

HOUSE VOTES TO RAISE THE ARMY TO 120,000 MEN

Popular Chamber, with But One Dissenting Voice Passes Resolution to Bring Force to Full Strength.

ADDS NEAR TWENTY THOUSAND

Number of Troops at Border Will Be About Twenty-Seven Thousand.

UP TO THE SENATE TODAY

WASHINGTON, March 17.—A joint resolution, authorizing the president to bring the regular army up to full strength by adding 19,447 men to existing organizations, was passed in the house late today without objection or debate and with only one dissenting vote. This would bring the strength of the regular army up to 120,000 men.

Representative Hay, chairman of the military committee, had asked for immediate consideration of the resolution, saying the step was necessary on account of demands of citizens along the border for additional protection during the march of the punitive expedition into Mexico.

There was no objection and the resolution was passed in five minutes. On the vital vote one "nay" was heard. Minority Leader Mann demanded a rising vote, which resulted 236 to 1. Representative London, socialist, of New York, voted in the negative.

Representative Hay told the house the administration had recommended this plan rather than call for the militia or volunteers. The president wanted to allay any suspicion, he said, that the government sought to accomplish nothing in the Mexican expedition except the pursuit of Villa.

The resolution will be called in the senate tomorrow.

How It Affects Border.

Senators who were consulted by house leaders and War department officials asserted late today that the increase to be authorized by the house resolution would add approximately 8,000 or 9,000 men to the regiments now on the Mexican border, bringing that force up to a total of about 27,000 men.

While the War department has the power to raise the men without congressional action, Secretary Baker desired to obtain the agreement of the senate as a condition of the parties in order to be assured that a point of order would not be raised when the resolution came up for passage.

The present strength of the army is about 67,000 men. The additional troops are desired to fill the places of men who may be withdrawn from their present locations for service in Mexico.

To Go Over Situation.

Representative Kahn said Secretary Baker went over the entire situation with Chairman Hay and himself and satisfied them that the men were needed. The secretary said that no new developments had come in the Mexican situation which would cause the department to desire to increase the standing force, but that army officials were convinced it would be best at this time to fill the places of soldiers leaving this country.

Secretary Baker later explained that it was proposed to increase all regiments of the mobile army to full strength which would bring the total strength of the regular up to approximately 120,000 men, including the quartermaster's corps, medical corps and other auxiliary troops. The strength of the mobile army would be raised from 33,000 to 50,000, which would be the number available for border duty. Less than 20,000 are now on duty on the Mexican border.

As the various arms of the service are now distributed as to personnel the order would add 18,000 enlisted men in the infantry, 1,100 to the field artillery and 2,900 to the cavalry.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Wednesday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity—Fair; cold.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday:

Hours	Temp.	Wind
6 a. m.	32	W 10
7 a. m.	32	W 10
8 a. m.	32	W 10
9 a. m.	32	W 10
10 a. m.	32	W 10
11 a. m.	32	W 10
12 m.	32	W 10
1 p. m.	32	W 10
2 p. m.	32	W 10
3 p. m.	32	W 10
4 p. m.	32	W 10
5 p. m.	32	W 10
6 p. m.	32	W 10
7 p. m.	32	W 10
8 p. m.	32	W 10

Comparative Local Record, 1893-1915

	1915	1914	1913
Highest yesterday	32	37	68
Lowest yesterday	22	28	40
Mean temperature	32	34	51
Precipitation	.00	.00	.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

	Normal	1915	1914	1913
Normal temperature	36	32	34	51
Excess for the day	0	-4	-2	15
Total excess since March 1	0	-13	-11	15
Normal precipitation	.04	.00	.00	.00
Deficiency for the day	0	.04	.04	.04
Total rainfall since March 1	.04	.00	.00	.00
Deficiency since March 1	0	.04	.04	.04
Excess for corresponding period	0	.04	.04	.04
Deficiency for cor. period, 1914	0	.04	.04	.04

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State Temp. High-Rain- P. m. est. fall.

Chester, clear 30 39 .00

Davenport, cloudy 28 39 .00

Des Moines, clear 28 40 .00

Dodge City, clear 28 42 .00

Landis, clear 28 42 .00

North Platte, clear 28 42 .00

Omaha, cloudy 24 39 .00

Pueblo, clear 28 40 .00

Rapid City, clear 28 40 .00

Salt Lake City, clear 28 40 .00

Santa Fe, clear 28 40 .00

Sioux Falls, clear 28 40 .00

Sioux City, cloudy 28 40 .00

Valentine, cloudy 28 40 .00

T indicates no report of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

THE COUNTESS CIPPICO, formerly Rita Jolivet, the actress. It has just been learned that the English actress, who was saved when the Lusitania was torpedoed, was married in January and has been enjoying a honeymoon on Broadway.



COUNTESS GIUSEPPE CIPPICO

"BINDING BANDIT" IS CAUGHT IN ACT

Adam Moore, Captured After Daylight Holdup, Confesses to Nineteen Jobs.

CAPTURED AFTER A PURSUIT

Adam Moore, aged 28 years, apprehended yesterday after a pursuit following an unsuccessful attempt to bind and rob L. Ravitz, 2723 Binney street, confessed to nineteen robberies accomplished since December 18.

Moore entered the Ravitz store about 7:30 o'clock a. m. and brought a box of matches. Later he applied for gasoline, saying that he desired it for his auto which had stalled several blocks away.

Ravitz asserted that he had no can for the fluid and after a few moments hesitation, Moore asked for 10 cents worth of cookies.

As Ravitz was filling a paper bag, he was startled by the business end of a revolver thrust against his chest and the command "Up with your mitts!"

Forced into Back Room. Complying, he was forced to back into a rear room, where Moore prepared to bind him to a chair. As the binding was taking place John Berg, 508 North Twenty-eighth, came into the store. The bandit hastily concealed the rope.

Morehead Too Late to File in Ohio

COLUMBUS, O., March 14.—The time for filing declarations for candidacy for national offices is past in Ohio, Secretary of State Hildebrand today informed C. E. Harman of Lincoln, Neb. Harman telegraphed Secretary Hildebrand asking what procedure would be necessary to get the name of Governor John H. Morehead of Nebraska before the people of Ohio as a candidate for nomination of vice president on the democratic ticket.

Premier Asquith is Reported Ill

LONDON, March 14.—An official bulletin has been issued stating that H. H. Asquith, the British premier, is suffering from bronchial catarrh.

Navy Soft Snap for Officers Who Are Socially Ambitious, Says Sims

WASHINGTON, March 14.—President Wilson urged Chairman Padgett of the house naval committee today to hurry the navy's bill. Mr. Padgett told the president that the hearings probably would be ended in two weeks.

Thomas A. Edison will be heard by the naval committee tomorrow. Mr. Edison, with other experts, will urge the necessity of a great laboratory here for working out naval problems.

ITALIANS MAKE MIGHTY ATTACK ON ENEMY LINE

Vienna Reports that Italy Have Developed a New Offensive on Front.

SAYS ASSAULTS REPULSED

Austrian Official Statement Declares Efforts of the Invaders Everywhere Fail.

STORM SEVEN TIMES IN PLACE

BERLIN, March 14.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—The Italians have developed a strong offensive against the Austrians on the Isonzo front, according to the Austrian headquarters' report today. They have made attacks with large forces on the Austrian lines, and in each case were repulsed, it is declared.

The official statement says: "Great combats are developing on the Isonzo front. The Italians have attacked with strong forces, being repulsed everywhere.

"At the Tolmino bridgehead the enemy's activity was limited to lively fire. In the playa section the enemy's attempts to destroy our obstacles failed.

"At the Gorizia bridgehead, two attacks against the Doberdo position and one attack against the entrenched bridge of Lucinico failed, as did likewise several attacks against the Doberdo plateau.

"Near San Martino the Italians stormed seven times. They were repulsed with heavy losses by infantry regiment No. 46."

Ammunition and Rifles Are Seized at El Paso, Texas

EL PASO, Tex., March 14.—Five thousand rounds of rifle ammunition and a few old rifles were seized by the police here today in a house in the Mexican quarter. No arrests were made. The ammunition was discovered during a search for spies or other suspicious persons.

Bill Posters Called Trust by Landis

CHICAGO, March 14.—The Associated Bill Posters of the United States and Canada was held to be a combination in restraint of trade by Federal Judge Landis today.

The ruling was given in the government suit asking dissolution of the association filed in August, 1912.

"The rule of 'reasonable restraint' has no application here," said Judge Landis, "for the reason that this is not a case of mere restraint, but of total exclusion."

The court ruled that the injunction asked by the government to restrain the bill posters from carrying on their business as an organization would not go into effect for sixty days to permit an appeal to the supreme court.

The complaint charged that ever since its organization in 1901 the Associated Bill Posters had sought to crush competition. It was alleged in support of the dissolution suit that membership in the organization was limited to one member in each town; that its members were barred from accepting work from any advertiser who furnished business to non-members; that a schedule of prices was adopted for all parts of the country; that competitors were prohibited of any that members were brought from accepting work from solicitors not licensed by the organization.

Secretary Lansing Takes Vacation

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Secretary Lansing was on his way to Pinehurst, N. C., today for a week's vacation. For many weeks the secretary has been working steadily in a heavy pressure of diplomatic affairs and feels the need of a rest. Taking a vacation at this time was regarded here as indicative of how completely the State department regards the Mexican situation in the hands of the army and that the understanding with General Carranza is complete.

Men in Armour Plant at Sioux City Are Still at Work

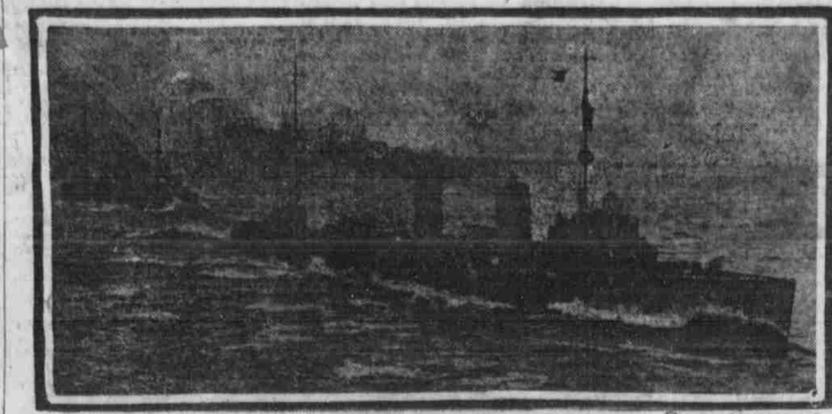
SIoux CITY, Ia., March 14.—The 1,000 men employed at the Armour packing plant here, who it was expected, would join the Cudahy strikers, were still at work this afternoon. The strike leaders still are working to induce them to go out tomorrow morning.

If you want anything Go right after it.

This is a rule that has few if any exceptions. The only way Omaha will ever get a new depot, for example, is to go after it strong. The only way for a merchant to get the business is to go after it with persistent advertising.

Bees ads produce Results

NORTH SEA BATTLE EXPECTED—German torpedo boat flotilla, from a photograph just received from Germany. According to reports from Amsterdam, a German cruiser squadron is back at Kiel after a successful reconnaissance in the North Sea. This move is taken to mean that the Germans intend an attempt to break the British blockade or was made to cover the dash of another commerce raider such as the Moewe.



GERMAN TORPEDO BOAT FLOTILLA

MANY ANXIOUS TO GO TO MEXICO

Possibility of Long Strife There Brings Forward Numerous Offers.

NEBRASKA MEN IN SERVICE

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, March 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Possibility of a "continued session" in Mexico has awakened an Americanism that is positively reassuring. Members of congress from Nebraska have been receiving letters and telegrams from constituents acknowledging a sincere desire to get into a scrap should such be pulled for the glory of the nation.

An offer by Colonel John G. Maher of Lincoln, personally filed in the War department today by Judge Kinkaid of the Sixth district, for consideration in the event of a call for volunteers, leaves no doubt as to where his sympathies are in the Mexican situation. If the punitive expedition now on its way into Mexico is to be augmented by volunteers and volunteer officers are to be designated, Maher's offer is to be designated as an offer to go to Mexico.

Among the officers of the first troops available on the Mexican border and ordered from El Paso to be in readiness to join the expedition into Mexico in pursuit of Villa and his band are the following:

From Nebraska—Captain William S. Mapeo, First Lieutenant Austin M. Pardee and Hugh D. Schultz, Twentieth infantry; Captain Amos Frank, First cavalry; Captain Charles C. Pullis, Sixth field artillery; First Lieutenant Charles C. Culver and Second Lieutenant Maxwell Kirby, Third cavalry; Second Lieutenant Herbert E. Taylor, Sixth cavalry.

From Iowa—Major George P. White, First Lieutenant Joseph C. King, Seventh cavalry; Major Alonzo Gray, Fourteenth cavalry; Major Hanson, E. Ely, Captains George W. Stuart and Carl C. Jones, Seventh infantry; Captain Fred Goedecke, Second Lieutenant Vernon E. Prichard, Seventh infantry; Captain Charles S. Franks, Ninth infantry; Major Palmer C. Pierce, Captains George

and William Hull, 166 Chicago street, were arrested by Detectives Nolan and Walker on suspicion of being the automobile bandits who conducted a number of highway robbery campaigns in Omaha by stealing automobiles and making rush raids through the city. Nolan and Hull were identified by five recent victims as the men who held up and robbed them. Police believe that through the arrest of Nolan and Hull the third member of the automobile-bandit crew will be arrested shortly.

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PROMPT ACTION IN SINKING OF SILIUS

Germany Will Make Full Amends if it is Shown Vessel Was Hit by Torpedo.

NORWAY ASKS INFORMATION

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Unofficial advice received here today indicate that Germany will make complete amends to the United States if it is found that a German submarine torpedoed the Norwegian bark Silius, from which seven Americans were rescued in Havre Roads.

The German government is represented here as believing that a torpedo was not responsible for the loss of the bark, and that any commander who attacks a neutral ship such as the Silius without warning would be exceeding his instructions.

The sinking of the Silius has been the cause of much concern here because American Consul Osborne at Havre reported that the ship was torpedoed without warning. His report was based on statements of American survivors. Officials are inclined to entertain the possibility that the ship might have been struck by a mine, but the case is being investigated further.

Today the State department received another report from Consul Osborne which made no mention of the cause of the sinking, merely saying that the vessel was unharmed, carried a cargo of grain and no passengers. Of the crew of seventeen members only three perished. Among the victims was the captain, a Norwegian.

Norway Asks Information. LONDON, March 14.—A Reuter dispatch from Christiania says it is reported there that the Norwegian government has asked Germany whether a German submarine torpedoed the Norwegian bark Silius, which, with seven Americans on board, was sunk last week off the French coast. If the Silius was thus torpedoed, the dispatch says, an explanation of the conditions under which the attack was made is requested.

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FUNSTON CLAPS ON LID AT COLUMBUS

Pershing Ordered to Take Charge of Telegraph and Telephone Lines and Auto Routes.

MAY PROCLAIM MARTIAL LAW

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 14.—A rigid censorship was ordered established at Columbus, N. M., today by Major General Frederick Funston. He instructed Brigadier General John J. Pershing, commanding there, to take charge of the telegraph office, watch all automobile routes, and guard telephone wires out of town.

General Funston said that newspaper reports from New Mexico had been revealing every movement of troops, the disposition of the various forces and the amount of their equipment.

"There was no use trying to conceal our plans here while there was a leak at the border," he explained. "We had to act."

It was indicated that if the censorship ordered today was evaded, martial law might be the next step in controlling the news situation at Columbus.

Well Ordered to El Paso. It was announced today that Brigadier General Bell, in command of the Fifth brigade, with headquarters at San Antonio, had been ordered to El Paso to take command of the troops there, relieving General Pershing, now at Columbus.

General Bell will not be under General Pershing, but will have charge of the border situation when General Pershing's advance into Mexico begins. He will operate under the orders of General Funston.

No orders for a movement across the border were issued from Fort Sam Houston this morning and none are likely today. General Funston said from now on he would refuse to answer questions concerning the imminence of the expeditionary force's departure.

Break of Spillway Causes Damage at Sioux Falls

SIoux FALLS, S. D., March 14.—Thousands of dollars of damage has been done and more is feared as the result of the breaking of the concrete spillway north of the city, which carries overflow water from the Sioux river through the hill to the river below the city. The swift current has eaten its way half-way up the hill, leaving a gorge several hundred feet wide and nearly 100 feet deep and constantly growing. Several farm buildings and the bridge providing the only road into the city from the north are endangered.

Forces of men have been sent to the head of the spillway in an attempt to dam and rapid current.

Avalanche Buries Many Houses in Northern Italy

ROME, March 14.—(Via Paris, March 14.)—A great avalanche has interrupted traffic on the railway between Cuneo and Tronto, which, next to Mont Cenis, furnishes the best Alpine communication with France.

In the provinces of Bergamo, Vienna and Belluno many houses have been buried by avalanches. "Exteen" bodies have been taken from the ruins.

Nobody objects to a little work if it makes them coin. It takes mighty little effort to write and insert a little Want-Ad in THE BEE. The cost is only a fraction of the profit you stand a chance to make.

PERSHING LEAVES EL PASO TO TAKE ACTIVE COMMAND

Since His Departure the Military Authorities Refuse All Information Regarding His Movements.

MORE RUMORS ABOUT VILLA

Report Bandit Chieftain Changed Plan and Will Try to Hold Ojitos Pass.

MUCH EXCITEMENT AT NACO

BULLETIN. EL PASO, Texas, March 14.—It is believed that the crossing of the advance guard of the American expeditionary force into Mexico now is but a matter of hours. The main force may not start for two or three days.

"I hope we shall soon take Villa alive—with the help of the United commander at Juarez, said tonight.

EL PASO, Tex., March 14.—Brigadier General John J. Pershing, commanding the American expeditionary force into Mexico, left here on a west bound train last night and since his departure military authorities have refused all information about him.

General Pershing's train was said here to be going to Columbus, N. M., where today some 4,000 men of the first expeditionary force are in readiness for the dash after Villa. Some hours after General Pershing left, however, it became evident that military authorities in this section intended that no information should leak out about his further movements.

In expectation of the general's departure last night from El Paso a crowd of photographers and moving picture men had gathered at a railway station platform. Pieces of military equipment and bulky army wagons were scattered about the train. General Pershing, instead of walking down the lane which the photographers had formed, stepped behind an army wagon and thence to the opposite side of the car. The train was about to pull out when the farewell crowd discovered that the general had out-manuevered them.

Villa May Make Stand. A circumstantial story reached here today from Mexican sources to the effect that Villa had some time ago changed his plans and intended making a stand against the American punitive expedition at Ojitos pass, the narrow gap in the western Chihuahuas Sierras, through which he made his murderous dash at Columbus.

Americans familiar with the country assert that Ojitos pass is admirably adapted for a successful defense. If Villa really intends to risk an open engagement with the American troops and does not intend to try and evade the end by guerrilla tactics.

All night long reports of the most sensational character poured into this city from various points along the border, but nearly all lacked confirmative details. The most definite came from Naco, Ariz. For some days reports have reached here from the border near Naco of heavy movements of Carranza troops under General Calles. Early today it was asserted that a considerable number of these troops were showing increasing hostility toward Americans and might even oppose the cause of Villa. The United States military authorities were sufficiently aroused to these stories to rush reinforcements to the garrison at Naco.

Villa Again Active. Stories of the activity of Villa agents have poured into Fort Bliss and have been received in large number by the civil authorities. Several arrests have already been made and others are expected to follow. One such story is to the effect that the Villa sympathizers are using dogs to send messages and information across the border. The story was brought to the attention of an American living on the border close to this city. He said he had seen one dog with a roll of papers tied around his neck running across the border. He fired several bullets at the animal, but failed to hit it.

In the meantime trains loaded with all kinds of military supplies continue to arrive here on pass through our way.

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