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## CHINESE REBELS CALL UPON YUAN TO LEAVE OFFICE

Restoration Not Enough to Satisfy  
Republican Army Chiefs. Who  
Will Not Stop Till President Resigns.

### REVOLUTION WILL CONTINUE

Troops in Two Cities in Kwangtung  
Provinces Reported to  
Have Risen in Revolt.

### MANDATE HAS COME TOO LATE

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—  
Cable advices from Chinese revolution-  
ary leaders in Shanghai received today  
by officials of the Chinese Repub-  
lic association received here said  
Yuan Shi Kai's resignation has been  
demanded by the "Republican  
army."

Trial by a national assembly of  
province representatives for having  
accepted the emperorship is also  
demanded, according to the same cable  
advices.

### Rebellion to Go On.

The demands are said to be made  
by General Tang Chi-Yao, com-  
mander of the Republican army, and  
military governor of Yunnan province.

Indications are, it was said today  
by officials here, that the revolution  
would continue until Yuan Shi Kai  
leaves the presidency.

Troops in two cities of Kwangtung  
provinces, today's cable information  
stated, have joined the Republican  
army attacking the province.

### Meets with Mixed Reception.

SHANGHAI, China, March 23.—Ad-  
vices from Hang Kong today indicate  
that the State department mandate  
announcing abandonment of the plan to  
reassume the monarchial form of govern-  
ment in China has met with a mixed reception  
in south China.

In two forceful factions, the supporters  
of Yuan Shi Kai are said there will be  
a peaceful settlement of the existing dif-  
ferences as a result of conclusions  
reached. Those opposed to Yuan Shi Kai  
according to the advices declare the man-  
date has come too late and that people  
are too deeply stirred against what they  
characterize as Yuan Shi Kai's faithless-  
ness to his presidential oath to be ap-  
peased with anything less than his elimi-  
nation as head of the government.

### Notice Received.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Formal  
notification of the abandonment of Presi-  
dent Yuan Shi Kai's project to turn the  
Chinese republic into a monarchy reached  
the State department today from Ameri-  
can Minister Reinsch at Peking. No de-  
tails or explanations were made by the  
minister.

## Bar Silver Rises to New Record for War Period

NEW YORK, March 23.—Bar silver  
and Mexican silver dollars today at-  
tained their highest quotation since the  
beginning of the European war. Silver  
bullion sold at 59 cents an ounce and  
Mexican dollars at 49 1/2 cents, these prices  
representing advances of 2 1/2 and 2 1/2  
cents, respectively, over last Saturday.  
Dealers in silver attribute the rise to  
a scarcity of supply in London and in-  
creased demand on the continent and in  
China.

## Sixth Death from Indiana Tornado

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 23.—The  
death of the infant child of Albert Irwin  
of Monon, brought the death toll taken  
by the tornado which swept Indiana early  
yesterday morning to six. The child was  
carried more than 100 feet by the wind.  
The property loss was estimated at  
upwards of \$2,000,000.

## The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Friday:  
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity  
—Rain, western.

temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Deg.
5 a. m.	31
6 a. m.	31
7 a. m.	31
8 a. m.	31
9 a. m.	31
10 a. m.	31
11 a. m.	31
12 m.	31
1 p. m.	31
2 p. m.	31
3 p. m.	31
4 p. m.	31
5 p. m.	31
6 p. m.	31
7 p. m.	31

Comparative Local Record.

	1916	1915	1914	1913
Highest yesterday	49	51	51	51
Lowest yesterday	29	27	26	24
Mean temperature	40	38	37	35
Precipitation for the day	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Temperature and precipitation de-  
partures from the normal:  
Normal temperature..... 49  
Deficiency for the day..... 9  
Total deficiency since March 1..... 25  
Normal precipitation..... .65 inch  
Deficiency for the day..... .65  
Total rainfall since March 1..... .00 inch  
Deficiency since March 1..... .65 inch  
Excess for cor. period, 1915..... .72 inch  
Deficiency for cor. period, 1914..... .77 inch

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State	Temp.	High.	Rain-
Omaha, Neb.	31	31	0.00
Cheyenne, cloudy	30	34	0.00
Denver, Neb., cloudy	28	42	0.00
Des Moines, cloudy	28	32	0.00
North Platte, cloudy	28	32	0.00
Lincoln, Neb., cloudy	28	32	0.00
Sioux City, Neb., cloudy	28	32	0.00
Wichita, cloudy	28	32	0.00

T indicates trace of precipitation.  
L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

## GEN. CHARLES TOWN- SHEND, the British com- mander, who, with his gar- rison, has been besieged for months by the Turks in Kut- el-Amara, on Tigris river.



## SUPERIOR MILL AND LIGHT PLANT BURN

Fire Which Starts from Overheated  
Bearing Causes Loss of Hun-  
dred Thousand.

### SMALL HOUSES ALSO DESTROYED

SUPERIOR, Neb., March 23.—  
(Special Telegram.)—Fire, which  
broke out in the flour mill of the  
Superior Milling company here to-  
day, destroyed this building, the  
mill and elevator of the Superior  
Corn Products' company and the  
local electric light plant before it  
was checked. The loss is estimated  
at \$100,000. The flames started  
from an over-heated bearing.

Fanned by a heavy gale from the  
southeast, which swept the flaming  
firebrands straight toward the busi-  
ness center, the city was threatened  
with destruction by fire for several  
hours by flames which broke out  
from a hot boxing in the milling  
plant owned by David Guthrie and  
operated under a lease jointly by  
Ernest Meyer & Sons and the Super-  
ior Corn Products company.

The mill, as well as the light and power  
plant of the South Nebraska Power com-  
pany, and several frame residences and  
outbuildings went before the fire was  
gotten under control, and for a time it  
was feared the flames would spread to  
the most heavily built-up sections of the  
city.

### Water Supply Partly Cut Off.

The water supply of the city was in a  
large measure dependent upon the burn-  
ing electric power plant, and when that  
failed matters took on a serious aspect,  
but by carefully husbanding the supply  
on hand Mayor W. S. Young and Chief  
George Johnson were able to get the fire  
under control after it had burned for two  
hours and it is not thought further dam-  
age is imminent.

The fire is said by James Charleston,  
employee of the mill, who was called from  
his dinner by the alarm and was the  
first person on the scene, to have started  
about a shaft boxing on the second floor  
of the mill shortly after noon, but it  
spread so rapidly that in ten minutes it  
was beyond all hope of control, and in  
less than half an hour the huge building,  
together with the power house, a frame  
and brick structure situated fifty feet to  
the south of the mill building proper, was  
but a smoldering heap of ruins, and the  
flames spread north to houses occupied  
by the mill employees.

### Buildings Carried Half Mile.

The buildings of the Alfalfa products  
company, which stand a hundred feet  
east of the mill, were saved by the fact  
that the wind blew the fire directly away  
from them. Fire brands from the mill  
were carried half a mile northward and  
set fire to the premises of F. V. Bishop  
and the roofs of several frame houses in  
the intervening space, but these fires  
were extinguished without loss. Crowds  
are still watching the burning embers, as  
a high wind continues, and with the failure  
of the auxiliary water supply, the  
town would be at the mercy of the fire  
if it should gain a start in the district  
threatened, which is comprised entirely  
of small frame houses. The property  
lost at this time is estimated at \$200,000.  
Ways and means committee democrats  
went to perfect the administration tariff  
committee legislation.

## The National Capital

Thursday, March 23, 1916.

The Senate.  
Met at noon. 4  
Debate was resumed on the Indian ap-  
propriation bill.  
Finance committee considered the house  
resolution repealing free sugar tariff pro-  
visions.  
Kerr amendment to bank law to per-  
mit bank directors to serve as directors  
in other banks was favorably reported.

The House.  
Met at 11 a. m.  
Debate on army reorganization bill  
continued.  
Ways and means committee democrats  
went to perfect the administration tariff  
committee legislation.  
Naval committee continued national de-  
fense hearings.

## RUSSIANS BREAK THROUGH TRIPLE LINE OF TEUTONS

Vicious Drive of Slavs Carry Them  
Beyond Three Trenches of the  
Enemy Near Lake  
Narocz.

### ROUT FOES WITH THE BAYONET

Capture More Than Thousand Pris-  
oners and Dozen Machine Guns,  
Says Petrograd.

### FIGHT ON SEVENTY-MILE FRONT

PETROGRAD, March 23.—(via  
London.)—The Russian drive in the  
vicinity of Lake Narocz, according  
to reports received here, has car-  
ried them through three lines of  
German trenches. The Russians  
routed the Germans by bayonet  
fighting, capturing more than 1,000  
prisoners and a dozen machine guns.

While admitting that it is not  
yet clear whether the fighting which  
is in progress south of Dvinsk sig-  
nifies a general advance of the Rus-  
sian troops in that sector or whether  
it is intended as a demonstration to  
attract German forces from the  
Franco-German front, the military  
critics lay emphasis upon what they  
allude to as the universal success  
of the attacks during the last few  
days, the viciousness of which is  
pointed to as being sufficient to  
have made an impression upon the  
German general staff.

### Move in Three Groups.

The Russian troops are operating in  
three groups covering a front of seventy  
miles, but the severest fighting is re-  
ported to have occurred in the vicinity  
of Lake Narocz, where the Russians' drive  
carried them through three lines of Ger-  
man trenches heavily protected by wire  
entanglements. The Russians resorted to  
their favorite method, bayonet fighting,  
routng the Germans in spite of desperate  
resistance and capturing more than 1,000  
men, including seventeen officers, a dozen  
machine guns and other booty.

The Germans are invariably counter-  
ing the Russian attacks by advancing at  
other sections of the line but from all  
appearances, according to the military  
observers, the Teutonic efforts lack co-  
ordination and it is evident that in spite  
of the recent concentration of additional  
troops in this region the Russians antici-  
pated any plans for a concerted offensive here.  
The German strength was estimated  
last autumn to be eight corps of infantry  
and several cavalry divisions in this  
region but these have since been consid-  
erably augmented.

### Russ Capture Crossing.

An important success is recorded on the  
Galician front where the Russians cap-  
tured the crossing of the Dniester at Mik-  
halche. The Austrian official communi-  
cation is cited in reference to this vic-  
tory as it is admitted, that the Austrians  
were obliged to abandon the position fol-  
lowing six months' defense after the for-  
tifications had been reduced by the  
Russian artillery.

## Chief of Aviation Service Hurt by a Fall at His Home

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Lieutenant  
Colonel Samuel Reber, chief of the army  
aviation service, fell three stories in  
his home today and was badly injured.

He was removed to a hospital.  
Reports to the War department after  
Colonel Reber had been examined at the  
hospital were that his injuries were not  
serious.  
Colonel Reber fell over the banister  
of a stairway in his home and  
plunged down the arway to the floors  
below. He is a son-in-law of Lieutenant  
General Miles, retired, and recently had  
been appearing before a board investi-  
gating charges of inefficient adminis-  
tration of the aviation service. Congressional  
inquiry into the service also has been  
proposed and now is pending.

## "Watch Your Sneeze Or Spread Disease"

DES MOINES, March 23.—(Special.)—  
Because of the prevalence of coughs and  
colds and the epidemic grip, Des Moines  
school children are taking lessons in pre-  
vention of the spread of the disease.  
The following three sentences are used  
in the writing lessons and are memorized  
by the children in the lower grades:  
"Cover up your sneeze." "Run away  
from sneezers." "Watch your sneeze  
or spread disease."  
Miss Nellie Warren, principal of Green-  
wood school, originated the sneeze pre-  
caution idea. The pupils in her school  
spent one whole day in discussing the ef-  
fect of the sneeze on public school health.

## Berge Persuaded To Make the Race

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, March 23.—(Special.)—George  
W. Berge of Lincoln has changed his  
mind and after refusing to accept the  
petition filing him in the democratic  
nomination for attorney general, today  
sends in his acceptance for the same.

## FORT DODGE BUSINESS WOMEN ORGANIZE CLUB

FORT DODGE, Ia., March 23.—Business  
women of Fort Dodge have organized  
themselves into "The Fort Dodge Busi-  
ness Women's club." Among the mem-  
bership there are teachers, doctors, stu-  
diographers and saleswomen. The club  
will meet monthly to discuss matters,  
the solution of which will be mutually  
beneficial.

## FIRST PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN DURING BATTLE OF VERDUN—This is one of the first photographs to reach this country, taken during the terrific battle around Verdun. It shows a French convoy taking machine gun ammunition to the firing line to repel the vigorous German attacks.



## HOUSE PASSES HAY MILITARY MEASURE

Bill Increasing Regular Army to  
940,000 Men Goes Through  
Lower Body.

### JUST TWO OPPOSING VOTES

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The  
Hay army increase bill, providing for  
a regular army peace strength of  
140,000 fighting men instead of the  
present 100,000, passed the house  
late today, by a vote of 402 to 2.  
It goes to the senate for immediate  
consideration virtually as drafted by  
the house committee.

The negative votes were cast by  
Representatives Britten, republican,  
of Illinois, and London, socialist,  
of New York.

The Kahn amendment, proposing  
an increase of the standing army to  
220,000 men, was rejected, 191 to  
213.

## Campaign Against Literacy Test Bill Is Started in Iowa

DES MOINES, March 23.—A campaign  
has been inaugurated in Iowa to fight  
the Burnett literacy test immigration bill  
in congress.

An effort will be made to influence the  
Iowa congressmen to oppose it by a com-  
mittee composed of Rabbi Mannheim,  
R. Marks, E. Engleman and Mrs. S.  
Levinson of Des Moines. This committee  
also represents the Hebrew Sheltering  
and Immigrant Aid Society of America,  
of which Leon Sanders is president and  
whose advisory board comprise Louis D.  
Brandeis, Jacob H. Schiff, Isaac N. Selig-  
man, Oscar Straus and other men of na-  
tional prominence.

The local committee will secure sign-  
ers to a petition directed to the members  
of congress immediately, as there is fear  
of action on the measure within a short  
time. The petition follows:

"I respectfully protest against the pas-  
sage of the Burnett immigration bill,  
which is now pending before the congress  
of the United States. I believe this  
measure to be contrary to the best tradi-  
tions and principles of our country, and I  
am convinced that the existing law provides  
sufficient safeguards against the admis-  
sion to the United States of immigrants  
who are physically, mentally and morally  
unfit. I believe that the adoption of this  
restrictive measure seriously will hamper  
the commercial progress and development  
of the United States."

## Schooner Loaded with Munitions for Villa is Stranded Off Mexico

NEW YORK, March 23.—The schooner  
La Providencia, which went ashore on the  
coast of Mexico last week, was  
smuggling arms and ammunition for  
Francisco Villa, according to word re-  
ceived here today by Juan T. Burns,  
consul general for the de facto govern-  
ment, from the Mexican ministry of war  
and marine.

Alfredo Ricot, supposed owner of the  
schooner, and several other persons on  
board were arrested by the constabulary  
authorities, the message stated.

## Our Friday Market Guide

Dependable information  
about the market is nec-  
essary to the alert house-  
wife who wants to supply  
the table with reasonable  
food stuffs. The Bee gives  
this information in a spe-  
cial page each Friday and  
the best food purveyors of  
the city tell our readers  
through their advertise-  
ments what they are offer-  
ing.

See Tomorrow's Bee

## WOODMEN CIRCLE HEAD STARTS SUIT

Mrs. Emma Manchester Brings  
Action in District Court to  
Prevent Curtailment of  
Her Powers.

### EFFORT TO CHECK AUTHORITY

Mrs. Emma B. Manchester, as sup-  
reme guardian of the Supreme For-  
est of the Woodmen Circle, women's  
auxiliary of the Woodmen of the  
World, brought suit in district court  
yesterday against the national execu-  
tive body of the woman's organiza-  
tion, alleging that they are illegally  
withholding from her certain pre-  
rogatives and authorities.

Mrs. Manchester for eighteen years has  
been the chief national officer of the  
circle and was re-elected last June at St.  
Paul to another four-year term. She asks  
the court to restrain the members of the  
executive council from holding in effect  
a resolution recently passed, which she  
asserts, deprives her of the right to ap-  
point committee and officers as provided  
in the constitution of the organization.

### Members of Council.

The members of the executive council  
are Miss Dora Alexander, supreme clerk,  
Omaha; Mrs. Mary La Rocca, supreme  
adviser, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Ida W.  
Kelly, supreme banker, Des Moines, Ia.;  
Mrs. Maggie Hyde, supreme attendant,  
Dallas, Tex.; Mrs. Mary Taylor, chair-  
man of the board of managers, of San  
Antonio, Tex.; Effie Rodgers, Little  
Rock, Ark.; Emma F. Campbell, supreme  
manager, Port Huron, Mich.; Mamie E.  
Lone, supreme manager, New York City;  
Mrs. Annie Watts, supreme chaplain,  
Meriden, Miss.; Mrs. Florence Rolling,  
supreme inner sentinel, Hammond, Ind.;  
Mrs. Mary C. Delahunt, supreme outer  
sentinel, Charleston, S. C.; and Mrs. C.  
M. Kelly, supreme manager, of St.  
Louis, Mo.

### Attorneys in Case.

Attorneys for the plaintiff are Stout,  
Rose & Wells, Arthur Mullen and Judge  
J. J. Sullivan. Her attorneys declare that  
the petition filed yesterday which asks  
relief from the resolution adopted by the  
supreme council, is the result of a con-  
troversy that has been waged of late  
among officers of the order.

### Meaning of Resolution.

The resolution in effect compels Mrs.  
Manchester as head of the Circle to sub-  
mit all appointments of deputy supreme  
guardians, general, special and local or-  
ganizers and managers for soliciting  
members and organizing groves; also  
lecturers, adjusters and assistants and  
all action fixing their compensation and  
paying them, to a committee of officers  
consisting of Mrs. Manchester as supreme  
guardian; Mary E. La Rocca, supreme  
adviser, and Dora Alexander, supreme  
clerk; and compels submission of all ac-  
tions taken to the executive council  
whenever it is in session.

## Commercial Club Takes Up Fight for a New Depot

The public affairs committee of the  
Commercial club took up the project  
of a new Union depot for Omaha at its  
noon meeting and instructed Chairman  
H. H. Baird to appoint a special com-  
mittee which shall confer with the rail-  
roads with regard to the advisability  
of a new Union depot. This committee  
will be appointed immediately.

## Women Stand in Line for Hours to Buy Tickets for the Big Fight

NEW YORK, March 23.—Women stood  
in lines for hours early today waiting  
for tickets to be placed on sale for the  
Willard-Moran fight on Saturday night.  
When the box office at Madison Square  
Garden opened, it was besieged by a  
crowd of several hundred persons to pur-  
chase the B and B tickets which were  
placed on sale. Many of them had been  
standing in line since midnight, some  
bringing breakfast with them.  
The ticket sellers had 2,000 of the lower  
priced seats to sell, but could have dis-  
posed of 30,000. Only two tickets were  
sold to a person, officials said, in an  
effort to keep them out of the hands of  
speculators.

## LOST FLYER FOUND; OUT OF GASOLINE

Lieutenant Gorrell, Missing in Mexi-  
can Desert, Picked Up by  
Motor Train.

### DEEP SAND DELAYS TRUCKS

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 23.—  
Lieutenant Edgar S. Gorrell of the  
United States Aero corps, who has  
been missing since last Sunday, was  
found today three miles south of  
Ascension by a motor truck train  
under Lieutenant J. L. Parkinson,  
Twentieth infantry, according to re-  
ports made tonight to Military head-  
quarters here. Lieutenant Gorrell  
was uninjured, but was out of gaso-  
line and had lost his way.

Wireless communication with the expedi-  
tionary base at Casas Grandes was re-  
sumed today when it was learned by Major  
Sample, commanding the army station  
here, that all the transport trucks and  
wagons with their drivers and guards  
were safe at the temporary base. Two  
drivers and four guards, who left Ascen-  
sion for Casas Grandes last Monday,  
who had been missing reported today.  
The trucks were delayed by the heavy  
sand trail.

No additional information was received  
today of the reported defection of Gen-  
eral Luis Herrera, Carranza's former  
military governor of Chihuahua, and in  
army quarters here it was said that an-  
nouncement of Herrera's revolt may have  
been premature.

## Tugs Will Escort Nieuw Amsterdam Through War Zone

ROTTERDAM, March 23.—(Via Lon-  
don.)—The Holland-American line an-  
nounced definitely today that the Nieuw  
Amsterdam would sail at 11 o'clock to-  
night. It will be accompanied as far as  
The Downs by tugs, with life-saving ma-  
terials. These tugs also will escort the  
steamship Rotterdam incoming from New  
York from The Downs to this port.  
Negotiations with the Sailors' union  
have been concluded satisfactory, so that  
no trouble with the crew of the Nieuw  
Amsterdam is expected. About 500 pas-  
sengers boarded the Nieuw Amsterdam  
yesterday evening and are waiting for the  
vessel to sail.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, March 23.—  
(Via London, March 23.)—The steamship  
Zeelandia, sister ship of the Tubantia,  
which recently was sunk by a mine or  
a torpedo, will not sail for Buenos Aires,  
March 23, as had been arranged.

There is much discussion of the sug-  
gestion that Dutch steamships be con-  
voyed by warships.

## Swedish Socialist Editors Charged With High Treason

STOCKHOLM, March 23.—(Via Lon-  
don.)—Three socialist editors, Messrs.  
Hoeglund, Ojeflund and Hedou, have been  
arrested on a charge of high treason, in  
consequence of the passing of a resolution  
at a conference of Swedish socialist  
organizations, that a general strike and  
a revolution be started in case of war.  
A great sensation has been aroused over  
the incident, as Mr. Hoeglund is one of  
the most prominent members of the Swe-  
dish Parliament.

## Study More Extended Map

Staff officers of General Funston  
studied a more extended area of north-  
ern Mexico today. The probable moves  
of Herrera and his 2,000 men were care-  
fully considered and at every point along  
the border where they might disturb the  
peace on the American side careful note  
was taken of the positions of American  
troops and the time it would take to get  
them to the scene.  
That phase of the situation did not  
(Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

## GAVIRA REPORTS VILLA DEFEATED NEAR NAMIQUIPA

Carranza Commander at Juarez De-  
clares Bandit Beaten by Cano  
and Now in Flight Before  
Gutiérrez.

### HERRERA FLOPS, SAYS BELL

American General at El Paso Con-  
firms Report of Chief's De-  
sertion to Outlaw.

### HERRERA DENIES IN MESSAGE

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 23.—  
General Bell, at El Paso, sent to  
General Funston today a message, say-  
ing that this (Bell's) report of yester-  
day that General Herrera had re-  
volted has been confirmed. General  
Funston advised the War depart-  
ment.

EL PASO, Tex., March 23.—Gen-  
eral Gavira of the Juarez garrison  
received further advices this after-  
noon regarding the battle between  
Panecho Villa and Colonel Cano near  
Namiquipa last Monday. General  
Gavira said the Villa troops were  
routed and fled toward Namiquipa  
and that forces of General Luis Gu-  
tiérrez went in pursuit to give Villa  
further battle.

According to a telegram General Gavira  
says he received, the battle which took  
place several kilometers south of  
Namiquipa, lasted several hours.

### Forces Advance on Villa.

Villa, according to the telegram, is now  
in the vicinity of Namiquipa. Forces  
are advancing upon Villa in command  
of Colonel Cano, from Las Cruces; Colonel  
Ealas, from Bahiadora; Colonel Herman-  
dez, from Tepic; General Garza,  
from Santa Clara, and General Cavazos,  
from Temoac, the telegram added.

Further confirmation that General Luis  
Herrera of the Chihuahua garrison had  
not deserted to Villa was received by  
General Gavira of the Juarez garrison  
this afternoon in a telegram from Gen-  
eral Herrera himself.

The telegram said: "Your telegram of  
yesterday received. Deny in my name  
emphatically the rumor that the reac-  
tionaries have circulated in San Antonio,  
Tex., saying I have gone over to Villa.  
On the contrary, I am ready to fight him  
as energetically as possible."

### Funston Prepares.

SAN ANTONIO, March 23.—General  
Funston proceeded today with his plan  
of preparation to meet the alleged situa-  
tion that would be created by an injection  
of new forces into the Villa organiza-  
tion that General Pershing is fighting. No ad-  
ditional evidence confirming the reported  
defection of General Luis Herrera and  
3,000 Carranza troops in Chihuahua was  
received.

No report has been made to General  
Funston of a revolt at Torreon or in  
Sonora. Unofficial reports were that  
many of the troops in Sonora yesterday  
pro