of the Mexican de facto government forces, arrived at Naco, Sonora tonight.

These commands will start overland early tomorrow for Agua Prieta, from where they will be distributed at various points along the Sonora and Chihuahua borders in an effort to assist the American forces in their task of rounding up Villa's forces, according to Mexican officials.

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While All the Others Published in Spanish Refrain from Editorial Comment.

EL PASO, Tex., March 11.—With the exception of La Constitucion, the publication which has been stopped by the police, the newspapers published here in Spanish have refrained from editorial comment on the action of the United States government in pursuing Francisco Villa into Mexico.

El Paso Del Norte, an influential independent paper, spreads the heading across the front page "American government orders the invasion of Mexico," but adds as a sub-heading, "the same government says invasion not intervention." It then used the Associated Press matter from Washington and Columbus in translation.

La Constitucion, which is said to favor the party of Felix Diaz, came out as little more than a pamphlet of protest against Washington's attitude. On its front page huge black letters across its columns proclaimed:

"We protest," with this statement beneath, "Villa is not Mexico."

In an editorial, the Constitution declares that the United States has intervened officially in the recent Mexican revolution; its newspapers have published articles and cartoons to stir up American popular feeling in regard to Mexican affairs, and that not long ago the press praised Villa as the Napoleon of Mexico and that American business interests have helped to finance and equip revolutionary parties for selfish reasons. Then, in heavily leaded type, the paper recalls the case of French intervention in Mexico in 1862, under treaties that were afterwards entirely disregarded in the forcing of Maximilian upon a throne. "La Constitucion" implies that the impending invasion is likely to result in the same way as in 1862.

ACADEMY WINS.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 11.—Naval Academy swimmers won from Cornell with the folla today, 8 bouts to 1.

TEUTONS GAIN MORE GROUND

VIRGINIA TO VOLUNTEER.

RICHMOND, Va., March 11.—Delegate William M. Myers, commanding the Richmond Howitzers, stated today in the closing session of the House, that the battery after meeting next Tuesday night, would volunteer for federal service. It was said at the capitol that the whole state militia would respond promptly to a federal call.

OHIO GUARD

Consisting of Eight Regiments Can Be Mobilized in About Fifteen Hours for War.

COLUMBUS, O., March 11.—Ohio's national guard, consisting of eight regiments and about 8,000 men, can be mobilized in about fifteen hours, Adjutant General B. W. Hought said today. He pointed to what he said was a record for mobilizing citizen soldiery recently, when three regiments of troops called out for riot duty at East Youngstown, at 6 p. m. were assembled and taken 175 miles across the state before daybreak the next morning.

VOLUNTEER

Telegraph Operators for Service with Troops in Mexico Are Called For.

CHICAGO, March 11.—A call for volunteer telegraph operators for service with the troops that are to pursue Francisco Villa in Mexico was issued here today by the traffic manager of the central division of the Western Union Telegraph Company. A heavy increase in telegraph traffic is expected from the small army of newspapermen that is to accompany the troops, officials of the company said.

BALKY HORSE

Brings Death to Three Persons on a Pennsylvania Railroad Crossing at West Berlin.

PHILADELPHIA, March 11.—A balky horse stopping on a crossing brought death to three persons on the Pennsylvania railroad at West Berlin, N. J., today. The horse was drawing a carriage in which were two women and a man, and balked as a fast train was approaching. The dead are Mrs. Sallie Cook, 65 years; Anna Cook, 21, her daughter, and Henry Myrtus, 21, driver.

TROOPS ARE EAGER TO PURSUE BANDITS

THIRTEEN DEATHS.

CHARLESTON, March 11.—Over 400 accidents occurred this week in the industrial fields of West Virginia, according to reports to the workmen's compensation commission. Deaths resulted in thirteen instances. Claims for compensation have been made by nearly all the victims.

RANSOM PAID

To Villa Generals for the Release of a German Captured by Them in a Raid.

TORREON, Mexico, March 11.—Two Villa generals in command of only 100 men recently raided San Juan Guadalupe in Zacatras and captured a German named Weiser whom they held for ransom of 10,000 pesos. His compatriots here raised the money and he was released. As soon as Weiser was freed, General Gonzalez, in command of the Carranza troops, sent a brigade under General Elizondo in pursuit. Three Villa men were killed in a running fight.

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But the Teutons Slacken Their Offensive in Verdun Region for the Time Being.

GERMANS MOWED DOWN

Heavy Are Said to Be the French Losses, Too, in the Verdun Battle.

The German offensive for the time being has slackened in the Verdun region. The French official report announces that there has been no recent attempt at infantry action on the part of the Germans along the whole of the front.

On the east bank of the Meuse, the region around Douaumont is being subjected to a heavy bombardment, but on the east bank of the Meuse, the Weovre the guns are not working so actively and on the western bank the artillery duel has been comparatively unimportant. In that region the Germans claim to have retaken most of the Corbeaux wood, the possession of which is likely to prove a factor in an attack on the Cote De L'Oie, the Germans also holding Hill 255 to the northeast of that important strategic position.

Germans Mowed Down. Describing the German attacks on the French trenches west of Douaumont on Friday, the official statement of the French war office says the Germans rushed three times, in columns of four, rushed forward to the assault, but were mowed down by artillery and machine gun fire. They were forced to retire leaving the ground covered with dead bodies.

Saxon regiments by a sudden thrust in the Champagne, at a point where there have been few breaks in the routine of the French warfare for several months, have captured positions over a considerable section of the French front. The German war office announces that the ground is about two-thirds of a mile deep along 1,000 yards of front, and that several guns and more than 700 prisoners were taken.

The attack was made at a point near Rheims, some distance west of the scene of the last previous German assault in the Champagne. There have been no indications thus far that the Germans have attempted to follow up their attack. Apparently it was a detached move, similar to their successful stroke in the Champagne during the early part of the Verdun drive.

Part of Town Taken. Although the French continue to offer stubborn defense before Verdun, the Germans have succeeded in gaining additional ground. Berlin announces that the French have been cleared from Corbeaux and Cumières woods, west of the Meuse. The French official statement says that the Germans captured part of the town of Vaux, northeast of Verdun, but were unable to reach the fortress of that name.

The German admiralty reports that German aeroplanes attacked a Russian squadron off the coast of Bulgaria. It is said some of the destroyers were hit.

Heavy French Losses. A wireless despatch from Berlin

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