

Pershing Crosses Border with All His Forces

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TROOPERS HERE ENROUTE SOUTH TO HUNT VILLA

Uncle Sam's Regulars from Western Forts Stop Off in Omaha Long Enough to Stretch Their Legs.

BAND PLAYS LIVELY AIRS

Cavalrymen Anxious to Join Forces Now at the Front on Southern Border.

SOME WERE THERE BEFORE

Omaha was "invaded" by United States troops twice yesterday, the first time in the morning when erstwhile Villa "chasers" from Fort Robinson, Neb., arrived at the Webster street station on a special train over the Northwestern, and again last night when the United States regulars from Fort Meade, S. D., pulled in on another special.

Troops I, K, L and M of the Twelfth cavalry from Fort Meade, Colonel J. C. Waterman commanding, comprising nine officers and about 250 men, arrived at 7 o'clock yesterday evening.

The Fort Meade troop special was preceded by the train of impediments, consisting of thirty-six cars with about two score men aboard to care for the horses and mules. In the train were several cars filled with hay and grain and field equipment.

Starts on Way South.

The troop train of nine coaches remained at the Webster street station long enough to be watered, after which it was taken to South Omaha by the Missouri Pacific, going south to Kansas City about 10:30 o'clock. The train of impediments preceded the troop special out of South Omaha, the latter following within the "block."

Boys Look at City.

Being given an hour at the Webster street station in which to eat and stretch their travel-cramped limbs, the Fort Meade soldiers swarmed from the coaches like a crowd of schoolboys out for a lark and scattered to the four winds to enjoy the precious sixty minutes.

Pedestrians on Sixteenth street found the Fort Meade contingent talkative cavalrymen, any interrogation on what the Villa followers were going to set when they got to Mexico met with a ready and lively reply. Most of the men confessed the information they were being questioned that they were itching for a "run in" with Villa and his crowd.

The troops left Fort Meade, near Sturgis, S. D., at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Command in Good Shape. Colonel Waterman and his officers declared that the command is in excellent shape and well prepared for anything that may turn up on the Villa bandit chase.

Notwithstanding the uncertainty of the hour of arrival, a fair sized crowd was on hand to meet the special from Fort Meade. The absence of a band did not give the evening "reception" as martial air as the morning ovation, but the patriotic and curious Omahans who were there made up in enthusiasm what they lacked in numbers.

Men Leap from Cars. North Omaha was full of soldiers in the morning. Troopers from Fort Robinson, Neb., could not wait for their train to reach the Webster street depot. Most of them jumped off at Grace street and walked down Sixteenth street.

Traveling on a special train over the Northwestern, Colonel H. G. Sickle commanding, Troops F and G of the Twelfth cavalry from Fort Robinson, nine officers, 233 men and the regimental band of twenty-nine pieces, with Ed J. Hendricks, the leader, arrived about 10 o'clock. The men were greeted with loud and prolonged cheers as they detrained and scattered for a short time to straighten their legs after a continuous ride of twenty-eight hours.

Taking Horses with Them. The train of impediments, consisting of one tourist car with thirty men aboard.

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FUNERAL SERVICES FOR SOLDIER VICTIMS OF VILLA'S RAIDING BANDITS—Scene at Columbus, where the bodies of troopers of the Thirtieth Cavalry, who fell in the fight, were given full military honors in death. The chaplain of the regiment is reading the burial service.



AMERICAN ARMY ENTERS MEXICO WITHOUT A SHOT

Pershing Crosses Border at Columbus About Noon with Practically All His Forces Peacefully.

FUNSTON ANNOUNCES PASSAGE

Carranza Troops Join United States Troops and Accompany Them on Southward.

FEW DETACHMENTS REMAINING

EL PASO, Tex., March 15.—American troops were on Mexican soil tonight sixty miles west of here. The vanguard of an expedition gathered in less than a week, but nevertheless one of the most powerful country since the war between the states.

They were out on the identical hills where one week ago tonight Pancho Villa led 1,200 of his bandits stealthily up to the American border, to make an early rush upon the sleeping American city of Columbus, N. M., and murdered seventeen Americans, eight of them soldiers and one a woman.

Direction Mystery.

From how many hundreds of miles this force had been assembled, the elements of its armament, its numbers and the direction or directions in which its various columns went after they passed the international line was a secret held by the military censorship.

The one important fact that the Americans had noted into Mexico again was an event witnessed by hundreds of spectators who crowded into Columbus. They saw the troops move off toward the imaginary boundary line, until when the men crossed they were tiny, but distinct brown lines in the distance in the clear western air. As the troops moved farther into low gravel hills clouds of white dust hid the men and their further movements as effectively as the censorship. Brilliant sunshine occasionally caught the flash of the soldiers' accoutrements.

Behind the troops who moved forward new recruits rapidly filled the vacated camps in Columbus. The Seventh cavalry from Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., was one of the new arrivals.

Air Fleet Loaded. The new regiments expected to follow, but their officers would not say how soon nor from what points. The disposition of the First aeroplane squadron, which passed west through here last night loaded on flat cars, was one of the most interesting of the military secrets, being the first actual campaign test of this new arm of the service.

Unofficial reports came into El Paso that about fifty miles west of Columbus, near Hachita, N. M., another column had gathered and probably had entered Mexico. Nothing more definite than the fact of this column's existence was established, despite reports that these troops might have gone in first.

Pershing's Men Cross Border. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 15.—General John J. Pershing, with more than 4,000 troops, began the pursuit into Mexico today of Francisco Villa. General Pershing's report that he and his command had crossed the international boundary line just south of Columbus reached General Frederick Funston late today.

Reports of progress in the country where the search has been begun will be made by General Pershing to General Funston, but it is not expected these will be frequent and probably will be but the most important developments. How far into Mexico the column had reached tonight was unknown here. Not until after Friday are sharp developments expected.

Colonel George A. Dodd, heading a smaller column that entered Mexico some distance west of Columbus, also is moving in a southerly direction, and these two forces should be within touch of each other before the end of the week. By that time it is expected an infantry support will hold the line of communication along which motor trucks for the transportation of ammunition and supplies will be operated.

Censorship Still in Force. Although the censorship imposed by General Funston was relaxed tonight, efforts still were made to keep secret the details of the plan of the campaign.

General Pershing's report of his entrance into Mexico served to dispel to a great extent fears that had been entertained in some quarters that resistance would be offered by the troops of the (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

FRENCH RECAPTURE LOST POSITIONS

Counter Attacks Result in Reoccupation of Trenches Taken by the Germans Tuesday.

BIG GUNS ARE STILL ACTIVE

PARIS, March 15.—The Germans last night made no further aggressive movement to the west of the river Meuse, according to announcement this afternoon by the French war office.

French counter attacks between Bethincourt and Cumieres resulted in the reoccupation of certain trenches captured by the Germans yesterday.

French troops still hold the height of Mort Homme.

The artillery exchanges have been active between Bethincourt and Cumieres, but elsewhere the night passed with relative quiet.

The text of the statement follows: "West of the Meuse the enemy made no further endeavor to advance last night. Along our front between Bethincourt and Cumieres counter attacks with the bayonet and with hand grenades made it possible for us to reoccupy a portion of the trenches captured yesterday by the enemy in the direction of Hill No. 258."

"We now hold Bethincourt, the height of Mort Homme, the southern boundary of the wood of Cumieres and the village of Cumieres."

"The bombardment has continued with intensity in all this sector, and the fire of the enemy has been answered with energy by our artillery."

"There has been nothing of importance to report from the right bank of the Meuse nor in the Woivre district, where the artillery exchanges have been intermittent."

"The night passed quietly on the remainder of the front."

Begin Laying Track Between Duluth and Dakota Points Soon

DULUTH, Minn., March 15.—The Duluth Herald publishes the following today: "It is announced here today that the Duluth, Huron & Southern Railway company, which was organized last summer at Huron, S. D., will commence laying track between South and North Dakota terminals and Duluth this year."

"The line will tap the fertile grain growing territory of the Red River valley and afford the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road an ample outlet at the head of the lake."

"The company, while capitalized for \$25,000, will float a bond issue of \$20,000,000 in the east."

"The officers are: F. W. Henderson, president and treasurer, St. Paul; G. W. Morrow, vice president, St. Paul; and Charles Wolfe, Wahpeton, N. D., secretary."

"The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road is said to be the real promoter of the new road. A. J. Earling, president of the Milwaukee, is in Pasadena, Cal."

"G. W. Morrow was formerly town site agent for the road at Spokane, W. D. Merrow still is connected with the Milwaukee in that capacity."

Mormons Reported to Be Safe from Peril

EL PASO, Tex., March 15.—W. W. Pearson, general attorney for the Pearson lines here, said today that reports of a disaster to the 500 Mormons about Casas Grandes who have been threatened by Villa are unfounded. Mr. Pearson said that the telegraph wires of his line have been working all day into the Casas Grandes region and that quiet was reported there.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—An official prediction that the Panama canal would be reopened by April 15 for the passage of deep draft vessels was announced tonight by the War department.

SENATE PASSES ARMY RESOLUTION

Proposition to Increase Regular Organization to Full Strength is Unanimously Approved.

CONGRESSMAN BURNETT BALKS

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

It is planned to get the army bill proper on the senate calendar before the end of the week.

Dispatches to the State and Navy departments from the principal ports on both Mexican coasts today reported conditions orderly and no apparent anti-American feeling.

The resolution now goes to the president for his approval.

Roll Call in Senate. A roll call on the resolution was ordered on request of Senator Gallinger, who explained that he asked it for the purpose of "demonstrating that there is no division in the senate over measures to provide for protection of the country."

There was not a dissenting vote on the roll call.

"Unanimous consent for consideration of the resolution was asked by Chairman Chamberlain of the military committee as soon as the senate assembled."

Senator Vandaman, democrat, urged immediate action for the moral support it would give to the campaign against Villa, but the vote was delayed while Senator Newlands, democrat, spoke on preparedness and urged his proposal for a joint congressional committee to coordinate defense legislation.

Burnett Blocks Army Bill. Prospects of advancing the army bill in the house over the immigration bill were endangered today, when Chairman Burnett of the immigration committee declined to yield from his agreement with Speaker Clark for recognition as soon as the free sugar bill is passed.

"I won't yield my place to the army bill or any other measure, not even if the president requests it," said Mr. Burnett. "The speaker has promised to recognize me as soon as the free sugar bill is passed. The rules subcommittee, which is working to advance the army bill, however, has not lost hope. It is believed the army bill will be reached early next week at the latest."

Priest from Omaha Induces Strikers at Sioux City to Return

SIoux CITY, Ia., March 15.—Accepting the advice of Rev. George J. Jonaitis, pastor of St. Anthony's Catholic church of Omaha, and Strike Leader Ed Payne strikers of the Cudahy packing plant will return to work tomorrow morning, after having been idle since Monday morning. The decision marked the settlement of the third strike within three weeks.

The discharged employees of the Cudahy plant which caused the last walkout will be taken back by the company. F. Marks will be reinstated next Monday. O. Payne, Bud Fisher and James Parker, the other three discharged men, will be taken back some time in the future.

The strikers had refused to return unless all four men were reinstated at the same time. After persistent urging on the part of Father Jonaitis and Strike Leader Payne the men consented to the company's proposition.

The men were granted a wage increase during their first strike three weeks ago, which also involved the Armour plant.

No U-Boat Sank the Silius, Says Berlin

BERLIN, March 15.—(By Wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—An official investigation by the German navy has established the fact that no German submarine was concerned in the sinking of the Norwegian bark Silius, says the Overseas News Agency.

OMAHA BUILDERS' EXCHANGE LINES UP FOR NEW DEPOT

One of the Organizations Asked by the Associated Retailers is Strong for the Proposed Plan.

ACTIVE COMMITTEE IS NAMED

Members Declare Present Structure is but a Barn and that Something Must Be Done.

BUSINESS MEN BEHIND SCHEME

The Omaha Builders' exchange is the latest organization in the city to go on record in favor of the new union passenger station in Omaha. The action was taken by the board of directors of the organization Tuesday.

The exchange is among the organizations that the Associated Retailers of Omaha have asked to cooperate with them in a movement looking toward getting the railroads together on the matter of building a much-needed union station for Omaha.

Acting on this request of the retailers, the directors of the exchange talked the depot situation over, agreed that the present depot is as a shed or barn, compared to other depots in cities smaller than Omaha, and appointed a committee of two

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Boys Break Hole Through Ice and Save Companion

EVANSTON, Wyo., March 15.—(Special.)—Allen Snowball, 11, had a remarkable escape from death when he was swept beneath the ice of Bear river, into which stream he had fallen while attempting to cross it on a log. He was taken out through a hole knocked in the ice by his smaller brother and two other boys, the boys succeeding in breaking through the ice with a pole at the instant that Snowball's body reached that point. They dragged him to safety in an unconscious condition.

Before the remarkable rescue was accomplished the boys had made another heroic attempt to save their companion. He plunged into the river at a point where there was no ice and was carried across to the frozen portion. To his brother and the other boys had run and they succeeded in grasping him, but could not pull him to the surface of the ice. Finally they were compelled to relinquish their hold and he was swept under the ice, whereupon they ran some distance down stream and broke the hole through which he was rescued.

ALASKA REPUBLICANS ARE FOR MR. HUGHES

JUNEAU, Alaska, March 15.—Pull returns from the republican primaries held throughout the territory last Saturday indicate that the renomination of James Wickersham as delegate to congress and the election of two delegates to the national republican convention, who will favor Charles E. Hughes, but will go unopposed by George Schiefel of Nome, or Louis P. Hackleford of Juneau will be national committee men. The territorial convention will be held at Seward April 19. Statehood for Alaska will be the keynote of the platform which will be adopted.

Desert and Mountains Are First Foes American Army Must Meet

EL PASO, Tex., March 15.—The point chosen for the entrance of the punitive expedition into Mexico is at the verge of a dreary, desolate plain, inhabited principally by coyotes and prairie dogs, swept by sand storms and denuded of vegetation excepting cactus and a few other spiky and objectionable growths.

For at least thirty miles the soldiers of the United States must make their way across this desert. They then reach the lowest range of the Sierra Madre mountains, rising to a height of 3,000 to 3,500 feet, broken and twisted into all manner of fantastic shapes by volcanic action, and as barren of verdure worthy of name as the desert over which they are to pass. Lonely, half-civilized ranchmen are found here and there in the valleys, nursing their cattle at the infrequent and scanty water holes and subsisting almost entirely on beef. To offset the evil results of a continuous diet of cow flesh,

VON TIRPITZ QUILTS GERMAN CABINET

Kaiser's Minister of Marine, Advocate of Policy of "Frightfulness," Resigns.

THIS IS REPORT IN GOTHAM

NEW YORK, March 15.—Information reached New York from Berlin today that Admiral von Tirpitz, the German minister of marine, either has resigned or is upon the point of resigning, the Evening Post announces today. No official announcement has been made at Berlin, but the source of the information, the paper states, justifies confidence. No reason for the resignation is disclosed.

Rush to Join Army To Fight in Mexico Against Villa Bands

CHICAGO, March 15.—More than 500 men applied for enlistment in the United States army in this district today, according to Lieutenant P. R. Kenny, recruiting agent. Lieutenant Kenny was busy directing the opening of recruiting stations in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. Banners inscribed "Help catch Villa" will be used in the recruiting work here, Lieutenant Kenny said.

Dispatches received here from states throughout the central west showed that recruiting had increased and that in response to orders from army headquarters many branch recruiting stations were being opened.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Army recruiting officers in this city and nearby New Jersey are swamped with applicants for enlistment. Captain B. W. Smith, who is in charge of these officers, said today: "The border trouble resulted in an immediate increase in recruiting."

ATLANTA, Ga., March 15.—Applications here for enlistment in the United States army have increased 60 per cent since President Wilson decided to send American troops into Mexico.

PHILADELPHIA, March 15.—Applications for enlistment in the United States army have doubled since the situation along the Mexican border became serious, according to recruiting officers of the Philadelphia district.

Consumption of Cotton Increases

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Cotton used during February amounted to 548,711 bales, the census bureau announced today. That compared with 463,207 used in February last year and 542,303 used in January last year.

HOUSE PASSES BILL FOR MILITARY STORES

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The house passed today an urgent deficiency bill, carrying \$1,200,000, of which \$2,675,000 is for army ordnance, stores, repairs and other immediate needs of the department. The bill went immediately to the senate, where the appropriations committee reported it, after adding \$182,000 for maintenance of the bureau of yards and docks and for additional navy yard repairs.

MONTANA MILITIA WILL BE RAISED TO FULL QUOTA

HELENA, Mont., March 15.—The Helena Independent in today's issue said that Adjutant General Greenan is about to issue orders to recruit the Montana militia to its full war strength of 1,500 men and that recruiting stations will be established at once in all larger towns.

A Big Crowd of People

read the Classified Columns of THE BEE every day— People who may be looking for just the thing you have for sale. You can't sell them unless you get that ad in.

The Weather

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

| Hours | Deg. |
|----------|------|
| 5 a. m. | 22 |
| 6 a. m. | 22 |
| 7 a. m. | 22 |
| 8 a. m. | 21 |
| 9 a. m. | 21 |
| 10 a. m. | 22 |
| 11 a. m. | 23 |
| 12 m. | 23 |
| 1 p. m. | 23 |
| 2 p. m. | 23 |
| 3 p. m. | 23 |
| 4 p. m. | 23 |
| 5 p. m. | 23 |
| 6 p. m. | 23 |
| 7 p. m. | 23 |
| 8 p. m. | 24 |

Comparative Local Record.

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|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Highest yesterday | 1916 | 1915 | 1914 | 1913 |
| Lowest yesterday | 22 | 24 | 24 | 23 |
| Mean temperature | 23 | 23 | 24 | 23 |
| Excess for day | 23 | 24 | 24 | 23 |
| Normal precipitation | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Excess for day | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Total rain since March 1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Deficiency since March 1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Excess for period, 1916 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Deficiency for period, 1916 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

| Station and State | Temp. | High. | Rain. |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Cheyenne, cloudy | 20 | 24 | 0.0 |
| Davenport, clear | 20 | 24 | 0.0 |
| Denver, cloudy | 20 | 24 | 0.0 |
| Des Moines, clear | 20 | 24 | 0.0 |
| Dodge City, part cloudy | 20 | 24 | 0.0 |
| North Platte, cloudy | 20 | 24 | 0.0 |
| Rapid City, part cloudy | 20 | 24 | 0.0 |
| Sheridan, part cloudy | 20 | 24 | 0.0 |
| Sioux City, clear | 20 | 24 | 0.0 |
| Valentine, cloudy | 20 | 24 | 0.0 |

T indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.