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Hot heads Prevail--War Imminent

MORE DEFIANT ATTITUDE BY MEXICO; OUTLOOK OMINOUS

MEXICO CITY, June 30.—The Mexican foreign office today issued a memorandum replying to Secretary of State Lansing's note denying repeatedly the correctness of the Washington administration's assertions and denying absolutely that the U. S. has any right to maintain troops in Mexico. The memorandum is not given as a direct reply to Lansing, but is considered as the equivalent. It expresses surprise that Washington is pained at the last Mexican note, also maintaining that the U. S. has sent many discourteous and overbearing notes to the Carranza administration.

The memorandum just issued emphatically denies that Mexico protected bandits and defies Washington present any proof of it. Generals Scott and Funston are accused of bad faith and lack of honor in dealing with Minister of War Obregon.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Reliable private Mexico City advices today said Carranza and his advisers determined to maintain Gen. Trevino's orders to attack all American troops moving except in retirement from Mexico. No way can be seen to avoid a break.

In the Mexican cabinet a faction is reported as urging an even more defiant attitude and wanted to include in reply to a renewed demand for immediate withdrawal of all American troops. The only indication as to when Carranza's reply will be received was Special Agent Rodger's report which said that Rodgers expected the note Wednesday night.

(By Associated Press)

EL PASO, June 30.—Gen. Gonzales today received a report from Juarez that a Mexican customs line rider was shot and killed last night by an American squad firing across the Rio Grande river into Mexico near Ysleta, 12 miles east of here. Otherwise the tension was relieved by the return of the imprisoned troopers. Their stories contain reports that the defacto troops protected them from civilians, who jeered and stoned them. Capt. Morey, still in a weakened condition, greeted the 23 men, who were joyful to see him, believing he had been killed. Twenty-three watermelons awaited the troopers when they reached El Paso.

(By Associated Press)

SAN ANTONIO, June 30.—Secrecy has been invoked in the movement of troop trains to prevent attempts at wrecking, which are feared.

(By Associated Press)

SAN ANTONIO, June 30.—Preparations are practically completed to conserve the health of troops and attend to the wounded if hostilities start as there are base hospitals here and at Fort Bliss with a capacity of five

hundred each. There are smaller hospitals elsewhere.

ROOSEVELT FLOODED WITH PROPOSALS TO ENLIST

(By Associated Press)

OYSTER BAY, June 30.—Colonel Roosevelt deluged with telegrams and letters offering to enlist in a proposed volunteer army division headed by him. All sorts of equipment is offered.

SACRAMENTO, June 30.—The second regiment will probably entrain for Nogales tonight.

The Associated report to the Examiner from San Antonio, Tex., states that the Utah field artillery of 174 members, which passed through Yuma last evening, traveling in 14 tourist coaches, reached Nogales today, in charge of their commander, Capt. W. C. Webb. The battery left Salt Lake City on last Wednesday morning.

Secretary of State Lansing talked with Ambassador Arredondo and it was made plain that an early reply may be expected. The war department has construed the draft resolution as authorizing the president to draft every enrolled guardsmen into the federal service whenever necessary whether the men take the federal oath or not. Under this ruling a total of one hundred and thirty thousand guardsmen are immediately available for use on the border.

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PRES. WILSON'S POLICY BLESSING TO THIS NATION

While Political Opponents Declare War Executive Keeps Cool Head

(By B. F. Fly.)

The czar of all czars, the big bell-wether of the ultra stand-patters, more familiarly known as "Uncle Joe" Cannon, has at last sounded the keynote for Candidate Chas. E. Hughes. It is "War," in great big capital letters—war to the knife, and thence to the hilt and back again.

Arising from his seat in congress the veteran statesman from Illinois, who served about six terms as speaker of the House of Representatives in Congress, he has sounded the trumpet to arms, thereby giving his party the much sought-for issue in the present presidential campaign. In no uncertain words he denounced President Wilson for having failed to declare war on Mexico, and yet "Uncle Joe" has shown capacity enough to keep his mouth shut until he sees we are reasonably prepared to defend ourselves against the well organized, well equipped, well seasoned soldiers of our sister republic. He has had the political sagacity to wait until almost the entire country is aflame because of the soldiers passing by the thousands to the Mexican border. He has waited until he beheld the handwriting on the wall—the annihilation of his party at the approaching election—and now, like a drowning man clutching at a straw he jumps into the limelight and thunderously declares for war.

But will he and his party gain anything politically by any such declaration? We have been standing on the very brink of war for the past ten days. Almost any other man on earth except the even-tempered, even-balanced Woodrow Wilson, would long since have declared war on Mexico, and by so doing would have sacrificed thousands of innocent lives from one end of the Rio Grande to the other, for it has only been within the last two or three days that the United States has had enough men to keep the Mexicans from crossing and recrossing our border at will. Instead of unorganized bandits it would have been organized Mexican soldiers, and instead of a few dozen precious lives lost at the hands of cut-throats it would have been thousands of precious lives all along the Arizona, New Mexico and Texas border sacrificed at the hands of Carranzistas.

President Wilson had sense enough to see these things. Rather than see innocent American lives snuffed out, because of the total lack of adequate army protection, he has permitted himself to be ridiculed and abused by people who are ever ready to say "sick 'im Tige," but who are not themselves willing to shoulder a musket and go

into the thick of battle to back up their ill-advised cry of "War."

Go to any army officer who has the sense of a mosquito and he will frankly tell you that at the beginning of the Mexican controversy this country was wholly and utterly unprepared for war, even with poor old discrepant Mexico. We had about twenty thousand fighting men when Columbus was raided by Villa and his band of cut-throats. Had we forthwith been so foolish as to have declared war on Mexico at that time, or any time since then up to a week ago, Brownsville, Laredo, Eagle Pass, Del Rio, El Paso, Columbus, Nogales and Douglas, with many towns of lesser note, would have been at the mercy of the invading Mexicans. "The Battle Cry of Peace," so vividly enacted on the screens a few nights ago, would have been enacted all along our border. Columbus was indeed shackled. But under the guiding hand of President Wilson the dogs of war have been kept in the kennels until he could muster enough men to protect his people against savagery, barbarism, murder, rape—and that time was never at hand until now. "Uncle Joe" Cannon knew it, and wisely kept his mouth closed. Now that he sees we are ready for war he jumps to the front and demands war, so he and his party can claim any glory that may result from subjugating an impoverished country. If President Wilson can at this late and critical date settle the Mexican trouble without war, he will be the greatest man America has produced since the days of Washington. If he cannot settle it without war, he will at least have shown his good sense and judgment by waiting until we were ready to successfully cope with a very nasty problem.

AMERICAN JEWISH RABBIS MEET IN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

(By Associated Press)

WILDWOOD, N. J., June 30.—Prominent rabbis from all parts of the country met here today for the twenty-seventh Central Conference of American Rabbis. The morning today was devoted to a meeting of the executive board, and tonight the Conference will be opened with a general session, and continue until next Friday. The president of the conference, Rabbi William Rosenau of Baltimore, will read his annual message to the conference tomorrow evening. During the week a number of committee reports will be heard, including one on the Revision of the Union Prayer Book, the Harmonization of Civil and Religious Marriage Laws, Survey of Religious Conditions, and Religious Work in Universities.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, June 30.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today ordered an investigation of the allegations that the American Smelting and Refining company and the Kennecott Copper company are enabled to control and monopolize the Alaskan copper situation through transportation favoritism.

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