

United States Army Being Rushed Into Lone Star State

Flot of War Vessels And 20,000 Troops to Be Put to Test—Orders Caused Wild Rumors to Become Current in Army Circles.

Troops in San Antonio For Demonstration—Los Angeles Times Prints Startling Story of Mexican Revolution—How May Effect Mexico.

Washington, D. C., March 7.—Following a meeting at the white house, a statement was issued today that the movement of troops to the border of Mexico in California was solely for the purpose of maneuvers and for the training of officers and men.

Will Hold Maneuvers.

Washington, March 7.—The troops at Galveston will hold point maneuvers with the fifth division of the Atlantic fleet, which has been ordered from New York to Southern waters. The program contemplates an attack on Galveston by the navy.

Is Also Said There May Be Fought Between the Army and Navy at Los Angeles, Vessels of the Pacific Fleet Making an Attack Upon That Port.

The present number of men on the armored cruisers which will participate in the operations in Galveston is 1,500. This number will be augmented by 600 marines ordered from the barracks at Norfolk, New York. Annapolis and Washington to the United States coast station at Guantanamo, Cuba. The marines will embark shortly at Philadelphia on the U. S. S. Dixie. The headquarters of the fifth division will be at San Antonio from March 10 to 15. These troops will be sent from the Cuba ports the same route against Galveston.

Will Rumors Afloat.

The rumors started from the war department last night, arranging for a partial demonstration in Texas, seemed astounding. Wild rumors were about in army circles and were being spread by the press. The real nature of the thing no one attempted to fathom. Army men frankly admitted their lack of knowledge of the details of the general staff. The general staff, however, was not so reticent. The significance of the move to transport one quarter of the American army to the borders of a neighboring nation.

Maneuvering Explained.

The mysterious maneuvering of the fleet was explained this morning. It comes as it in answer to these charges that the land arm of the American fleet of defense is not prepared for actual warfare and that it is lacking in all the essentials that constitute an effective fighting force—a sharp, well-trained and moving organization. Within five days one-fourth of the whole army is to be transported from the distant posts to Texas. This will be at least a partial refutation of the accusation that the army is not a small, already the units that will be made up of this force are on their way to the big southwestern state.

In the Quick Movement of the Troops from the two Georgia forts a sound intimation as to how the army will answer the charges against it soon after the orders—unlike the coast lands—were received at Fort Oglethorpe and Fort McPherson last night these troops, fully equipped for any duty which might be demanded of them were on their way. They will reach San Antonio tomorrow.

Navy Takes Part.

The navy is to play its part and a flotilla of five armored cruisers, commanded by auxiliaries necessary for the successful maintenance of a naval hostile force of the coast of an enemy will take its place on the Texas shore line.

These cruisers comprise the present 5th division of the Atlantic fleet now at New York and which are to be sent to sea. The division comprises the battleship Tennessee, Montana, North Carolina and Washington, all powerful armored cruisers of 14,500 tons displacement, under command of Rear Admiral Sydney A. Staunton.

Militia at San Antonio.

The military force will establish its headquarters at San Antonio under command of Major General William H. Taft as the chief of staff, assisted by several brigadier generals. He will command the brigades into which the grand division will be divided. These brigades will be placed at strategic points throughout the department of Texas, including not only the Mexican border towns to which particular attention will be given, but also Galveston and the Texas coast.

Regiments in Command.

Orders so far issued contemplate the assignment to General Slocum of 15 regiments of infantry, five of cavalry and two of field artillery. In addition to these regiments of coast artillery will be transferred into infantry, which will be a novel departure in military practice. It is the intention

to have this entire force assembled in Texas within five days.

Movement Started.

As a matter of fact the great host of troops has already begun to move. Two cavalry regiments having started last night from Forts Oglethorpe and McPherson, Georgia, which is regarded as a fulfillment from the points of preparedness.

General Wood in Washington.

Major General Wood, chief of staff, would himself have been placed in command of the troops which are to engage in the maneuvers but for the fact that it is regarded by the general staff as necessary for the execution of war plans that he remain in his position at Washington. Here he can have a complete survey of the field and be ready to communicate instantly with every one of the departments which go to maintain the army in the field.

Want to Overthrow Diaz.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 7.—The Times today prints the following: The Los Angeles junta is meeting almost nightly to push the insurrection in lower California and in the dingy upper rooms of the apartment building used as headquarters have been matured the plans for the establishment of a socialist government.

Propose to Lead.

"We have advanced our movement in lower California backed by the liberals far ahead of the movement in progress in the other Mexican states," said one of the local leaders yesterday, "and we propose to lead and not to be led. We shall go ahead and establish our own independent government with Mexico as capital. It will be a much more convenient location than Escondido and there will be the headquarters of a movement which we will eventually reach out and cover at least the northern half of Mexico."

"While we are in sympathy with the other movements against the Mexican government, it is a sympathy that extends only as far as it looks to the overthrow of Diaz."

Three Forces at Work.

"We recognize that there are three separate forces in the field all working to this end. Those of Madero we consider, in case of success, would establish simply another regime of capitalism with possibly some of the present abuses abated. Blanco and his followers represent what might be termed the middle classes that had the opportunity, would, even into the same sort as the specially privileged classes as now control Mexico, while the lower California movement is conducted on the principles of the liberals, similar to the socialist movement in the United States."

Men to the Front.

The Times says men, guns and ammunition are being sent constantly from Los Angeles to lower California.

Wounded Men Brought In.

Naco, Arizona, March 7.—No reports of any fighting in the neighborhood of Cananea could be confirmed, but travelers were seen who insisted that the soldiers hauled into that town in wagons were sick men. Several Americans, however, who saw wagons driven into Cananea yesterday by Chinese ranchers say they contained wounded soldiers.

An American agent of Cananea for business reasons did not wish his name used said he was with "Red" Lopez, one of the rebel leaders in Sonora, about 16 miles south of Cananea last Saturday and was informed that General Blanco was to move with upwards of 500 men from Turkey camp, which he recently captured, and join forces with Lopez.

Combined Attack Planned.

This juncture was to occur Sunday morning near Ojo de Agua, about ten miles from Cananea, after which an attack by the combined forces on the federal troops was planned.

Cut Off Water Supply.

The garrison at Cananea was notified that the water supply from Ojo de Agua would be cut off and Saturday afternoon 150 federals left Cananea, going in an easterly direction. It may have been this detachment which met the rebels and from whose ranks the wounded men were being brought into Cananea.

Coast Artillery Starts.

Mohile, Ala., March 7.—Companies 75, 99 and 107 of the coast artillery, stationed at Fort Morgan, near here, are rushing preparations for the trip to New Orleans in response to orders received unexpectedly last night. They will entrain late this afternoon under command of Major Burgess.

Coast Artillery Leaves.

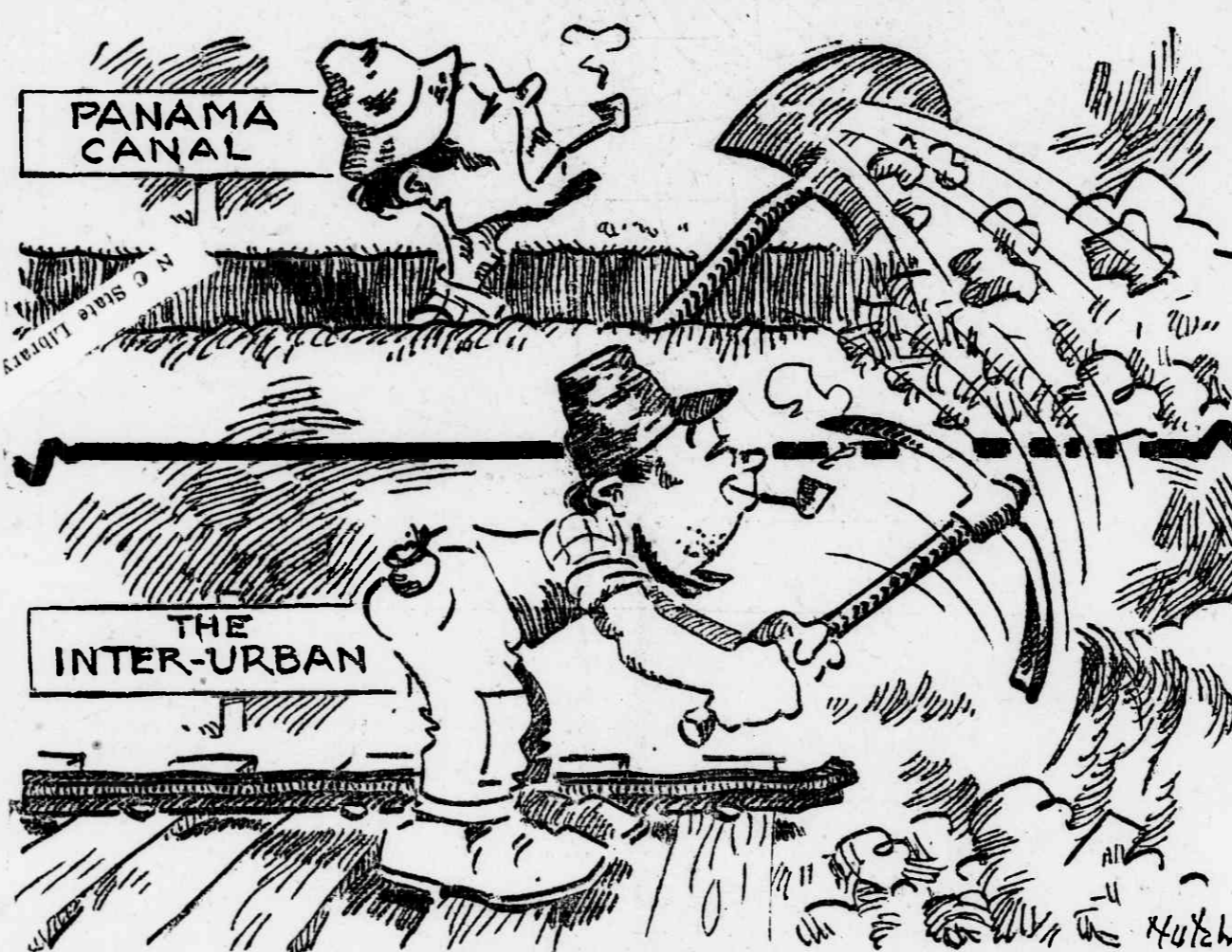
New Orleans, March 7.—The 164th coast coast artillery, stationed at Jackson Barracks, together with one company each from the other forts at the mouth of the Mississippi, will leave New Orleans tonight for Texas.

Leave Fort Moultrie.

Charleston, S. C., March 7.—Officers at Fort Moultrie said today that the 76th, 144th and 145th companies of coast artillery would start for Texas as soon as transportation could be arranged, preparations for departure being commenced. They may leave tomorrow or Thursday.

No Choice Yet.

Albany, N. Y., March 7.—There was no choice for United States senator Charles F. Smith, who will be in the 32d ballot and no desertion from the Sheehan ranks.



MAKING THE DIRT FLY! The Interurban Will Be To the Piedmont Region What the Panama Canal Will Be to the South.

Richard A. Ballinger Resigns His Position As Sec. Of Interior

Gave Bad Health as Reason -- Successor Is Walter Fisher

First Resignation Sent in on January 19 and Refused—Was Asked to Wait Until Congress Adjourned—Wanted to Leave Immediately.

President in Open Letter Commends Mr. Ballinger and Severely Criticizes The Ones Who Made Fight on Him Some Time Ago.

Washington, March 7.—Richard A. Ballinger's resignation as secretary of the interior, dated January 19 last, was accepted today by President Taft, and Walter L. Fisher, of Chicago, was appointed as his successor. His resignation was signed immediately by the president. Mr. Fisher will take office within a few days.

Mr. Ballinger tendered his resignation in a letter on January 19, basing it entirely upon the condition of his health. The president replied at once, expressing his confidence in Secretary Ballinger, his reluctance to accept his resignation, and requested the secretary to remain in office until the close of the session of congress. Immediately upon the adjournment of congress, Secretary Ballinger renewed his request that he be relieved at a date suitable to the president's convenience, but immediately if possible. Today President Taft in a letter formally accepted the resignation.

The correspondence between the president and the secretary is not voluminous but displays beyond question the confidence which Mr. Taft has reposed in Mr. Ballinger throughout the long siege and the indignation with which he has viewed the attacks upon the secretary's personal and official integrity.

"I had the fullest opportunity," the president says, in his letter accepting the resignation, "to know you, to know your standards of service to the government and the public, to know your motives, to know how to have administered your office and to know the motives of those who have assailed you. I do not hesitate to say that you have been the object of one of the most unscrupulous conspiracies for defamation of character that history can show."

And in the conclusion of his letter the president declares that "every fibre of my nature rebels against such methods to the bitter end, and I do not hesitate to say that I have been the object of one of the most unscrupulous conspiracies for defamation of character that history can show."

The president goes on to declare that he himself has been the ultimate object of the attack and says that he insists upon Mr. Ballinger's remaining in office "with the prospects of a further effort against



RICHARD A. BALLINGER

Senate Finally Passes Substitute for Turlington Bill

MEXICANS SEND TROOPS OF CAVALRY TO PROTECT BORDER

By Associated Press. Eagle Pass, Tex., March 7.—To protect the Sabana bridge on the Mexican International Railroad a troop of Mexican government cavalry last night left Ciudad Porfirio Diaz on a special train. It was reported that insurgents intended cutting communication between Ciudad Porfirio Diaz and Torreon. A band of insurgents was reported operating in the territory between these two points. Sabana is about 90 miles south of the Texas border.

SOUTH'S SUMMER SCHOOL TO BE HELD IN KNOXVILLE.

By Associated Press. Knoxville, Tenn., March 7.—Announcement was made today by Dr. P. P. Claxton, superintendent, that the tenth annual session of the summer school of the South will be held at the University of Tennessee in this city, June 29 to July 28 inclusive. This school is for teachers and others of the South interested in educational work. It originally was established in connection with the work of the general education board. The faculty is made up of foremost educators from the great universities of America. The school has had an average attendance of about 2,500.

CLOUDS TURN NIGHT INTO DAY IN LOUISVILLE, KY.

By Associated Press. Louisville, Ky., March 7.—Lowering black clouds covered the western horizon turned day into night here at 8:15 o'clock this morning. Arc lights were burned on the streets and business places were illuminated as if it were 8 o'clock at night. The pitch darkness remained for 15 minutes or more until it was dissipated by a driving rain storm that amounted almost to a cloudburst.

SESSION OF ASSEMBLY IS CONSTITUTIONAL.

By Associated Press. Columbus, O., March 7.—The present session of the Ohio general assembly is constitutional. The supreme court today handed down an opinion to this effect, thus making all acts of the legislature legal. There was some question as to the constitutionality of the session and the matter was brought by the supreme court for settlement.

Green And Goyner Make Appeal

By Associated Press. Atlanta, Ga., March 7.—Benjamin D. Green and John F. Goyner, who have served their terms in the federal prison here for their parts in the Savannah harbor improvement funds, appeared before United States Commissioner Walter T. Colquitt today and formally asked permission to take the paupers oath and thus escape the immense fines imposed upon them. The government representative, District Attorney Carter Tate and Special Assistant Attorney General Alexander Akerman, opposed granting the request and declared they would fight to block such procedure. At their request further proceedings in the case were postponed until March 21. The government authorities declared the prisoners had hundreds of thousands of dollars and much property under cover and therefore were able to pay at least part of the fines. This was denied by Captain Green.

South Carolina After Show.

By Associated Press. Charleston, S. C., March 7.—The national corn exposition committee delegated to investigate the claims of South Carolina and Minnesota to the distinction of certifying the next show reached here today and were taken in hand by a committee which is showing them evidence of agricultural activity. Members of the committee said they would carefully look into respective claims. Should this state be favored by the decision the national corn show will be held in Columbia nearly a year hence.

Schooner Stranded.

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., March 7.—The three-masted Boston schooner Wellfleet, Capt. W. E. Rutledge, from Baltimore to Charleston, S. C., with phosphate rock, stranded early yesterday on the outer diamond shoals of the Hatteras coast. The crew consisting of Captain and seven men abandoned the vessel and started ashore.

FRENCH CHIEF OF MILITIA IS KILLED TO-DAY

By Associated Press. Melilla, Morocco, March 7.—The chief of the French military mission at Fez, was killed today by the son of the Moorish minister of war because the French officer had caused the execution of two native soldiers.



ABE REUF

Abe Reuf, San Francisco's former boss who will begin serving his 14-year sentence in the San Quentin penitentiary, within a week. Reuf and his coterie of politicians for years ruled the city of the Golden Gate with an iron hand, exorting money from her citizens and exploiting her public works for his guilt and was sentenced to 14 years at hard labor. Reuf's counsel appealed the case and the self-confessed criminal was allowed his liberty under a bail of \$350,000. The appeal however, was not granted by the court, an order for Reuf's arrest was issued, and he was taken into custody. He will be allowed seven days in which to settle up his affairs.