

VILLA ARMY IS ACTIVE IN THE SOUTH

Hipolito Villa Claims Capture of Victoria, Saltillo and Other Cities.

Col. Hipolito Villa in Juarez Tuesday night issued a statement declaring that he had received advices from the south to the effect that 3000 men, headed by Villista Gen. Almazan, Carrera Torres and Jargon Chazaro, the last president of the Villa section of the "convention," had captured Saltillo, Coahuila, Tamaulipas, Tula, Tampico, and driven the Carranza forces out of Coahuila, Tamaulipas, Tula, and Tampico, and have come back in strength to deal a succession of blows at unprotected Carrancista territory. In Tula, so sudden and heavy was the drive of Villista attack, according to Col. Villa, that Carrancista Gen. Nafarrete left a big body of cavalry for capture by the invading Villa troops.

Active and aggressive operations are being carried on in the south country, said Col. Villa, which Carranza agents are careful to shield from publication. Carrancista consulate officials here denied the report given out by Col. Villa with a sweeping gesture and emphatic "no."

OBREGON REPORTS SURRENDER OF TWO BANDS OF VILLISTAS

Under date of Tuesday, Gen. Alvaro Obregon wired Mexican vice-consul J. Soriano here declaring that Magdalena Sonora with 600 Villista troops had surrendered unconditionally to Carrancista forces, that Palomas, Chihuahua, on the border, had turned over to the recognized government, and that a line, scattered bands of Villistas were leaving Sonora battlefields for western Chihuahua once more. "I am sending a chief of arms to take command at Palomas," telegraphed Gen. Obregon. "Villista ragged soldiers in Sonora is was following Villa and is straggling back towards Chihuahua state by the hundreds."

RODRIGUEZ MAY ABANDON VILLA

Rebel Leader Cutting Way Back to Chihuahua With Cananea Loot, Report.

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 1.—Considerable uncertainty prevailed today in official quarters over the probable movement of the advance guard of Gen. Joaquin Rodriguez, the Villa commander who Tuesday thrust his army between the Carranza forces at Nacozari and the border, laying Agua Prieta, the Mexican fortified town opposite, open to a second attack. Carranza officials were reported to have received advices that Fronteras, 25 miles south of Agua Prieta, the Mexican fortified town opposite, open to a second attack. Carranza officials were reported to have received advices that Fronteras, 25 miles south of Agua Prieta, the Mexican fortified town opposite, open to a second attack.

VILLA IS ROUNDED, OUT OF HIS HEAD

Carranza General Claims Defeated Chieftain Is Unbalanced.

Messages received by Mexican vice-consul E. Soriano in El Paso Wednesday morning from Gen. Alvaro Obregon in Nogales, under date of Tuesday afternoon, tell of the capture of Llanos and Carbo station in Sonora, on the line of the Southern Pacific of Mexico railroad, north of Hermosillo, and report a possible movement of Villista forces under Gen. Manuel Medina Villa for Lower California to make a junction with men said to be operating under Castro. Says Villa Unbalanced. "Several scattered groups of Villistas have fled towards the mountains, endeavoring to procure provisions by looting the mining district around Nacozari. They have made several attacks on Nacozari, always being thrown back by our garrisons there. "An officer who belonged to Villa's staff informs us that Villa has lost his head and is now in a bad state of veritable mental unbalance. "At Magdalena we picked up 200 Villistas wounded. The garrison of Llanos, composed of 250 men under the command of Juan Valenciano, also surrendered. Villa has in his flight abandoned all rolling stock in his possession. We took two locomotives at Magdalena. "Reactionary forces in this state do not follow him any more, and those with him are in the worst condition, deserting in large groups. "Villa Abandoning Wounded. "Gen. D. Elias called in today's message informs us that several bands of scattered Villistas have been present in the mountains to Col. Cardenas. Among them was Alejandro Ceresola, commander of the former Mexican fleet, and he declares that Villa in the last night of his flight with Diego, dispersed all his infantry in order to give arms to his cavalry under Gen. Medina Villa, and disabled his artillery, to supply the cavalry with horses. "Medina Villa started towards Lower California in an effort to cross the desert with the possible intention of making a junction with Castro. "Two hundred Villistas surrendered at Caracaras, and will help in hunting down other Villa bands. The railroad truck was today repaired as far as Llanos station. "Villa's General Shot. "Gen. D. Elias called in today's message dated November 28, states that Gen. Manuel Munoz and A. Sepulveda, upon receiving the news of the Carranza forces retreated northward and messages were sent to the detachment at Nacozari to return at once to Agua Prieta with its artillery. Orders to obey the order were made this morning but Rodriguez ambushed the force in a deep ravine near Coa, and formed it back. Next day the force appeared at Esqueda, where the wires were cut, shutting off further information concerning his movements. As he came north, Rodriguez burned the railroad bridges, blocking the Carranza military trains in his rear.

STRONG MEN TO BACK UP VILLA

Mining Interests Said to Favor Buying Him to Paying Carranza Taxes.

Cleveland Dodge, of the big Phelps-Dodge mining corporation, owning millions in property in northern Mexico, and a former college classmate of president Woodrow Wilson, is reported already on his way from New York to Washington to bring influence to bear on the administration to prevent the future transportation of Carranza troops through United States territory for operations of the de facto Mexican government in Sonora. With the presence in El Paso of Dr. J. A. McCallum, one time candidate for mayor of New York city and closely identified with the Phelps-Dodge interests, who is now reported bearing a commission to negotiate with Villa's minister, Miguel Elias Lombardo, for protection of mining property in Villista territory, the accounts of Cleveland Dodge's trip to Washington, which have been heard of for some time, take on significance, it is declared. All Fear Carranza. Common report for the past fortnight has had it that mining interests holding big properties in northern Mexico have been fearful of the coming of Carranza into their territory because of reported Carrancista plans for the nationalization of the land and increasing of taxes against mining claims of vast extent. Common talk has had it for some time that American mining interests, by sharing the profits with Villa can fare better under his regime than under Carranza, and that the Constitutional government, declaring itself as working for the uplift of the laboring classes of Mexico. Say Negotiations On. Observers of the situation on the border revolving around the presence of minister Miguel Lombardo, connected in his official capacity with the Villa government, stated with conviction that negotiations are well under way working for a bargain by which Villa would absolve all Guggenheim and Phelps-Dodge property in his territory from attack or unreasonable tax levy if they would divide proceeds with him on a fair basis, and that no mining wage scale would in future be enforced by the Villista government in the mines or smelting plants of these corporations. All Concerned, Deny. Dr. McCallum has not announced the nature of any official business he may have here, and the Phelps-Dodge representatives in El Paso, declared to be here solely on the Clifton-Morenci-Metall strike situation, claim to know nothing of the whereabouts or commission borne by Dr. McCallum. It is understood that Cleveland Dodge's reported trip, if not already started for Washington, will be undertaken within a very short time. Whether Obregon is reinforced with many more troops from Piedras Negras through United States territory will help unravel the story now shrouded from publication, it is declared in semi-official circles, both in Juarez and El Paso.

VILLA HAS DISAPPEARED, FORCES SCATTER, REPORT

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 1.—Reports received here by Gen. Alvaro Obregon state that Gen. Francisco Villa has disappeared. Statements of prisoners are taken as the basis for these reports. Gen. Dieguez's victory at Hermosillo is said to have been complete. Three hundred Villista soldiers were found wounded after the battle. Six hundred were said to have surrendered south of Magdalena, while 200 more gave up their arms at Llanos. The remainder of Villa's forces excepting those commanded by Gen. Jose Rodriguez are declared to be demoralized and surrendering in small groups. Their trains, with two locomotives were reported to have been abandoned at Magdalena, 31 miles south of Nogales and 122 miles north of Hermosillo. CARRANZA ASKS ALL OIL FIRMS FOR ACCOUNTING. Laredo, Tex., Dec. 1.—A decree issued by Gen. Venustiano Carranza today calls upon all oil companies to render a complete accounting of their organization, giving them until February to comply under penalty of confiscation. The Carranza government charges that public is being imposed upon by the sale of spurious oil shares. Governors of several states have undertaken to regulate prices of the necessities of life. ENRAGED VILLA PLANNING TO RAID UNITED STATES TOWNS (Continued from page one.) Limited large quantities of provisions for the light keepers, according to word received here today. LITTLE BOY STRUCK BY SPREADING TREE; MAY DIE. Clouderoft, N. M., Dec. 1.—The little, 11 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wood is suffering from an accident which occurred to him Tuesday when he was working near a hay baler. A single tree broke and struck the little fellow in the stomach, causing internal injuries. He was taken to the home of his parents and has been under constant medical attention since the accident. Why Pay More? When you can get just as good stores, furniture, etc., second hand! We have a large stock and can surely save you considerable money. Drop in and inspect our stock. Our prices will surprise you. Will Trade You New Furniture for Old BALT FURNITURE COMPANY 206 S. Stanton St. (Just Below Fire Station.) Phone 3045. If you want highest price for your old furniture, stoves, rugs, etc., phone us.

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Fierro's Compatriots Grab His Estate; Senora Fierro Is Denied His Property

The estate of the late Gen. Rodolfo Fierro is being divided among his compatriots in suits under Villa, according to advices in Juarez, with his widow left out in the cold. Mrs. Fierro, immediately following her husband's death entered at the United States customs house here for import from Mexico as many of the personal jewelry pieces and effects as she could, coming across the river with them. In Juarez Fierro's lieutenants started proceedings to have an administrator appointed for his estate, and succeeded, according to reports brought to El Paso, resulting in the division of much of his property among the military chieftains under the general to the deprivation of his widow.

CARRANZA DENIES STORIES OF THE MEXICAN MONEY SHARPS

According to advices from Mexico City, under date of Tuesday night, the acting secretary of finance has issued a positive statement to the effect that there is no foundation for rumors and secret circuits being set in circulation in the capital by speculators, asserting that the new \$25,000,000 paper currency issue is to be exchanged for the present valid issues at the rate of one new for two or three old. The secretary also declared, the wires state, that holders of bank bills of institutions whose congresses have been annulled, will not suffer because of any reported use of assets to protect stockholders first.

VILLA AMMUNITION REPORTED COMING IN SUGAR BARRELS

United States customs agents and secret service officers are investigating a report in El Paso that 7,500,000 rounds of ammunition for the Villa government are being sent across the river in sugar in barrels. Strict watch is being maintained at the international bridge.

SAY VILLISTAS OPERATING BETWEEN TAMPICO, VERACRUZ.

Laredo, Tex., Dec. 1.—Passengers arriving here say large numbers of Villistas are operating between Tampico and Veracruz, Mex. The leaders are said to be Gen. Benjamin Arguendo, Alberto Carrera Torres and the Cedillo brothers.

TERRAZAS SUES FOR 7000 SHEEP

Gen. Luis Terrazas, in a suit filed in the first district court Wednesday morning against John W. Gist and Charles Chadwick, of Bernalillo county, N. M., and the Union Stockyards company of El Paso, asks possession of 7000 head of sheep belonging to him, or \$25,000, their value. A writ of sequestration was issued. Gen. Terrazas represents that the sheep were seized by unknown persons and that they were shipped from Mexico to the Union Stockyards on Nov. 26. He alleges that the sheep bear his brands.

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