



NO TROOP MOVEMENTS REPORTED

CENSORSHIP DRAWN AROUND BORDER

General Gavira, Juarez Commandant, Declares Troops Are Awaiting Permission to Enter Mexico

El Paso, March 15.—Messages from Columbus began coming through the censor late this forenoon, but they made no mention of troop movements. The messages, however, cast doubt upon reports that advance guards were in Mexico. General Gavira, the Juarez commandant, said he had received information that American troops had not yet crossed the border and that they were awaiting permission from Carranza before doing so. Gavira believed Carranza's reply would be favorable. Despite the military censorship news was received from Columbus that would-be spectators of the movement were hurrying to the international border to see the troops pass over the border. The hour for doing so was not stated.

During the night the First aero squadron moved east of El Paso. Military authorities kept its destination secret.

Juan Bilboa, an El Paso cattleman, who arrived here today, said he paid bandits \$1500 ransom. He said he was captured a few miles south of the Texas border, 200 miles east of here, by 25 men who claimed to be Villa followers. El Paso friends took the ransom to him and then, after receiving the money, Bilboa said some of his captors wanted to shoot him anyway. The leader crossed into Texas with Bilboa, who said this Mexican had \$10,000 cash, all collected by the band from various ranchmen.

General Gavira, after stating that American troops had not entered Mexico, said: "My commander at Paloman, General Bertani, informed me that the American commander at Columbus, asked him what the attitude of our first chief would be toward American troops passing upon Mexican soil. I am now waiting a reply, but I feel sure my instructions will be favorable to the friendly co-operation of American and Mexican troops against Villa." Gavira is in close consultation with his advisers.

The censorship is cloaking every movement. Staff officials conferred at Columbus late yesterday, according to persons who passed through Columbus. Travelers said troops were breaking camp. American-born Mexicans here to the number of 200 have formed a home guard force with a view of offering their services to the city in case of an attack or riot.

No Information Given Out at Headquarters.

San Antonio, March 15.—At 12:30 o'clock no information was obtainable at the southern headquarters of the army that there had been troop movements at Columbus or Hachita, N. M. General Funston showed much interest in dispatches regarding conditions at Torreon and Ojinaga.

CHANGE OF POLICY OF RECRUITING IS STRONGLY URGED

Grave Dissatisfaction Exists in England and Important Statements From Kitchener and Derby Expected.

London, March 15.—The unexpected early calls on married men to join the army has created such grave dissatisfaction throughout the country that the government is considering a change of policy. Earl Kitchener and Lord Derby will speak in the house of commons today and probably make important statements. It seems quite certain that the strong feeling of the country as to the unfairness of the existing system of recruiting has compelled the government to reconsider its position, but whether the revised policy will be in the direction of the application of compulsion to married and single men alike is still unknown.

Dishonesty No Longer Clever

"You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time," said P. T. Barnum.

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SENIOR SENATOR FROM INDIANA IS CALLED BY DEATH

Benjamin F. Shively Passes Away at Washington—Served in Both the House and Senate.

Washington, March 15.—Benjamin F. Shively, senior senator from Indiana and for years a prominent figure in congress, died late yesterday at a hospital here. He had been ill many months from a complication of diseases, and for more than a month has been unable to perform actively his official duties. He was 58 years old.

During three terms in the house and the seven years he had been in the senate, Senator Shively had devoted his activities particularly to foreign affairs and tariff legislation. At the time of his death he was ranking Democratic member of the foreign relations committee, of which he had been acting chairman during the critical period preceding and following the American occupation of Vera Cruz.

In the house he had been regarded as a tariff expert, serving conspicuously on the ways and means committee and later as a member of an important subcommittee of the senate finance committee exerted a powerful influence in the framing of the Underwood-Simmons tariff law.

The announcement of Mr. Shively's death was received with many manifestations of sorrow in both the senate and house. Senator Kern, his colleague, in announcing it in the senate, said he was performing the saddest duty of his official life. Both there and in the house resolutions of regret were adopted, committees were appointed to attend the funeral, and adjournment was taken as a further mark of respect.

Senator Shively had suffered from diabetes for nearly 15 years, and a threatening cancerous growth in the throat confined him to his bed February last. He improved under treatment, but was unable to attend the present session of congress except on the day he took the oath of office for his second term. The body will be taken to South Bend, Ind., for burial.

HERE'S THE MAN WHO IS GOING TO GET VILLA, "DEAD OR ALIVE"



Fighting face of General Frederick Funston. General "Fighting Fred" Funston, the man who caught the wily Aguinaldo in the wilds of the Philippines, is the man whom Uncle Sam has commissioned to get the bandit Villa, "dead or alive." Those who know Funston do not doubt that he will catch the outlaw.

GERMAN CLAIMS OF PROGRESS AT VERDUN ARE DENIED IN FRENCH STATEMENT

Paris, March 15.—(Official)—The Germans made no further aggressive movement to the west of the Meuse last night. French counter attacks between Bethincourt and Cumieres resulted in the reoccupation of certain trenches captured by the Germans yesterday. The French still hold the height of Mort Homme. Artillery exchanges were active between Bethincourt and Cumieres, but elsewhere the night was relatively quiet.

Important Gains Are Claimed.

Berlin, March 15.—(Official)—The Germans have made important gains in the Verdun fighting west of the Meuse. The Germans have pushed forward their lines northwest of the Corbeaux wood and also on the Mort Homme height, capturing over 1000 prisoners.

COLONEL ROJAS SHOT AND KILLED BY HIS OWN MEN

Marfa, Tex., March 15.—The reported death of Colonel Rojas, Carranza commander at Ojinaga, at the hands of his own men, who attempted to mutiny last night, is confirmed. Colonel Rojas was trying to control his men, who were drinking and threatening to invade the United States, when he was shot from the crowd, according to a telephone message.

NEW MINISTER OF WAR FOR TURKEY

London, March 15.—An Athens dispatch says it is reported Ismail Hakkı, president of the commercial administration, has been appointed Turkish minister of war.

AUSTRIA ISSUES DECLARATION OF WAR ON PORTUGAL

London, March 15.—A Rome dispatch says Austria has declared war on Portugal.

Minister Handed Passports. London, March 15.—Geneva reports that Austria has recalled her minister at Lisbon and handed passports to the Portuguese minister at Vienna.

Caplan Trial Goes Over.

Los Angeles, March 15.—The case of David B. Caplan, originally docketed for trial yesterday, has been continued until April 3, when it will be tried before Judge Frank R. Willis in the superior court. Caplan is the last of those to be tried on a charge of murder for alleged participation in the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building five years ago. It is expected his trial will occupy from six to eight weeks.

AMERICAN CONSUL AT TORREON LEAVES POST; CAUSE IS NOT KNOWN

Carranza Officials State Americans Are In No Danger and That Ample Escort Will Be Provided for Those Going to the Border

Torreon, Mex., March 15.—American Consul Williams, on the advice of the government to use his own judgment, has turned over the American consulate here to the British vice consul. A party of over 40 Americans has gathered here waiting to leave on a train which was held up all day on account of a wreck on the Monterey road.

Carranza officials still maintain, in spite of general fears, that Americans are safe. "We are gentlemen and Americans have no need to fear, as we will escort them over the border and give them every protection, no matter what happens," said General Francisco Gonzales. He continued: "I am sending my family out on the same train, which will carry an adequate escort. We certainly are not seeking trouble with the United States. I hope matters can be satisfactorily arranged. Yet if the worst comes, we want to see all Americans safely across the border."

State Department Is Puzzled.

Washington, March 15.—The state department is puzzled by the departure of Consul Williams from Torreon. No instructions were given him to leave. Department officials have no reports of disorders, still they realize the consul must have had some good reason for leaving. They are reluctant to believe the consulate is in danger.

MUNITIONS FOR CARRANZA HELD UP AT DOUGLAS

Mexican Consul Complains That Troops Cannot Co-operate With Americans Without Ammunition.

Douglas, March 15.—Carranza Consul Levelev today demanded that the local express agent turn over to him 300,000 cartridges consigned to General Calles, ordered held last night by American military authorities. The request was refused.

Levelev then telegraphed Ambassador Arredondo at Washington asking him to secure permission from President Wilson for the delivery of cartridges. Levelev said General Calles had been instructed by General Obregon, Carranza's minister of war, to co-operate with American troops in pursuit of Villa, but that he could not do so without ammunition.

Embargo Is Lifted.

Los Angeles, March 15.—Telegraphic instructions to customs officials today lifted the embargo against exportation of arms and ammunition to Mexican points so far as it applied to shipments to the Mexican defacto government.

SECOND CAVALRY BRIGADE READY TO CROSS BORDER

Hachita, N. M., March 15.—The Second cavalry brigade, under command of Colonel Dodd, has completed preparations to move forward from Culberson's ranch on the border south of here into Mexico. A quick movement is expected. During the last few days supply trains, aided by wagons and trucks of ranchers, have been forwarding large supplies to the camp on the border. A wireless station has been erected near by the signal corps.

NOT A DISSENTING VOTE AGAINST THE ARMY RESOLUTION

Senate Unanimously Approves Measure and It Now Goes to the President for His Approval.

Washington, March 15.—The senate today approved unanimously the joint resolution adopted by the house to bring the mobile army to its full strength, which will add about 20,000 men to the present establishment.

The resolution now goes to the president for approval. A roll call was taken on the resolution at the request of Senator Gallinger, who explained he asked it for the purpose of "demonstrating that there is no division in the senate over the measure to provide for the protection of our country."

COURT DISMISSES CHARGE AGAINST FORMER WARDEN

White Plains, N. Y., March 15.—Supreme Court Justice Tompkins today dismissed the indictment charging perjury against Thomas Mott Osborne, former warden of Sing Sing prison. Justice Tompkins ordered the jury to acquit the defendant and then discharged the jurors.

MANY ARRESTED ON SMUGGLING CHARGES

Seattle, March 15.—Five white men and 17 Chinese were arrested today accused of smuggling over \$1,000,000 worth of opium and enough Chinese laborers to net the gang over a quarter of a million dollars in four years.