FUNSTON ASKS FOR MORE MEN TO HUNT VILLA

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Wants Additional Troops to Protect His Line of Communication, Already Over Hundred Miles Long.

HE DOES NOT SAY HOW MANY

Adequate Force of Infantry and Cavalry Needed, Says His Report to Capital.

NO MORE NEWS OF PERSHING

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 21 .-General Funston today asked the War department for additional troops to be used in the campaign against Villa. He did not state the number, but explained he wanted an adequate force of infantry and cavalry to protect the line of communication already more than 100 miles long. He received no further news from General Pershing.

The request for more troops came simply because General Pershing has republican state convention here tofound it necessary to stretch his line day elected four delegates-at-large of communications so thin that, un- and four alternates to the convenless reinforced soon, operations must tion of the party, adopted resolutions be restricted to a limited area.

Why it is Made Necessary. different directions south of Casas quate preparedness, and adjourned Grandes has made advisable the stationing of troops along those lines to support the mobile forces sweeping the trails o Babicora, Namaquipa and Carmen. When Babicora is reached the advanced troops of the expeditionary forces will

be almost 200 miles from the border. Lack of news from General Pershing nd the absence of any unofficial reports indicating developments south of Casas Funston to scan eagerly all reports brought to his desk, but had no bearing chosen. on his request for additional troops, pe said. The cutting of wires south of El Paso had not been reported to his officially.

BAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 21.-General Funsion today asked the War de- national convention. partment for additional troops to be used in the campaign against Villa. He did not state the number, but explained he wanted an adequate force of infantry and standard of efficiency, but not for an incavalry to protect the line of communi- crease in the present establishment so cation already more than 100 miles long. He received no further news from Gen- in a class of military nations and force

sharpened the interest of those at General Funston's headquarters today, but for national prohibition and for national did not arouse any anxiety. It was pointed woman suffrage.
out that the cavalry detachments last night, reported moving along three trails of a republican president and congress south of Casas Grandes, were out of com- who will enact legislation to preserve (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.) the American market for the American

Heavy Fighting is in Progress Along Italian Frontier

BERLIN, March 21 .- (Wireless to Bayville.)-Heavy fighting continues on the Austro-Italian front. The official Austrian statement of yesterday says that Italian attacks have broke down before the Austrian fire. The announcement fol-

On the Gorizia bridgehead, Austro-Hungarians yesterday morning set fire to a postion of the enemy before the southern part of Podgora height. In the Afternoon Austro-Hungarian artillery shelled heavy the enemy's front before the bridgehead. During the night they ejected the enemy from a trench before Beyma.

"Fighting continued at the Tolmino bridgehead as a result of the enemy's efforts to conquer positions firmly in Austro-Hungarian hands. The number of Italians captured reached 925 and the number of machine guns taken was increased to seven. Several attacks by the enemy against Mrslivrh and Krn broke down. At Romson the Austro-Hungarians captured a position and took 145 Italians and two machine guns.

'Lively fighting continues on the Carinthian front. In the Tyrol frontier district the enemy held the Col Di Lana sec tion and some points south of the front under his artillery fire."

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Wednesday: For Omaha, Council Biuffs and Vicinity Rain: colder. Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Comparative Local Record, 1916 1915 1914 . 68 22 26 . 43 21 14

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Normal precipitation
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Cheyenne, clear Davenport, cloudy Denver, clear Des Moines, cloudy Podge City, cloudy Denver clear

Des Moines, cloudy 60

Bodge City, cloudy 72

North Platte, part cloudy 80

Omahs, cloudy 61

Rapid City, clear 44

Santa Fe, partly cloudy 56

Sheridan, cloudy 61

Shoux City, cloudy 62

Valentine, rain 65

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L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

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SOME OF THE TROOPERS WHO HAVE GONE AFTER VILLA-Part of the Eighth cavalry, which makes up the flying column that is chasing the Mexican bandit and his band of outlaws to their hiding place in the Sierra Madre mountains.



UNINSTRUCTED MEN GERMANS RENEW SENT FROM KANSAS RAIDS ON VERDUN

Assaults in Sector West of

Meuse Repulsed.

PARIS, March 21,-German forces

again made violent attacks in the

Verdun sector west of the Meuse last

night. The war office announced

today that the Germans had gained

no success except that they obtained

a slight footing southeast of Malan-

East of the Meuse the night was calm

The text of the statement follows:

was at once driven back by a counter

In Belgium an enemy reconnoissance

"In the Argonne our artillery has been

West of the Meuse the Germans sev-

eral times last night renewed their at-

tacks against our front extending from

Avocourt to Malancourt, where the bom-

bardment by shells of large caliber con-

tinued without interruption. The attacks

were accompanied by throwing of flam-

ing liquid by detachments of men carry-

"In spite of the heavy losses inflicted

possession after hand-to-hand fighting

of the southeastern part of Malancourt

wood, known as the Avocourt wood,

which we occupied. All the efforts of

the Germans to march out from the

"Ine night passed quietly on other

Germans Take Two Positions,

BERLIN, March B .- (Via London.)

French positions northeast of Avocourt

were captured by the Germans, who took

Avocourt wood resulted in failure,

sectors in the Verdun region."

tung at the Verdun front.

summit of hill No. 295."

According to German reports

they were driven from hill No. 265.

Sinn Fein Rioters

the police were wounded.

Villa Hopes to

Mazatian.

through Vera Cruz.

clunge were light.

slight wounds

265 as Dead Man's hill, began to give

Fire On Policemen

Tullamore, a town of 5,000 'nhabitanta,

There have been intimations of dis-

party and seized arms and documents.

Join Forces With

forces with Zapata, the rebel leader, oper-

ating in the southern part of Mexico, ac-

cording to an opinion expressed today by

Dr. S. C. Arnold, chief surgeon for Villa

in 1914-15, who has arrived here from

ico, Dr. Arnold asserted, United States

forces could get at the handit only

NEW YORK, March 21.-German ex

change declined to a new low record to-

GERMAN EXCHANGE DROPS

Dr. Arnold said Villa would find

is fifty-eight miles west of Dublin.

today.

ing special machines for this purpose.

very active along the southern boun-

dary of the Cheppy wood.

Republican State Convention at French Official Report Says Violent Topeka Names Four Delegatesat-Large to Chicago.

ONE WOMAN AS AN ALTERNATE GAIN IS MADE AT ONE POINT

TOPEKA, Kan., March 21 .- The criticising the Wilson administration and favoring national prohibition, Sending out detachments of cavairy in national woman suffrage, and adewithout a wrangle, after a little less

than three hours' deliberations. The four delegates, elected C. F. Scott, Iola; W. F. oMrgan, Hutchinson; Alfred Williams, Columbus, and T. Davenport, Smith, Hiawatha. As alternates, E. B. Jewett, Wichita; Vern E. Tipton, Parsons; J. R. Grandes since yesterday caused General Ransom, Kansas City, and Mrs. Sidney Breese, Cottonwood Falls, were

Not Instructed.

The delegates were not instructed as to whom they should select as national committeeman, or how to vote at the

The convention went on second in reso lutions adopted as favoring: "An army and navy kept at a high enormous as to put the United States

conscription, or lay unreasonable burden Failure to hear from General Pershing upon the resources of the country. "Constitutional amendments, providing

producer; that will provide a merchant marine; that will amend the immigration that will reconstruct and readjust interstate legislation, and that by meeting the demands for the development and com-

with the progress of the age." Villa Chase Approved.

The resolutions also contained an arraignment of the present national administration, deploring the "vaciliating and uncertain course of this country with Mexico and with the warring nations of Europe." They approved the government's determination to hunt down Villa,

munity life will keep the country in step

Two Aeroplanes Lost on Way to Front to Search for Villa

COLUMUBS, N. M., March 21 .- Two aeroplanes of the first squadron have been lost in flight en route from here for the front in Mexico, Captain B. D. Foulois, in command of the squadron, today reported their failure to arrive and said their whereabouts was not known. Six machines arrived safely, Exceedingly high winds have made army airmen's tasks hazardous.

North Dakota is Naming Delegates

FAR. J. N. D., March 21.-North Dakota voters today cast their ballots in the state presidential preference primary to elect six delegates each to the repubican national convention at Chicago and the democratic national convention at St. Louis, A fairly representative vote

was expected. The Non-Partisan league, a voting organization of farmers, has indersed ten democratic candidates whom they announced are pledged to no presidential candidate and ten republicans who are pledged to United States Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin.

THIRTY-THREE FILINGS MADE IN PHELPS COUNTY

HOLDREGE, Neb., March 21 .- (Special.) Thirty-three filings for state and county offices were made in Phelps county. The filing fee for C. E. Harman for governer was paid into the office of the county treasurer last Saturday. The greatest contest is for the office of county superintendent, two republicans and four democrats having filed. Three republicans and two democrate have filed for sheriff.

SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED IN FEAR OF MEXICAN RAID

CLINT, Tex., March 21.-Fears that Mexicans might make an unexpected raid resulted in the closing of the school today at Fabens, a border town opposite the Mexican village of Gaudelupe, Captain Moses, in command of a United States company of infantry here, advised day, the rate for demand bills to Berlin Dr. Ricker that as a matter of precauthe border. The school teacher, hearing of 71%. Today's quotation was almost

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WILL NOT SELECT CHAIRMAN NOW

Republican Sub-Committee Postpones Action Until Meeting to along our lines north of Point Bossing Be Held in April.

FIVE MEN ARE CONSIDERED

CHICAGO, March 21 .- The subcommittee on arrangements of the republican national committee adjourned today without taking action on the selection of a temporary chairman for the national convention here next June. The subcommittee will meet again at the railroads, call of the chair about the middle by our fire the enemy was able to take of April.

> Five men mentioned most prominently as candidates for temporary chairman Representative James A. Mann of Illinois, Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio, P. C. Knox of Pennsylvania, Hersourt, and Nicholas Murray Butler, presi- and Carranna forces.

dent of Columbia university.

The unqualified assertion that the Ger-Franklin Murphy, who yesterday said mans are in possession of Dead Man's the "wisest leaders of the party seem to think that Colonel Roosevelt could not Lieutenant Bowen, hill, northwest of Verdun, is reiterated by the correspondent of the Tages Zelclared today that "recent letters written "Not only hill No. 265, called Dead by Colonel Roosevelt indicate that he is Man's hill, but also the enemy postvery much a candidate. He has several tions on hill No. 296, included under the admirable qualities. He sticks to his designation Dead Man's hill, are in Gerfriends." man hands," he says. "The French

William F. Stone of Baltimore was neither hold nor command the position. elected sergeant-at-arms for the June German advanced posts are south of the convention. This will be the fourth re publican national convention in which Mr. Stone has served in that capacity. French, whose maps designate bill No.

Plot to Make Bogus this designation to bill No. 2% when Bills Originated In Penitentiary

WASHINGTON, March 21.-Secret serv in King's County ce officials here said today the recently eral reserve note of the San Francisco LONDON, March 21.-Sinn Fein rioters federal reserve bank originated in the fired on the police last night. Three of Washington state penitentiary at Walla Walla. Nine men, all of them inmates of The rioting occurred at Tullamore, the penitentiary at the same time, are King's county, Ireland. A police sergeant reported under arrest in Seattle and San was wounded seriously and a county in-Francisco in connection with the plot. spector and a district inspector received

Britain Bars Autos, Booze and Pianos

turbed conditions in parts of Ireland in several recent dispatches. On March 14 LONDON, March 21.-Further restricthe police of Cork raided the residences tion on the importation of luxuries were El Valle. of the principal officials of the Sinn Fein mposed today. At a meeting of the privy ouncil, King George signed a procia-The London Post last week said the mation prohibiting the bringing in of situation in Ireland was serious on acautomobiles, motorcycles, various mustcount of the activity of the Sinn Fein cal instruments, such as player planos society. It asserted a vigorous campaign and phonographs, and spirits and other against recruiting was being carried out without serious hindrance in the west and strong drink with the exception of brandy and rum. south and that several persons had been

indicted and tried, but had been acquit-HOLDREGE DRYS NAME CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR

HOLDREGE, Neb., March 2L-(Special.) -William Nelson of this city has been Zapata in South BILLINGS, Mont., March 21,-Villa la Commercial club. trying to reach and cross the Sierra Madre mountains in an effort to join

NEW PROTOCOL FOR DEFENSE BILLS PURSUIT OF VILLA

posal of Carranza for Agreement Covering Case.

WILL BE SIGNED IN FEW DAYS ARMY BILL IS UP IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, March 21 .- Presico-operation in the pursuit of General Villa and his outlaws.

General Carranza's ambassador here and State department officials will discuss the protocol further. It is expected it would be put in final form in a few days and signed.

It also was decided at today's cabinet meeting that word should be sent late today to General Carranza that the request of the United States to use the Mexican railroads does not include the transportation of troops, but only the shipment of supplies to the American troops in Mexico.

Acting Secretary Polk and Secretary Baker explained to the cabinet overnight dispatches and the situation growing out of the request for use of the

Mr. Polk said in reply to the request that Carranza had asked whether it was planned to transport American troops as well as supplies. The president and the cabinet were disposed to meet any reasonable request. It was indicated that the proposed protocol would be so comprehensive as to include all questions which might arise in connection with the bert S. Hadley, former governor of Mis- joint pursuit of Villa by the American

Acting Secretary Polk, Secretary Dan-None of the five was believed to have lels, Attorney General Gregory and Postthe support of all of the committee when master General Burleson remained in the session began. Early in the discussion it was reported other cabinet members had left. They did that opinion was tending toward Senator not disclose the subject of the confer-

Army Aviator, is Injured by Fall

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 21 .- (By Wireless from Field Army.)-An acroplane, one of six to arrive today, was partially wrecked in a fifty-foot fall. The pilot, Lieutenant T. S. Bowen sustained a broken nose and other slight injuries. Lieutenant Bowen was attempting to take the air under difficulties. The wind was high and showed a tendency to whiri. Several attempts of the aviators to fly had been frustrated previously by the wind conditions. Finally Bowen went up, but when fifty feet in the air his plane ook a dip and plunged almost straight

to the ground. Lieutenant Bowen's nose was broken discovered plot to counterfeit the \$5 fed. his right eye was slightly injured, but otherwise he appeared unhurt. The six machines which arrived here were of the first aeroplant squadron, which last fall made a successful flight from Fort Sill, Okl., to San Antonio in three days, much of which was done by the compass. Lieutenant Bowen was one of the aviators in that flight. His home is in Franklin,

A cavalry unit and additional artillery has arrived at this base; a regiment of infantry is enroute, another regiment of avairy also is on the way.

Villa was today reported defeated by Carranza forces at Cruces, just south of

American troops have been dispatched to the vicinity where Villa was reported as fighting with the constitutionalists, The Americans went in separate flying column. It is understood here that constitutionalist troops have been dispatched to the same neighborhood to co-operate in attempting to trap Villa.

THREE INDICTMENTS AGAINST JEAN CRONES

CHICAGO, March 21.-Three indictments charging assault with intent to cominated by the temperance party for kill and murder were returned today the office of mayor. No other party will against Jean Crones, accused of attempthave candidates for city offices this year, ing to poison 100 guests at a banquet ten-Mr. Nelson is at present a member of the dered Archbishop Mundelein here March Board of Education and president of the 10. Bonds were fixed at \$75,000. Crones still is at large.

Government Defrauded of Millions in Taxes On Cigars and Cigarettes

40,000 men under Zapata. In the event he succeeded in getting into southern Mexcigarette manufacturers in New Jersey yesterday on charge of defrauding the government of internal revenue taxes, only scratched the surface of fraudulent and more arrests are expected. practices which have extended from TO NEW LOW RECORD consumers all over the country.

So far the investigation has not shown revenue stamps, or to use any at all, just when the conspiracy began, but it gave an opportunity for large profits. ts believed that it may be traced back being quoted at 717-16 for the equivalent tion he should remove his family from of a marks, as against the previous low mates of the amount out of which the ment employes in collusion with conspira-Captain Moses' advice, promptly closed nominal, however, as offerings of ex- to \$10,000,000. Only a small part of the where officials suspect collusion are unamount can be recovered, but the govern- | der investigation.

imprison such offenders as can be reached.

Most of the leaders of the alleged conspiracy are said to be under surveillance

Under the law cigars are taxed from 75 \$1.55 to \$3.60 a 1,000. Failure to use proper the new form of submarine warfare.

Reports that the frauds had been made as far as twenty-five years. Some esti- possible or inspired generally by govern- with representatives of the principal shipgovernment has been defrauded run up tors were denied. A few specific instances journed without a decision. The confer-

PLACED IN FRONT

President Decides to Accept Pro- Preparedness Measures Displace Water Power Bill, Now Before the Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 21 .- A dedent Wilson and his cabinet today de- cision to push pending national decided to accept a proposal for a proto- fense measures ahead of the water col between the United State and the Power bill now before the senate in his flight northward along the de facto government of Mexico for was reached at a conference today Santa Maria river, and that the outbetween President Wilson and Senators Walsh, Kern, Martin, Swanson, James, Myers and Stone. It was now moving southward. agreed that water power legislation should be passed by this congress, but that it should not interfere with

progress of the army bill. The form of the water power bill was discussed exhaustively at the conference. Opposition has been expressed to some Madre. A series of running fights is anfeatures of the Myers bill, now pending ticipated. in the senate, providing for the leasing of water power sites on public lands. Some senators thought the bill gives too much authority to the federal govern-

The president has expressed deep interest in the water bill.

Army Bill Up in House,

The house today continued work on the Hay army reorganization bill with about two-thirds of the measure remaining to be disposed of. Among the sections awaiting consideration were those relating to the National guard, the industrial reserve, and providing for a nitrate

The first action of the house today was to adopt without debate an amendment to give the president absolute control over the reserve of 50,000 men.

The bill originally provided that author ity must be granted by congress before the reservists could be mobilized. An amendment offered by Representative Kahn of the committee and accepted by Chairman Hay, puts reservists under the orders of the secretary of war to be sent to any point when the call to the colors goes out.

The amendment is the most important addition to the bill yet made. As the neasure now stands the president would have authority without consulting congress, to increase the army from 140,000 fighting troops to 175,000 and also to summon to the colors the 60,000 reservists which the bill contemplates will be provided within four years.

Anthony Amendment Rejected. The house rejected a proposal by Repesentative Anthony, republican, of Kansag, to recruit an additional infantry regiment in Porto Rico for service in the Panama Canal zone or elsewhere.

Mr. Kahn then proposed as an amendment a provision in the senate bill that while the enlistment period should remain fixed at three years with the colors and four years in reserve, commanding officers might discharge peculiarly efficient men into the reserve after one year of training and that any well trained man could go into the reserve on his own application at the end of two years' ac tive service.

The amendment was defeated, 113 to 108 The question will come up again in the conference committee, as the senate bill is almost certain to retain its provision First Defeat for Hay. Encouraged by the narrow margin

which defeated the Kahn amendment, Representative Gardner re-offered the first proposition of that amendment in new language. It was carried, 128 to 117 being the first defeat for Chairman Hay during the consideration of the bill. The amendment as agreed to provider oldiers may be discharged into the reserve at the end of one year's service with the colors on approval of their mmanding officers.

Chairman Hay argued that the effect f the provision was to reduce the terr f enlistment with the colors to such a degree that the efficiency of the army as a whole would be impaired. Representative Gardner contended that it would encourage culistment and tend to build up quickly a well trained reserve, since no man discharged into the reserve under the provision could re-enlist in the army until he had completed six years' service in the reserve.

Dutch Not Satisfied with Disclaimer in Tubantia Case

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, March 20 (Via London, March 21.)-The official Jerman declaration that no German submarine was responsible for the sinking of the Dutch steamer Tubantia has WASHINGTON, March 21.-Treasury of ment intends to bring civil proceedings falled to satisfy the Dutch people and ficials declare that arrests of cigar and to get back every cent possible and to press, whose resentment has increased to bitter anger since receipt of the news that other ships have been sunk, supposedly by torpedoes.

Under the heading tacks," the Amsterdam Handelsblad asserts that President Wilson should take manufacturers to retailers and even to cents to \$ a 1,000 and elgarettes from the lead to protect civilization against

The ministers of the interior, marine trade and foreign affairs conferred for nearly two hours at The Hague today. ping companies. The conference adences will be continued tomorrow (Tues-

DE FACTO TROOPS

Wireless Report Tells of Battle Between Bandits and Carranza Forces Near Los Cruces.

AMERICANS RUSHED TO SCENE

Indications that Cordon Around the Elusive Outlaw is Being Drawn Closer.

BANDIT BEATEN AT NAMAQUIPA

EL PASO, Tex., March 21 .- Francisco Villa and his band of outlaws have been forced into another battle with the Carranza troops near Las Cruces. This information came as a report by wireless today to the United States army station at Columbus, N. M., and it was further said that American troops had be-n dispatched to Las Cruces to aid in the fighting. The fighting at Las Cruces, following the engagement at Namaquipa yesterday, indicates that the Carranza troops are pressing Villa hard law may soon be forced to stand and give battle to the American troops

The American and de facto government troops are drawing the cordon closer around the clusive Villa and within a few days army officers here believe it will be known whether Villa is to meet his fate in battle or baffle his pursuers by a successful escape into the Sierra

Telegraph Wires Cut.

The telegraph wires were cut some where north of Casas Grandes today and Carranza officials here were without details of the Namaquipa battle, in which Colonel Cano whipped the outlay . A roving band of bandits that scattered from the main Villa command on its flight south after the massacre of Columbus, are believed to have cut the wire communication. Communication may not be restored for some time and information of Villa's movements will have to come by wireless to the United States army base at Columbus to be transmitted to Major General Funston, the depart-

ment commander at San Antonic Mountains Only Befuge. With the Carranzietas pushing steadily from the north and the two American columns moving southward. Villa can

(Continued on Page Two, Column Two.) Bill Providing for U. S. Armor Factory Passes the Senate

WASHINGTON, March 21 .- The Tillnan bill to provide for the erection or purchase by the government of an armor plate factory at a cost not to exceed \$11,000,000 was passed by the senate late today by a vote of 58 to 30.

The house paval committee has set saide tomorrow for consideration of the measure with a view to reporting it to the house promptly. Democratic senators supported the bill

solidly, regarding it as one of the important measures included in the national preparedness program now being hastened to completion. Nine progressive republicans joined with the majority in voting for the bill. They were Senators Borsh, Clapp, Cummins, Gronna, Kenyon. Norris, Poindexter, Sterling and Works. Passage of the measure in the house is egarded as assured. Administration aders are arranging to bring it up soon after passage of the army reorganization and immigration bills.

Texas Town is Facing Destruction by Fire

DALLAS, Tex., March 21,-Reports from Paris, ninety miles north of here, early tonight indicated that the town, which tes a population of 20,000, was threatened with destruction by fire. Long distance elephone communication was impossible one company reported their local exhange in flames, the operators having led from their posts.

Acute Dilation of Heart Kills Boxer

PHILADELPHIA, March 21 .- Acute dilation of the heart caused the death of Andrew Crowley, the local featherweight boxer who collapsed in the third round of bout with Michael Malone here last Friday night and died a few minutes later, according to the verdict of the coroner's jury at the inquest today, Majone was exonerated and discharged.

The Only Pictures

You will find in reading the classified columns, are those created in your mind after a real study of those ads offering rare buying opportunities. There are lots of them every day, too-take a look.