

Mexican bank notes (state bills) \$911
Mexican pesos 4 1/2-Nacionales 15 1/2
Carranza currency 100-100 silver
(Handy & Harmon quotations) 94 1/2
Copper \$12.00-23.00-Grains higher
Livestock steady-Stock lower

WEATHER FORECAST.
El Paso and west Texas, fair; New
Mexico and Arizona, fair.

EL PASO HERALD

Large Forces Close In On Villa
U.S. Troops Will Go From Various Points On Border
GENERAL STAFF IS NOW PERFECTING ITS PLANS

AMERICAN TROOPS WILL OVER 75
HAVE CLOSE CALL FROM CAPTURE

Small Band of American Soldiers, Ahead of Main Body
in Pursuit of Villa, Come Near Being Captured by
the Villa Bandits Five Miles Over the Border
in Mexico; Their Horses Are Shot Down.

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 10.—Only
by the sheerest good fortune did
Maj. Frank Tompkins and 35
troopers of the 13th United States
cavalry escape with their lives from Mex-
ico Thursday afternoon. One corporal
of his command was reported killed.

After chasing the Villa bandits all
day and five miles over the border into
Mexico, the major and his small band
of followers got so far in advance of
the other pursuing American troops
that the Mexicans turned for the first
time during the day's running fight
and opened fire on their pursuers; not
only that, but the Mexicans seeing
the small party of American soldiers
unsupported, reinforcements, turned
and charged at them.

Maj. Tompkins was shot through the
head during the fighting, his horse was
shot through the head and it was nec-
essary for him to abandon it. Two
other horses of the command were shot
though no American soldiers were shot.

20th Infantry Battalion Arrives.
The first reinforcement arrived early
this morning, when the first battalion
of Col. Sloum's infantry, 250 men, under
Maj. W. R. Sample, arrived from Fort Bliss
on an special train. The battalion, after
receiving a fresh supply of ammuni-
tion, was dispatched by Col. H. J. Slo-
cum, commanding the troops here to
Victoria, 25 miles west.

Citizens and Militia Aid Patrol.
Before the arrival of reinforcements,
armed civilians, state militiamen and
cowboys were cooperating with the fed-
eral authorities in maintaining a bor-
der patrol.

charge by Capt. Jens Stedle, who was
in command of another detachment of
the troops advancing toward the Villa
command and which arrived just in
time.

Brilliant Charge.
This pistol charge was a brilliant
one, according to the other command-
ers and the cavalrymen did much ex-
ecution with their automatic pistols
which they reloaded with clips a num-
ber of times. This charge served to
cover the retreat of Maj. Tompkins and
his command and it was during this
sharp engagement that Maj. Tompkins
was shot and his horse killed. He
took another trooper's horse and
brought the trooper back with him.

No Prisoners Taken.
No Mexican prisoners were taken by
the U. S. troops, according to the re-
turning troopers. No effort was made
to relieve the wounded Mexicans. One
soldier of Uncle Sam was killed in this
pursuit of Villa and two of the
trooper's horses were killed in addi-
tion to that of Maj. Tompkins.

Feeling High.
The feeling in Columbus Thursday
night was tense. It was reported by
long distance phone. The civilians were
armed and were walking guard in the
streets. Many strangers were in town
and were armed and the cavalry pa-
trols were everywhere. The army of-
ficers were of the general opinion that,
if they were permitted to take suffi-
cient troops and supplies across the
line, Villa could be captured with his
entire band. The officers say they
knew where he is, but that it will
take a good sized force to capture him.

It was learned last night that J. J.
Moore, the merchant who was killed
at his ranch home, was mutilated after
being shot, his head being pounded in
and his body cut with sabers. His
wife is in a serious condition.

C. D. MILLER, EX-
STATE ENGINEER,
KILLED, BURNED

Was a Graduate Of New
Mexico A. & M. College
At Mesilla Park.
MASTER OF MASONS
AT TULAROSA, N. M.
Drove to Columbus on Land
Deal Wednesday; Left
Wife In Rincon.

BY means of a 32nd degree Masonic
ring with the name "C. De Witt"
engraved on the inside of the gold
band, the body of Charles De Witt
Miller, former state engineer of New
Mexico and a brother of J. O. Miller,
of Las Cruces, N. M., was identified
after being taken from the ruins of the
Commercial hotel in Columbus Friday
morning.

Mr. Miller had gone to Columbus
Wednesday in an automobile he had
bought in El Paso earlier in the week
to examine 48,000 acres of land near
there which he expected to sell to east-
ern men. He had luncheon with his
brother J. O. Miller at Las Cruces Wed-
nesday at noon and drove to Columbus
in the afternoon, taking a room at the
Commercial that evening.

When the unidentified body was re-
moved from the ruins of the hotel the
Masonic ring was recognized by a Mason
in the rescue party and it was found
to be engraved on the inside of the
Miller's name. He was master of the
Tularosa, N. M., Masonic lodge and a
member of the Santa Fe Scottish Rite
lodge.

A. & M. Graduate.
He graduated from the A. & M. col-
lege at State College in 1906 while his
brother J. O. Miller was in the army.
After graduation he became assistant
territorial engineer and was appointed
state engineer when Vernon Sullivan
resigned and held this office until
governor McDonald was elected when
he retired from office and engaged in
the land business with headquarters
at Tularosa.

All Movements Of
Villistas Are Watched

Movements of all Villistas in El
Paso are being watched by the po-
lice and the first indication that
they are getting into communication
with Villa or showing any active
sympathy with his movement, it is
declared. Every movement of the
former Villa leaders or friends of
the Villa family is being watched
by the police.

SEND WOMEN AND
CHILDREN AWAY

Columbus Citizens Sending
Their Families to El
Paso; Scare Friday.

Columbus, N. M., March 10.—All wom-
en and children are being sent to El
Paso to prevent any recurrence of the
tragedy of Thursday morning. All of
the women were placed on board the
Golden State limited this morning for
El Paso.

On the same train went Milton James,
who was wounded, and he will be placed
in the hospital there for treatment. His
wife was killed. He was the South-
western pumper.

A scare occurred at noon today when
a cloud of dust and troops were seen
moving near the border south of Col-
umbus.

Excitement Increased.
It had been learned here that the
United States had ordered a punitive
expedition to pursue Villa into Mexico
until the Herald's long distance tele-
phone message was received. This in-
creased the excitement here.

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Expedition is to Be Merely Punitive and Not to Con-
stitute Intervention; U. S. Relations With Carranza
Are Friendly and Movement is to Be One of Car-
ranza and United States Against Common Foe.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 10.—Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston will
personally command the expedition which will invade Mexico and capture
Villa, unless the war department orders otherwise.

MEXICO CITY, Mex., March 10.—Gen. Carranza does not care to
make a statement in regard to the situation resulting from the raid of
Columbus, N. M. A rigid censorship has been imposed. Newspapers
are printing nothing of the raid and the public has not been advised of it.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—This afternoon secretary of war
Baker called the army general staff in session to perfect plans for the
expedition of 5000 men against Gen. Villa ordered by president Wil-
son today. Gen. Funston was asked for any recommendations. It was in-
dicated that movements would be made from several points on the border at the
same time.

The punitive expedition, it was announced today by the war department,
is to go into Mexico with one purpose only, and that is to take Francisco Villa
"dead or alive" as punishment for the attack on Columbus, N. M.

The Mexican embassy received a telegram from Gen. Carranza late
today saying that 5000 troops from various garrisons to the south had been
ordered to move upon the Villa bands. No mention was made of the propo-
sal of the United States to send force.

DOES NOT MEAN INTERVENTION.
In its present stage the president's order does not mean armed interven-
tion in Mexico. It provides for an expedition to deal with lawless forces over which
the Carranza government has no control.

Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, announced first details of the
expedition following a conference with secretary of war Baker who had just
learned the view of president Wilson. The expedition was unanimously
approved at the cabinet session today.

Gen. Scott said today that the necessity of providing even a stronger
force for the border than it now has, while the American troops are operating
in Mexico, would necessitate using some troops not now there for the punitive
expedition. They probably will be ordered from other posts. No plans have
been made so far as is known for use of the national guard.

REVISED CASUALTY LIST
OF FIGHTING AT COLUMBUS

Of the 18 Americans killed at Col-
umbus and the fighting in Mexico
which followed, nine were civilians
and nine soldiers. The revised casu-
alty list follows:

- W. C. Ritchie, hotel proprietor.
W. R. Walker, customs rider.
C. C. Miller, druggist.
Mrs. Milton James, wife of E. F.
& S. W. pumper.
J. S. Dean.
J. J. Moore.
Dr. Harry Hart, El Paso.
W. A. Davidson, El Paso.
Charles DeWitt Miller, Albuquerque.
Harry Wiswold, corporal troop G.
Frank T. Kendall, horse shoer
troop K.
Paul Smith.
John Neffert, band sergeant.
Fred A. Griffitt, private troop K.
Serg. Marg A. Dubs, machine gun
troop.
Thomas F. Butler, trooper F.
Unnamed corporal.
Jesse F. Taylor, trooper F, wounded,
died at Fort Bliss.

12,000 TROOPS
GUARD BORDER

48 Mountain Batteries and
Field Guns Between El
Paso and Douglas.

Washington, D. C., March 10.—Ap-
proximately 12,000 troops with 48
mountain batteries and field guns are
on the border between Douglas, Ariz.,
and El Paso, Tex. A little more than
one-third of that force is cavalry and
all could be assembled at any point
between the two towns within two
days. The cavalry and a battalion of
mountain artillery with 12 mountain
guns, especially designed for the punitive
expedition will wage, could be assem-
bled within 24 hours.

WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT.

The following statement was issued at the white house:
"An adequate force will be sent at once in pursuit of Villa with the single
object of capturing him and putting a stop to his forays.
"This can be done and done in entirely friendly aid of the constituted
authorities in Mexico and scrupulous respect for the sovereignty of that rep-
ublic."

"VILLA DEAD OR ALIVE."

It was said at the white house that the American government wants
Villa dead or alive and that no steps will be neglected to carry out that object.
NAVY TO PROTECT AMERICANS.
No orders had been issued to the navy this afternoon, but it was considered
probable that some of the Atlantic fleet might be placed in Mexican waters to
be near if Americans in coast towns were endangered by anti-American demon-
strations. The government is reluctant to make any naval demonstration that
might be construed as against Gen. Carranza.

CARRANZA WON'T RESENT.

Eliseo Arredondo, Gen. Carranza's ambassador here, received the news
of the president's decision with the statement that he could make no comment
and that at once notify Gen. Carranza. Yesterday he declared it was his
own opinion that such action would not be resented.

Cabinet Is Unanimous.

It was declared the United States
will carry on negotiations with the
Carranza government. It was decided
that the peace of both Mexico and the
United States is imperiled by the con-
tinued activities of Francisco Villa.
The cabinet was unanimous in deciding
that Villa must be caught.

All Honor To the 3th, Which Took the Bit In Its Teeth and Scorched 'Em