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REGULAR TROOPS TO THE FRONT GO THROUGH OMAHA

Soldiers Stationed at Fort Robinson and Meade to Reach Here Tuesday on Way to Mexican Border.

TRAINS NOW BEING LOADED

Orders Given to Hasten to El Paso to Join in the Chase for Bandit Villa.

FROM HERE TO KANSAS CITY

United States troops stationed at Fort Robinson, Neb., and at Fort Meade, S. D., will entrain today on the Northwestern and traveling special, reach Omaha sometime Tuesday, or early Wednesday morning en route to the Mexican border to join in the chase for Villa.

The order indicating that the soldiers at Fort Robinson and Meade were to go to the front passed along the line Saturday when instructions from the War department reached the two posts to be ready to move to the Mexican border on the shortest possible notice. All Saturday night packing of munitions and camp equipment went on and by Sunday afternoon the men were ready to take to the field.

The order to move, however, did not reach the two posts until late Sunday afternoon and practically at the same time the Northwestern offices here received instructions to have equipment assembled at the nearest railroad points to the two posts.

Ready to Load Out.

Last night the assembling of the equipment was well under way, that for the use of the Fort Meade troops going to Sturgis, S. D., and that for the Fort Robinson men to Crawford, Neb.

The Fort Robinson command consists of about 500 men and the usual number of officers. To handle this command and the camp equipment will require two trains, one train of tourist sleepers, carrying the men and one train for the animals, camp stores and supplies. The Fort Robinson troops should reach Omaha sometime late Tuesday.

The Fort Meade command consists of the Third squadron of the Twelfth cavalry, about 400 men, besides the officers, bringing the number of men up to 500. There will be about the same number of horses as men. To move this command will require four trains, two to carry the officers and men and their baggage and two to carry the horses, tents and camp paraphernalia and forage.

All Haste at the Forts.

All Sunday there was great activity at Fort Meade. Feeling certain that they were going to be ordered to the Mexican border, the day was devoted to hauling forage and camp supplies from the post to the Northwestern depot at Sturgis. Loading will begin early this morning and it is expected that all of the trains will be out and on the way shortly after noon today. The passenger equipment is on the way from Chicago, being run special and should be in Sturgis early today.

If plans as outlined are carried out, the Fort Meade soldiers will arrive in Omaha late Tuesday, or early Wednesday. At Omaha all of the trains bringing soldiers from Fort Robinson and Meade will be transferred to the Missouri Pacific and by that road hauled to Kansas City, where they will be taken over by the Rock Island and carried to El Paso. From El Paso they will be sent west, the Twelfth cavalry probably going to Hachita, N. M.

"Texas Mavericks," New Rough Riders

DALLAS, Tex., March 12.—A regiment of rough riders had been organized long in advance of the present Mexican crisis and now awaits acceptance by the government, according to E. W. Edwards, the organizer, a Dallas business man and veteran of the Spanish American war. He said his offer today to the government through Hatten W. Summers, Texas representative in congress, the regiment is called the "Texas Mavericks" and is composed of 800 men.

Avalanche in Venice Buries Hundreds

VENICE (Via Paris), March 12.—An avalanche has buried several houses in the Agordo district. The victims so far reported number 52.

The Weather

| Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday. | |
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| Hour | Temp. |
| 5 a. m. | 42 |
| 6 a. m. | 42 |
| 7 a. m. | 42 |
| 8 a. m. | 42 |
| 9 a. m. | 42 |
| 10 a. m. | 42 |
| 11 a. m. | 42 |
| 12 m. | 42 |
| 1 p. m. | 42 |
| 2 p. m. | 42 |
| 3 p. m. | 42 |
| 4 p. m. | 42 |
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| 8 p. m. | 42 |
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| 10 p. m. | 42 |
| 11 p. m. | 42 |
| 12 m. | 42 |

| Comparative Local Record. | |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Year | Temp. |
| 1916 | 42 |
| 1915 | 42 |
| 1914 | 42 |
| 1913 | 42 |
| 1912 | 42 |
| 1911 | 42 |
| 1910 | 42 |
| 1909 | 42 |
| 1908 | 42 |
| 1907 | 42 |
| 1906 | 42 |
| 1905 | 42 |
| 1904 | 42 |
| 1903 | 42 |
| 1902 | 42 |
| 1901 | 42 |
| 1900 | 42 |

Highest yesterday... 42
Lowest yesterday... 42
Mean temperature... 42
Precipitation... 0.00
Temperature departures from the normal:
Normal temperature... 42
Excess (the day)... 0
Total excess since March 1... 0
Normal precipitation... 0.00
Deficiency for the day... 0.00
Total rainfall since March 1... 0.00
Deficiency since March 1... 0.00
Excess for cor. period, 1914... 0.00
L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

ANENT THE VILLA RAID—Pictures taken recently, showing the forces engaged in the brush on the Mexican border.



ABOVE—VILLISTA TROOPS. BELOW—AMERICAN BORDER GUARD.

LANSING ASKS DATA ON SILLUS SINKING

Seeks Information Concerning Loss of Vessel on Which Americans Were Aboard.

TORPEDOED WITHOUT NOTICE

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Secretary Lansing today instructed Consul Osborne at Havre, France, to secure and forward immediately all available details of the sinking in Havre roads of the Norwegian bark Sillus, from which seven American citizens were rescued. Consul Osborne had previously reported that the Sillus was torpedoed without warning on the night of March 9.

If a torpedo did destroy the bark, which was bound to Havre from New York with grain, the government responsible will be held to strict accountability. Such an act would be contrary to all the assurances which the United States has secured.

Withholding Judgment.

Officials seemed inclined, however, to refrain from forming an opinion until it was known positively that a torpedo and not a mine sunk the ship.

Should Consul Osborne's investigation establish that a torpedo actually was responsible, the United States officials indicated they will view the matter as even more serious than if a passenger carrying vessel was involved. The state department considers that American seamen have even a greater claim to protection than passengers. A passenger travels at his discretion, while a seaman is compelled to do so by his occupation.

Big Sum is Raised For War Sufferers In Teutonic Lands

NEW YORK, March 12.—A basar, said to be the largest ever held in this country, was opened in Madison Square Garden here tonight for the benefit of Teutonic war sufferers. The promoters announced that before the doors opened \$300,000 had been realized from the sale of 56,000 tickets. They said they expected the affair, which is to last until March 20, would result in raising a fund of \$750,000.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador; prince Von Hatzfeldt, counselor to the German embassy; Baron Erlich von Zwioldnek, the Austrian charge d'affaires; Stephen Panaretoff, the Bulgarian minister, and the consuls general in New York of Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey occupied boxes at the affair. They were escorted there by members of several German societies and sailors from German ships interned at anchor in the harbor here. Teutonic sympathizers in Syracuse, Albany, Utica, Troy and other cities of New York state are adding to the success of the basar. It was announced.

British Auxiliary Ship Fauvette Sunk

LONDON, March 12.—It was officially announced at the British admiralty today that the mercantile ship auxiliary, Fauvette, of 2,644 tons gross, has been sunk as the result of striking a mine off the east coast of England. Fourteen members of the crew were lost.

Bury the Flyers with Wrecked Aeroplane

BERLIN (Via London), March 12.—Through a direct hit by one of the German anti-aircraft guns, a French aeroplane fell down in flames between the mutual lines southeast of Chateau Salins. The occupants were dead and were buried together with the remains of the machine.

Idea of Americans On Mexican Ground Galling to Natives

EL PASO, Tex., March 12.—First Chief Carranza's attitude toward the United States as a result of Villa's brigandage is unknown to General Gaviro, the commandant at Juarez. General Gaviro stated to the Associated Press tonight that he had not received a word from the Mexican government relative to the crisis, but added that General Luis Gutierrez, nominal head of the state of Chihuahua, would arrive at Juarez on a special train tomorrow for a conference.

In reply to the question as to whether General Pershing would be a party to the meeting the general answered no; that the conference was entirely personal. He was quick to deny the report that the Mexican populace took a hostile view of President Wilson's position. "I have the greatest faith in Mr. Wilson's disinterestedness and friendly motives," he said, "and I am quite as positive that General Gutierrez shares my view. We shall be glad to co-operate with the United States."

Inquiries among well-informed Mexicans in Juarez showed that the idea of American troops on Mexican soil is not altogether welcome. One Mexican in an official position spoke guardedly of the affair, but expressed his real feelings in this form:

"We are now placing large forces in the field against Villa, and I hope we can dispose of him before the North American troops cross the border. It would be much better for the Mexicans' viewpoint to let us finish him ourselves. Then there would be no possibility of any clashes or misunderstandings."

Russ Torpedo Boat Destroyer is Sunk

BERLIN, March 12.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—The Russian torpedo boat destroyer Lettan Puschkin has been sunk by a mine, according to a report from Sofia, Bulgaria, given out by the Overseas News agency. Four officers and eleven sailors of the crew of the destroyer were rescued by Bulgarians.

Germans Say Their Losses Not Heavy

BERLIN, March 12.—(Via London), March 12.—The German losses in the Verdun operations up to the end of last week, though accurately and officially still unknown, are said to reach a total of only a few thousand in killed, wounded and missing, according to a statement obtained through an authoritative source. Details of the attack on Fort Vaux, published here show that the general attack began March 7.

HEAD OF PHILADELPHIA & READING RAILROAD DEAD

PHILADELPHIA, March 12.—Theodore Voorhes, president of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, died suddenly at his home at Elkins Park, a suburb, late last night. Mr. Voorhes recently underwent an operation in Minnesota and returned to this city about ten days ago apparently in good health.

CARRANZA TROOPS ARE AT MEXICAN BORDER

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 12.—Eleven hundred Carranza troops from Hermosillo, hurrying to Agua Prieta, on the Mexican side, reached the border of Naco today. It was said they are to be distributed along the eastern Sonora border to guard mining camps.

MORMONS NOT IN PERIL FROM VILLA

Sufficient Carranza forces sent into the district to protect foreigners.

MEXICANS CROSSING THE LINE

EL PASO, Tex., March 12.—The Mormon colony of Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, is no longer in danger from attack by Villa bandits, according to General Gaviro, commandant at Juarez. General Gaviro stated that sufficient reinforcements had been sent into the district to protect the foreigners there and that the refugee train held in readiness to leave for the north probably would not be sent.

The only train expected tonight from the south was a special carrying General Luis Gutierrez from Chihuahua to Juarez, where he is to confer with General Gaviro.

Juarez has preserved its usual calm. General Gaviro has cavalry patrols out during the night.

Americans Cross Over.

In El Paso some apprehension was aroused among the authorities by the large number of Mexicans crossing over into Texas, but an investigation showed that they came to get out of the range of any conflict. Many declared they had seen much of war.

Tumors concerning Villa receiving agents operating in Juarez had not stood the test of inquiry. The leading newspapers in Spanish keep off the invasion question in their editorials, but several small sheets that are said to break out whenever a crisis occurs have been taken in hand by the police.

Although the border is closely patrolled by the Americans, the main object is to catch any contraband that may be passing through to the Villistas. The regular army of Mexico is given every facility in the way of obtaining supplies and General Bertani has placed a large order in El Paso.

Officers made the rounds of the automobile sales houses in El Paso listing motor trucks. One company of infantry left for Yelca and two others made ready to go tonight to Donning, N. M., the center of a district which has suffered much from brigandage in the past.

Expect to Be First.

The two mountain mule batteries at the fort are awaiting orders to move over small sheets that are said to break out whenever a crisis occurs have been taken in hand by the police.

Here he is, public—the man who saw the first mosquito.

His name (the man's name, not the mosquito's) is Walter Sorenson, his vocation, dentist; his avocation (see Dictionary), director of Carter Lake club.

You know how warm it was yesterday. Well, Director Sorenson was out at the club, and, as there wasn't any particular directing to be done, he sat down and sunned himself by the water's edge.

"Buz-z-z-z-z," said something in his ear. Director Sorenson looked up and saw (as he solemnly swears, affirms, asserts, asseverates and declares) the first mosquito of 1916. Not only the first mosquito, but the first flock of mosquitoes. (No, what do you call a big bunch of mosquitoes? Not a "flock." That's was you call sheep. Not a "herd." Maybe "swarm" would be best.) Anyway, he saw 'em.

Mr. Sorenson is a truthful man and a man of sobriety. His word cannot be doubted.

Moreover, the writer of this article saw the mosquitoes, too. The writer of this article is in a class with Washington as regards truthfulness, and, as for sobriety, "heker" has never, no, never passed his ruby lips.

When the writer of t. a. corroborates the observation of Dr. Sorenson all doubt is dissipated, evaporated, blotted out, made null and void. The writer of t. a. thus qualifies as the second man who saw the first mosquito.

VILLA BREAKS UP FORCE, FUNSTON HOLDS MEN BACK

Bandit Chieftain Reported to Be Disintegrating His Band Into Small Parts, Making Pursuit Difficult.

BORDER NOT YET CROSSED

Dispatches from El Paso and Columbus Say American Army Has Not Passed Line.

OUTLAWS HIDE IN MOUNTAINS

EL PASO, Tex., March 12.—Sunday passed without the movement of any American punitive expedition into Mexico. On both sides of the border, however, American and Carranza armies made noticeable progress toward concentrating their forces for the hunt for Francisco Villa in northern Chihuahua. The plight of 500 Mormons, colonists at Casa Grandes, who were expecting an attack by Villa, was reported better tonight.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 12.—Reports multiplied here today that Francisco Villa is disintegrating the force of 1,500 to 2,500 men whom he used to support or to make the Columbus raid last Thursday.

American military authorities said today that if possible it would have been advisable to go after Villa Thursday when his raiders feld southward. They were then demoralized and were dropping loot and war material before the attacks of fifty-nine men under Major Frank Tompkins. Requests of Colonel Herbert Slocum, commanding the Thirtieth cavalry here, and of Tompkins to be allowed to renew the pursuit Friday with a larger force were denied pending the organization of the large punitive expedition.

May Take Several Days.

Today it was stated that this expedition, owing to inadequate railroad facilities, and the widely scattered position of the troops necessary to constitute it, who have been on patrol duty, might require several days' preparation before it could enter Mexico, at least from this point. Meanwhile reports from Mexican sources stated that Villa apparently was carrying out a plan to elude pursuit by breaking up his force into small bands and hiding among the mountains. Some of his forces were reported to be approaching the Sonora state border. Others were said to be making their way southward and southeastward today toward the mountains of the San Gerontimo district, from which the bandit chieftain started March 1, with the announced intention of invading the United States.

Reinforcements from East.

Information was received here today that two regiments of infantry and a battalion of mountain artillery were being sent here from the east, in addition to a battery of the Sixth artillery from Nogales, Ariz., and a signal company.

Colonel Slocum said he had been advised that the first squadron of the Thirtieth cavalry also had been ordered to rejoin the regiment. The Thirtieth, on account of its explicit Thursday in beating off an overwhelming number of Mexicans after a stiff fight in which they inflicted possibly fifteen times the number of their own casualties, is said to have been assigned to the duty of taking Villa's direct train.

But owing to the exigencies of the patrol duty to which the army has been assigned ever since the outbreak of the Madero revolution, the regiment has had on duty here only two-thirds of its strength.

The first squadron, under Lieutenant Colonel Trivers, has been stationed at Marfa, Tex., more than 250 miles east of here, and assigned to patrol a stretch of territory eighty-five miles in extent. It might be several days before this squadron will be assembled here.

Other Units Widely Scattered.

Other units said to have been designated for service in Mexico are quite as widely scattered because of demands for protection and patrol at various points. Infantry, artillery and cavalry deemed necessary for the expedition are scattered at intervals from seventy-five to 150 miles from Marfa, Tex., on the east to Yuma, Ariz., on the west. There is only one line of railroad by which the concentration of these troops can be accomplished. This line is closely guarded to minimize (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

KEEP BABY WELL HEALTH EXHIBIT

Experts Tell of the Efforts Being Made to Reduce the Infant Mortality.

MILK IS ALSO IMPORTANT

To the accompaniment of the faint wail of a tiny infant, the one thing needed to make the baby health exhibit at the court house realistic, "Baby Health week" in Omaha was inaugurated Saturday afternoon. The infant was sleeping peacefully in its go-cart while the mother was listening to the lecture program, but soon tired of such a peaceful occupation and made its presence known.

To make sick babies well, to keep well babies better—these are the aims of infant welfare stations, the latest move for "better babies," according to Prof. Albert E. Johann, director of hygiene in the Lincoln public schools, in his opening talk.

Application of scientific knowledge to the care of babies was a point strongly urged by Dr. Johann. "Lots of mothers have the information, but they don't use it for fear of mothers-in-law or other relatives whose opinions are contrary," he stated. Superstition, laziness and poverty are the causes militating against proper care of babies, according to Prof. Johann.

Civic Rights of Infant.

A crying need for Nebraska is an institution for the development of retarded mental cases. This fact was brought out in the lecture of Prof. Alice M. Loomis of the home economics department of the state university on "Civic Rights of an Infant."

The right of the child to be well born, involving the necessity for successful eugenics legislation; a solution of the housing problem, since it has been demonstrated that apartment houses or crowded quarters retard the physical and mental development of the growing child, and the transfer of the regard for one's own children into concrete activity for the good of all children were points emphasized by Miss Loomis.

Mrs. Emma Reed Davidson, head of the extension work, department of agriculture of the state university, gave a demonstration of infant's clothing and Prof. J. H. Franzen of the department of dairy husbandry an illustrated lecture on "Milk and Its Relation to Public Health."

Mrs. E. M. Syfer, president of the Omaha Woman's club, presided at the opening meeting, introducing Mrs. K. R. J. Edholm, to whom the greatest work of assembling the baby health exhibit was delegated. Mrs. Edholm gave a brief talk on the national and state aspect of the work.

Good Teeth Reduce Defectives.

A dental infirmity is one of the crying needs of this community, according to Dr. William L. Shearer, one of the speakers on "Mouth Hygiene" at the baby health exhibit Saturday evening. The work of the infirmity would be to correct dental and oral defects in children, thus reducing the percentage of defectives, incorrigibles and various forms of illnesses.

"I want some big-hearted philanthropists to come to the rescue of the poor little nites who are being retarded in their physical and mental development by their defects. I want them to say 'We will give you the money, so start working every child who needs this sort of treatment would apply at the infirmity at once.'"

Dr. Shearer told of the wonderful good accomplished along these lines by the Forsyth Dental infirmity in Boston and that of the National Mouth Hygiene association in Cleveland, illustrating these points with stereographs, slides and quoting many medical authorities in favor of the work.

Talks on Mouth Hygiene.

Dr. Horace Warren of Missouri Valley, who brought the greater portion of his time lecturing to school children on mouth hygiene, disclosed some salient facts on mouth hygiene.

"Ninety per cent of dentistry today is unavailing because it doesn't go to the root of things. Dentists have been hampered by the cause of caries of the teeth and mouth. It is cleanliness and preventive care of the teeth, these are the essentials," he emphasized.

The close relation between diseases of the mouth and diseases of the entire system were brought out by Dr. Warren, who cited a case where inflammation of the knee had been cured by proper attention to a defective tooth.

The dental surgeon from Missouri Valley threw a small sized bomb into the audience when he declared that General Grant died because he did not brush his teeth as he should. The defective tooth, which the brave general had not the nerve to have pulled, then brought on the disease of the tongue from which he never recovered, according to Dr. Warren.

Muscle and Tooth Brush.

"Muscle, tooth brush and intelligence are the only things necessary for the care of the teeth, not the best brand of tooth powder," declared Dr. Warren. "Thirty seconds is long enough to brush them if done properly."

"The mouth is the portal to the whole body. Keep it clean. If you had as much fish on your face as you have in your mouth, how long would you allow it to remain?"

"Don't eat or drink after you have cleaned your teeth. Keep them clean." The importance of careful mastication of food and refraining from taking any fluid while there is food in the mouth were also emphasized by Dr. Warren.

Mrs. J. N. Paul of St. Paul, president of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs, presided at the meeting. Mrs. Paul is strongly in favor of medical inspection in the schools. "If there had been competent medical inspection in the schools many mothers would not now be mourning the death of loved ones in this scarlet fever epidemic," she said.

FRENCH ROUTED AS THEY TRY TO REGAIN GROUND

German Official Report Says Gallie Assaults in Massed Formation Repulsed with Heavy Losses.

PARIS CONFESSES REVERSE

Statement Admits Invaders Capture Small Trench on Eastern Verdun Front.

CANNON FIRE PRECEDES CHARGE

PARIS, March 12.—German troops after a heavy artillery bombardment attacked the French positions on the eastern front of the Verdun sector yesterday afternoon and captured a small trench to the north of Eix, according to today's official statement.

BERLIN (Via London), March 12.—French assaults in massed formation against the newly won German positions on the left bank of the Meuse, northwest of Verdun, were repulsed with heavy losses to the attackers yesterday, says the official statement today. Since the present operations were commenced in the Meuse region, the statement adds, 26,472 unwounded French officers and men and 189 guns and 232 machine guns have been captured.

Germans Are Given Ether Before Charge, Asserts Englishman

LONDON, March 12.—Lord Northcliffe, who has just visited the Verdun battlefield, in a message to the Weekly Dispatch, declares that Verdun is a great deal more interesting than important.

Comparing the present German troops with those who fought early in the war, Lord Northcliffe says: "Last week I saw German prisoners who had escaped the hellish fire of the French '75s at Verdun. They had gone through splendid stunts at the battles of the Marne? Much of the rank and file now left of the Germans is under-armed and badly dressed, with faces that bear a look of fright which seems like it would last a lifetime. There appears such a look as would move a heart of steel. With two exceptions among those with whom I spoke, all were utterly weary of warfare and begged to be told when peace could be expected."

"Not a word is hinted in anything sent out from Germany of the horrible slaughter to which the German troops have been subjected this week. Thursday was a black day for the Germans, when, drugged with ether, the men came on in mass formation, to be mowed down by the French '75s and machine guns, as usual."

Horse Balks on Rail Track, Three Killed

PHILADELPHIA, March 12.—A balky horse stopping on a crossing brought death to three persons on the Pennsylvania railroad at West Berlin, N. J., today. The horse was drawing a carriage in which were two women and a man and balked on the track as a fast train from Atlantic City to Philadelphia was approaching. Before the engineer could reduce the speed of the train it crashed into the vehicle. The dead are: Mrs. Sallie Cook, 65 years; Anna Cook, 21; her daughter, and Henry Myrtytus, 23, the driver.

Here's a Chance for Telegraphers to Go

CHICAGO, March 12.—A call for volunteer telegraph operators for service with the troops that are to pursue Francisco Villa in Mexico, was issued here today by the traffic manager of the Central division of the Western Union Telegraph company.

OVER TWO MILLIONS OF ACRES SUBJECT TO ENTRY

WASHINGTON, March 12.—More than 2,000,000 acres of public lands were designated by the Interior department as subject to entry by homesteaders in February, it was announced today. Some of the land already has been settled and applications have been filed for settlement on much of the rest.

ATKINSON RE-ELECTS SUPERINTENDENT WEYER

ATKINSON, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—Superintendent F. E. Weyer has been re-elected at an increase in salary for the ensuing year. During the three years Superintendent Weyer has been at the head of the Atkinson schools, progress has been made in every department of work. Among a number of important improvements made are the addition of manual training and typewriting in the high school, sewing and music in the grades. Superintendent Weyer has not only been re-elected but it is feared that he may not as he wishes to continue his graduate work in an eastern university.