

WAR WITH MEXICO?

Carranza's Order That U. S. Troops Be Withdrawn is Refused--Militia of Country Ordered to Be in Readiness.

Battle at Carrizal Wednesday Results in Killing of 12 Americans --17 Taken Prisoners.

The entire country was aroused to intense excitement the past week by the demand of President Carranza of Mexico that the United States troops sent to capture Villa and his bandit followers be withdrawn and the refusal of this government to accede to the demand and the consequent possibility that this country might be compelled to send a large army to Mexico.

It is believed, however, that General Carranza and his advisors will not precipitate a war but that an agreement will be reached.

The news of possible war struck Owosso forcibly as Co. H and the Infirmary, of the Michigan National Guard, of this city were ordered to the new armory and have since been kept there in uniform with three daily drills and details and guard duty with crowds every evening to watch the drill and with interest created by the soldier boys appearing in uniform in all parts of the city.

Orders 10,000 Guardsmen to Border

WASHINGTON, June 22.—The first orders for sending to the border National Guardsmen, called into the federal service last Tuesday by President Wilson, went out from the war department tonight. At the same time Secretary Baker sent inquiries to the state governors that are expected to hasten mobilization.

The orders for movement to the border affect the first 5,000 Guardsmen to be mustered into the service in the central department, and the first 5,000 in the western department. General Barry at Chicago, and General Bell at San Francisco, respective commanders of these departments, were directed to send the quotas indicated as soon as their muster is complete, selecting the first units to qualify, regardless of the branches of service to which they belong.

General Funston will select their destinations.

Militia Going to Border

Washington, D. C., June 22 (Bulletin).—As fast as the different state militia units can be equipped they will be sent to the border, Secretary of War Baker stated following a conference with President Wilson on Thursday. As to which would go first and where they would be assigned the secretary could not state. They will be distributed as quickly as possible and in the order in which they make themselves ready, he said. General Mills, head of the militia division of the war department, is keeping in direct touch with the organizations of the different units and is being advised as to the progress of preparations for a movement.

Mexican Losses Large

El Paso, Tex., June 22.—Twelve Americans, including their commander whose name is so far unknown, were killed in the battle at Carrizal Wednesday, Mexican Consul Garcia announced Thursday. Seventeen Americans were captured and the Americans retreated, carrying off a number of wounded, the consulate said. The Mexicans lost fourteen killed and a number of wounded.

Fortification Bill Passes

Washington, D. C., June 22.—The last big preparedness measure, the fortification bill, carrying an appropriation and authorization of \$35,875,123 for coast defense and field artillery, was passed by the house on Thursday by a vote of 165 to 9.

Americans Leave Mexico

Mexico City, Mexico, June 22.—A special train carrying 150 Americans left for Vera Cruz Thursday morning.

Mexicans Opened Fire

El Paso, Tex., June 22.—The Carranzista troops opened fire on the United States cavalry at Carrizal on War Minister Obregon's order, General Gonzalez, commandant at Juarez announced Thursday. The latter stated he received the message on Thursday afternoon.

Co. H Thirty-Third Light Infantry and the infirmary, Thirty-Second Light Infantry, Michigan National Guard, will leave Owosso at 5:45 o'clock Saturday morning over the Michigan Central railroad for Grayling, to mobilize with other troops of the state, subject to the call of Gen. Funston for service on the Mexican border. Captain J. O. Parker, commanding officer of Co. H, received notice of the time of departure Wednesday morning.

All equipment of the two local divisions will be loaded in a baggage car Friday night. Two passenger coaches will be required to transport the troops from this city. The local contingent will go to Bay City and there continue the trip to Grayling, arriving on the state military reservation at 1:40 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

With the receiving of the order by Capt. Parker Wednesday morning the military companies at the armory were placed under even more strict discipline than has been the case heretofore. Sentinels were placed in front of the armory, three men with rifles pacing back and forth throughout the day. The detail was changed each hour.

With the arrival of Private Raymond Stack of Co. H from Rochester, Minn. Tuesday night, all but one member of the local company has been reported for duty. Stack has been employed as a waiter in the Minnesota city. The only remaining member out of the city is Private Noyes of Kansas City. He wired that he would report at Grayling early next week.

Everything is ready for the departure of the state troops from this point. All of the equipment has been packed and is waiting to be transported to the depot Friday night. Interest in the border situation was crystallized Tuesday night with the publication of press dispatches to the effect that General Funston had called for about 65,000 militiamen for border duty. Although army officers believe that the New York and Illinois regiments will be the first of the guard to see active

service it is expected that the "Boys from Michigan," will be among those called after the contingents from the more largely populated states, have been called out.

Captain J. O. Parker, commanding Co. H, Thirty-Third Light Infantry, Thursday morning received an order from Col. Bersey in Lansing, which asked that the local company of the Michigan National Guard be recruited to a war strength of 141 officers and men. The strength of this company is ninety officers and men at present. This means that an additional fifty men are required before the troops leave for Grayling early Saturday morning and a concerted effort is being made on the part of Guardsmen to secure the required number. The infirmary now consisting of twenty-one, including Captain Hume and his men, needs three additional recruits.

News of the reported killing of forty American soldiers in Mexico occasioned little excitement among members of the company Thursday, although it was pointed out that border activity would hasten the calling of the Michigan men into the service.

The guard detail is still being maintained at the armory while Thursday a portion of the company's baggage was removed to the Michigan Central tracks and placed in a baggage car, preparatory to the trip to Grayling, which will begin at 5:45 o'clock Saturday morning, or one-half hour after the boys in uniform leave the armory.

Improvement Association.

Fred W. Smith, president of the Improvement association, has named the following committees for the ensuing year:

Agricultural—A. B. Cook, J. N. McBride, Charles Cook, W. E. Payne Albert Todd.

Transportation—Fred Woodard, James Rigley, Earl Hall, John Steek, L. C. Hall.

Entertainment—G. T. Campbell, W. D. Whitehead, Calvin Bentley, C. E. Rigley, Jr., James Zimmerman.

Good Roads—Fred Welch, G. F. Friegel, Albert Britton, N. R. Walsh Harry Parker.

Publicity—L. H. Christian, J. J. McDonald, L. H. Parker, Wm. Dowling, Arthur Byerly.

Civic—J. C. Osburn, L. L. Conn, O. L. Davis, J. H. Robbins, Chris. Rentschler.

Industrial—H. B. Sturtevant, A. M. Bentley, D. M. Christian, W. E. Hall, J. E. Ellis.

Membership—H. K. White, Dr. G. N. Finch, W. H. Van Sice, Herbert Hawcroft, J. Terbusch.

Wholesale and Retail—Harry Smith, Claud Nutson, John Detwiler, Roy Aberly, Harry Walsh.

Charity and Advertising—Edward Thome, Rolla Chase, W. R. Goodrich, Thomas Hagen, A. E. Omer.

High Praise for Chautauqua Program

Cleveland, Ohio, June 18, 1916 E. O. Dewey, Secretary, Owosso, Mich:

Lakewood Chautauqua closed last night in a blaze of glory with an audience of nearly four thousand in spite of rain.

San Carlo company gave the greatest opera programme ever given in Lakewood or Cleveland. Audience wildly enthusiastic, singers and orchestra finest ever heard here; nothing like it ever attempted in Chautauqua before.

The whole seven-days' programme great in every way; people immensely pleased with Tarbell, Frank, Germain, Landon, Florentine Musicians, Metropolitan Quartette and gave all a splendid reception and hearing. Shall need a larger tent for next year. Next year's season ticket sale three thousand dollars.

The Junior Chautauqua a fine feature and did good work. You cannot say too much for the course as all your patrons will surely be pleased. Eugene B. Fisher, secretary.

Ensign Henry Sprague, U. S. Navy, has been detached from the Rhode Island and transferred to the battleship Illinois, which will be used during the summer and fall as a training ship for civilians—business and professional men and others who wish the experience which will in part fit them for the minor positions in the navy in case of a call for additional officers for the boats. It is a compliment to Ensign Sprague to be selected for this work.

Harold A. Gordon has been appointed as substitute mail carrier at the Owosso post office and began work this morning. He is at present the only substitute available for service as Clarence McCall, who has done most of the substitute work for several years past, has gone to Grayling with Co. H.

Summer School at Lincoln Building.

The Lincoln school will be reopened on Monday, July 10, for a summer school session of six weeks which will be held expressly for delinquent pupils. Any children of the city schools from the third grade up and including the seventh will be admitted to make up back subjects, which they might have failed in during the past year.

Hangs Himself

Richard Crane, aged 39 years, a farmer living near Durand, hung himself in his barn Tuesday afternoon, the act being caused by despondency over his inability to support his wife and children. He visited a neighbor and told him he was going home and beat his wife's brains out. She was warned and watched him enter the barn and later found him hanging from a rafter.

Drunken Auto Driver Jailed.

John Waters of Owosso, was fined \$20 and sent to the county jail for five days, Tuesday, for driving an automobile while intoxicated. He had been in Oakley and on his return ran his machine into a buggy in which Floyd Wightman was riding, throwing him out and destroying the buggy. Waters returned to Oakley and went to bed with his boots on, where he was arrested by Under Sheriff Sproule and brought to Corunna. Wightman was slightly injured.

Dies After Operation.

Oscar Isamond, aged 18 years of age, died at the Miller hospital in this city, Tuesday, following an operation performed in the hope of saving his life which had been despaired of as a result of trouble in the neck and throat which may have become poisoned. The young man had been employed by Edward Barber at the Union lunch room, and after becoming quite ill was taken to Mr. Barber's home and later to the hospital. His father living near Oakley was notified and the body taken to the home where the funeral was held Thursday.

Masons Attend Divine Service.

Brothers of Owosso Lodge No. 81, F. & A. M., to the number of about one hundred, attended divine services at the First Baptist church, Sunday morning and listened to a most inspiring and up-lifting sermon by Rev. Harvey A. Waite. The choir had prepared special music, which added not a little to the impressiveness of the services. Mrs. C. Rentschler sang The Holy City with unusual power, sweetness and sympathy.

Returning to the lodge, Worshipful Master C. C. Wright called the brothers to order and a vote of appreciation and thanks was extended to Rev. Waite and the singers for the most helpful services of the day.

Baccalaureate Address.

The First M. E. church was crowded Sunday evening, when the other churches of the city united in the annual union meeting to listen to the baccalaureate sermon. Rev. Hartley Cansfield preached a strong sermon and the choir furnished special music.

A synopsis of the sermon follows: Text: Rev. III, 2, "Hold that fast which thou hast that no man take thy crown."

I esteem it a great privilege to be invited to preach the baccalaureate sermon to this, the largest class which has in any one year been graduated from the high school of Owosso. And I desire to extend to you my heartiest congratulations on the success which has thus far crowned your work.

What you have done is a matter of history; what you will be or do is largely a matter of conjecture. We are here tonight to consider, incidentally, the past and chiefly the future. This week is indeed Commencement week, for it brings you face to face with the problems of the TO BE.

You are on the threshold of life, and for this reason I have chosen a text which I think has an important message for you at this stage of your life's history.

A few words in reference to the context and by way of exegesis will introduce us to our theme. John was inspired to write to the seven churches of Asia Minor and in these letters are revealed principles and laws essential to their success and in fact for the success of the churches of every age since. Three of these churches are censured, two receive commendation for some things and censure for others, and two receive unqualified praise. One of these two was the church at Philadelphia. It had done well. It had kept God's word. It had been faithful and obedient. It had revealed elements of strength, and for these reasons, and by way of reward a larger opportunity is given it.

"Behold I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it." (Continued on page 7)

ROUSING FAREWELL

Will Be Given Co. H as it Starts for State Camp at Grayling.

Owosso will turn out en masse Saturday morning at 5 o'clock to escort Co. H to the Michigan Central train for the start for the state camp at Grayling and possibly for Mexico. The band will play, flags will be carried and the boys cheered on their departure for what it is hoped will be a vacation. It may be a hard fight in a hot country.

POSTMASTER'SHIP SETTLED

H. Kirk White Nominated by Pres. Wilson—Will Assume Office Shortly—Well Qualified to Handle the Business Satisfactorily.

Henry Kirk White, editor of the Press-American, is to be the next postmaster of Owosso, his name having been sent to the senate by President Wilson on Wednesday. While it had been definitely known for a month past that Mr. White was to be nominated for the position there was still an uncertainty about the matter which gave a ray of hope to other aspirants that



HENRY KIRK WHITE.

possibly at the last moment something might happen which would change the intention of the "powers that be" and give some one of them the place. But it was not to be and the hope that history might repeat itself—Mr. White having been disappointed twenty years ago when he felt sure of winning—proved vain. The nomination was referred to the senate committee on post offices and after due investigation a favorable report will without question be rendered, when confirmation will follow and then upon filling his bond and receiving his commission Mr. White will assume the duties of postmaster.

The TIMES extends to Mr. White its heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon his good fortune, and trust that his administration may be entirely satisfactory to the public—an exacting public, too, when it comes to the matter of handling the mail. He has for many long years fought the battles of the Democratic party in the columns of his paper—save that it is recorded that he and one William Jennings Bryan had a falling out in the campaign of 1896 and White had the pleasure of assisting in the defeat of the latter for the presidency—beside doing personal work which easily entitled him to the recognition which has now come to him. That he will prove an obliging official cannot be questioned.

St. Paul's School Commencement.

Standing room was at a premium Tuesday night when the graduation exercises and entertainment of St. Paul's school were held in the Family theatre.

The exercises and entertainment are regarded by those who have witnessed similar school productions in the past to be among the most pleasing of any ever presented in Owosso. The efforts of the school students, which were met with hearty response by the audience, showed the untiring work on the part of the Dominican Sisters of the school.

The school students presented a number of sketches and vaudeville stunts. Perhaps the most unique was the fairyland carnival staged by the younger children.

Rev. Fr. J. J. Sheehan of Carson City delivered the graduating address, while Rev. Fr. P. J. Slane, pastor of St. Paul's church, presented the diplomas. Rev. Sheehan said: "Everyone is talking about education these days, and the question naturally arises, 'Why do Catholics insist upon having their own parochial schools?'"

"The question is asked in good faith by those who do not understand.

"The answer may be found in the words of Christ, 'Go teach all nations.'"

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Everybody is boosting for the Junior Chautauqua. The boys and girls are lucky to have a Chautauqua they can call their own. The Chautauqua is too good a thing to be kept for the old folks alone. Owosso, July 9-15.

Royal Baking Powder Absolutely Pure Made from Cream of Tartar Derived from Grapes

FIFTY-NINE GRADUATES

Owosso High School Commencement Attended by Many—Fine Address by James Schermerhorn

Nearly two thousand residents of Owosso and Shiawassee county visited the First Baptist church, Wednesday night, to attend the commencement exercises of the 1916 class of the local high school.

Hon. James Schermerhorn, editor of the Detroit Times, who delivered the address, presented an address which although out of the ordinary for an occasion of that kind, was one of the most intensely interesting and instructive of any heard here for many a day. Sparkling with wit and humor, the talk will stand out for time to come as a most enjoyable one.

The speaker described a visit which he made last summer to the western states, taking his audience step by step over the route from Detroit out through the middle western states and on to California, thence to Texas, and back again to Michigan. During his address, the speaker was warm in his praise of travel as an educator and upon several occasions denounced military preparedness as adverse to the teachings of the brotherhood of man. Among other things he said:

"Travel is a wonderful educator, if we keep our eyes open while we are traveling. Only the educated mind can know and appreciate the glories of paying visits to the shrines of our country. He who has been given the advantage of an education, can delve so much deeper, can see so much clearer the beauties of the scenes about him, than can he who has an untutored mind.

"At Omaha begins the bow of racket formed by your going and coming route and with the exception of one or two states the ellipsis shows that the liquor traffic and restricted suffrage have been left out unqualifiedly or in part.

"There is good news in this westward sweep of suffrage and prohibition for it proves that the sons and daughters who went west are bringing themselves up in the way their parents should be going themselves back east. The 'wild and woolly' challenges the sedate and effete to make the men sober and the women citizens.

"A thousand or more horses were mobilizing on the hills just east of Grand Island for service in the Russian army. They know as much about the cause that calls them to the front as the peasant soldiers.

"Did you ever join in that lusty chorus of your primary school days. 'There's a land of peace and plenty, it's away out in the west.'"

"It is still out there, plenteous in fruitfulness and unscarred by war save for the deep trenches the shouters for preparedness have dug across the brow of Patient Forbearance.

"All the preparedness needed to maintain tranquilly along a frontier as long as our 2,500 mile tennis racket was the mutual good faith of continental neighbors and the carrying of one toy warship each on the Great Lakes.

"But the teachers who taught us that rousing song of the land of peace and plenty and the comrades whose voices cracked with ours in (Continued on page eight.)

Notice of Annual School Meeting.

The Annual School Meeting of the Union School District of the City of Owosso, for the election of two trustees for full term and the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come up, will be held at the Lincoln School in the City of Owosso, July 10, at 8 o'clock P. M. The polls will be open for election of Trustees from 2 to 8 o'clock.

Dated June 24, 1916.

W. R. GOODRICH, Sec. Board of Education.