

AMERICAN TROOPS RIDE INTO PITFALL

Mexican Civilian Brings New Version of Fight in Which General Gomez Was Killed.

MACHINE GUNFIRE DEADLY

El Paso, Tex., June 22.—A new version of the engagement was brought here today by a Mexican civilian, who was in Villa Ahumada early yesterday afternoon, and who said he assisted in dressing some of the Mexican wounded. He said that General Felix Gomez, the slain Carrancista leader, had been aware of the approach of the Americans for twelve hours and had sent a number of couriers to them warning them to return to their encampment.

"When they persisted in their advance, he said, a pitfall several hundred feet in length was dug, directly in the trail over which the cavalrymen must ride. This was cleverly concealed with brush. As the Americans rode unsuspectingly through the sand dunes toward the entrenchment, General Gomez lay concealed some hundred yards away in the mesquite. The horses of the American vanguard plunged into the pitfall, unseating their riders and injuring a number of them.

Seventeen Americans Captured. Then, the Mexican asserted, the Carrancistas, lying in ambush, raked the American ranks with a machine gun. The heavy fire forced the Americans to withdraw, to reorganize their line, and the Mexicans captured seventeen soldiers, who had been thrown into the pit.

He asserted that it was then that General Gomez went forward under a flag of truce, and that before the proposed parley had begun, an irresponsible soldier again started the machine gun fire.

A small detachment of cavalrymen charged toward General Gomez and his party, who were in the center of a field, directly between the two commands, their pistol fire killing the Mexican leader.

Both Commands Withdraw.

According to the story, both commands withdrew. The Mexican was unable to estimate the Mexican dead, but asserted that the American dead numbered forty, his statement agreeing with the Mexican official reports that the American dead numbered forty.

Military authorities here expressed no doubt that both commands suffered heavily in the fight, but pointed out that no information concerning the engagement other than that from Mexican sources had been received. Even the two Americans, James Macey and J. C. Hubble, following the engagement in Villa Ahumada, which is nine miles from the Santo Domingo ranch, on which the battle took place, and who brought the most detailed accounts to the border, said that their informants were all Mexicans. Hops was expressed that the American casualties will not prove as heavy as the Mexican reports have indicated.

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CLASH IN MEXICO BRINGS NATIONS TO VERGE OF WAR

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equally anxious to receive from Mexico City some indication of Carranza's attitude toward the American note sent Tuesday.

If the fight represents the answer to the note there is little doubt that President Wilson will recommend that congress declare war against Mexico.

The incident yesterday renewed efforts of the War department to prepare the National Guard for immediate service at the border. It was said some units already mobilized might be ordered to entrain not later than tomorrow.

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GUARDSMEN SPEND LAST NIGHT HERE

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a bandage which was bound around his arm. "It's a religious reason I have," he said. The officers would not believe him and they made him take it off. Underneath was evidence of physical deficiency, and he was turned down.

"I want to fight for my country, even if I have to lie," was his explanation.

The fibers are quickly spotted, however, and they cannot get past.

The following are the newest recruits:

Charles H. Frank,	George N. Bump,
Leon Tubbs,	Art W. Mabey,
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William Baggsman,	Herb D. Gunner,
Thomas Beadie,	Matthew E. Walter,
Guy H. Foley,	Howard A. Wilson,
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Otto Gwinner,	Russell Holloway,
John Costello,	Clyde Stout,
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C. Francis Wiewil,	Jacob W. Keyes,
	Julius Drollch,

MEXICAN ENVOY ASKS EXPLANATION

Ambassador Wants to Know Why Americans Were So Far Away from Base.

FEAR ATTEMPT TO TAKE TOWN

Washington, June 22.—An official communication from the Mexican foreign office, announcing the clash between Mexican and American troops at Carrizal, and saying the de facto government found it difficult to understand why the Americans should have been so far away from their base, was delivered to Secretary Lansing today by Eliseo Arredondo, the Mexican ambassador designate.

Mr. Arredondo also sought an explanation of the reported action of General Pershing in occupying the towns of Casas Grandes and Nuevo Casas Grandes, saying such an act would be one of open hostility.

Official Mexican dispatches described to Secretary Lansing indicating that the Mexican forces thought the American troops who approached Carrizal intended to take the town.

Mr. Arredondo said he called Secretary Lansing's attention to the distance traversed by the American troops from their base and to what he called "the lack of prudence of the American commander in approaching the Mexican railway."

He said his reports showed that seventeen American soldiers had been captured, but did not give the number of casualties among either the American or the Mexican forces.

Secretary Lansing had no official information on which to discuss the Carrizal affair and, according to Mr. Arredondo, also was without knowledge of whether any Mexican towns actually had been occupied.

Text of Communication.

The communication telegraphed by General Aguilar, Carranza's foreign minister, follows:

"Please bring to the attention of the Department of State that an engagement occurred today (the 21st) at Carrizal, near Villa Ahumada, Chihuahua, between American forces numbering about 200 men with a force of our government, during which engagement General Felix Gomez and several of our troops were killed. There were several casualties among American troops, seventeen taken prisoner.

"According to the statement made by the interpreter, who was acting as guide for the American forces, the commander of the latter is responsible for the encounter.

"Please make proper representations to the department and say to the secretary of state that this government finds it difficult to understand why the American troops that took part in the engagement should have been at Carrizal, a point on the line of the Mexican Central railroad some distance from Ciudad Juarez and rather far from the point which is alleged to be the base of the rest of the American troops which entered Mexico by Columbus. Further details will follow."

GREECE ACCEPTS ENTENTE DEMANDS

New Premier Agrees to Meet Terms of Ultimatum Delivered to Him Wednesday.

BACKED UP BY ALLIED FLEET

Athens, Wednesday, June 21.—(Via London, June 22).—Greece has accepted unconditionally the demands made by the entente powers. This decision was communicated to the French legation by M. Zaimis, the former premier to whom the formation of a new cabinet is reported to have been entrusted.

The new cabinet will be made up on non-political lines, even including one or two adherents of former Premier Venizelos.

Late tonight the sound of a heavy explosion drew a crowd to the home of M. Venizelos, owing to the groundless fear that an attempt on his life had been made.

The ultimatum of the entente powers was delivered to the Greek government at noon today (Wednesday).

Fleet Cruising Off Piraeus.

Paris, June 22.—An allied fleet has been ordered to cruise before Piraeus, the port of Athens, according to a Havas despatch from Saloniki. It is said the fleet eventually will be supported by a landing force.

The fleet, made up of squadrons of the allied nations, will be commanded by Vice Admiral Moreau.

The despatch says the action of the landing party "will depend upon events."

Piraeus, the second largest city of Greece, is five miles southwest of Athens. It is 200 miles below Saloniki, the base of the allied forces in Greece.

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cially reported on this side that three train loads of soldiers had gone southward during the early morning and that three more trains had been loaded in preparation for departure.

American army officials expressed the opinion that evacuation would be completed during the day until the Mexicans were beyond the range of the American artillery.

General Bell, instead of going to Fort Bliss this morning, remained downtown with temporary headquarters at the Toltec club, where he lives.

Notwithstanding the preparations for departure, soldiers remained on guard at the customs gate and General Gonzales' headquarters, while a few roamed the streets.

Captain James Allison, provost marshal of El Paso, received a report from a Mexican source early today that the evacuation was already under way and that one train of box-cars and day coaches, heavily loaded with soldiers, some of whom were perched on the tops of the cars, had left for the south over the Mexican Central line.

Throughout the night the streets in Juarez were filled with cavalry-

men, a number of small detachments moving from the city into the hills beyond, while others left Juarez ostensibly to take station at border points within a few miles of El Paso. However, neither Andres Garcia, Mexican consul at El Paso, who spent the night in the Mexican town, nor Mexican military officers, would discuss the reported evacuation, over the telephone.

Dismantling of the Mexican wireless station was accomplished at noon, while the Carranza barracks, just across the street from the famous old Juarez mission, was stripped of all equipment. Another trainload of soldiers left for the south this afternoon.

Bob Meldrum Faces Trial for Murder For the Third Time

Cheyenne, Wyo., June 22.—Robert (Bob) Meldrum, once widely known as the "gunman marshal" of Telluride, Colo., and later marshal of Baggs, Wyo., faced trial in the district court here today for the third time on a charge of murder for killing John P. (Chick) Bowen at Baggs, January 6, 1912.

Meldrum, under \$18,000 bond, disappeared a few days before the case was to be called at Rawlins, February 14, 1916, but later gave himself up in New York and was returned here for trial.

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