

TROOPERS RUSHED TO BATTLE REGION

Machine Guns Failed Defenders at Columbus

Infantry Transferred to Release Cavalry for Pursuit of Bandits.

Would Not Work at Crucial Moment. Enabling Bandits to Recross Border After Attack on Garrison at Columbus, N. M.

SOLDIERS DIG IN AT DOUGLAS, ARIZ.

Army Departments Admit Inability to Aid Force Along Rio Grande.

Douglas, Ariz., March 9.—With United States troops stationed along the border east of here entrenched for the purpose of repelling a possible night attack by Mexican bandits, and other infantrymen entraining to move eastward for guard duty along the new Mexican border, the situation here assumed a warlike aspect late today.

One battalion of the 11th United States Infantry departed late today on a special train for Hachita, N. M., to assume border guard duty. This movement is to leave the American cavalry detachment at that place free to act as a mobile field force in case of an attack from the Mexican side of the international boundary.

Two companies of the 6th Infantry were temporarily attached to the 2d Cavalry Brigade, under command of Colonel George A. Dodd, with headquarters here. Telegrams were sent to Washington, it is understood, urging that Colonel Dodd be placed in command of an expeditionary force which would be sent from here into Mexico. Colonel Dodd is familiar with the section of the border supposed to be the main crossing point for the bandits.

A volunteer automobile company was formed by citizens here today and a large number of machines were placed at the disposal of army officers for use in transporting soldiers to any point they desired.

Chicago, March 9.—Colonel D. A. Fredericks, commander of the Central Department of the United States army, with headquarters in Chicago, tonight said his department could supply only one regiment of infantry as strength for immediate service in Mexico, as all the rest of his soldiers were already serving on the Mexican border. The Twenty-fourth Infantry recently arrived at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, from the Philip- pines.

He said the Central Department had

Michael Barzimeil, gunshot wound in the neck. Because of the tense situation, electric cars between El Paso and Juarez were stopped at 8 o'clock, and all communication between the two cities is closed, the international bridge being closed to Mexicans and Americans alike. The action was taken by the American authorities and Harry Potter, general manager of the streetcar company. Bitterness is being shown by the Mexicans over the pursuit of Villistas across the border.

According to the men, the attack began near the edge of Columbus. There were no guns or weapons of any kind in the hospital. Private E. M. Johnson said he killed one Villa bandit with an axe, which he threw as the fleeing Mexican passed the hospital, shouting, "Viva Villa!" Johnson also said that the body of Pablo Lopez, Villa's lieutenant, who directed the massacre of the eighteen Americans at Santa Isabel two months ago, was identified. He exhibited what he said were Lopez's leggings.

Private James Vener, Troop K, who was shot through the chest, says he killed four Mexicans, and was raising his rifle to fire at another, when a bullet laid him low. He says many of the guns used by the bandits were .22-caliber rifles and others were of ancient vintage. The Villa men, he said, were without machine guns.

Private Clarence C. Benson, one of the wounded, said it appeared that fully 1,500 Mexicans were in the attacking party, while his force was less than 200 strong. He says thirty-four Mexicans were killed during the fighting, but Private Thomas Burton, of the hospital corps, who accompanied the civilians and wounded American troops, arriving from Columbus late today, said the number of the dead was much larger.

American soldiers wounded in the battle are being brought to El Paso, where they were to be treated. They were brought here this afternoon. They were taken to the hospital at Fort Hancock, where they were treated. Lieutenant Clarence C. Benson, wounded in the right arm. John W. Tarborough, shot in the left forearm. Theodore Katsork, shot through both thighs. James Vener, gunshot wound in right breast. Jesse P. Taylor, one scalp wound on left side of head and two wounds in right thigh and right leg.

also one regiment of cavalry, but it was not at full strength. The cavalrymen were stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Fort Sheridan, Fort Robinson, Fort Meade, S. D., and Fort Russell as caretakers. They could be sent to active service, but the number of men was so small the troopers would be of little use. The colonel said there were no artillerymen, engineers, or signal corps men in the Central Department. There are now on the Mexican border 8,725 men from the Central Department, mostly infantry.

Pacific Force Reads. San Francisco, March 9.—Major General E. Franklin H. commanding the Western Department, said tonight that the only organization now in San Francisco is the Coast Artillery, which would not be sent to the Mexican border. Of mobile troops avail-

CALLS CARRANZA RULE A FAILURE

EX-President De la Barra Thinks Villa Act Proves Chief Powerless.

TO INVESTIGATE RAID ON COLUMBUS

De Facto Government Anxious to Avenge Murder, General Calles Declares.

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The Carranza administration is a failure, according to Francisco de la Barra, ex-President of Mexico. Speaking of Villa's attack on Columbus, in which several Americans were killed, Mr. de la Barra said last night at the Hotel Astor:

"I deplore deeply this barbarous attack by a Mexican outlaw, but as it occurred practically in a state that Carranza has governed for nine years, it proves beyond a doubt that Carranza has failed utterly in his attempts to restore peace in Mexico. Whether it is time for the United States to intervene, I cannot say, as I do not care to mix in American politics."

Mr. de la Barra was President of Mexico for nine months previous to Madero's appointment, filling out the interrupted term of Porfirio Diaz, who was forced from office. He was formerly Ambassador to the United States from Mexico, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Prime Minister during Huerta's Presidency. He is now an exile from his country.

The views of the former President are shared by two New Yorkers in close touch with the Mexican situation. One of these two sailed for Mexico yesterday on the steamer Esperanza. A few minutes before sailing he said: "I have always been against intervention in Mexico, but this unfortunate occurrence clearly proves that intervention is inevitable. President Wilson must act."

The other New Yorker, who recently returned from Mexico and is in close touch with the politics of that country, declared that Carranza's failure to bring about American intervention and overthrow Carranza.

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St. John's for the sole purpose of making him a prisoner. He assumed that news of his presence on board had been telegraphed from New York to St. John's.

The Bergensford did not stop, however, and in the morning when no land was to be seen von Wedel repaired his compass. It was not until the ship got into Bergen, however, that it became known why she went so close to St. John's.

The real reason for the change of course was because six German stowaways, who had hidden in the forecastle, had started a \$15,000 fire while trying to cook their meals, and the skipper wanted to hug the shore until that fire was put out.

It was learned on board that von Wedel was not an American passport, and fearing he might be sent back to face a term in Atlanta, disposed of it when the ship was approaching St. John's. He confided to his roommate that he would prefer to be a British prisoner of war than be sent back to America to face a term in Atlanta.

On the tenth day out of New York, the Bergensford was overtaken by the converted British cruiser Vickor, formerly the P. and O. North Cape cruising yacht Viking. She carried ten guns, and her decks swarmed with men. Every German on board the Bergensford was nervous. She was then north of the Faroe Islands, but no one knew the position except the captain and his officers.

Arrested at Sea by British. A boat came out from the Vickor with ten marines, six petty officers, two flag signalmen and a lieutenant, all of them heavily armed. Two marines went direct to the wireless room to prevent the sending of messages; the signalmen took up a position on the deck, and the others guarded every step of the companions, while the lieutenant went to Captain Irgens and showed him a telegram, which read: "Skipper von Wedel, P. and O. North Cape, has been captured by British."

The skipper admitted that he had a passenger named Spiro, and the lieutenant, going direct to von Wedel's room, ordered him to get out of bed at once. Von Wedel and his companion were marched to the skipper's room, where they were examined for five minutes. He admitted being Spiro, but denied that he was von Wedel.

James Creelman, although ill, got out of his bed and pleaded with the lieutenant to give von Wedel a chance to regain his composure. This was granted. A cup of coffee and a roll were brought to him, but it did not bring back the rose to his pallid face or calm his trembling frame. Finally the man broke down, became hysterical, and tearing his hair he shouted: "What is it? What is it? What is it? I am von Wedel!"

Collapses When Arrested. The lieutenant, seeing that the prisoner was in a state of collapse, gave him about an hour to get ready, and then took him away with two other German passengers and the German stowaways.

"I'm glad I got him," the lieutenant said to Captain Irgens. "We had eighteen cruisers detailed to overhaul this ship. They formed a line from Iceland down to the Scotch coast. If you managed to get through that line, captain, we would have caught you anyhow, as we had two cruisers waiting for you outside the three-mile limit at Bergen."

The marine who stood guard in von Wedel's room said that the Vickor had been out two weeks, and was ordered to go into Liverpool, and instructions were given to take von Wedel direct to that port.

She steamed away, leaving the Bergensford to be conveyed by two destroyers to Falmouth for further search. That was the last that was ever heard from the Vickor. She never arrived in Liverpool, and a week later the British Admiralty gave out a report that she was hit by a mine and all on board were lost.

Wife Fled on Ryndam. Just about the time the Vickor went to the bottom the Holland-America liner Ryndam arrived in Rotterdam with von Wedel's young wife, who had an American passport and travelled under her maiden name, Lena Weismann.

Lord & Taylor advertisement featuring a circular logo with a man and woman, and text: 'Founded 1826 Greely 1900', '35th Street FIFTH AVENUE 39th Street', 'To-day, Spring Opening in Our MEN'S CLOTHING SECTION', 'In the history of this Store, we have never assembled a more notable collection of fine clothes for men than that which we are placing on sale today.'

NEW SQUASH HEADS MAKE MINOR CHANGES advertisement featuring a circular logo with a man and woman, and text: 'A number of important changes were adopted at a meeting of the newly elected officers of the National Squash Tennis Association held yesterday.', 'The various constructions of courts and the different size and weight of the balls have prompted the association to select committees to bring about a more uniform condition.', 'The late James Creelman, broken in health, was a passenger on the Bergensford at that time, and von Wedel worked up a friendship with him that caused the correspondent to intercede for him with British naval officers who sought his arrest off the Scotch coast.'

BROKAW BROTHERS advertisement featuring a circular logo with a man and woman, and text: 'FOUNDED 1856', 'The new and the old—New building, new fixtures, new merchandise, new style-designs.', 'Conforming to prevailing ideals of modern business method.', 'Old reliable tailoring, old method of pricing our wares at a modest profit, old custom of embodying all value possible in our garments, old courtesy of serving customers properly.', 'Maintaining the policy rigidly observed by us for sixty years.', 'Spring clothes are ready from head to foot for men and boys.', '1457-1463 BROADWAY AT FORTY-SECOND STREET'

CZAR HAS WATCH OF JUNK advertisement featuring a circular logo with a man and woman, and text: 'The Czar possesses a very remarkable watch, according to "The Boston Post." It was made by a Polish mechanic. The Czar had heard some wonderful tales about the inventive genius of this man, and wishing to test it, sent him a pair of watches, one of which was covered with Wattleau scenes, but it has since been removed and placed inside a splendid diamond two-fifths of an inch in diameter.', 'GILMAN AND BOLES ARE PROFFERED JOBS', 'Harvard Stars Sought by Football and Baseball Teams.', 'Cambridge, Mass., March 9.—Captain-elect Joseph Gilman, of the Harvard football team, who was dropped from the university for failure in studies, today was offered a position as assistant coach of the eleven at the University of Wisconsin. He took the matter under advisement, and it was reported that W. J. Boles, the backfield star and pitcher, who suffered a similar discipline, was considering an offer from one of the Boston major league baseball clubs.'