# A NEUTRAL ZONE ALONG BORDER

IS PROPOSED IN NOTE SENT TO MEXICAN GOVERNMENT.

"Mexicans Will Drop Factional Troubles If Foreigners Make Attack," Says Rebel Leader.

Washington.—Not only will there be no invasion of Mexico by American troops nor showering of shrapnel into the Mexican or the revolutionary army at Juarez without specific authority by congress, but the president has proposed to President Madero of Mexico that a neutral zone be fixed on the Mexican border wherein no fighting is to occur. This proposal went through in a special note to the Mexican government just about the same time orders were issued to the Fourth Infantry at Fort Crook, Omaha, to be prepared to send two battalions to San Antonio.

Following conferences with senators and representatives identified with the foreign affairs committee under the two branches of congress and with democratic leaders, it was gradually let out at the state department Monday that the president will not send troops into Mexico, and that there will not be any deliberate firing of artillery into Mexico from this side of the border, unless congress first authorizes such acts of war. Senator Culberson, who laid before the president a telegram from T. M. Paschall of San Antonio, declaring that if troops are sent into Mexico the lives of all Americans there will be put in jeopardy.

The United States considers, however, that an unusual situation is involved. Forces have been landed in other countries to protect American life and property when local authorities appeared incapable of doing so, in spite of protests from revolutionary factions, but not in defiance of the protests of the titular government. The question in this case, which it is believed may arise at any moment at El Paso and elsewhere along the border, is whether the dispatch of troops into Mexico merely to stop firing into American territory would constitute an act of war from the viewpoint of President Madero. American troops would, it is said, simply prevent firing and restore order, retiring when that had been accomplished.

### Statement From Rebels.

Bauche, Chi.—The following announcement was sent to Juarez:

"Encampment near Ciudad Juarez, February 26, 1912.—For the present I hereby announce in the name of all the chiefs and the troops under my command that all guarantees extended to all foreigners and natives will be observed as long as there is no resistance of any kind offered in Ciudad Juarez. If there is resistance offered we will enter the city through blood and fire if need be.

"I have placed the time of six hours from 2 o'clock Monday so that all foreigners can know our purpose. All foreigners shall be notified of this announcement. In case of an attack by foreigners (Americans) we will all unite without distinction of political parties.

"General Emilio Campa,
"Colonel Roque Gomez,
"Major Tomas Loza."

### Juarez in Suspense.

El Paso, Tex.—Monday night the rebels had occupied Orozco Hill, three miles west of Juarez, opposite the El Paso smelter. Hundreds of camp fires were visible and horses were led down to the river and watered. It is apparent that the attack will be conducted so that there will be no firing into El Paso if there is an attack.

A report arrived from Canutillo, Tex., says that 300 Mexicans in that town were threatening trouble and it was asked that troops be sent.

A small detachment of Company K, Texas state militia, engaged in guarding the El Paso electric light plant, was fired upon by persons concealed behind box cars and said to be Mexicans. Maxim silencers were used on the guns and more than twenty shots were fired.

### Would End War.

Paris.—It is said that Great Britain, France and Russia, acting together, are ready to make energetic representations to Turkey to bring the war to an end. They only await the adhesion of the German and Austrian governments before taking a decisive step.

### Carload of Eggs Shipped.

Temple, Tex.—A solid carload of Bell County eggs was shipped by express Monday by a local produce firm, the destination being Boston, Mass. The car contained 400 cases, containing thirty dozen eggs each, or a total of 12,000 dozen.

### Bonds for Street Improvements.

San Benito, Tex.—An election will be held at San Benito March 9 to vote on the issuance of $48,000 of bonds for street improvements.

### Work on Macadamized Roads.

Austin, Tex.—Work has begun on the macadamizing of roads in Nolan county. This is the result of the $100,000 bond issue recently voted in that county.

### Corpus Christi's Building Boom.

Corpus Christi, Tex.—Buildings now nearing completion, or under contract for the immediate future, in Corpus Christi are to the aggregate sum of $1,290,000.



USED TO SUCH NOISE.

Jinks—Does that woman in the next flat annoy you by her singing?

Blinks—No; I'm a bookkeeper in a sawmill.



### Back in Good Old Bowl Days.

A man of apparent means brought two boys into a barber shop for a haircut. While waiting for the completion of the job he said:

"I never sat in a barber's chair when I was a kid. My brother used to go over to the engine house and borrow the horse clippers. Then my mother would put a bowl on my head and cut around it. Until I was 12 years old I always looked like a window washer's brush."



### A One-Ringed Circus.

"There's a ring around the moon."

"I guess the man in it is having a circus."



Few people would jump at conclusions if they could see their finish.



The microbe of love is often destroyed by the germ of suspicion.



Many a high flyer has no knowledge of aerial navigation.

THE REASON.

Dinks—I saw your boss today.

Winks—Who? Old Closefist?

Dinks—Yes; and it seemed to me he looked miserable.

Winks—He always is miserable in February. He pays all us fellows by the month, you know.

### The Young Housewife.

A quartet of market men had gathered in the Faneuil Hall market and were discussing the probable famine in butter, when a pretty young woman, whom they adjudged to be a new housewife, interrupted the conversation by a statement that she had come "to buy some butter."

"I wish to get three pounds," she said.

"Roll butter, ma'am?" the individual in charge of the butter and cheese stall asked politely.

"No," answered the shopper promptly, "we wish to eat it on toast; we seldom have rolls."—Boston Journal.

Many things may come to the man who waits, but better things come to the chap who waits on himself.



Time is incalculably long, and every day is a vessel into which very much may be poured, if one will really fill it up.—Goethe.

We often wonder what lawyers would do for a living if there actually was a fool killer.