

SENATE APPROVES WILSON'S SENDING ARMY INTO MEXICO

La Follette Introduces Resolution, Which is Adopted, to Effect Body Pleased with Chase of Villa.

MERELY PUNITIVE EXPEDITION Purpose Not to Interfere in Any Way with Sovereignty of Southern Republic.

APPRECIATED BY PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Senator La Follette, republican, today introduced and the senate adopted without opposition, a resolution approving President Wilson's course in sending a punitive expedition to Mexico and assuring the Mexican people further that the object of the expedition was merely punitive.

Text of Resolution. The text of the resolution follows: "Resolved by the senate (the house of representatives concurring) that the use of armed forces of the United States for the sole purpose of apprehending and punishing the lawless band of armed men who entered the United States from Mexico on March 9, 1915, committed outrages on American soil and fled into Mexico, is hereby approved; and that congress also extends its assurance to the de facto government of Mexico and to the Mexican people that the pursuit of said lawless band of armed men across the international boundary line into Mexico is for the single purpose of arresting and punishing the fugitive band of outlaws; that the congress in approving the use of the armed forces of the United States for the purposes announced joins with the president in declaring that such military expedition shall not be permitted to encroach in any degree upon the sovereignty of Mexico or to interfere in any manner with the domestic affairs of the Mexican people."

Wilson Appreciates It. Word of the senate's action was sent to the White House and President Wilson directed that his appreciation be conveyed to Senator La Follette.

Senator Fall of New Mexico, consistent critic of the government's Mexican policy, who was absent when the La Follette resolution passed, attacked the measure late today. "I apologize to the American people for not being here to oppose the resolution," he said. "I want to register my complete disapproval of the sentiment expressed in it and announce that I would have opposed it had I been on the floor."

Kanawha Goes Down Off South Carolina

NEW YORK, March 17.—News was received in this city late today that the steamship Kanawha, bound from New York for Rio Janeiro by way of Norfolk, Va., had sunk at sea. A boatload of sailors from the Kanawha was picked up by the steamer Santa Marta. A wireless message from the Santa Marta, received by the United Fruit company brought the news of the disaster. The message stated that the Kanawha sank last night off the South Carolina coast and that the Santa Marta had rescued twenty-one members of the crew. Another boatload of the Kanawha sailors, consisting of the third officer and seven men, was still missing when the Santa Marta reported, but it was stated that the steamer is continuing the search for the missing men.

GENERAL WOODS HEADS SOLDIERS' HOME BOARD

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 17.—The election of General George H. Woods of Dayton, O., to the presidency of the National Soldiers' Home board of managers to succeed Colonel Fred J. Close of Kansas City, was announced here today. His health was given by Colonel Close as his reason for retirement.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Friday: For Omaha and vicinity: Fair; warmer.

Table with columns: Hour, Deg., and Comparative Local Records. Rows include 1916, 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909, 1908, 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900, 1899, 1898, 1897, 1896, 1895, 1894, 1893, 1892, 1891, 1890.

Table with columns: Station and State, Temp. High, Min., and Wind. Rows include Cheyenne, Denver, Des Moines, Dodge City, North Platte, Omaha, Rapid City, Santa Fe, Sheridan, Sioux City, Valentine.

HITCHCOCK MAKES MINORITY REPORT

Nebraskan Says Final Draft of Senate Army Bill Provides Too Large Force.

EIGHTH OF MILLION IS ENOUGH

WASHINGTON, March 17.—While the house was debating the army bill today the final draft of the senate army bill was favorably reported by Chairman Chamberlain.

Senator McCumber, republican, of North Dakota, made a speech urging the country not to be swayed from a middle course between war hysteria and utter defenselessness.

He contended the United States was in less danger of attack than ever before. "Congress, in its growing servility," he said, "has allowed its function to be usurped by the executive until it has become the tool to convert presidential programs into law. Congress should be the judge of the necessity and of the propriety of changing our historical attitude."

Senator Hitchcock, democrat, submitted a minority report of his own.

"I do not feel justified in joining my colleagues on the recommendation that the standing army be increased 75 per cent," Hitchcock stated. "Even though that increase be distributed over five years. In my opinion the increase is about twice as much as it should be. It would give us an army of 200,000 men when entitled to full strength."

An effort to pass a bill practically doubling the number of cadets at the military academy at West Point was blocked by Senator Jones, republican, who objected to its immediate consideration.

Rev. Mr. Fleharty, Retired Methodist Minister, Is Dead

Rev. J. Q. A. Fleharty died in Omaha Thursday night, aged 75 years and 5 months. He is survived by a wife, Anna Henry C. Fleharty, and a twin brother, Harry C. Fleharty, who resides with his son, Harry B. Fleharty, in Omaha.

Rev. Mr. Fleharty was born in Springfield, Ill., September 15, 1842. He was a retired Methodist minister. His last charges were at Albright and East Omaha. He entered the work in Nebraska in 1870, being received on trial and appointment to Iron Bluffs that year. The next year he had all Polk county, and with his Bible, hymn book and few clothes stowed away in a pair of saddle bags, spent most of his time in the middle. He built the first church at Wesley chapel appointment, and held a revival at Osceola, at which time more than 100 persons were converted. Among those converted at this time were the county judge, sheriff and constable, and J. H. Macey, later governor of Nebraska. North Bend, Columbus, Harvard, Madison and Okadale were among the charges he later served. He built a parsonage at Madison.

At the time of his death Rev. Mr. Fleharty was a superannuated member of the North Nebraska Methodist conference.

Swedish Foreign Minister Receives Ford Deputation

LONDON, March 17.—The Swedish minister of foreign affairs, Dr. K. A. Wallenberg, according to a Reuter dispatch from Stockholm, today received a deputation from the Ford peace mission. The delegates presented an "address to the neutral governments" asking that steps be taken by them for mediation with a view to ending the war.

The minister replied: "I am naturally desirous of peace as yourselves, but we can only offer mediation provided the belligerents formally desire it. If such desire is expressed and if it becomes clear to us that we can do anything to bring about peace, we shall not fail to do all that is possible. At present we must confine our service to humanity, to assisting to the best of our power the unfortunate victims of the war."

Railroads Ordered To File Copies of the Rules About Boxcars

NEW YORK, March 17.—Notice was served today by the Interstate Commerce commission on all of the railroads of the United States to file as promptly as possible copies of all rules and regulations governing the distribution of cars and copies of all embargo notices in force on this date. This is a part of the commission's plan to aid the carriers in relieving freight congestion at eastern terminals and the shortage of cars in the west.

British Forces on the Tigris Begin General Retreat

BERLIN, March 17.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—The British forces on the Tigris below Kut-el-Amara began a general retreat after their defeat near Feisal on March 5, with the Turks in pursuit, according to today's headquarters report from Constantinople received here.

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OMAHA MEN WILLING TO GO TO MEX FRONT

WASHINGTON, March 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Lohack is receiving a number of letters from Omaha men, who have done army service, wanting to volunteer for military positions in the Mexican situation.

ORGANIZED BOOST NOW UNDER WAY FOR RETAILERS' EPOT

Newspapers and Retailers Are Falling Into Line to Put Their Shoulders to the Wheel for City's Progress.

NEED IS READILY SEEN BY ALL Committees Are Hard at Work and Definite Plans Will Soon Be Outlined for the Effort.

SHOULD PROFIT BY EXPERIENCE At the next meeting of the Omaha Clearing House association, which is to be held in about a week, the matter of the need of a new union depot in Omaha is to be taken up.

The Retail Grocers' association is also to take the matter up at the next meeting.

Letters from these two organizations reached the special committee of the Associated Retailers of Omaha yesterday. These are the result of a number of letters sent to the various business organizations of the city by the special depot committee of the Associated Retailers asking that the various bodies appoint committees to co-operate with the retailers in the demand for a new depot.

With the Builders' exchange already in line with a committee ready to work with the retailers, with the Real Estate exchange preparing to discuss the matter at an early meeting, and with the Commercial club handling the matter through its public affairs committee; the two new promises by the bankers and the grocers to take hold of the matter, are looked upon as indicating the constantly increasing interest in the subject.

All Are Eagerly Here are some recent opinions expressed on the streets: George T. Morton, Chairman of the City Planning Board—Omaha wants the best depot and terminal facilities obtainable and arranged by the present business and certain communication.

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Shallenberger Has Idea for Army; Gun In Every Home in U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—"The bill," said Representative Shallenberger, democrat of Nebraska, in the debate on the army increase bill, "is in my opinion as reasonable and efficient an increase as is demanded to perform every function demanded of the army in times of peace."

Mr. Shallenberger said history showed that the fate of nations always had hung upon the common soldier, the man with a gun in his hands fighting for his home and hearth.

"If I had my way," he added, "I would place a gun, the finest military rifle, behind the door of every home. I would have father and son taught to use it, and depend on that force to defend the country."

Representative Kinkaid, republican of Nebraska, said he was glad the bill provided for an increased National Guard rather than a great standing army.

Representative Hull, republican of Iowa, said the National Guard now lacked the nation-wide unity which the Hay bill would provide. He advocated government manufacture of aeroplanes. They could be made at the Rock Island arsenal for one-tenth of their present cost of construction.

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Other filings this afternoon were R. B. Howell of Omaha for national republican committee man, and N. P. Dodge and C. A. Spurgeon for delegates-at-large to the national republican convention.

PERSHING, the American general who has orders to get 'Villa, dead or alive.'



BRIG. GEN. JOHN H. PERSHING.

UNEASINESS ALONG BORDER IS GROWING

Many United States Citizens in Mexico on Way Out or Preparing to Start.

MANY DISQUIETING STORIES EL PASO, Tex., March 17.—Rapidly growing uneasiness among Americans throughout Mexico, especially in the north and west, was evidenced today by reports from various sections that United States citizens were either on their way to the border or were preparing to leave.

At practically every point of entry along the northern and northwestern frontier Americans arrived today from the interior, but in the majority of instances they said they were leaving Mexico as a matter of precaution and not because of any overt acts of hostility against them.

The most significant report was received from Durango, where the American vice consul advised that his wife and child be sent out of the country. This followed closely on the arrival last night on the border of the American consul from Torreon with a large number of Americans.

Americans arriving here brought numerous disquieting stories about the attitude of the Mexicans in the interior, especially in Chihuahua, Durango and Coahuila, but invariably they told these stories privately, and when asked to make any statement for publication insisted that everything was quiet in the section from which they came.

They explained the contradiction by saying that they expected to return to Mexico when things became more settled and they did not wish to say anything which might arouse resentment of the Mexicans. An American who arrived today from the city of Chihuahua reported that all was quiet there yesterday.

The Mexican consulate here received a telegram today from General Calles, military governor of Sonora, saying that a Villista spy, H. Panoblos, had been arrested at Dos Cabezas. It is alleged that this man was in Columbus on the night of the raid. When questioned he said that Villa had fled after the raid to Corralitos, where he murdered several cowboys and seized a number of horses. He then started for Galeana by way of Puerto Chico.

Reports Increased Activity in Russian And Italian Arenas

BERLIN, March 17.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—Increased activity on the Russian front is reported in the official Austrian communication of yesterday, as received here today. The statement follows: "On the fronts of the armies of Generals Pflanzer, Balin and Boehm-Reinold, there was increased activity by the artillery on both sides. Russian attacks northeast of Koslov, on the Stripa, were repulsed."

"Italian attacks on the Isonzo front decreased in violence. Two attempts to advance against the Podgora position by strong Italian forces were impeded by artillery fire. An Italian attack on the northern slope of San Michele was repulsed with sanguinary losses for the assailants."

"At many places there were artillery duels during the night. On the Carinthian front there was artillery fire in the Felia sector."

Turkey Trying for Separate Peace

LONDON, March 17.—The Home correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company sends the following: "A message from Byrre says that Naby Bey, former Turkish ambassador at Rome, is reported to be endeavoring to negotiate a separate peace for Turkey with the allies."

Wilson Signs Joint Army Increase Bill

WASHINGTON, March 17.—President Wilson celebrated St. Patrick's day today by wearing a green necktie and a sprig of shamrock sent him by John Redmond, the Irish nationalist leader in the British Parliament.

"FLYING" COLUMN PENETRATES FAR INTO OLD MEXICO

United States Cavalry Under Command of Colonel Dodd Said to Be Advancing at a Rapid Rate.

MAIN ARMY MOVES SLOWER Two Wings Probably Will Form a Junction Somewhere Near Casas Grandes.

MAY HAVE STARTED EARLIER EL PASO, Tex., March 17.—A few definite facts about the American expedition into Mexico today stood out with considerable clearness, as the result of official published reports and the news brought here by Americans who have been in touch with some portion of the American movement.

It seemed certain that of the two columns which are "somewhere in Mexico," one was constituted for speed, while the other apparently was moving more slowly. The swift-footed column was the auxiliary army, seemingly mostly cavalry, which went into Mexico fifty miles west of the main army of General J. P. Pershing when his forces crossed at Columbus, N. M.

The secrecy which has surrounded the movements of the main column has been slight compared with the record of this western force. There is reason to believe, from the official announcements, that the western column may have gone into Mexico earlier than the main body. Every report arriving here from the border asserts that the western wing has traveled the farther. By these same reports, the two columns will form a junction near the threatened American Mormon colonies, possibly in the Casas Grandes region.

Sniping Reports Unverified. Reports that snipers had shot at the troops remained unverified today. However, sniping and even the possible killing or wounding of a few American soldiers by these long range marksmen was not regarded here as an indication that the American army's march up to date was other than a peaceful expedition, so far as the majority of the Mexican people are concerned.

Sniping has been common on the American side in this section, with the difference that on the American side the sharpshooters have had only comparatively small targets to shoot at, such as a horseman, an automobile, or at best, a railroad train. There is nothing to prevent individuals of this type, acting entirely on their own initiative, from creeping onto some hill and sending a few bullets at a distant column of troops.

Problem of Occupation of Cities. Carranza officials, it was learned today, have been discussing with some concern whether American troops during the Villa pursuit would have to occupy any Mexican cities and the effect of such occupation upon Mexican public sentiment. The Carranza officials have frankly expressed the hope that the garrisoning of the cities can be left to their own troops.

The American army's choice of the Chihuahua desert as its place of entry precludes for the present such occupation as city garrison duty. It is estimated here that the cost of the Villa pursuit at present is upward of \$40,000 per day.

There is one soldier in the Carranza garrison in Juarez who is frankly anti-Carranza. He is a 32-year-old boy who was captured with the Villa garrison at Juarez and whose life was spared on the condition that he turn Carranzista. His name he said today formerly was "Little Pancho Villa."

"And now," he added, "it is 'Little Carranza.'"

"Whom do you like best?" he was asked. "Pancho Villa," was the reply.

Trench Runner is Explained. Water was running today in the irrigation ditch back of the Juarez race track and thereby was explained a sensational report widely published early this week that the Juarez garrison was digging military trenches.

Sunday Americans at the races saw brown-clad men who seemed to be digging in ditches and the trench story spread. They were workmen cleaning rubbish out of irrigation ditches so that the water might run.

Daniel Hurst, son of Bishop P. H. Hurst of the Mormon church, who reached here yesterday from the Mormon colonies (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Stolen Ten Thousand-Dollar Gold Note is Found at Madrid

NEW YORK, March 17.—A United States government \$10,000 gold note, one of twenty of the same denomination stolen from the man in September, 1912, while on the way to New York from Havana, Cuba, was received by mail in this city today from Madrid, Spain. It was sent by registered mail by the American Bank of Spain, with the request that it be placed to the credit of that institution. It was the ninth of the stolen notes to reappear since the theft.

No information was available as to how the note reached the Madrid bank. A cable message was sent explaining the situation. As the notes appear they are given to the insurance company which paid insurance covering the amount of the theft to the National Bank of Cuba.

Fatal Auto Upset at Elk Point, S. D.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., March 17.—In an automobile accident which occurred last night on the Vermillion road about one-half mile west of Elk Point, S. D., Louis D. Alders, 34 years old, an auto driver, was killed and Andrew Anderson, 25 years old, of Spirit Mount, S. D., was probably fatally injured.

CAR OF HAND GRENADES EXPLODES AT MONTEREY

LAREDO, Tex., March 17.—Fourteen Carranza soldiers and ten civilians were killed in an explosion of a carload of grenades and artillery ammunition in the yards of National Railway lines at Monterey, Mex., last Tuesday, according to passengers teaching here today from Monterey. The news was suppressed by the Carranza authorities because of the tension existing between the United States and Mexico.

Wilson Signs Joint Army Increase Bill

WASHINGTON, March 17.—President Wilson today signed the joint congressional resolution authorizing the increase of the standing army to its full strength of approximately 130,000 men.

CATTLEMEN OFFER \$50,000 FOR VILLA

Huge Reward for Bandit, Dead or Alive, Stirs Peons in Northwestern Mexico.

NEW CITY RISES AT COLUMBUS COLUMBUS, N. M., March 17.—(By Messenger to El Paso.)—Two half squadrons of cavalry left the expeditionary main base here today, striking in a westerly direction. Whether they were intended to reinforce the punitive columns was not known. One report indicated that they were going out to help protect the line of communications of that portion of the expedition under Colonel Dodd, which three days ago circled to the westward fifty miles from here and entered Mexico about the same time with the main column which went directly south from here.

Troop trains over night swelled the Columbus camp to what is said to be nearly the size of the original expedition. Heavy construction work of many varieties was under way tonight and a new city was rising with almost visible progress to become a large permanent base.

March is Quiet. The report that several men on outpost duty with the expedition had been wounded by snipers has not been confirmed here. It is significant that the soldiers about camp who come into communication with returning relays of transport drivers receive information which leads them to believe the march has been quiet thus far.

Except for this occasional gossip and the secret dispatches coming over the wire the men in the expedition out somewhere in northern Chihuahua are completely out of communication of any sort with their comrades at this base.

The body of First Lieutenant Edward M. Zell of the Eleventh cavalry, who killed himself here yesterday, was today taken to Baltimore for burial. One of the chaplains, who was on intimate terms with Zell, said that he had worried for fear his troop was not up to standard in discipline. Lieutenant Zell's troop was said by brother officers to be among the best.

First Lieutenant Zell alighted from a troop train in Columbus and had passed for a moment over the gray, dead hills wastes about town, he exclaimed, "Great God! Is this Columbus, New Mexico?" His fellow officers paid little attention to the remark until a few minutes later they heard a shot and found him dead with a wound in the head.

Offer Reward for Villa. Reliable reports here indicate that some of the large ranching and cattle interests in the Mexican side of the border have offered a reward of \$50,000 for Villa, dead or alive. Officers here today said they had reason to believe that news of this immense reward had caused commotion among the peons who have heard of it in northern Mexico.

Life at this military base was animated and picturesque today. The roar of aeroplanes over head was matched by the rattle of batteries and cavalry troops sped over the hard rocky soil of nearby hills on practice marches designed to put the last touch of physical condition into the waiting organizations.

Here at least the border has lost all thought of apprehension that the Carranza party in Mexico will cause trouble. The feeling of security seems to be based upon the army's comforting presence there and upon reports of the troops' activity across the border. It is noticeable, however, that suspicious Mexicans have come into the base direct from Mexico, volunteering much apparently useful information about the country which the troops will march through. These Mexicans say that they believe all political factions in Mexico, except the Villistas, will welcome the presence of the American army and their peaceful intentions are thoroughly realized. They emphasize that what Mexicans now desire is peace so long as their independence is not threatened.

Regard for Horses. The troopers' respect for a horse was shown here today when it became necessary to kill more than forty wounded and worthless mounts, which had been captured from the Villistas. The rifle squad put these animals out of their misery, but before they were shot the troopers associated beasts to the American stables, petted them, commiserated with them on their "hard luck, old boy," and gave them a final satisfying feed before their deaths.

From their appearance these animals had been ridden mercilessly by the Villa band. Their hides had been worn through in some places.

It was learned today the shot, which killed Colonel Lopez, Villa's first chief, during the raid, was fired by an American trooper at 1,200 yards. Lopez fell at the first shot. Much of the other shooting during that fight was done at distances of 800 and 900 yards, remarkably good marksmanship, according to the American officers.

Arrivals from Columbus today reported intense activity at the American military base. They said fresh troops were being sent forward across the border both night and day and that one aeroplane had already joined the forces in Mexico. Seven other aircraft are hovering over the border constantly on scouting trips.

The Absorbing Question. With the practical certainty that the American soldiers had at last reached the Villa territory, the questions of absorbing interest on the border is how many men Villa and will he fight or run. Americans from the Casas Grandes region assert that the peons there are certain to support Villa, partly through his system of terrorizing and partly through the glamor of his reputation as a warrior.

The Carranza officials here and in Juarez insist that Villa has disbanded whatever men he had with him and will not offer to fight, but will rely for safety on his knowledge of the almost inaccessible mountains of the Sierra Madre which he knows by heart.

Americans who know Villa and the country in which he has taken refuge are equally confident that he will attempt to check his pursuers by a guerrilla campaign.

No Clash Yet. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 17.—Calculations about army headquarters here today indicated that General Pershing soon will be in position to redivide his forces, and from near the heart of the region where Villa has been operating begin a systematic search for him. Official reports to General Funston gave assurances that there had been no clash between Americans and any band of Mexicans and that the routine of the march had not been disturbed.

It was estimated that Colonel Dodd, who crossed the international boundary line at 1 o'clock Thursday morning, forty-five miles from Hachita, N. M., was tonight close by, if not actually in touch with the heavier and slower column led (Continued on Page Five, Column One.)

AMERICAN ARMY IN VILLA HAUNTS; BRIDGE IS BURNED

Bandits Burn Railroad Span Directly in Line of March of U. S. Troops Who Are Now in Enemy Country.

ONE COLUMN IS LOCATED Portion of Invading Force Reported Now on Outskirts of Casas Grandes Region.

MUCH ACTIVITY AT COLUMBUS BULLETIN. EL PASO, Tex., March 17.—American troops have reached Casas Grandes, according to the statement of General Gavira tonight at Juarez.

EL PASO, Tex., March 17.—One of the American columns in Mexico was definitely located tonight on the outskirts of the Casas Grandes region, between the towns of Janos and Ascension, in a statement issued by General Gavira, Carranza commander at Juarez. Simultaneously came the first indication of activity on the part of the Villistas and of their intention to resist the American expeditions in news received that Villa's followers had burned a railroad bridge on the Northwestern railroad of Mexico between Summit and San Pedro, Chihuahua.

General Gavira's information presumably refers to the force made up of the Seventh and Tenth cavalry, which crossed the border near Hachita, N. M., and is said to be advancing by forced marches to Proddublin.

Directly in Line of March. The two towns mentioned, Janos and Ascension are between sixty and sixty-five miles directly south of Hachita on the Janos river. Janos, the most southerly of the two, is about twenty miles from Corralitos, near where the railroad bridge was burned. The burned bridge was on the Northwestern railroad between Summit and San Pedro and directly in the line of advance of the main expeditionary force, which, starting from Columbus, would strike the railroad at Guzman, forty miles north of Corralitos. It was close to the latter place that the Villistas are said to have murdered five Mexican ranchers on Sunday and drove off their horses.

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