

AMERICAN TROOPS ORDERED INTO MEXICO TO CAPTURE OR KILL VILLA'S GANG OF BANDITS

PUNITIVE EXPEDITION OF AT LEAST 5,000 MEN WILL BE SENT AFTER GUERRILLA CHIEF AS RESULT OF COLUMBUS N. M. MASSACRE

RIGHTS OF THE CARRANZA GOVERNMENT TO BE FULLY RESPECTED SAYS PRESIDENT

Wilson Points Out That Peace of Both Nations is Endangered by Raids; Officials Are Overjoyed at Long Expected Order to Take Action

ANOTHER RAID REPORTED.

Columbus, N. M., March 10.—A considerable force of armed civilians in automobiles left hastily for the Gibson ranch, 14 miles west of here this afternoon on the receipt of the report that Mexican bandits had appeared there.

Washington, March 10.—President Wilson has ordered American troops over the Mexican border to capture or kill the Villa bandits who yesterday raided Columbus, N. M.

Major-General Scott, chief of staff of army, announced today that the expedition would consist of not less than 5,000 men, all of which are available on the border, under Major-General Funston. In its present stage the president's order does not mean armed intervention in Mexico. It provides for a punitive expedition to deal with the lawless forces over which the Carranza government has no control.

WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT.

The following statement was issued at the white house:

"An adequate force will be sent at once in pursuit of Villa with the single object of capturing him and putting a stop to his forays. This can be done and will be done in entirely friendly aid of the constituted authorities in Mexico and with scrupulous respect for the sovereignty of that republic."

NOT AN INVASION.

It is declared that the United States will not consider the punitive expedition an invasion of Mexico, and will continue to deal with the Carranza government. The American government is still opposed to armed intervention in Mexico, but has decided that the peace of both Mexico and the United States is imperiled by the continued activities of Villa. The cabinet is unanimous in deciding that Villa must be caught.

It was said that the pursuit of Villa will be undertaken in a comprehensive way, and organized plans will be laid for his apprehension. Officials received word of the decision to go after Villa with troops with undisguised satisfaction.

General Enthusiasm.

Cabinet members expressed themselves as greatly pleased. Army officers voiced unanimous approval. A general feeling of relief that the administration had finally decided to take steps is apparent. The president himself is firmly convinced of the necessity of eliminating Villa from the Mexican situation. He is represented as just as determined to oust Villa as he was to oust Huerta.

Hope for Carranza.

The announcement of the intention of the president to send troops into Mexico was accompanied by scenes not equaled at the White House since the determination was made to send the Atlantic fleet to Vera Cruz in 1914. Pains were taken by the officials to point out their hope that General Carranza would realize the spirit in which American troops are being sent after Villa.

President Carranza will be notified immediately that the United States has no intention of taking any Mexican territory whatever, and respects fully the sovereignty of that nation.

Urged by General.

Major General Funston in an overnight dispatch urged recommended that he be authorized to send Ameri-

can troops over the border to finally clean out the bandits gang.

The state department will pass on this recommendation. At the state department it was made plain that while the incident is closed for the present so far as the war department is involved, it is not closed so far as the government is concerned, and that negotiations with Carranza for permission to send troops to clear out the bandits will go forward.

Funston's Report. General Funston's dispatch added that "so long as the border is a shelter for the bandits they will continue to harass our ranches and towns and add to our chagrin."

"Brigadier General Pershing reported that the Mexican consul at El Paso thinks there would be no objection to American troops entering Mexico in pursuit of Villa and that he would wire his government, recommending co-operation."

Villa Made a Stand. Colonel Slocum telegraphed the war department a brief report on the pursuit by American troops. A request for further information has been dispatched by General Scott, at the order of Secretary Baker. The only

THE CUTTHROAT THAT UNCLE SAM'S SOLDIERS ARE GOING INTO MEXICO TO PUNISH FOR SERIES OF OUTRAGES



FRANCISCO VILLA.

information on that point at the war department is the report from Slocum as follows: "I sent three troops under Major Tompkins across the border. They pursued Villa about five miles, driving him into the rough country, where he scattered after making one final stand with stops at Tompkins' advance. These three troops returned to Columbus again in about three hours. Lost one corporal of Troop G."

Villa General Dies. Columbus, N. M., March 10.—Two wounded Mexicans died at the American hospital here. Both were shot in yesterday's battle. One of these is a Villa general named Garcia.

Washington, March 10.—General Scott said that the necessity of providing an even stronger force for the border than it now has, while American troops are operating in Mexico, would necessitate using some troops not now there for the expedition into Mexico. They will probably be ordered from other posts. No plans have been made so far as is known for the use of the National Guard. Estelito Arredondo, Carranza's ambassador here received the news of the president's decision with the statement that he could make no comment but would immediately notify Carranza. Yesterday he declared it to be his own opinion that such action would not be resented.

Break Between Bloom and Kelly Over Devils Lake Post Office Brings Many Issues Into Ring

(Herald Special Service.) Devils Lake, N. D., March 10.—Here's the "inside" story of the break between John Bloom, publisher of the Devils Lake Journal, and Joe Kelly, president of the Farmers Railroad company, which has been the most recent "seven day wonder" in North Dakota politics. The big break was brought about because Hal S. Davies, editor of the Devils Lake Journal, formerly a Twin City newspaper man, appointed to the postmastership and whose name is now hung up in a senatorial sub-committee, isn't a democrat. Kelly and his friends insist that Davies is a republican—that he registered during the last two elections as a republican, and is not, under such circumstances, entitled to the support of the democrats for the post.

Agreement Alleged. Back of Mr. Davies' appointment, which was itself somewhat of a political sensation, and which marked the final passage of John Bloom's hope of being postmaster, is said to exist an agreement—a gentlemen's agreement—that the Ramsey County Democratic Central Committee would have nothing to say so long as there was any chance for Bloom to land the office.

Once, however, it was apparent that Bloom could not be confirmed, the senate that was not likely to be overridden in this case, in view of the fact that Senator A. J. Gronna of North Dakota told his colleagues in the senate that he would consider the confirmation of Bloom a personal affront, then it is said to have been understood that the democratic committee of the county should be called in and be permitted to make itself heard. But, to all intents and purposes, this wasn't done. Bloom evidently was advised that the "jig was up," so far

as he was concerned, and a few days later the name of Davies went to the senate for the postmastership. But it didn't bear the approval of the Ramsey County Democratic committee, as is supposed to have been agreed upon.

When Kelly and other democrats were apprised of the situation, they called the county committee together, and the endorsement of W. H. Belford for the post was the result.

Equity Involved. As a comeback, the Bloom supporters have injected a new issue—that of anti-equity opposition to Davies, as a measure of punishment because the Devils Lake Journal has been more or less active in the support of the Equity movement. This issue, it is contended by some who are interested in the affair, has been raised in an effort to force John Burke, former governor, to take up the Davies' cause, and bring about his confirmation.

As a comeback, however, is the fact that Kelly, during all the years that the Devils Lake Journal has been supporting the Equity movement, has been a heavy stockholder in the paper, and one of its heaviest creditors. Kelly, in connection with the Equity issue, has been charged with being the sponsor of the attempt to punish Bloom for his support of the Equity proposition.

Break Is Serious. The break between Bloom and Kelly is fraught with big possibilities, so far as the future of democracy in Ramsey county and the Lake Region is concerned. It is another element that John Burke must contend with if he becomes a candidate for the United States senatorship, and complicates the already seemingly hopeless tangle that the democrats of the state have become involved in.

ILLINOIS GUARD IS READY TO TAKE THE FIELD IF CALLED ON

Springfield, Ill., March 10.—Adjutant General Frank Dickson announced today that the Illinois state militia, numbering 6,500 officers and men, is available for active service in Mexico and can be placed at the disposal of President Wilson within a few hours. This organization which recently passed inspection by the war department representatives, has been engaging in practice hikes, cavalry distance rides and other maneuvers and is said to be in fighting trim.

CONGRESS IS NOTIFIED OF EXPEDITION

Receives News as Coolly as Though of Some Routine Bill.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ARMED ACTION IN

General Feeling That All Are Satisfied With President's Order.

Washington, March 10.—While the president and cabinet were deciding to send troops over the border, agitation had broken out afresh in congress. Senator McCumber and Senator Fall, republicans, introduced resolutions proposing armed action in different ways.

Both resolutions were referred to the foreign relations committee, while Chairman Stone counseled his colleagues to let the executive department of the government handle the situation. While the senate was talking and some desultory speeches were being made in the house, the president acted and the leaders, notified quickly by telephone from the White House, passed the word around both house and senate received it as coolly as an announcement of the passage of a routine bill. Democrats generally expressed the opinion that the president's action was wholly justified, and the republicans who had been urging action expressed gratification that it had been taken.

There were no signs of dissension.

2,500 Exhibitors. Berlin, March 10.—The Overseas News agency announces that 2,500 exhibitors took part in the Leipzig fair that was recently brought to a conclusion. The agency says there were numerous foreigners, both among the exhibitors and the 23,000 buyers, who visited the fair.

ORDERS SEIZURE.

Madrid, Spain, March 10.—The government has ordered the seizure of all the wheat stocks in Spain and the resale of the grain at fair prices, as a measure to allay disorders due to the rising cost of living. Resolutions also have been put in effect in regard to the importation of wheat and freight charges, to lessen the cost of delivery.

LAKE ICE WILL DELAY OPENING

Conditions at Duluth Are

Not as Favorable as Was Hoped.

Duluth, Minn., March 10.—Lake ice conditions, made public today, are far from propitious for the hoped-for early opening of navigation. The first ice report by the weather bureau declares that "the ice is heavier in Lake Superior than for the last ten years."

A statement from the officers of the Union Towing company today said that the ice in the local harbor is still "making." The thickness of the ice in the harbor, taken Tuesday, was 34.5 inches. The lake field extends out from 15 to 20 miles as is said. The ice being about seven inches thicker than the average condition. The field began to form in January and on February 7 had reached beyond vision. From two to five feet of snow is on top of the lake and this must melt before the ice will be affected by the sun.

GERMAN GUNS STILL POUNDING AT FRENCH DEFENSE NEAR VERDUN

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS. Washington, March 10.—The house judiciary sub-committee which recently held hearings at New York in connection with Representative Buchanan's impeachment charges against United States Attorney Marshall made its report to the full committee yesterday, submitting evidence developed without recommendation. Attorney Carlin of the sub-committee also presented the letter written to him by Mr. Marshall, attacking the motives of the investigators. There was some talk of contempt proceedings, but the committee adjourned without action to take up the case again next Tuesday.

EXPLORATION CO. NOW DISSOLVED

Action Taken by Stockholders of Guggenheim Concern.

New York, March 10.—The Guggenheim Exploration company, was dissolved here today by a vote of holders of 752,000 shares of stock out of a total of 803,000 shares. Its assets were transferred to the Yukon Alaska Trust company, which was formed in New Jersey February 4, last, for that purpose. The trustees are William Loeb, Jr., Charles K. Lipman, Charles Earle and Roger W. Straus.

The transfer included \$11,000,000 in cash and demand loans, 2,500,000 shares of Yukon gold, a demand against the Yukon Gold company for \$5,000,000, the purchase price of the gold run mine; 500 preferred shares of the American Smelters Securities company, and other assets. It was announced that a cash dividend of \$12 will be paid on every share of the dissolved corporation.

REPULSE SMALL ATTACK.

London, March 10.—The British official communication issued last night says: "We repulsed a small attack near the Hohenzollern redoubt. Yesterday the enemy sprang a mine near Grenchy, but made no infantry attack." "There has been considerable artillery activity by both sides about Ypres."

SUGAR PLANT WILL RE-OPEN

Franklin Refinery to Resume Operation After Long Period.

Philadelphia, March 10.—The Franklin Sugar refinery, in this city, which has been idle for more than a quarter of a century, will resume operations at once, giving employment to eight hundred men to begin with and the number will be increased as the demand for sugar for domestic and export trade warrants. No smoke has come out of the big smokestacks since the days of Harrison Frazer and company, who disposed of their interests to the American Sugar Refining company. Since then the refinery has been used as a sugar storage warehouse, but the machinery has been kept intact and with slight alterations can be put into immediate use.

With an output of at least 3,000 barrels of granulated sugar a day to begin with, the capacity will be increased as the machinery gets in operation. The opening of the plant means imports from Cuba and Porto Rico to Philadelphia, cane sugar only, being used. In Cuba the sugar crop this year will be not less than 2,500,000 tons.

UNIVERSITY READING. 7 A. M. —3; maximum 34; minimum —2; wind 8 miles northwest; barometer, 30.57.

WEATHER FORECAST. Probably fair tonight and Saturday; slowly rising temperature.

FOUR VESSELS SUNK BY MINES OR TORPEDOES

Two Liners and Two Destroyers Included Among the Victims.

NO PASSENGERS ON DOOMED SHIPS

Paris Denies Claims of Successes Made by the Teutons.

Paris, March 10.—There is no change in the situation before Verdun either west or east of the Meuse, according to a semi-official announcement.

The announcement added that a violent bombardment continued on both banks of the Meuse river, but that there has been no infantry attack by the Germans.

Deny Capture. An official note has been issued categorically denying the statement made in a German official communication yesterday, that "the village and armored fort of Vaux were captured in a glorious night attack by Posen reserve regiments under the leadership of General Guretsky Corintz." This assertion, the note says, is in every way false. The note denies other statements contained in the recent German official communications.

Two Ships Torpedoed.

A Havre dispatch from Havre says that the French line steamship Louisa sank last night at 11 o'clock. All the crew was saved. No passengers were aboard. It is presumed that the vessel was sunk by the same submarine that has been operating along the coast between Boulogne and Havre and which torpedoed the Herminette.

The Louisiana had arrived from New Orleans, which port she left on February 11, entering Newport News February 17, leaving on the following day for France. She was 5,109 tons gross and 378 feet long. She was for many years engaged in trans-Atlantic passenger service, mostly to ports in the Gulf of Mexico.

The allusion in the above dispatch to submarine operating along the English channel between Boulogne and Havre, is first word that has been received here regarding the presence of hostile craft on that part of the French coast. Available shipping records make no mention of the vessel named Herminette.

Sunk by Mines.

London, March 10.—The British torpedo boat destroyer, Coquette, and the torpedo boat No. 11 have been sunk by striking mines. It is officially announced.

The announcement says the number of casualties in connection with the sinking of these war ships is 45 men lost.

NO OFFICIAL ADVICES.

London, March 10.—The foreign office has received no official advices that Turkey is seeking peace. However, the impression prevails, from what is known of conditions in Turkey, that there is a strong probability of an early move in that direction.

BOAT STRIKES MINE.

London, March 10.—A Reuter dispatch from Malmoe says the Swedish steamship Marha struck two mines within Swedish waters off Faisterbo. The crew was saved.

Several steamships named Marha are listed in maritime records, but none of Swedish nationality.

GIRLS QUIT SCHOOL.

Berlin, March 10.—During the winter of 1915-16, the number of post-graduate woman students in German universities increased by 900 and reached 4,820, says an Overseas News agency item yesterday. Of these 200 were granted leave of absence because they were in the national war service.