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## VILLA DEAD OR ALIVE IS THE OBJECT

### American Troops to Invade Mexico.

### FIVE THOUSAND MEN IN THE EXPEDITION

### White House Says Order Does Not Mean Intervention.

Washington, March 11.—President Wilson has ordered American troops over the Mexican border to capture or kill the Villa bandits who raided Columbus, N. M.

Major General Scott, chief of staff of the army, announced that the expedition will consist of not less than 5,000 men, all of which are available on the border under Major General Funston.

In its present stage the president's order does not mean armed intervention in Mexico. It provides for a punitive expedition to deal with lawless forces over which the Carranza government has no control.

The following statement was issued at the White House:

"An adequate force will be sent at once in pursuit of Villa, with the single object of capturing him and putting a stop to his forays.

"This can be done, and will be done in entirely friendly aid of the constituted authorities in Mexico, and with scrupulous respect for the sovereignty of that republic."

### VILLA, DEAD OR ALIVE, AIM OF UNITED STATES.

It was said at the White House that the American government wants Villa, dead or alive, and that no step will be neglected to carry out that object.

It was declared that the United States will not consider the punitive expedition an invasion of Mexico, and will continue to deal with the Carranza government. The American government still is opposed to armed intervention in Mexico, but has decided that the peace of both Mexico and the United States is imperiled by the continued activities of Francisco Villa.

The cabinet was unanimous in deciding that Villa must be caught.

It was said that the pursuit of Villa will be undertaken in a comprehensive way and organized plans will be laid for his apprehension.

Officials received the word of the decision to go after Villa with troops with undisguised satisfaction. Cabinet members expressed themselves as greatly pleased. Army officers voiced unanimous approval. A general feeling of relief that the administration had decided to take the step was apparent.

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- VICTIMS OF RAID BY MEXICAN BANDITS.
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- + Civilians—Milton James and wife, J. S. Dean, J. J. Moore,
  - + A. L. Richie, Walton Walker,
  - + De Witt Miller, H. M. Hart,
  - + Soldiers—Frank Kendvall,
  - + farmer; Sergeant M. A. Dobbs,
  - + Corporal Paul Simon, Sergeant
  - + John Nieverselt, Corporal Harry Wiswalk, Private Thomas
  - + Butler, Private Fred A. Griffin,
  - + unnamed trooper.
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### VILLA FORCES LOSE HEAVILY IN BATTLE

Columbus, N. M., March 10.—The casualties of the Thirteenth cavalry in the fighting at Columbus were seven killed and six wounded.

Villa's total losses in the fighting were estimated in excess of 100 killed and twice as many wounded. The American pursuit into Mexico was reported to have accounted for more than seventy-five Mexicans killed and wounded.

The American loss on the Mexican side was one corporal slain when Villa threw out a heavy guard to engage the pursuing American troopers.

Of the eight American civilians slain here, Charles De Witt Miller of Albuquerque and Dr. H. J. Hart of El Paso were burned to death in the fire which destroyed the Commercial hotel.

**Captain Garcia Dead.**  
Columbus, N. M., March 12.—Captain Pablo Garcia, the wounded Villa officer, died here. Civil authorities had included Garcia among the Mexicans against whom they planned to file charges of murder as a result of the Columbus raid.

### GENERAL VILLA.

Reported in Personal Command of Raiders on Columbus, N. M.



Photo by American Press Association.

### CARRANZA THREATENS TO OPPOSE INVASION

Mexico City, March 13.—General Carranza issued a manifesto to the nation declaring that under no circumstances would the Mexican government grant the right to the United States to violate Mexican territory by sending in an armed force in pursuit of Villa without consent and the reciprocal privilege being first obtained and admitted.

Word was sent to the confidential agent of the Mexican government in Washington to make immediate representations to this effect.

General Carranza says in his manifesto:

"I am sure that I interpret in this matter the national sentiment and that the Mexican people will comply in a dignified manner with their duty, be the sacrifices what they may, to sustain their rights and sovereignty if, unfortunately, this drags us into a war—a war which the United States never can justify. We will not be responsible for the disastrous consequences. Upon the heads of the traitorous Mexicans, who within and without this country, have labored to produce this result, will fall the inexorable justice of the people."

### WAGE DISPUTE IS SETTLED

Workers and Coal Operators to Ratify New Agreement.

New York, March 9.—The joint conference of bituminous miners and operators from the Middle West met here to ratify the wage agreement drawn up by the subcommittee of employers and employees to go into effect April 1 for a period of two years. The subcommittee completed its work Tuesday night after sessions that lasted nine days.

The agreement provides for wage increases that will amount to more than \$8,000,000 a year in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

### RAIL MEN ASK SHORT DAY

Ninety-eight Per Cent of Employees Vote for Eight Hours' Work.

Chicago, March 12.—It was unofficially reported that 98 per cent of the locomotive engineers employed on all the 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 has been completed.

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.

### INDIANA PRIMARY RETURNS

C. W. Fairbanks Polls More Votes Than President Wilson.

Indianapolis, March 13.—Practically complete returns from the recent primary, tabulated here unofficially, show that former Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks, candidate for the Republican nomination for president, received 17,282 votes more than were cast for President Woodrow Wilson, candidate on the Democratic ticket.

Fairbanks received a total of 176,129 votes to Wilson's 158,847.

### SHIELDS BILL IS PASSED

Senate Approves Measure to Develop Water Power.

Washington, March 10.—The senate, after four weeks of debate, passed the Shields bill to provide for development of water power in navigable waters by private capital. The vote was 46 to 22.

Conservation champions fought hard to amend the measure, but without avail.

## WILSON ACCEPTS CARRANZA VIEW

### Mexican Troops May Chase Bandits Over Border.

### MAY REMOVE ALL FRICTION

American Note Is Expected to Satisfy Provisional President and Expedition to Pursue and Punish Villa Will Get Under Way as Soon as Possible.

Washington, March 14.—Secretary of State Lansing notified the Carranza government that the United States has agreed to permit Carranza forces to enter American territory in pursuit of bandits who might cross the border into Mexico, commit depredations there and return to the United States.

In return for this privilege, the communication sets forth, the United States understands that Carranza has no objection to the American expedition which has been organized for the pursuit of Villa and that this government is now prepared to exercise this right without further exchange of views.

Accompanying the formal note, which was addressed to Carranza's secretary for foreign affairs and forwarded by telegraph, through United States Consul John R. Silliman at Guadalajara, was a statement by Mr. Lansing setting forth that the American expedition will be scrupulously confined to the pursuit and capture of Villa.

With the receipt of his copies of the correspondence General Funston is expected to lose no time in getting his expedition under way.

### Lansing Issues Statement.

The statement issued by Secretary Lansing follows:

"To remove any misapprehension that may exist either in the United States or in Mexico the president has authorized me to give in his name the public assurance that the military operations now in contemplation by this government will be scrupulously confined to the object already announced and that in no circumstances will they be suffered to infringe in any degree upon the sovereignty of Mexico or develop into intervention of any kind in the internal affairs of our sister republic.

"On the contrary, what is now being done is deliberately intended to preclude the possibility of intervention."

"The tension in Washington has not been lessened by publication of the note to Carranza. While the belief is professed in official circles that it may serve to placate him all plans of the war department have been drawn with the possibility in view that the entry of the troops into Mexico will be the signal for Carranzistas and Villistas in Northern Mexico to unite in opposition to the invasion.

### CALLING TRAINED AVIATORS

Squad Is Being Concentrated for Possible Service.

New York, March 14.—A squad of trained aviators will be concentrated immediately for possible service with the United States troops in Mexico, it was announced by the Aero Club of America.

While these aviators are being equipped a second squad of twenty fliers will be in readiness. W. Leonard Bonney, formerly in command of General Carranza's aviation force, will have charge.

The offer of the Aero club to furnish machines and aviators will be accepted if occasion arises, Secretary Baker has informed the club.

### PERSHING LEAVES EL PASO

May Assume Command of Army at Columbus, N. M.

Columbus, N. M., March 14.—Brigadier General John J. Pershing left El Paso for here. It is understood he is to assume immediate command of the troops already concentrated here for the punitive expedition against Villa into Mexico.

Commands now at Columbus muster approximately 3,500 men.

Several other commands are expected, the plan apparently being to make the column to move out of Columbus the main unit of the expeditionary force, with field wireless and aeroplane equipment.

### EMBARGO ON WAR MUNITIONS

Bars Put Up on Shipments to Mexican Ports.

San Francisco, March 14.—An embargo on shipment of war munitions from this port to Mexican points was declared by John O. Davis, collector of the port, in accordance with instructions from Washington signed by W. P. Malburn, assistant secretary of the treasury.

### Militia Guards Armories.

Phoenix, Ariz., March 14.—Militiamen were placed on guard around the national guard armories here and at Tucson as a general precautionary measure.

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### Rural School Notes.

Another Study Center meeting, the first at Elma, was held Saturday, March 11. An enrollment of thirty teachers, town and rural, and fourteen visitors filled the assembly room at the public school at Elma.

The teachers of the Elma school very kindly displayed for the benefit of the rural teachers, some of the material they had made during the year. The manual training display was of special value because there was such a variety of simple, practical projects that our rural teacher could easily make.

After a very profitable and interesting day with Prof. R. D. Daugherty who went right to the point in arithmetic, and Eva May Luse who illustrated with a class of pupils how to teach language, upon the request of Mr. Snowden, the photographer, a picture of the group was taken in the assembly room.

The Riceville meeting will be held April 8th, and the next meeting at Elma, April 29th. Visitors are always welcome.

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