

CARRANZA SEEKS DELAY

A WORD ABOUT PREPAREDNESS

¶ As the first newspaper in the Northwest to preach preparedness, The Star is convinced, today, that the nation even yet is only half awake to the danger which confronts it.

¶ It has been a week now since the bandit Villa raided an American city, killed American citizens in his mad lust for blood, and got clean away, IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THE CITY WAS SUPPOSEDLY GUARDED BY AMERICAN SOLDIERS.

¶ It has been a week since then, and, altho we've made a lot of talk about what we're going to do to Villa when we catch him, OUR ARMY IS STILL GETTING READY. From El Paso today comes word that many troops ordered to the border from inland points have not yet arrived. No cars were available, it seems, in which to transport them. And there is no definite word as to when the chase after Villa is going to start.

¶ A lot of peanut congressmen are complicating matters further by yowling around today, back in Washington, about the way President Wilson is handling the affair. And all this, mind you, is not a war, but just a little bandit-hunt.

¶ What would happen if the United States, to preserve its honor, should have to go to grips with a first class world power? If one savage, unwashed bandit, a fugitive from the law even in his own country, can turn the United States topsy-turvy like this, what under the sun would we do if we were called upon to make war against Germany, or Japan, or England?

¶ The Star has published preparedness warnings in its columns since the very beginning of the struggle in Europe. It has published articles by the foremost experts in the country. It believes in the efficacy of the Swiss military plan of compulsory TRAINING for the nation's youth. Today it publishes another article by Charles Edward Russell on this particular subject which you are urged to read. Russell has studied the Swiss and other army military systems at first hand in Europe, where he went expressly for The Star and its sister papers. He knows what he is talking about.

¶ The Star believes the one paramount duty of this session of congress is to settle down, and stop its petty quibbling over affairs nobody gives a hang about, AND GIVE THE NATION SOME ADEQUATE MEANS OF DEFENDING ITSELF.

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DEPUTY RUNS LAW GANTLET WITH 2 GIRLS

A new photograph of Miss Dottie Coots, one of the girls brought back



Deputy Sheriff McGillivray caused a whirlwind of excitement around the courthouse Tuesday, when he walked into the county jail wholly unexpectedly with two distracting pretty prisoners—Miss Dottie Coots and Miss Lillian Peterson, held in connection with the prosecution of a blackmail ring which has robbed wealthy Seattle men out of large sums of money.

sought to stop the party with writs of habeas corpus to prevent their coming here to testify. Upon the arrival of the girls Tuesday morning, Attorney John F. Murphy, former prosecuting attorney, appeared at the office of Sheriff Hodge and demanded to see both young women. Hodge denied him the privilege. "Neither of the girls has asked to see you," he declared. While Hodge questioned Miss Peterson in his private sanctum, Murphy obtained a court order from Judge Ronald, demanding that he be permitted to see the young women as his clients. Attorney for Bankers Hodge again refused Murphy, saying he wished to talk with Miss Peterson before any one else. "I have authority to act as attorney for Miss Peterson from a prominent banker in Miles City, Mont," said Murphy hotly. "I also am authorized to look after Miss Coots' interests by another banker in San Francisco." The girls' testimony, it is said, may divulge the names of many alleged victims, all men of reputed

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¶ A man garbed in motoring apparel stepped thru the French window. He raised a gun and fired twice. The dance music muffled the quick reports. A few seconds later, Phillip Maxwell, young master of the estate, was found dead, a bullet thru his heart. And Mildred Leslie, the butterfly-minded girl who would not marry him, lay unconscious with a little stream of blood trickling from her shoulder.

¶ "The Maxwell Mystery" was not quickly or easily solved. But Carolyn Wells, in her novel of that name, clears the mystery in entertaining chapters. "The Maxwell Mystery" is to be printed in The Star in six consecutive installments, STARTING NEXT MONDAY.

Chamberlain Bill Offers the Way to Safety of Country

HAAS LEADS FOR COUNCIL HONOR

Slate Gives Presidency of Body to Veteran Member

LINEUP AGREED UPON

Councilman Haas was placed in the lead for the presidency of the council by the city hall deposters Tuesday.

The caucus preliminary to the first meeting of the new council will be held either Friday or Saturday.

In the meantime, councilmen are carrying on their sub-rosa conferences.

The chief fight Tuesday centered on the chairmanship of the finance committee, which is sought by Hanna and Fitzgerald.

Dale is still in the running for the city utilities committee chairmanship, but other councilmen say Erickson undoubtedly will be given that position.

The slate that was considered by a majority of the councilmen Tuesday as most likely of winning, was: Haas, president of the council; Erickson, chairman of city utilities; Hanna or Fitzgerald, chairman of finance; Heskett, chairman of public safety; The son, franchise; Moore, judiciary; Bolton, streets and sewers; Dale, license, and the loser in the finance fight to head the harbors and public grounds committee.

The first meeting of the new council will be held at noon next Monday. The old council will clean up its business Monday morning.

TO WARN AMERICANS

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The state department is considering again warning Americans to leave Mexico while unsettled conditions prevail. State department officials say it would "be wise" for Americans in Mexico to depart.

GAMBLERS ARE FINED

Fined \$10 and costs each for being in a place where gambling was conducted, 23 men are being held in the city prison Tuesday. They were arrested at 123 Frontaine place Monday.

BY CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL (Written for the Seattle Star.)

THE kind of argumentative dope against preparedness that has been showered upon the senate and house committees doesn't get very far with anybody that was in Paris in 1913 and 1914.

I was there and saw the first shot of this great war drama, and I may say to inquiring friends that in the most effective way it knocked out of me.

If every American could have seen that play, congress would pass a military training bill within the next week.

To every observing person in Europe in the spring and summer of 1912, the fact was as clear as day that war was close at hand. It had, in fact, already begun.

To all practical purposes, the German reichstag declared war in April of that year when it passed the extraordinary war credit of \$250,000,000. Every thinking person knew what that meant.

In France were many thinking persons. There always are in France. They now diligently warned the rest of their countrymen of what was at hand and inevitable.

A vast number of amiable pacifists, as much like the American brand as one pea is like another, bobbed up in response with vehement protests.

Then we heard every argument at has been uttered here against preparedness, only urged with greater force, earnestness and reason.

Some went far beyond all this. Representatives of millions of French workmen declared that under no conditions would the French workers fight.

There were even those (and they were not assaunders of the wine bags, either) that exceeded all this. They said that if Germany invaded France,

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WEATHER FORECAST Fair tonight and Wednesday.

15,000 TROOPS HELD ON BORDER

U. S. Goes Ahead With Preparations for Invasion

TRAINS MOVE SLOWLY

BY H. D. JACOBS United Press Staff Correspondent

EL PASO, March 14.—Mobilization of United States soldiers on the border continued today, while Carranzistas were reported in hot pursuit of Francisco Villa, hoping to capture him and render the American invasion unnecessary.

With Maj. Gen. Funston declaring Carranza's possible opposition will not halt the expedition, army leaders are planning to smash southward simultaneously from El Paso, Douglas and Columbus.

It may be Thursday or Friday before the Americans enter, altho with more than 12,000 men, 48 batteries of artillery and scores of machine guns already on the boundary, officers say the troops are ready for the work.

Army Censor Issues Bulletin Gen. Pershing, who will command the American expedition, is at Columbus, N. M. Col. George Taylor, of the Eighth cavalry, is in command at El Paso, indicating the main column probably will start from Columbus.

Lieut. Martin L. Schallenberger, aide de camp and official censor, issued his first bulletin today. He said:

"Concentration and mobilization are now being arranged. Gen. Pershing is engaged in studying out a strategic plan of movement."

Will Use Entire Regular Army Troops from Cheyenne, Fort Leavenworth, Fort Riley, San Francisco, Monterey, Chicago and Chattanooga are reported coming here.

Officers believe that practically all the regular army will be used either on the border or in pursuing Villa within a fortnight.

Before night it is expected 15,000 men will be mobilized between El Paso and Nogales, ready for service.

The delay in arrival of some American regiments from the interior is explained by the lack of rolling stock to move the troops immediately. As fast as new companies arrive, they are distributed on the border according to Gen. Funston's secret orders.

TO INSPECT U. OF W.

The University of Washington will be inspected by Dr. S. P. Capen, of the United States bureau of education, and Dr. A. J. Inglis, professor of education at Harvard, this week. They are members of the state survey board, recently appointed.

WILSON WANTS A BIGGER ARMY

Asks Congress to Authorize Recruiting 19,947 More Men.

ASKS FULL STRENGTH

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Delay in starting the Mexico expedition after Villa threatens today to provoke criticism in congress, aimed generally at the army, its transportation facilities and its lack of ammunition.

Administration officials insist diplomacy has not impeded the work of mobilization.

Final orders for the Villa hunt are in Gen. Funston's hands.

The wires hummed today with messages conveying details of the expedition, while Washington awaits news that the Americans had entered Mexico.

BY J. P. YODER U. P. Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Urgent action to increase the U. S. regular army by 19,947 men was decided upon today. Secretary of War Baker asked congress to pass the necessary resolution immediately.

An attempt to rush it thru the house will be made late today.

The additional troops will recruit the army to its full war strength of 100,000.

Many regiments are deficient in numbers at present.

Baker thought it should be authorized by congress specifically.

President Wilson today got a response to his "hurry up preparedness" request of yesterday. The house rules committee arranged to set aside other business and begin consideration of army preparedness.

The Mexican situation is the chief reason.

A sub-committee was appointed to confer with Speaker Champ Clark in an effort to bring up for consideration the Hay army reorganization bill.

Chairman Hay of the house military committee appeared before the rules body with Rep. Kahn and urged immediate action.

The committee reported a special rule making the Hay bill in order and providing for a full day's debate, with night sessions.

Police officers arrested B. Spagna, 914 Pine st., in his home Monday night. They found 90 gallons of claret wine and 24 bottles of beer in the place.

GEN. PERSHING REFUSES HIS PLAY FOR TIME

EL PASO, March 14.—It was reported this afternoon the Carranza government asked the United States, thru Brig. Gen. John J. Pershing, to delay the start of the American expedition two weeks.

Gen. Guterrez was said to have made the request. He would neither deny nor confirm the report this afternoon.

Gen. Pershing's reply was reported to have been such that it angered Guterrez. Whether it was a flat refusal or not Guterrez would not say.

The delay is believed to have been requested to give Carranza time to capture Villa.

How the reported conference between the two took place was not learned.

Fort Bliss authorities, in furtherance of the strict censorship, refused to admit Pershing had returned to El Paso from Columbus, or that Guterrez had talked with him on the long distance telephone.

A Mexican railroad bridge, ten miles south of Juarez, has been destroyed by fire. Carranza officials were unable to account for it.

American military men believed it was burned in an attempt to prevent the United States expedition from using the railroad on its advance into Mexico.

Under Gen. Pershing, conqueror of the Moros and the Filipinos, organization of the main army division which will hunt Villa began today.

Col. Slocum Will Lead Cavalry Col. Herbert J. Slocum, who "licked" Villa when the bandit chief raided Columbus, was appointed to command the "flying squadron" of cavalry which, it is believed will comprise the larger part of the armed forces entering Mexico from this point.

To investigate reports of Carranza's soldiers mobilizing at Palomas, in the direct line of the contemplated pursuit, Gen. Pershing has arranged for a conference with Carranzista Gen. Bertani. He wants to ascertain if the Mexicans are planning to oppose his advance. The two will meet on American soil today.

Gen. Pershing evidently is awaiting reinforcements. More cavalry was expected today, together with the signal and aero-corps.

With nothing but single track railroads paralleling the border to the west, the absence of strategic railways for military concentration is commented on.

SAYS CARRANZISTAS HAVE HIM CORNERED

EL PASO, March 14 (Bulletin).—Gen. Guterrez arrived at Juarez today and announced that his Carranzista troops are surrounding Francisco Villa in the Galeana district. He said he hoped to capture Villa before the American expedition could enter Mexico.

Galeana is in Chihuahua state, 11 miles south of El Paso and 50 miles west of the Mexican National railroad.

"The Carranza government can take care of Villa," Guterrez said. Guterrez outlined a comprehensive military scheme for the surrounding of Villa and indicated the Carranzistas already have the bandit chief virtually hemmed in on all sides in the Galeana district.

Guterrez is in Charge "We are in touch with Villa," he said. "My scouts will follow him until all my columns can come into

action. He has only a small guard with him."

Guterrez, commander of the de facto government troops in Chihuahua state, has been placed in complete command of the Carranza troops hunting Villa.

"Five cavalry columns of 1,200 men each have been ordered into the field to pursue him," he declared. "They will draw a complete ring around Villa."

"Expect Further Trouble" "I have ordered Gen. Bertini to aid and he will evacuate Palomas shortly. Bertini probably will join our forces at Guzman."

"In addition to our five columns," he declared, "we have ordered between 7,000 and 8,000 troops to concentrate at all towns in the territory where Villa's bandits are."

His statement was interpreted to forecast a further attempt by Carranza to prevent American forces from entering Mexico.