

WASHINGTON NEWS

An Associated Press dispatch says: The policy of the United States in its relation with revolution-torn little neighbors in Central America and the West Indies is clearly defined in an instruction from the state department embodied in a note sent by Minister Weitzel to the Nicaraguan government, the text of which was made public recently by Acting Secretary of State Huntington Wilson. The communication is expected to create a profound sensation in Latin America, for while it was addressed to Nicaragua, it will be recognized as a general warning.

America's purpose, the instruction

declares, is to foster true constitutional government and free elections and to this end strong moral support would be given to established governments against revolutions based upon the selfish designs of would-be despots and not upon any principle or popular demand. Force will be used, if necessary, in maintaining free communications with and to protect the American ministries and legations. This policy already has been adopted in San Domingo, Panama and Honduras.

Minister Weitzel was directed to present his instructions officially to the Nicaraguan government and un-

officially to the revolutionists in that country and make it public as an authorized declaration of policy.

An Associated Press report says: Severe fighting between American naval forces and Nicaraguan revolutionists is believed to have occurred in the last few days near Barranca, although reports from the scene are so meager that officials here have no definite idea of what has happened. Rear Admiral Southerland is in the field, probably with upwards of 2,000 men, and if plans have not miscarried, by this time he has cleared the route of the National railway of opposing rebels and relieved the famine-threatened city of Granada.

European attention to affairs in Nicaragua at this time is believed to be one of the possibilities of the situation. The Washington government, in sending relief to the beleaguered city, Granada, populated by many foreigners, had hoped to avoid any pretext for landing European military or naval forces on Central American soil.

The British consul general at Managua and the British vice consul at Matagalpa have reported two British subjects murdered by the rebels at Achuapa. It is expected, however, the British government before taking action on its own account, will await the results of the American campaign.

A delayed cablegram from Admiral Southerland, dated Managua, 11 o'clock p. m., September 17, and reporting that American bluejackets and marines were fired upon as they attempted to open the railway, reached the navy department. Delayed reports said the Granada relief party had been fired upon; that the officer in command had halted and sent to Managua for reinforcements, and that Admiral Southerland had gone to the rescue with two companies of marines and a detachment of sailors. Whether or not there was more firing from the rebels before the additional American force arrived, is not known, but it is possible the brush referred to in the dispatch received was the one that took place Sunday.

Upon his arrival at Barranca Admiral Southerland sent word to General Zeledon, one of the rebel leaders that he proposed to open the railroad to Granada and keep it open and that he would give the rebels just twenty-four hours to clear the front.

While Zeledon hesitated General Mena, the former secretary of war of Nicaragua and the principal leader in the revolution, came northward from Granada with another large force of rebels and joined him. After a consultation they sent a formal defiance to Admiral Southerland, announcing their purpose to oppose his advance.

It is not known exactly how many sailors or marines composed the admiral's force at that time, but it is believed that it did not exceed three or four hundred men. At any rate, in view of the large numbers of rebels in his front and unwilling to run the risk of even temporary defeat, the admiral called for reinforcements from Managua, where it is believed there were still about 1,500 sailors and marines available, so as to make sure of overpowering any opposition that the rebels might offer. That was the situation when the last cablegram was dispatched from Managua.

An Associated Press dispatch says: The change in Colonel Roosevelt's itinerary, announced from New York progressive headquarters preventing his appearance before the senate campaign expenditures committee is expected to cause no seri-

ous alteration of plans for the opening week of the committee hearings.

Chairman Clapp was not in Washington, but it has been understood that efforts would be made to have J. P. Morgan and George W. Perkins testify during the week beginning September 30. Definite plans for Colonel Roosevelt's appearance will not be made until information is received from the New York headquarters as to when it will be convenient for him to appear.

The full sub-committee will meet to arrange for the hearings that begin soon.

An Associated Press dispatch follows: Secretary Fisher's action last January in revoking the order of Former Indian Commissioner Valentine, barring religious garb or insignia from government Indian schools, was upheld by President Taft, in an order made public re-

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