

BORDER ALIVE WITH PREPARATIONS FOR LONG AND BITTER MARCH AFTER VILLA

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS INDICATE DELAY IN EXPEDITION, BUT REPORTS PERSIST THAT U. S. IS GETTING READY FOR IMMEDIATE ADVANCE

ONE COLUMN IS TO GO FORTH COLUMBUS, N. M.

Cavalry Expedition Expected to Start Out From San Bernardino.

MOUNTAIN GUNS ARE MADE READY

Carranza Troops at Palomas—Part of Force to Encircle Expedition.

El Paso, Tex., March 13.—In spite of official denials, reports persisted here today that American cavalry on the Arizona side had gathered for an immediate crossing of the Mexican border and that they might go across at any moment.

The advance guard of several cavalry troops was collected on that border two days ago with the prospect that it might be the first force into Mexico. The point where the cavalry expedition is reported as gathering to enter Mexico is on the Arizona boundary near San Bernardino, Mexico.

A reassuring conference was held here between General Pershing and General Gaviira. During the conference word was given that Pershing unofficially that General Carranza's request to cross the American border might be granted.

Daylight revealed the beginnings of the expeditionary force which the United States is gathering along the border west of here for the pursuit of Villa. Six troops are expected during the night, are in readiness at Columbus, the scene of Villa's raid, the first armed camp to develop evidence that the expedition is on its way.

What points, except Columbus, might be used to assemble pursuit columns were not developed, but considerable activity was noted on the Arizona border near Nogales, and also near the small Mexican settlement called San Bernardino. In that region several troops of cavalry were reported in readiness for action.

Reports here that Carranza troops at Palomas are puzzled at the attitude of the Carranza troops a few miles across the boundary, were flatly denied upon investigation. Army information is that 2,500 Carranza troops had gathered at Palomas, about 12 miles across the line from Columbus, and that the conduct of these troops is exemplary. These Palomas troops are part of the great ring that Carranza officers at Matamoros say they are drawing about the desert and mountain refuges of Villa.

The northern sector of this ring appears to be gathering in a position to make it rest between Villa and the assembling American columns on the American side of the border.

MUTINY TAKES PLACE. Petrograd, March 13. (via London)—Telegraphing from Dvinsk, the correspondent of the Boerse Gazette reports that a mutiny has taken place among the men of the German garrison at Shavil, a town in the Baltic provinces, owing, it is said, to insufficient food.

The mutiny was suppressed by cavalry, the correspondent adds, after one officer and three soldiers had been killed and a large number of men wounded. Nine of the ringleaders of the movement are said to have been tried by courtmartial and executed.

PERSHING OFFICIALLY GIVEN FULL COMMAND OF EXPEDITIONARY FORCE



Brigadier General J. J. Pershing.

Brigadier General J. J. Pershing, in command of the army headquarters at El Paso, is second in power to General Funston on the Mexican border. He saw service in the Spanish-American war and in the Philippines during the insurrection.

GAVIRA AND PERSHING IN A CONFERENCE

Mexican Troops Dispatched to Aid Mormon Colony at Casa Grandes.

El Paso, Tex., March 13.—General Gabriel Gaviira, commanding Carranza forces at Juarez, came to El Paso today to hold a conference with General Pershing, in command of Fort Bliss. General Gaviira said the conference was to be held at the Mexican consulate here. Gaviira brought the news that cavalry troops have been dispatched from La Guna, on the line of Old Mexican Central railway north of Chihuahua City, direct to Casa Grandes to aid 500 members of the Mormon colony concentrated at that point, but now cut off from communication with either Chihuahua or the City of Juarez.

Gaviira received the news of the new cavalry movement from General Carranza. It followed immediately on the report of a scout train that made the run down the Mexican and North-western line in the direction of Casa Grandes, but turned back upon seeing smoke ahead at Santa Sofia, which seemed to come from a burning bridge. Villa was last reported in the neighborhood of Cortatillo, not far distant. Assuming that Villa's forces were there, the train returned.

GREAT SNOW SLIDE. Venice, Via Paris, March 13.—An avalanche has buried several houses in the Agordo district. The victims so far reported number twenty-five.

FEDERATION OF N. D. INSURANCE MEN IS FORMED

Meeting Held at Fargo Today—M. C. Bachellor a Vice President.

(Herald Special Service.) Fargo, N. D., March 13.—The Insurance Federation of North Dakota was organized here this afternoon with the election of the following officers: President—P. J. Murphy, Grafton. Vice Presidents—J. J. Feckler, Fargo; H. T. Murphy, Bismarck; M. C. Bachellor, Grand Forks; Geo. L. Hempstead, Jamestown; L. R. Nostdal, Rugby. Secretary—Harry G. Carpenter, Fargo. Treasurer—B. V. Moore, Fargo.

JOFFRE PRESIDES OVER WAR COUNCIL

Paris, March 13.—General Joffre, commander in chief of the French armies, presided over the council of war of the entente allies, which re-assembled yesterday at the French army headquarters. While the council is in session, Great Britain will be represented by General Sir Douglas Haig, commander in chief of the British forces in France; Russia by General Glimsky, aide de camp to the Russian emperor; Belgium by the chief of the general staff, and Serbia by Colonel Pachitch.

NO MOVEMENT OF THE ARMY TODAY LIKELY

Carranza's Request is Causing no Let-up in the Preparations.

TRANSPORTATION OF CAVALRY DIFFICULT Shortage of Rolling Stock Causes Delay in Assembling of Men.

San Antonio, Texas, March 13.—No movement of expeditionary forces which will search for Villa is probable today. General Funston announced. The general said preparations for the expedition were going right ahead, despite Carranza's notification to the Washington government that he would not consent to American troops entering Mexico unless Carranza troops were allowed to enter the United States. It is officially announced that Brigadier-General John J. Pershing will command the expeditionary force.

General Funston said he had received no official notification from Washington to hold back the expedition while negotiations were being completed with Carranza. General Funston said that the announcement of the expedition's actual start into Mexico probably would come from General Pershing to whom would be left the decision as to the exact hour for setting the movement afoot.

Rolling Stock Shortage. A shortage of rolling stock, General Funston said, was hindering the concentration of cavalry at the base of operations, this being one reason why army movement today was unlikely. The fault, he said, rested with the railroads west of El Paso.

"We have been transporting men in box cars," he said. "If this had been merely an inland expedition, we could have been in Mexico on Villa's very heels." Funston continued, "but this is largely a cavalry movement and that is why there has been delay."

Light was thrown on the size of the expeditionary forces by General Funston who said: "When this movement is completed there will be only six or eight regiments left in the United States other than those troops stationed along the border for patrol duty."

NEED MORE RUBBER.

Schroeder Arrives to Arrange for Shipment.

New York, March 13.—With the hope of making arrangements for the shipment of American rubber to Sweden for the benefit of the automobile industry in that country, Willis Schroeder, an automobile dealer in Stockholm, arrived here yesterday on the steamer Helik Olav, on the way to Washington. He declared the automobile industry in Sweden is demoralized for lack of rubber.

Armed with letters from Swedish government officials, he recently had been in England, he said, in an effort to induce the British authorities to allow passage of sufficient rubber from the United States to relieve the situation. With similar credentials, he is now going to Washington in furtherance of his plan, and will see the Swedish minister and the British ambassador. Schroeder identifies himself as a naturalized American representing an American automobile concern in Stockholm.

AMERICAN BOXERS ARE VICTORIOUS

Copenhagen, March 13. (via London)—American amateur pugilists were victorious in two of the three clashes of the American-Danish boxing championships that were decided here yesterday. The winner were: The winners were: John Maloney of St. Rita's Catholic club, Philadelphia. Middleweight class, John Karpenki, of the Cleveland Athletic club. Heavyweight class, Valdemar Jensen of Denmark, who defeated William Spenger of the Union Settlement, New York City.

PRESIDENT WILSON SAYS HIS ONE THOUGHT IS TO KEEP U. S. OUT OF WAR

Washington, March 13.—President Wilson told a delegation of Scandinavians that there is nothing nearer his heart than keeping the United States out of war. He was assured by leaders of the delegation that his efforts in behalf of peace had been strongly approved throughout the country.

PREPAREDNESS ACTION ASKED IN CONGRESS

Senator Borah Urges Solons to Drop All Other Legislation.

MEXICANS WILL RALLY TO VILLA

So Declares Chamberlain—Not Enough Men or Equipment, He Says.

Washington, March 13.—Senator Borah, republican, urged the senate to drop all other legislation and immediately consider the national preparedness in view of the consequences that might arise from the decision to pursue Villa in Mexico.

Chairman Chamberlain of the military committee told the senate that in his opinion the United States army did not have enough soldiers to cope with Mexico or enough equipment. He added he would not be surprised to see all Mexicans rally around Villa.

RAILROAD PRESIDENT DIES.

Voorhees of Philadelphia and Reading Company Suddenly Called.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 13.—Theodore Voorhees of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway company died at his home in Elkins Park, a suburb, late Saturday night. His death was very sudden.

Mr. Voorhees underwent an operation in Minnesota early this year and returned to this city about ten days ago apparently in good health. He was at his office for a few hours last Friday, the first time since his return from the west. The funeral will be held from his late home at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. He is survived by a widow, four sons and four daughters.

ACTION PLEASES ROME.

Mexican Expedition Only Way to Force Order.

Rome, March 13.—The decision of the United States to act vigorously in Mexico has been received with general satisfaction here, especially in political circles, where it is believed it is the only way to establish law and order and to protect foreigners.

Although the Vatican is extremely reticent on the subject, those in touch with the Holy See must be content with any measure aimed to suppress the anarchy from which the clergy and laity have suffered severely.

MINES ARE SPRUNG.

London, March 13.—The British war office communication issued last night says: "The enemy yesterday sprung four mines near the Hohenzollern redoubt and grenade fighting ensued. There were very few casualties and very little damage was done to our trenches. Our trenches about Loos and the Boise de Grenier were shelled. There have been heavy artillery bombardments by both sides about Ypres."

AGED COUPLE DIE TOGETHER

Woman Calls Doctor For Husband and When He Arrived Both Are Dead.

Grand Rapids, Wis., March 13.—At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon Mrs. Frederick Pfeiffer summoned a physician for her aged husband who had suddenly become ill with apoplexy. When the physician arrived at the house he found both dead. Mrs. Pfeiffer died of heart disease superinduced by the shock incident to the death of her husband. Her body was found lying at the side of her husband's bed. A double funeral will be held with interment in Beaver Dam, Wis., where the couple were married in 1878.

GENERAL CARRANZA'S REQUEST IS ACCEPTED

MONTEREY PRESIDIO IS TOTALLY DESTROYED BY FIRE AFTER TROOPS GO

Monterey, Cal., March 13.—Monterey Presidio was totally destroyed by fire this morning, about six hours after being vacated by troops of the cavalry, who left for the Mexican border. Firemen attempting to extinguish the flames found the water supply had been cut.

ARTILLERY ACTION ALONG THE VERDUN FRONT CONTINUES

Paris, March 13.—There was no infantry fighting last night in the region north of Verdun, according to an announcement by the French war office. The artillery action along this front, however, continues.

POTATO CARDS WILL BE USED

According to Reports These Will take Place Along with Bread and Butter Cards.

Berlin, March 13.—Potato cards, the issuance of which was made necessary by the shortage of wheat, is asserted by speculators holding out for higher prices, will take their places along with the bread and butter cards in Berlin on March 20.

The first cards will cover a sixty-day period and allow the holders to purchase eleven English pounds of potatoes every twelve days, probably at the uniform price of 65 pfennings. The government potato situation during the sixty days will determine whether the plan must be continued. In announcing this step, Burgomaster von Wermuth said that the population of late been rationed. He added that potatoes are concerned, from hand to mouth. He anticipated, however, that all the difficulties would be over in a few days.

Owing to the recent shortage in bread, the military authorities has forbade the production of all cakes between March 13 and March 18, inclusive, made of white or potato flour, and their sale between March 15 and 18. This step was taken on the complaint of many bakers and others bakers who are not short of flour, were using it for cakes, rather than for bread. The shortage is due to unequal distribution, which is expected to be remedied within the week.

MANY ALIEN INSANE.

Number Over 9,000 in New York State Asylum.

New York, March 13.—Laxness in permitting insane immigrants to enter the country and failure to reimburse the state for their maintenance and care while patients in state hospitals are charged against the United States government in the annual report of the State Charities Aid association, made public yesterday. The alien insane in state hospitals on October 1, according to official figures, numbered 9,268, or 28 per cent of the entire patient population.

The report points out that there has been a heavy falling off in deportations during the year on account of the European war and the interruption of transportation. There are, at present, more than 400 aliens in the hospitals who are deportable under federal warrant, but who cannot be deported because of the war.

STEAMER ON FIRE.

Matlawa Burned While She is at Anchorage Off Sand Point.

St. John, N. B., March 13.—The British steamer, which was about to leave for New Zealand fully loaded, was found to be on fire yesterday in one of her forward holds. She was anchored off Sand Point, but was immediately towed back to the dock, and three tugs and the local fire department poured a dozen streams into the hold. Shortly before low water the steamer's bow dropped until it rested on the bottom.

The cause of the fire has not been ascertained. It is believed that the damage will be heavy.

CAN SEND HIS TROOPS ACROSS THE U. S. LINE

Note of Acceptance Forwarded to Head of de Facto Government.

BORDER PATROL IS DISTRIBUTED

Baker to Announce Forward Movement as Soon as it Begins.

Washington, March 13.—The United States this afternoon accepted General Carranza's proposal for a reciprocal agreement by which either his troops or American troops may pursue the Mexican bandits, on either side of the border. The note of acceptance was sent forward to General Carranza at Queretaro.

No Official Advice.

Washington, March 13.—The war department still is without advice as to whether American troops had crossed the border into Mexico. Secretary Baker said he had not heard of any crossing and reiterated his promise to make that news public as soon as it reached him. He added that the morning's dispatches contained nothing of importance that could be made public.

New Border Patrol.

Douglas, Ariz., March 13.—The distribution of the First and Twelfth cavalry as border patrols from Nogales, Ariz., eastward into New Mexico, has been announced here. They will take the place of the Seventh and Tenth cavalry in Nogales, Fort Huachuca, and Naco.

BRITISH SHIPS TAKE DUTCH BOAT

London, March 13.—British patrol ships have taken into Kirkwall, Scotland, the Dutch steamship Palembang, which left Philadelphia, February 22, with a cargo of petroleum for Aalesund, Norway, and the Danish steamer Arkansas, bound from Boston and New York February 22 with a general cargo for Copenhagen.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK.

Recorded on Buffalo Seismograph—Probably in Caribbean Sea.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 13.—An earthquake shock that probably occurred in the Caribbean sea, the West Indies or Central America, was recorded on the seismograph at Canisius college yesterday. The indicated distance being 1,750 miles. The preliminary shock occurred at 2:36 a. m. the main shock from 2:44 until 2:51 o'clock with final tremors at 3 o'clock.

GERARD TO GO ON VACATION

Word Goes From Washington Authorizing Him to Rest up After Accident.

Washington, March 13.—Word has gone to American Ambassador Gerard at Berlin authorizing him to leave his post for a vacation. He may go to Switzerland to recuperate from the effects of a fall sustained while participating in winter sports some weeks ago. The state department officials said there is absolutely no political significance in granting leave to Mr. Gerard at this time.

WEATHER FORECAST. Unsettled and colder tonight; probably snow in south portion; Tuesday probably cloudy.

INNIE RALLY J. P. Weber, 1001 International, at 7:30 Walker Store, 1324 Jennie Ave., at 7:30 TONIGHT