

AMERICANS AMBUSHED; 12 DEAD

Cowardly Mexican Attack May Bring War

KILLING THE JOY!

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THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEBODY TRYING TO KILL THE JOY OUT OF LIFE. FOR INSTANCE, JUST AS WHISKERS WERE ABOUT TO BECOME POPULAR, IN REPUBLICAN RANKS, ALONG COMES CARRANZA AND GETS 'EM IN BAD AGAIN.

THE ONLY PAPER IN SEATTLE THAT DARES TO PRINT THE NEWS

IT'S THE SAME OLD SONG. WEATHER MAN SALISBURY HASN'T CHANGED IT IN THE PAST 72 HOURS. THUS GOES THE REFRAIN: "TONIGHT AND FRIDAY, UNSETTLED WEATHER; PROBABLY SHOWERS."

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ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS, ONE CENT

NOW IS THE TIME! Enlistments in the National Guard of Washington should be completed today. The first blood of battle has been shed in Mexico. American soldiers have been slain. Whether it means war or not, the Washington National Guard should be ready to move today if need be. If you are going to enlist, this is the time--not tomorrow, or Saturday, or next week. The recruiting stations are at the Armory, Western ave. and Lenora st., and the store adjoining Cheasty's Haberdashery, Second and Spring. **DON'T BE A SLACKER!**

FLAG OF TRUCE BAIT TROOPERS; 12 ARE KILLED

EL PASO, June 22.—Reinforcements were rushed today to the aid of the Tenth cavalry, victims of an ambush by Mexicans in which 12 Americans are reported killed and 17 known to have been captured. The first report of the American casualties said 40 were dead. A later report received by Mexican Consul Garcia at Juarez stated only 12 Americans were killed, among them their commander. The Mexicans, he said, lost 14 dead and a number wounded. Gen. Pershing has sent a body of additional troops to the Tenth's general headquarters, according to word received here. El Paso and the army headquarters are still awaiting today full report of the fight yesterday near Carrizal. Mexican authorities profess ignorance of the extent of Mexican casualties. Latest reports are that the U. S. negro troops were lured into the hamlet of Carrizal under a flag of truce and then fired upon with machine guns by Carranza soldiers. Realizing that war may come as a result of the treacherous killing of the Americans, Gen. Francisco Gonzales, de facto commandant at Juarez, opposite El Paso, is preparing today to evacuate that town.

American Cannon Planted to Sweep Juarez; Mesa Bristles With Guns
Gen. Bell, in command of the American troops in this section, has planted artillery where it could sweep the Mexican city and ordered preliminary entrenchments thrown up around the Texas town. The mesa, overlooking Juarez, bristles with a battery of 4.7-inch American guns.

From reports received by state department agents, mining companies and the Carranzista officials here, it appears that five troops of the Tenth cavalry were on scout duty near Carrizal when they were discovered by Carranza outposts. These Mexican troopers hastened back to the town. Gen. Felix Gomez, commanding the de facto troops in the town, ordered machine guns secreted on the roofs of the houses and hid his men behind walls.

Negro Troopers Swoop Down Like Avenging Fiends When They're Betrayed

A company of Mexicans was sent to the western part of the town to wave a flag of truce. The unsuspecting American cavalrymen rode into the ambush.

When the Mexicans opened fire from the machine guns the negro troopers swept down upon them like fiends. Gen. Gomez was killed, his body literally riddled with American bullets.

The Americans charged the unseen Mexicans in an effort to recapture the troopers taken prisoners and inflicted heavy casualties, the unofficial reports stated.

They were finally forced to retire in the face of superior Mexican forces. The American column was reported to number 500, while Gomez is believed to have had several thousand men under his command.

Report Pershing Has Seized Two Towns; Another Battle Imminent

The fighting continued two hours, the Carranzistas being reinforced from the large Carranza forces in Villa Ahumada, nine miles distant. Messages received here early today by mining companies said the Mexican losses were double those sustained by the Americans.

It was reported Pershing has seized the towns of Nuevo Casas Grandes and Casas Grandes on account of anti-American demonstrations there.

If Gen. Pershing has sent reinforcements to the Tenth cavalry, another battle in the vicinity of Villa Ahumada is

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GUARDSMEN PARADE THRU CITY STREETS

With regimental colors flying, four companies of infantry, 175 recruits and the band of the Washington state troops swung out of the Armory and down First ave., Wednesday noon. It was the first organized display of men who will go to the Mexican border since mobilization orders were issued. Crowds, sprinkled with friends and relatives of the boys in olive drab, lined the sidewalks. The companies comprised the First battalion of the Second regiment, N. G. W. To Stimulate Recruiting At the head of the column was

THEIR JOB IS TO KEEP 100 STOMACHS FULL



Alonzo Thomas Anthony and Otto Heyder, who matter more to Company D, N. G. W., than all the Greasers in Mexico.

ALONZO AND OTTO ARE 2 REALLY IMPORTANT "D" COMPANY MEMBERS

By Cornelia Glass
When it comes right down to a case of life or death, the whole country of Mexico, with its snakes, its malaria, and its fighting "Greasers" will not matter one-half so much to the men of Company D, Second Infantry, N. G. W., as will Alonzo Thomas Anthony and Otto Heyder. Alonzo Thomas is the mess sergeant and Otto is the cook.

Maj. Fred W. Llewellyn, veteran Guard officer, and former adjutant general. He commands the unit, which is made up entirely of Seattle men.

Following the uniformed enlisted men came the 175 recruits, uniformed, who have joined the colors since the first call for volunteers was made.

About 475 men were in the line. "We go south Sunday, and can take 100 more men," said a big red and white banner carried by the soldiers.

The parade had been ordered by Col. Ingalls, regimental commander, to stimulate recruiting.

Go Below Yesler Way
It was not simply a show pageant. The brown line wound clear down below Yesler way, where it was estimated that unemployed men available for service might feel the appeal, then back on Second ave. to the Armory.

The companies were B, L, A and D, in the order named. The university company is part of the Second battalion, so remained on the campus. The company commanders were Capt. Ernest Keene, Edgar S. Hadley, R. B. McClinton and Walter K. Kutepewsky.

Blethen Put in Charge
Col. Ingalls called a consultation and directed Maj. Carroll to have medical examiners at the Armory every night until 10 o'clock for the rest of the week. Recruiting officers will remain with them.

Maj. C. B. Blethen went to the colonel and asked to be put in charge of the recruiting station at 1197 and 1111 Second ave. Permission was granted.

The major took over the office Thursday noon. Company commanders were given a free hand to get recruits by personal appeal.

Privates were excused from drill to go look up their friends and urge them to enlist.

SEATTLE TO SAY ITS GOODBYE TO TROOPS SUNDAY

Second Regiment Will March to the Train at 10 a. m.

EXPECT BIG CROWD OUT

Seattle will bid good-bye Sunday to her "boys."

It will not be a farewell, because the troops destined to do duty in Mexico on the border will first go to American lake to learn more about being soldiers.

Clad in field uniforms, and packing "pup" tents wrapped over one shoulder, kitchen kits, side arms and rifles, the infantrymen and members of the medical corps will march thru the downtown streets on their way to entrain.

The regiment, commanded by Col. Ingalls, will pass out of the Armory at 10 a. m.

While the band plays "The Girl I Left Behind Me," mothers, sisters, sweethearts, fathers and friends will line up to see Seattle's contingent go up Pike place to Pike st., to Second ave., down Second ave. to Cherry st., to First ave., up First ave. to University st., and down University to Western ave., where troop trains will be waiting.

There the men will entrain, wave good-bye, and at 10:30 p. m. will be on their way to American lake.

A special Chamber of Commerce committee sent out letters Thursday, urging a big turnout to see the boys leave Sunday.

SEATTLE WAR BRIDE RUSHES BACK EAST TO HURRY WEDDING

CROOKSTON, Minn., June 22.—Steel and brains are working hard today to weld hearts.

David McKenzie, Company 1, M. N. G., could not go to Seattle to marry Helen London, related to Jack London, because of the mobilization order. So Helen and her mother raced here.

They will reach Grand Forks, 26 miles away, at 10:10 tonight. An automobile will rush them here.

McKenzie, son of the publisher of the Times, leaves with his company at 11:40 p. m.

A minister will try to tie the knot on the relay.

MILITIAMEN OF THREE STATES SOON TO START

WASHINGTON, June 22.—As fast as the different state militia units can be equipped, they will be sent to the border, Secretary of War Baker stated, following a conference with President Wilson today.

Baker announced that the department is endeavoring to get the California, Missouri and Kansas militia to the border immediately. There are about 8,000 men in the three bodies.

The war department would give no estimate as to exactly how soon the three organizations would entrain.

They will not start, it was said, however, until their equipment is complete.

NO ORDERS OUT YET

SAN FRANCISCO, June 22.—Orders for mobilization of the California National Guard at Sacramento have not yet been issued by the adjutant general's office.

ALEXANDER J. ASHEN has been appointed law clerk, to take place of Hugh P. Fullerton, first lieutenant, Company L, N. G. W.

OFFICERS TALK IN THEATRES TO GET RECRUITS

Posters Announce: "Young Men, Your Country Needs You."

BATTLE NEWS HELPS

Alarmed at the prospect of not being up to war strength by Sunday, Washington National Guard officers rolled up their sleeves and struck out Thursday to gather in recruits.

Posters were stuck up throughout the city.

"Young Man, Your Country Needs You," was placarded on several of them.

Enlisted men and officers piled into automobiles and went in quest of "material" like politicians hunting down stay-at-home voters.

Officers of the National Guard were given places Wednesday and Thursday on the programs of the various theatres to speak between acts. Their remarks were brief—but to the point. They urged the young men to enlist. The audiences greeted the guardsmen with tremendous applause.

There are places for 468 men yet to be filled in the regiment.

Only 157 signed up Wednesday.

Many of the militia officers are disappointed and worried over the lull in the response from Seattle.

News of the Carrizal clash had a stimulating effect Thursday on recruiting.

"Most of the applicants want to go to the border and see actual service," said Capt. Yarborough, in charge of the recruiting station at 1107 and 1111 Second ave. "They don't care much for the idea of simply going into a concentration camp. But every officer in the service believes the men will see some fighting. It's the opportunity that the enlisted men have been working for all these years."

The contingents at the Armory arose from straw ticks, spread on the floors, Thursday morning and went thru the routine settling up exercises, and later thru two and a half hours of close order drill.

Rookies were put in separate squads, without arms, and drilled in the "school-of-the-soldier" by enlisted men who have seen service.

URGES BATTLE SHIP AT A COST OF \$30,000,000

WASHINGTON, June 22.—Chairman Tillman today urged the senate subcommittee drafting plans for the enlarged American navy to authorize a ship of 60,000 tons 955 feet long, armed with 15 18-inch rifles, with a speed of 35 knots, to cost \$20,000,000.

This ship would have approximately twice the power of any vessel afloat.

It would be the largest craft that could pass thru the Panama canal.

"It could whip a whole fleet of ordinary battleships," said Tillman.

Naval experts have told Tillman, he said, the ship is entirely feasible.

Indications were that the committee will adopt the general board recommendation of four dreadnaughts and three battle cruisers for the first year's program.

If Tillman's ship is approved it will be counted as two battleships.

TO TALK AGAINST U.S.

BUENOS AYRES, June 22.—The Mexican government today launched an extensive anti-United States propaganda in South America.

Former Argentine Congressman Palacio has accepted an offer to make a speaking tour against the United States.

PRESIDENT MAY ASK CONGRESS TO BACK THREAT

By Carl D. Groat
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, June 22.—Until it is definitely established that there is an organized effort by Carranza troops to attack or harass American forces in Mexico, no change in President Wilson's policy is likely, callers learned today.

The president is awaiting details of the fight between Carranza and American soldiers before planning his course.

At San Antonio, Gen. Funston received a message today from Gen. Pershing stating that Pershing had heard no report of the Carrizal battle except the one wired him by Gen. Bell from El Paso.

Pershing said he had dispatched a squadron of the Tenth cavalry to investigate and would report as soon as he learns anything officially.

Funston said he would make no new orders until he hears from Pershing.

It is believed here that Troop H, Tenth cavalry, commanded by Capt. Boyd, was engaged in the Carrizal fight.

White House Flooded With Inquiries; Wilson Outlines His Attitude

The White House today was flooded with inquiries as to the situation. A score of congressmen called to learn the determination of the administration.

The president indicated clearly that if a change in policy occurs it will result on the initiative of the Mexicans.

If a conflict is found necessary as a last resort, the president emphatically declared it would in no way be a war of conquest.

It would simply be a vigorous effort to establish order and peace in the trouble-ridden country and then to return it to its people, established on a sound foundation.

General invasion of Mexico appeared to hover just ahead today, however.

The Carrizal clash, apparently resulting in the American expedition's heaviest losses to date, gave ground for this official view.

Dispatches from Mexico City said today all blame was laid on the American forces by the war office.

President May Ask Congress to Back Him Up in Threat Against Carranza

Against the Mexican claim that the Americans were the aggressors attempting to capture the railway station at Carrizal, were placed border reports that the Americans were merely reconnoitering and were led into ambush.

Gen. Funston will strengthen Pershing's column, it is expected.

When President Wilson takes the case before congress he will ask, it is said, for appropriation and approval of the drive into Mexico, in keeping with his threat to Carranza to visit upon him "the gravest consequences" if the de facto forces clashed with Americans.

The last thought that Carranza is making serious effort to check the inflamed passions of his people vanished today when Gen. Pershing forwarded a copy of orders, fostered by Carranza, to resist the American crossing of the border and to swell the Mexican army.

This convinced the administration that it now can hope for nothing from Carranza and his crumbling power.

One of the biggest elements in the entire situation is the fact that the Mexicans are reported to hold a number of American soldier prisoners.

Their release will be demanded thru military channels without waiting upon the tedious machinery of diplomacy.

Pershing's report in the seizure of Nuevo Casas Grandes and Casas Grandes—American Mormon colonies—is interpreted as indicating actual war preparations.

FIGHT NEAR VERDUN
PARIS, June 22.—German troops pushed forward in furious fighting early today near Fort Vaux, on the northeastern front of Verdun, the war office announced.

The Germans launched a powerful onslaught in Pumin wood. They gained a small thicket, but were quickly driven out by a French counter-attack.

ORPET'S FIANCEE MAY NOT TESTIFY

WAUKEGAN, Ill., June 22.—The state was expected to close its case against Will Orpet, on trial for Marlan Lambert's murder, before adjournment today, it was rumored State's Attorney Dady had changed his mind regarding the importance of evidence to be given by Celestia Youker, the girl Orpet hoped to marry, and would close the case without calling her.

HOUSE BURNS DOWN

Fire starting from an unknown cause destroyed a vacant frame house at 9020 51st ave. S. at 5:30 a. m. Thursday. The loss amounted to \$1,000. Frank Radimeter is the owner.