

SONORA MINES MUST OPERATE

Gen. Calles Declares Heavy Tax Will Be Imposed on All Idle Properties.

Douglas, Ariz., April 28.—Before leaving Friday night to attend the Scott-Obregon conference, Gen. F. Elias said he had decided that every idle mining property in Sonora would have to reopen or pay a heavy tax to the government.

"There is no reason why all mines in the district should not be operated and made to support many workmen," he said.

The general stated that he had notified the management of Las Chispas mine, one of the richest silver properties in Mexico, that it must reopen by May 1 or pay a fine of 10,000 pesos for each month it remains closed, up to 50 days, after which period the state will intervene and operate the mine for the benefit of the employees until such a time as the management was ready to take hold.

No Confiscation Intended.

"I do not mean to confiscate any property, but to make the tax so heavy that it will be practically obligatory for the mines to be operated," said Gen. Calles. "I have not decided what the rate of taxation upon idle mines shall be. The case of the Las Chispas mine is particularly flagrant in my view, as I have been reliably informed that a group of stockholders has been using the close down as a lever to obtain control of the stock. It is what you Americans call a 'freeze out scheme.'"

Gen. Calles said that he knew of no idle mines at this time to which he would apply the order, other than Las Chispas.

Las Chispas to Reopen.

Antonio Padilla, a Swiss, nephew of the discoverer of the mine, is now in Douglas. He stated today that he is preparing to reopen the mine next Monday. The property, which is located 12 miles south of Arizpe, Sonora, has been closed for two years.

At the time of the close it was announced that Mexican cattle owners were driving their cattle to the stream which carried off the granite solution from the company's mill and allowing the animals to drink, then collecting several times their value from the company under duress of the Mexican courts.

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OBREGON CALLS ON SCOTT HERE

Returns Friday Night Call; American Troops Line Streets, Bands Play.

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Capt. Fitzhugh Lee and the Mexican vice consul, Eduardo Bravo Seriano, met at the bridge. At the bridge, the American general met by Gen. Gabriel Garcia, commander of the Juarez garrison, and a column of cavalry. At the custom house the two generals were received at the entrance by Gen. Jacinto R. Trevino and Santiago Gonzalez, collector of the port. In the green salon, Gen. Obregon received the American general. Standing with the Mexican minister of war were Gen. Luis Guterres, commander of the military for the state of Chihuahua; Ygnacio C. Enriquez, governor of Chihuahua, and Gen. Jose Santos.

The two generals were escorted back to the international bridge by Gen. Garcia and a detachment of Mexican cavalry. Both Gen. Scott and Gen. Funston announced that the conversation of the initial courtesy call had been purely social in character.

Obregon and Funston's Woods. In the social visit of Gen. Scott and Funston to Gen. Obregon at the custom house in Juarez on Friday evening, Gen. Funston said to Gen. Obregon: "It is too bad, general, that you have lost your arm."

"Not so bad, Gen. Funston," said the Mexican minister of war, "as if I had lost my whole body. I have often wondered what the consequences would have been had the shell exploded nearer than my arm."

Gen. Funston said: "I have my wounds also—see I have a scar in the palm of my hand." Obregon laughed. "You could get that very readily," he said, "by firing a pistol shot into it. In fact, you did do you when you were a matter of valor?"

The social conversation took on an entirely humorous character and Gen. Obregon told a number of anecdotes and Gen. Funston, who converses in Spanish fluently, told a few back.

Salute of 19 Guns. As the automobiles containing Gen. Obregon and his companions, returning the Scott-Funston call Saturday morning, drove to the international bridge, the battery of the 19th field artillery stationed at the Santa Fe bridge, fired a salute of 19 guns for Gen. Obregon, the American troops of the Fourth artillery and the Seventh and 23rd infantry regiments played "The Imperial Potentate" march. As the automobiles carrying the Mexican general crossed the international line, the bands stopped, the trumpets corps of the Seventh infantry played flourishes and the massed bands broke into "Under the Double Eagle," which is one of the most popular marches in Mexico as well as the United States.

Troops Present Arms. Lined up on both sides of Santa Fe street from the American end of the bridge to "The Devil's Elbow," where the car line turns from Santa Fe street to South El Paso street, Gen. Obregon presented arms as the automobile party moved along the street between the two lines of soldiers.

The Seventh and 23rd infantry regiments were stationed along Santa Fe street from the bridge to the turn to the Ninth cavalry from this turn to South El Paso street and up South El Paso street toward the Paso del Norte hotel. The Eighth cavalry marched through the streets earlier in the morning with the full field equipment, including the machine guns and pack trains.

Gen. Bell to Charge. Gen. George Bell, jr., personal representative of Gen. Scott, arrived at the international bridge at 9:30 and took charge of the arrangements for the reception of Gen. Obregon. He welcomed Gen. Obregon and his party to the United States and accompanied them uptown for the conference. Capt. William B. Graham of the 20th infantry, was in direct charge of the military arrangements at the bridge and along the line of march.

Gen. Obregon's Party. Accompanying Gen. Obregon to El Paso from Juarez were: Gen. Jacinto Trevino, commander of the division of the northeast; Gen. Luis Guterres, commander of Chihuahua; Gen. Gabriel Garcia, commander of the Juarez garrison; Gen. Plutarco Elias Calles, governor general of Sonora and Carranza cousin; and Gen. Andres Barden.

Obregon Visits El Paso. Gen. Obregon crossed to El Paso early Saturday morning with Mrs. Obregon and had breakfast at the Harvey House after a ride about the city. After breakfast, he met Gen. Plutarco Elias Calles, governor general of Sonora, who arrived on the early train from Douglas. I. G. Leveier, American consul at Douglas, accompanied Gen. Calles to El Paso. On the same train was Miss Rose Obregon, sister of Gen. Obregon, who came from Nogales, Sonora, to be with her brother. Alejandro Obregon, the general's brother, also came. Francisco R. Serano, chief of staff

URGE OBREGON TO COOPERATE

U. S. Will Declare Willingness to Withdraw When Bandits Suppressed.

Washington, D. C., April 28.—The aim of Gen. Hugh L. Scott and Frederick Funston at the conference with Gen. Obregon at El Paso will be to secure the consent of Gen. Obregon to the employment of American troops in the territory immediately south of the border for the suppression of banditry, and the employment also of large numbers of Carranza troops about definite lines in order that all of northern Mexico may be thoroughly secured for villistas and other bandits.

Gen. Obregon will be assured that American troops will be withdrawn as soon as the United States is satisfied that its border is safe from attack, and that the more thorough the Mexican cooperation, the sooner that withdrawal will occur.

Gen. Obregon, also arrived on this train from Nogales and joined Gen. Obregon's party in Juarez.

DODD'S COLUMN ROOTS BANDITS

Field Headquarters, Namiquipa, Mex., April 28 (by wireless to Columbus, N. M., April 28).—The column of American cavalrymen under Col. George A. Dodd, which for six days has been pursuing a large band of Villistas under four different chiefs, through the rocky defiles of the continental divide, was reported today to have returned to its base at Minaca. The band is said to be practically dispersed, numbers of its members apparently holding to the belief that Villa is dead.

The Carrancista force, consisting of four trainloads of men, was detaining south of Guerrero today and reports here said it intends cooperating with the American command.

Senora Obregon Taken To Police Station On Traffic Violation Charge; Released

Traveling at a high rate of speed down San Antonio street, a large Peerless touring car, carrying neither headlights nor a license number, was stopped and the driver ordered to go to the police station Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock by motorcycle officer Scheerer.

Investigation showed that the car was the property of Gen. Alvaro Obregon, minister of war of the de facto Mexican government, and that the driver was ignorant of the fact that the car of the automobile was occupied by Mrs. Obregon and a woman friend. The driver was permitted to go by sergeant Charles Pollock after explaining the case.

GEN. SCOTT'S CAR IS GUARDED; CHIEF OF STAFF OVERWEIGHT

Troops and deputy sheriffs guarded the private car of Gen. Scott and Gen. Funston on the G. H. siding, opposite the Stanton street station Friday night. The guards were in the old station, were stationed at each end of the private car and along Campbell street at the railroad crossing. Deputy sheriff John Wren was also stationed at the entrance to Gen. Scott's car and arranged for the conference and social calls during the evening. Deputy Wren and Gen. Scott are old border friends and they had a friendly visit Friday night during which they talked fishing and other mutual interests.

Automobiles and many pedestrians passed the private car, and many to catch a glimpse of Gen. Scott and Gen. Funston and many of Gen. Scott's old friends called upon him to pay their respects.

Gen. Scott is a little overweight since he went to Washington from the border. He said Friday night that he was not getting enough exercise riding a swivel chair as he did when he was stationed at Fort Bliss and went to the country every morning for his horseback ride.

NEW MEXICAN CURRENCY TO BE WORTH TEN CENTS

Mexico City, Mex., April 28.—A decree issued by Gen. Carranza announces that Mexico's new issue of paper money will be worth 10 cents in Mexican gold for each paper peso. This will make the new currency equivalent to ten cents in American gold. The present paper peso has a value of less than three cents in American gold. The new money will be issued May 1 next, but only in payment of government obligations. The old issue will be received in payment of taxes and other governmental obligations, and in accordance with the decree, will be retired immediately. The new issue totals 500,000,000 pesos and is unconvertible, having been printed by a large American bank note firm.

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GARCIA INVITES SCOTT TO JUAREZ

Calls on American Commanders on Their Arrival Friday Afternoon.

Gen. Hugh L. Scott and Gen. Frederick Funston arrived at 5:30 o'clock Friday afternoon from San Antonio, Texas. They were accompanied by their aides and occupied a special car, which will be their headquarters while in El Paso. Consul Andres Garcia and vice consul Eduardo Seriano, of the Mexican consulate in El Paso, accompanied Gen. George Bell, jr., upon the train after it had been lodged on the side track in the yards of the Union station, and the preliminaries to the conference between the Mexican and American military began.

Consul Garcia, representing the Mexican government, and Gen. Alvaro Obregon, tendered to Gen. Scott an invitation to visit Juarez and to make Juarez the meeting place for the conference.

Gen. Funston said that one of the first acts that he and Gen. Scott would perform would be the exchange of rights between the two military groups.

Did Not Count Upon El Paso. "We did not expect to come to El Paso at all," said Gen. Funston. "Our intention was that the conference would occur at Laredo or Eagle Pass. We did not learn of the route chosen by Gen. Obregon until Thursday afternoon, or that he would be in Juarez. I suppose there had to be some secrecy as to the movements of Gen. Obregon in order that no attacks might be made upon his train or party."

Lieut. Col. R. E. L. Michie, of the general staff, and Capt. Fitzhugh Lee and with generals Scott and Funston, will be in all likelihood, be with them during the conference. Gen. Bell, jr., welcomed the two generals to El Paso on the part of the Border patrol, and was accompanied by his two aides, Lieut. H. A. Pratt and C. B. Moore, and Capt. W. H. F. Godson, district adjutant.

After Gen. Scott and Gen. Funston had received the Mexican consul and the El Paso military officials, they received the newspaper correspondents. Aside from a mere exchange of greetings, Gen. Scott would not discuss the conference from any angle. Upon the newspaper men filling out of the car, Gen. Scott began conversing with Consul Garcia, and the preliminaries of the conference began in earnest.

Calles Comes to Conference. A message was received during Friday afternoon that Gen. Elias Calles, governor of Sonora, had completed the necessary formalities relative to his passage through the states and that he would arrive from Nogales, Ariz., Saturday morning. Gen. Calles has been summoned to Juarez by Gen. Obregon to enter into the conference.

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VILLA ORDERED AMERICANS SHOT

Pablo Lopez Confesses Villa Ordered Masacre at Santa Ysabel.

Pablo Lopez had confessed that Pancho Villa ordered him to commit the Santa Ysabel massacre and Villa was just behind a hill near the scene of the American massacre.

This was announced by governor Ignacio Enriquez, of Chihuahua, Friday afternoon in Juarez. Governor Enriquez declared that Lopez had made a confession at the Chihuahua penitentiary directly implicating Villa in the massacre of the 17 American mining men on their way to Cushtlatic. The command for the train to be held up and fired upon was delivered by Villa to Gen. Beltran Lopez, told the civil governor, and he in turn transmitted Villa's orders to Lopez, who was in direct command.

Lopez will be executed as soon as he has recovered sufficiently to walk to the execution place, governor Enriquez stated Friday. He says Lopez was shot through the hip and that his wounds were badly infected. He says Lopez begs of his crimes and says he is only sorry that he could not have killed more Americans.

BANDITS HAVE NOT CROSSED AT LA JITAS, SAYS RANGER

Marfa, Tex., April 28.—There is no truth in the report that 500 Mexicans, supposedly Villa bandits, had crossed the American border at La Jitas, near here, and occupied 20 miles of territory, according to a statement made today by Capt. Fox of the Texas rangers.

ANY VILLISTAS AT LA JITAS. San Antonio, Tex., April 28.—Headquarters of the southern department of the army had not been advised today of the reported crossing into Texas of a band of Villa bandits at La Jitas, near Terlingua.

The border patrol detachment at Terlingua was told by officers to be strong enough to handle the situation if bandits have crossed.

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