

JUAREZ TO BE ATTACKED SHORTLY BY CARRANGISTAS NOW GATHERING

United States Declines to Heed Protests at Permitting Carranza Forces to Land Near Juarez and Cross the Line to Attack the City—Mrs. Villa and Sister-in-law Quit Villa Territory.

FEDERAL officials in El Paso Saturday morning admitted that the United States government is going to allow Carranza troops to land reasonably close to El Paso to march across the river in an effort to take Juarez.

United States immigration records at the international bridge at the foot of South Santa Fe street Saturday morning recorded the arrival of Mrs. Luz Villa, wife of Gen. Francisco Villa, in El Paso with her household and effects, along with the household effects and the person of Mrs. Hipolito Villa.

Efforts to stop Carranza troops from landing in the vicinity of El Paso for an assault on Juarez were reported in El Paso Saturday morning among federal officers, and although the time of such a movement is being guarded carefully, it was stated that it was but a matter of days when an attempt to put an end to the Villista revenue getting source across the river would be made.

Sheriff J. Edwards filed a protest with governor James E. Ferguson, at Austin, against unloading Carranza troops at Fort Hancock for the invasion of Villa territory.

The sheriff Friday sent a message to the governor saying that, as the Fort Hancock district was thickly settled, to allow Carranza to unload troops there and invade Mexico near that town would mean the placing of many American lives in danger.

The message was acknowledged by acting governor W. P. Hobby, who said that, as permission had been granted by Governor Ferguson for moving troops through the United States, he was not in position to take it away. He stated, however, that the sheriff's protest had been forwarded to Washington.

Ojinaga Troops Advance. In addition to the troops said to be destined for disembarkation at Fort Hancock, Carranza troops are said to be on the forced march from Ojinaga, westward.

In Juarez Friday night apprehension of a night attack from the immediate neighborhood of El Paso was general, and both the international bridges were watched by the military on guard.

VILLA DEMANDS RANSOM MONEY

Pearson Company Reported to be Sending Money to "Buy" Superintendent.

Advices to state department officials in El Paso stated that Gen. Villa ordered Thursday late in the afternoon at Chihuahua city, from Madera, with 29 American employees of the Madera company under guard. A demand was sent to the company offices in El Paso, by telegraph, demanding \$50,000, with the declaration that acting superintendent Roy Hoard, one of the 29, would be released upon receipt of that sum, according to state department reports.

The Madera company is shipping the money down to the Chihuahua capital and the state department declare. Government agents here have been asked by Washington to do whatever lies in their power to save the lives of the men Villa is holding, and is receiving daily advices on the acute situation.

U. S. MAY HELP SECURE RELEASE OF AMERICANS

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 18.—J. D. Emmons, father of J. E. Emmons, of this city, this morning received a telegram from secretary of state Lansing, stating that the department would act informally and unofficially in attempting to secure the release of Americans captured by Gen. Villa at Madera, Chih., last Saturday, if reports of their imprisonment were confirmed by investigation.

Emmons and some 30 other employees of the Madera Lumber company were reported taken to Chihuahua by Villa. Nothing has been heard from Emmons since the affair was reported.

Later Mr. Emmons received a message from Claud C. Miller, manager of a telegraph company in Mexico and a friend of Villa, stating that it was thought the Americans held by Villa at Chihuahua would be released tomorrow. Miller's wire, dated at Juarez, said the prisoners were in no danger.

against the possibility of an attempt to send Carranza soldiers across on the run from this side of the river.

Wild Reports Run Down. One man was dispatched during the early part of the night to investigate a report of Carranza forces detaining one of here, for an attack on Juarez. It is declared, and Thursday Manuel E. Gonzalez, assistant to Col. Hipolito Villa in the financial agency in Juarez, was sent to investigate a report that Carranza forces were being sheltered at Fort Bliss.

VILLA IS READY TO QUIT JUAREZ

Mrs. Villa and the Brother of Northern Chief Move Furniture to El Paso.

(Continued From Page One.) list Villa in a movement to join Diaz's revolutionary forces reported gathering in Oaxaca, said to be preliminary to a junction with Zapata troops moving towards that portion of the southern coast.

Villa Families Quit Juarez. Juarez seems to be getting ready to evacuate. Gen. Francisco Villa's family and household goods were brought to El Paso late Friday afternoon, shortly after the arrival at the border of Mrs. Luz Villa with Col. Hipolito Villa from Chihuahua city. Col. Villa's family came across the river at the same time. Three great wagon loads of household goods from the two Villa homes in Juarez were brought to El Paso at the same time as the two families.

The officers quarters in Juarez were cleaned out Friday afternoon, including furniture and personal effects of the commanders. Trains of "empties," stock, freights and coaches, have been made up and backed into the railroad yards of the National railways, apparently ready for the attachment of engines for a southward movement.

Troops have been shipped south, leaving the garrison in the city to about 100 to 200 men. Stock cars are ready to take out the horses of the military, with doors open and equipment in ship shape order for quick movement.

Food and supplies continued all day Friday to pour across the river to be packed into trains and sent southward upon the first opportunity for an open track, clear of the northward moving train which brought Col. Hipolito and Mrs. Luz Villa to the border.

SOL BERG HEADS EL MAIDA SHRINE

Sol I. Berg was elected illustrious potentate of the El Paso Shrine Friday night at the annual election of officers, which was held in the Masonic temple.

John D. Mason was elected illustrious chief rabban, W. W. Evans, illustrious assistant rabban, R. W. Page, illustrious high priest and prophet, C. L. Sirmann, illustrious oriental guide, W. H. McCallough, illustrious recorder, F. M. Murdock, illustrious treasurer. The representatives to the imperial council meeting named were: J. M. Wyatt, R. W. Page and S. J. Freudenstein.

Eugene L. Harris, retiring potentate, presided.

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BACA CASE IS GIVEN TO JURY

Court Instructs Jurors to Disregard the Prominence of the Defendants.

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 18.—The case of the alleged conspiracy by Elifeo Baca, Trinidad C. de Baca, M. U. Vigil, Carlos Arriola and Porfirio Saverdra, to liberating Jose Ynes Salazar, went to the jury in the federal court at 12:45 p. m. today, after the court had charged the jury for 45 minutes. Among other things the court said that although the defendants were prominent men, the "case looked on all sides" and although the ancestors of the jurors and defendants were different from those of the court, they were all American citizens. "The jury is entirely composed of Spanish speaking talkers."

Short summaries of the evidence were presented by opposing counsel just before the case was submitted.

Evidence Is Completed. The evidence in the case of the government against Elifeo Baca, Manuel Vigil, Trinidad C. de Baca and others, charged with conspiracy to liberate Salazar, was completed at 11 o'clock Friday night.

Baca, de Baca and Vigil all testified Friday and swore they had nothing whatever to do in any way with the escape of Salazar. Vigil admitted that he had told Celestino Otero, later killed by Elifeo Baca, to kill Salazar. He declared Otero had repeatedly threatened that he would kill Baca, "and cut him up so badly that all the doctors wouldn't put him together."

Vigil Contradicts Woman's Story. Vigil denied he ever saw Salazar at the Vigil ranch and branded as false testimony to that effect by Mrs. Otero.

Elifeo Baca attempted to show that the mysterious telegram received by Dr. Romero from Vigil at El Paso, referred only to litigation between Romero and a brother.

Trinidad C. de Baca, state game warden, also testified. De Baca said he knew Salazar only by sight and had never met him.

Other witnesses for the defense testified that a tunnel under the patio of the ranch house of district attorney M. Vigil, where Salazar is alleged to have slept for eight days after his escape November 29, 1914, was "purely mythical."

To Establish Alibi. Fideldefeo Baca, assistant state superintendent of schools, testified that de Baca was in Albuquerque attending the state educational association's convention on the night of the escape.

Mrs. Vigil, wife of another of the defendants, testified her husband on the night in question was in Gallup, N. M., and returned five days after.

Edmund Ross, a surveyor, testified he examined the earth under the patio of the Vigil home and found no trace of a tunnel having been dug, although, he said, the earth had been disturbed. He saw no mounds of excavated earth.

FIRST EXHIBIT FOR FARM CONGRESS IS ANNOUNCED

Letters of inquiry are coming in to the office of the International Farm congress in the chamber of commerce building, regarding the plans for the great International Soil-Products exposition which will be held here next fall.

Many of these letters are from districts, commercial organizations, country and state officials and express an intention to bring exhibits to El Paso next October. The exhibition, Wyoming commercial club, has written asking for information as to that body is planning an exhibit here.

The congress working force will be augmented immediately after the holidays.

FERGUSON IS UNDECIDED ABOUT TROOP MOVEMENTS.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 18.—Informed of the protest of the El Paso sheriff against movement of Carranza troops through Texas, Gov. J. E. Ferguson Friday night said he was undecided whether permission for such troop movements would be granted in the future. He made it clear, however, that permission already granted would not be rescinded. He added:

"I do feel, however, that the repeated granting of such permission may result in increased disorder, for we have partisans of all Mexican factions on the American side of the border."

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Dr. Mead Urges Landowners to Improve Tracts and to Loan Settlers Money.

"Land owners of the Rio Grande valley who wish to settle the unimproved acres should build houses upon these lands and make improvements upon them," said Dr. Elwood Mead, professor of the University of California.

"The project now has the advantage that it has demonstrated what the lands will produce and a stable value has been fixed upon the improved property, based on what it will produce. Anyone coming here can buy improved land and know exactly what it is worth; this is not true of the unimproved lands. To establish a permanent value such lands should have houses upon them."

In Cheaper Way. Dr. Mead pointed out that it was far cheaper to provide adequately for the incoming farmer by proper housing and implements than to let him incur these costs, plus the extravagance of experiments.

He also advocated the loaning of money to the farmers at five percent with the privilege of paying 1-1/2 percent on the principal annually and the right to make long time payments. He further suggested that the land owners combine and provide for the financing of the farmer on the rural credits plan.

\$20,000 IN VALLEY LANDS BOUGHT AND SOLD FRIDAY. H. W. Broadbent has sold to E. Wright a tract of land near Tornillo, including 100 acres, for \$20,000. In exchange Mrs. Wright has sold to Mr. Broadbent 150 acres of land adjoining La Mesa, in the upper valley, for \$12,000. Roller Skates. Allen Arms & Cycle Co.—Adv.

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