

AN ARMY OF 12,000 MEN GO AFTER VILLA

General Funston Calls for Four More Regiments to Patrol the Border.

AEROPLANES WILL BE USED

Army Men in Full Command of Campaign, and New Mexico and Texas Volunteers Ready.

PERSHING ACTUAL LEADER

San Antonio, Tex., March 12.—Major General Frederick Funston will not go into Mexico, but will direct the invading expedition from Fort Sam Houston, Washington has indicated, it is stated here, that Brigadier General John J. Pershing, commanding the Eighth brigade, with headquarters at El Paso, will command troops in the field. The actual movement of troops into Mexico, General Funston stated tonight, may not get under way for two or three days, or until additional troops are concentrated in the border territory. Utmost secrecy is being maintained regarding the size of the expeditionary force, its formation and points of entry. Entraining of the Second engineer battalion, Field Hospital No. 7 and Ambulance company No. 7, all of Fort Sam Houston, is now in progress, but destinations suppressed. The first aero squadron is packing and probably will get away tonight.

Washington, March 12.—The American army going over the border after Francisco Villa will be an army of 12,000 to 15,000 men, the war department believed, after receiving late dispatches from Major General Funston asking for more troops. Funston called for four additional regiments for patrol duty on the border. This means, it was said at the department, that Funston is not going to take any more chances than military strategy requires; that he will call on all the United States militia strength available.

Funston's request was answered by the war department ordering four regiments of cavalry to the border. They are to concentrate there immediately. It had been believed at first that Funston would need no more than 6,000 to 8,000 men. This would have left from 11,000 to 13,000 men patrolling the border, a number barely sufficient to guard against surprise raids from scattered bandits. Taking of the 12,000 to 15,000 men would have left hardly a corporal's guard to patrol the great stretch of boundary lines.

Nebraska Troopers Going.
In response to Funston's request, General Scott ordered the First cavalry from Monterey, California; the Eleventh from Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and the Twelfth from Fort Robinson, Neb., to leave at once for the border. If any forces have crossed the border, Funston has failed to report it to the department, it was announced.

"The Fifth regiment at Fort Meyer, Va., will be sent if Funston reports it essential," said General Scott. This regiment will be the last to move because its troops, although headquarters are at Fort Meyer, are scattered in Chicago and Leavenworth. The three other regiments are in readiness tonight and will leave at once.

To Use Aeroplanes.
General Funston directed the first aeroplane squadron to proceed to Columbus, N. M.

The delay in moving across the border is consequent from mobilization of forces and supplies over a distance of 300 miles along the border and presumably from some distance inland, it was said at the department. Supplies, as well as men, must be rushed to concentration points. The problem of providing sufficient water for a drive into the arid wastes below the border line is extremely difficult. The first fresh water below Columbus is a lake of some mile distant, the supply from which is more or less spasmodic. General Villa already has a "head start" of 100 miles at least. State department messages given the war department located Villa at LaAscencion, just 100 miles below the border.

On Verge of a Drive.
Funston's request for the additional cavalry regiments for patrol duty apparently means he is on the verge of a drive which will require guarding of the border after the American forces start across. The request is significant, too, by reason of the prospective American plan to grant Carranza the right to cross into the United States in pursuit of Villa whenever no American soldiers are available, but with the idea that patrols shall actually make any such crossing unnecessary.

Secretary Baker denied there was any shortage of ammunition. One point that stood out above all others in the developments, was the fact that the administration regards the Mexican situation as a "practical affair." And in the settlement of it Major General Frederick Funston stands out as the man who will act the single and sole authority in charge. Whatever Funston does—or has done—will receive the whole-hearted backing and sanction of President Wilson, Secretary Lansing, Secretary Baker and the general staff of the United States army.

This statement was authorized by Secretary of War Baker.

Funston is Supreme.
Besides directing all action taken, General Funston will be the sole judge regarding the publication of news from the border and from Mexico. War department heads, including Secretary Baker and General Scott, chief of staff, frankly said they did not know whether troops had yet crossed the line. They said they would announce it as soon as Funston so reported—that they knew Funston would not report it to them until he thinks it wise for the news to be sent broadcast through the country.

From both war and state department officials came significantly similar statements concerning the presence of Carranza troops near the scene of the Columbus raid and what, if any effect, their presence might have in the matter of pursuit of Villa by United States soldiers. If these troops want to act in conjunction with Funston's men, it is up to Funston to decide what disposition shall be made of them in the man-hunt.

As to the state department's reply to General Carranza's offer of a reciprocal arrangement, Secretary Lansing has not made up his mind. It can be authoritatively stated that the department considers Carranza's note satisfactory. It is the department's present attitude that Carranza can properly be told that the United States has no objection to the reciprocal arrangement suggested by the first chief. Such an arrangement, however, would specifically be confined to the hunting down of Villa and his bandits.

To Get Villa.
The American government, it was explained, has merely announced it is going into Mexican territory to get Villa. And for that single purpose, there would be no objection, therefore to permitting Carranzistas to hunt Villa, and Villa only, in American territory, provided they had knowledge of Villa bandits crossing into American territory where there were no American soldiers stationed.

War experts said there is small expectation of fighting until the "flying columns" that will be the central division sent into Mexico get into the foothills of the small range of mountains about twenty to thirty miles south and slightly east of Columbus. Villa is believed to have made straight for these mountains. Their northern foothills start about twenty miles southeast of the border, the southern extremity of which is skirted by the main line of the Mexican northwestern railroad which runs from Juarez to Chihuahua.

Many war officials believe Villa will not make his "big stand" in these mountains, but that he will leave a guerilla band there to delay any American advance, while he makes his way with his main force across the lower hills and mesquite-covered plain to the Sierra Madre mountains. These stretch from the border near Tombstone, Ariz., far down into the southern portion, dividing the states of Sonora and Chihuahua.

Expect Battle in Mountains.
"It is the mountain fastnesses which Villa knows so well, where the American soldiers are expected to do their real fighting. Knowledge of this supposed plan of Villa, it is said, may be one of the reasons why General Funston has so urgently requested that the war department draw the censorship taunt in Washington concerning any reports of troop movements or strategic plans. These experts believe one of the first orders Funston will give will be for the division, expected to be sent along the eastern edge of the Sierra Madras, to make speed in an enveloping movement to prevent Villa gaining those mountains in a dash from the small range where he is now thought to be hiding. Evidence of the truth of this theory appeared when the war department an-

nounced it is doubtful if more than two or three correspondents will be allowed with this western column. The reason given was that the country through which the columns would pass is virtually desert waste and that "every mouth must be counted" in figuring on rations, especially of water.

In the face of a campaign of larger proportions mapped out by the army general staff, the Carranza embassy today issued a formal statement belittling reports that Villa has a large force back of him.

The statement comprised a Mexican consular dispatch which said Villa's force consists of not more than 300; that this force lost a fifth of its number in a "serious encounter" just before it fled to LaAscencion, after the Columbus raid, and that in evading an encounter with Carranza troops under General Bertani, the Villistas were compelled to follow a route which led them away from the Mormon colonists whom Villa had threatened with massacre.

DRUGGED SOLDIERS AT VERDUN BATTLE

Lord Northcliffe Declares German Infantrymen Under Influence of Ether.

London, March 12.—German troops were drugged with ether before they were sent forward against French position at Verdun, Lord Northcliffe, noted English newspaper proprietor, charged in dispatches from the Verdun front to the Weekly Dispatch.

The prisoners he saw, Lord Northcliffe said, were for the most part the dregs of humanity, under-sized, badly dressed and apparently badly frightened. "The ether with which they were drugged before facing the French guns, 2,000 in number, alone enabled them to survive the terror," wired Northcliffe. "Still under its influence, some of them were unable to speak."

No Reports to Germany.
"No word has hinted in any other sent out from Germany of the horrible slaughter to which the Germans have been subjected this week. I saw it for myself. I spent two hours hidden in an observation trench, entanglements separating the opposing trenches where, had I shown myself, my physiognomy would have been recognized by the enemy."

Lord Northcliffe's observations, he wired, convince him that the allies' defensive wall in France is absolutely impregnable. He admitted that probably the same thing could be said of the German positions, but the difference is, he said, that Germany is besieged.

"Even the feeble blockade we have so far maintained has deprived her soldiers of proper clothes and her citizens of certain necessities," he said, "whereas, the allies are freely supplied with everything the same as in peace times."

BRYAN AGAIN SAYS EXPEDITION TO GET VILLA IS PROPER

Ann Arbor, Mich., March 12.—William Jennings Bryan, former premier in the Wilson cabinet, is in sympathy with the president's new course with regard to Mexico. He declared here last night that President Wilson's attitude "as outlined in the newspapers is the correct position for the government to take in this very serious matter."

"I am in favor of following capturing and punishing outlaws guilty of the attack on our citizens in New Mexico," Mr. Bryan said. "But I do not believe in an invasion of Mexico, nor intervention in the internal affairs of that country. The Carranza government cannot be held responsible for outrages perpetrated by persons in insurrection against that government, but in view of the fact that the existing government cannot protect American citizens from this side along the border, it is both necessary and right for our own government to furnish the necessary forces."

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Local News

From Friday's Dally.
George H. Becker was among the passengers this morning for Omaha, where he was called to look after some matters of business.

T. W. Vallery was in the city for a few hours today, driving in from his country home to look after some matters of business.

M. B. Seybert of Laurel, Neb., who has been here visiting with B. A. McElwain for a short time, departed this morning for his home.

Will Fehnestock of Avoca was in the city for a few hours today looking after some matters of business, coming in on No. 24 this afternoon.

Dr. Millard Klein came down last evening from Omaha to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Falter and accompany his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Tyson, who are visiting here.

C. E. Noyes, one of the prominent residents of Louisville was in the city today for a few hours attending to some matters of business at the court house.

Cyrus Tyson and wife of Omaha came down last evening for a short visit here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Falter. My. Tyson is cashier of the Deitz Lumber Co. in Omaha.

Henry C. Creamer, republican candidate for county commissioner, came in this morning from his home at Murray to spend a few hours in this city looking after his business interests.

Mrs. J. H. Teegarden of Brock, Nebraska, who has been here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith, for a few days, departed this morning for her home, going on the early Burlington train.

Frank Beeson and wife and Mrs. G. C. Hicks, mother of Mrs. Beeson, who have been visiting here at the home of Mrs. Allen Beeson and family for the past few days, departed this afternoon for their home at Minnatare, Nebraska.

Mrs. John Wooster and children departed this afternoon for Reliance, South Dakota, where they will make their home near that place, in Lyman county, on a farm. Mr. Wooster departed Tuesday for Reliance with the household goods and stock.

LeRoy Wade and wife came in last evening and will enjoy a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steppatt, and Mr. Wade will recuperate from the recent accident he suffered in Omaha by having his leg broken at the Omaha police station, where he is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Meisinger and son, Albert, of Cedar Creek, drove to this city yesterday to attend to some business matters and visit relatives and friends. Mr. Meisinger was a pleasant caller at this office and while here had his subscription extended for another year.

From Saturday's Dally.
Mrs. J. E. Keithley of Syracuse, Neb., is in the city enjoying a short visit at the home of Mrs. M. A. Street and family.

Mrs. Isaac King, who has been here visiting with relatives and friends, departed this morning for her home at Superior, Neb.

A. B. Fornoff of near Cullom was in this city today for a few hours looking after some matters of business with his friends.

W. P. Hutchison of near Rock Bluffs was in the city for a few hours yesterday attending to some matters of business at the court house.

George P. Meisinger came in this afternoon from his home at Cedar Creek to look after some trading with the merchants for a few hours.

Joseph Zimmerer of Avoca was in the city today for a few hours looking after some matters at the court house, coming in on No. 24 this afternoon.

C. H. Boedeker of Murray was in the city today for a few hours, coming up this morning on the early Missouri Pacific to visit for a few hours.

Mrs. J. I. Corley of Weeping Water is in this city for a short visit with friends, and while here will be a guest of Mrs. M. A. Street and family.

C. A. Gauer of Cedar Creek was in the city today for a short time attending to some trading with the merchants and visiting with his many friends.

P. H. Meisinger was in the city for a few hours today attending to some matters of business with the merchants and visiting with his many friends.

Charles Chriswiser came up this morning from his home near Nehawka and departed on the early Burlington train for Omaha to secure some needed automobile supplies.

George P. Horn, one of the most highly esteemed gentlemen in Eight Mile Grove precinct, was in the city today for a few hours visiting with old friends, driving in with his son, Henry Horn.

Mrs. J. W. Brendel of Avoca was in this city last evening for a few hours visiting her sister, Miss Eda Marquardt, and looking after the Avoca girls' basket ball team, which played here last evening.

James Loughridge came up last evening from Murray to spend a few hours here, and departed on the early Burlington train this morning for Omaha, where he will spend a short time looking after some matters of business.

Mrs. Simon Clark departed this morning for Cedar Creek, where she will visit over Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Stivers. Mr. Clark was in Omaha for a few hours and left this afternoon for Cedar Creek to visit over Sunday.

E. A. Kirkpatrick came up last evening from Nehawka to look after a few matters of business here, as well as visit with relatives and old friends. Mr. Kirkpatrick is feeling fine since his trip through the Pacific coast country and is looking in the best of health.

Wyetta Hutchison drove in from his farm home south of this city yesterday afternoon to attend to some business matters and visit county seat friends. While here Mr. Hutchison took time to call at this office and have his subscription to the Semi-Weekly Journal discontinued and ordered the Daily Journal sent to his address in order that he might be kept posted on happenings throughout this vicinity and the county every day.

Home From Trip.

From Saturday's Dally.
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kirkpatrick, who left several months ago for a tour and visit, arrived home Sunday from St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. Kirkpatrick was called to Omaha last Saturday and arrived at the bedside of his brother before he passed away, and then came to Nehawka. Mrs. Kirkpatrick arrived Sunday afternoon.

After leaving Omaha in the summer they journeyed north to St. Paul and Winnipeg, from there they went to the coast and visited all the towns along the Pacific and into Mexico. All the cities along our southern border and in Texas were visited and then north to St. Joseph, from where they returned to Nehawka.

They traveled by day only and in this way saw all the country. Their trip was a delightful one except for the nd, which was a very sad affair. —Nehawka News.

How to Prevent Croup.

When the child is subject to attacks of croup, see to it that he eats a light evening meal, as an overloaded stomach may bring on an attack, also watch for the first symptom—hoarseness—and give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse. Obtainable everywhere.

CARRANZA ISSUES A MANIFESTO TO THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO

Mexico City, Mex., March 12.—General Carranza tonight issued a manifesto to the nation declaring that under no circumstances would the Mexican government grant the right to the United States to violate Mexican territory by sending in an armed force in pursuit of Villa without consent and the reciprocal privilege being first obtained and admitted. It was sent to confidential agents of the first government in Washington to make immediate representations to this effect.

Mrs. A. L. Huffer came in this morning from her country home, accompanied by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Clara Stroder, of Piqua, Ohio, who is enjoying a visit at the Huffer home, and were passengers on the early Burlington train for Omaha to spend the day. Mrs. Stroder is a sister of Mr. Huffer.

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P. A. Horn and wife were among the visitors in Omaha yesterday, where they spent the day with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Ben Hankinson and children were over Sunday visitors at Glenwood, returning on the early Burlington train this morning.

Ed Sprieck and wife and little daughter came in Friday to enjoy a short visit here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McNurlin.

Max Pfistmeyer was a passenger this morning for Omaha, where he will look after some matters on the stock market at South Omaha.

Mrs. John Fight was among those going to Omaha this morning, where she will visit with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Sullivan, for a few hours.

Miss Alice Brinkman visited in this city over Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brinkman, returning to Glenwood yesterday afternoon on No. 2.

Pavel Heil, who has been visiting over Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Heil, at their home in Eight Mile Grove precinct, departed this morning for Omaha to resume his work in the business college in that city.

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