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## WITHDRA WAL OF THE AMERICAN FORCE IN MEXICO IS ORDERED

der Into United States.

FTER 10 MONTHS' ABSENCE

Rig Portion, If Not All, of the Na tional Guardsmen on Border Will be Relieved.

KEEP RIGID BORDER PATROL

Sandit Problem in Mexico Left Entirely Up to Carranza.

Washiington, Jan. 27. - Withdrawal of the American military expedition in Mexico was ordered the entire command, after ten Mexico in pursuit of Villa.

The order went to General Funton, in command at the border, and left to his discretion the exact date of starting the northward truck trains to Columbus, N. M. movement and the details of car-

trated for the long march. May Start in 48 Hours. Officials here understand that some dvance units already have started orth and believe that within 48 hours,

At the border the regulars will reeve a considerable portion, if not all, the National Guardsmen remaining

Although officials have been silent on le subject of Mexico since failure of isal to accept the Atlantic City prondangering the tenure of the defacto overnment. A patrol considered adeuate to protect the border will be intained rigidly, however, and nothe has been served on Carranza that he United States will not hesitate to

e its armed forces again, if necesary, to protect American territory and merican rights.

Probably to Re-Group Men That Pershing's command, sent into xico last March to disperse the bants who raided Columbus, will be re-Touped at the border and put into a adition of preparedness for a recurence of raiding, is not doubted here; nd in that connection army officers are serving with keen interest the prepration being made by Villa and his lowers and allies to debate the ter-All the recent moves in the situation, wever, and all those in contemplan, were kept secret. The War Detment, the State Department and the White House rigidly preserved silence

Plan of March. Of the 12,000 men in Pershing's comand, 10,000 have been concentrated at ist of that number have been there many weeks, but a large part arrivwithin the last two days from El alle, the southernmost point of the expeditionary force since the fight at rrizal. The plan is to march the ente force out at the same time, leaving detachment far to the rear as a

for attacks from wandering bands The first stop after leaving Colonia ublan probably will be at Corralitos, The next water is at Ojo-derederico, twenty miles farther on, and tween Ojo-de-Federico and the borthe distance is 75 miles. In that elieved here that General Pershing force his command to a fast pace r leaving the second water hole.

Huge Quantity of Stores.

Pershing will leave behind him as ew physical traces of his presence as and wood, are being removed at all.

# Within Week Pershing's Entire TROOPS ALREADY

Advance Guard of Pershing's Men Go Into Camp 20 Miles From Colonia Dublan.

BEGAN MARCH AT SUNRISE

associated Press First to Inform Pershing of Order for Withdrawal. Column Being Followed by Numerous Refugees.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 27,-American troops of Major General Pershing's punitive expedition tramped along the high road leading from Colonia Dublan w the War Department today, to the border, on the first leg of the and by the end of another week return march which took them into

Tonight the troops were encamped months on Mexican soil, probably along the road with the head of the will have recrossed into the Unit- column 20 miles north of the Mormon colony, where General Pershing has made his field headquarters since the expedition ceased its pursuit of Villa. At sunrise the advance guard of the ho came from the front late today on

General Pershing and his staff were expected to be among the last to leave first night's encampment in automohe expedition has been concen- biles with the rear guard, these arriv-

The Associated Press was the first made a change in his plans for the exodus, the soldiers said upon their arrival. Instead of establishing a field ent hope that, on the departure base at Ojo de Federico, 40 miles from the border, as was originally planned, there to await the formal order for arms and ammunition to Mexico would n duty there. Already about 25,000 withdrawal, General Pershing was said be lifted, saying that such action would the state troops in the border patrol to have arranged to establish his tem- be material aid toward the prompt porary field headquarters at Las Pa- pacification of the entire country. lomas lakes, seven miles south of the novement probably will be under way border, where he would hold a general CLAIMS FULL CONTROL FOR y the time Pershing's men arrive on review before completing the march the border would not occur, it was pre-

dicted tonight, until next week. Following the troops were hundreds of refugees. Prosperous Mormon famelopments outwardly have coupled the liles rode in comfortable farm wagons 00p withdrawal with Carranza's re- or in small motor cars. Some Mexicans official agent in New York. rode in carriages, on horses, mules, occl and have plainly forecast an in- burros and on the motor lorries of the mself hereafter the many problems them and Chinese residents from the evacuated region walked through the

deep dust pulverized by the troops. At Columbus a camp had been laid today for 1,000 refugees. This camp is one mile from the army camp and coming out with the expedition. The irst of these refugees were expected early Monday.

The exodus of civilian residents was caused through fear that Villa might take vengeance upon them for having the Carranza forces would be accomserved the American troops in Mexico. plished peacefully. The reason for

REFUGEE TRAIN WITH 500 ABOARD LEAVES FOR BORDER

Juarez, Jan. 27 .- Guarded by a detachment of de facto troops, a refugee train left Casas Grandes late today for the border, carrying more than 500 Mexican, American and Chinese refugees from the zone which is being evacuated by the American troops.

Crowds of refugees at Casas Grandes unable to find room on the train were forces from Colonia Dublan or await another train.

TO ASK EACH WITNESS POINT BLANK IF HE KNEW OF "LEAK"

No One Yet Found Who Would Admit Having Advance Information. New York, Jan. 21 .- Each witness who is examined when the House Rules committee resumes here Monday its investigation of the alleged "leak" of advance information on the President's

t was announced tonight by Sherman ... Whipple, counsel for the committee. Mr. Whipple declared he had not yet ound any one who would admit having received "what might be called advance information" nor had any one acknowledged spreading the confidential information given newspaper men From Ojo-de-Federico there will go by Secretary of State Lansing, the ater tanks

the action contemplated by Mr. Wilson,,

Disapproves Railroads' Plan. or transportation of any of the sup-plies will depend upon General Per-shing in depend upon General Pershing's judgment. There is at Colonia at Eastern seaports by reducing from bublan a huge quantity of stores, integrated now by those brought north for unloading commodities for export, left here tonight for York, S. C., to attend the El Valle. om El Valle. The transportation of was disapproved today by the Interhese stores can be done by truck state Commerce Commission and tariffs tative Finley, of South Carolina, a vet-

Campbell Declared Governor. Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 27 .- The Arizona Massible. The flimsy shelters, adobe supreme court late today returned a Cleveland, Jan. 27.—Secretary of the standard wood, are being removed at all decision holding that Thomas E. Camp-

Given Orders Not to Stop Until Villa is Captured.

HE IS GIVEN A FREE HAND NO AMERICAN CASUALTIES REPUBLICANS OPPOSE

Complete Preparations Made for Mexicans, Said to Have Been from Occupying Positions Formerly Held by Americans.

Mexico City, Jan. 27 .- General Obregon, minister of war, announced today that complete preparations had been made for the occupation by government troops of the positions in Northern Mexico from which General Pershing withdraws and that orders had been given to General Murguia for such disposition of his troops as will prevent any raid by Villa's command.

"The military situation through the republic has improved immeasurably during the last month and General Murguia's campaign in the north is the clash followed. Fifteen troopers proceeding with the utmost success," said General Obregon. "This is the first real campaign in the north against end. The government never again will expeditionary force was on the way to make the mistake of simply defeating covery or of future menace."

Villa, said General Obregon, now is ming it out. Under his direction field headquarters and will ride to the in the mountains of western Chihuahua, near the Sonora border. The asals said. The march will be resumed signment of General Manuel Dieguez to the command of the de facto troops in the Laguna district, near Torreon, to inform General Pershing of the for- he said, gives General Murgula a free mal order for the withdrawal of his hand for the pursuit of Villa and he column today and he immediately has been instructed not to stop until he captures the bandit.

General Obregon expressed an urg-General Pershing's command, American embargo on shipment

VILLA AFTER WITHDRAWAL troops are in potential control of north- | Mexicans and United States cavalryern Mexico and await only the withdrawal of the American punitive expedition to make that control an actual reported on the American side. Mexican one, according to John J. Hawes, Villa's

Basing his assertions upon information brought to him here, he says, by ntion to let the first chief settle for expeditionary forces, while hundreds of messengers direct from Villa, who is declared to be in command of the forces investing Chihuahua, Hawes asserted today that 20 Carranza generals commanding nearly 15,000 Mexican out and tents were being pitched late troops in several states adjoining the international border have made representations to Villa that when the latone part of it will be arranged as an ter gives the word they will turn from asylum for the 200 or more Chinese Carranza. This word will be given, according to Hawes, as soon as General Pershing's troops have returned to United States soil.

. Hawes said he had been told by the Villa messengers that the defection of awaiting the retirement of the Pershing expedition, Hawes asserted, was that Villa's men intend to avoid any clash with the Americans.

When the Carranza troops have placed themselves under Villa's command, Hawes said, he was informed by the Villa messengers, an offensive, described as a Mexican spring drive, would be begun immediately against those Carranza forces who remain loyal to the de facto president. According to forced to accompany the expeditionary Hawes, this offensive will be conducted in a manner which will insure protection for American and other foreign interests in Mexico. Permanent guards of soldiers will be thrown about foreign-owned oil wells, mines and other property, and every foe will be made to co-operate harmoniously, Americans, Britons, Germans and other citizens

from outside of Mexico. Meanwhile, Hawes said, Villa is ungovernment that he did not lead the Columbus raid which caused the loss whether he had advance knowledge of 2,000 affidavits, of which 90 per cent are signed by Americans residing in ed, would be filed with the State De-

partment. The last two weeks, according to Villa's agents reporting to Hawes, have in the United States District court and seen the retreat of Carranza troops from Santa Isabel, San Andres, Palomas and other Mexican cities and their retirement into Chihuahua.

SPEAKER CLARK AMONG THOSE

trains, but the commander may decide providing for its enforcement were died yesterday. The funeral will take road fraish. place tomorrow.

Daniels Principal Speaker. Cleveland, Jan. 27 .- Secretary of the When the Americans evacuated Vers (Continued on Page Sixteen.)

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Obregon Says Murguia Has Been Driven Across International Boun- House Passes Bill to Allow "Absentee Voting." After Two

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Carranza Garrison, Pursued Across the Border.

Arivaca, Ariz., Jan. 27 .- The Mexicans who have been in a skirmish since Friday morning with American troops and cowboys at Ruby, Ariz., were driven across the international boundary today. The Mexicans took refuge in adobe houses, but were routed and the houses burned. The Mexicans have fled to the hills.

dary at Ruby, Ariz., After

Two Days' Skirmish.

American cowboys saw Mexicans rounding up eattle on the American side of the boundary line, according to several statements here tonight, and and several cowboys, it is asserted, returned the fire of about 20 Mexicans.

No Americans were killed or wounded, but a bloody blanket found in an Villa and will be pressed home to the adobe house the Mexicans used as a to 19, in which the Republicans voted fort indicated that the Americans' shots practically to a man against the bill. took effect. There were other traces the border, according to Americans and scattering the bandits, but will of the Utah cavalry, under command tonight to relieve Troop E, Lieut. C. H. Arns reported all quiet along the

> Fighting was resumed by the Mexicans at daybreak after a lull during the night, returning cowboys said toican troopers charged the Mexicans. The invaders were driven across the line and Americans followed them. Another lull occurred when the Mexicans took up positions it several abandoned adobe houses one mile south of the boundary line. Another rush on the part of the Americans, it was stated, caused the Mexicans to flee and take up positions in the distant hills. The troops returned to the American side after destroying the adobe house this morning.

FIGHTING AT STONEHOUSE CEASED YESTERDAY AT NOON

New York, Jan. 27.-Villa and his Stonehouse, on the border, between men, stopped at noon today, according to reports tonight. No casualties were losses are unknown.

Mexican Consul Delgado, at Nogales, telephoned to Sheriff Rye Miles, of Pima county, here today that he believed (Continued on Page Sixteen.)

## POLICE ARE INDICTED

Together With Eleven Other Members of Police Force.

Seattle Men Charged With Conspiring to Violate the Federal Liquor Statutes-Two of the Men Plead Guilty.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 27-Mayor Hiram C. Gill. Chief of Police Beckingham and 11 other members of the local police force were indicted by the Federal grand jury today charged with conspiring to violate the Federal liquor

Mayor Gill, Chief Beckingham and five others are charged with plotting to ship quantities of whiskey into Seattle under organized official and police pro-

Mayor Gill also is accused of having accepted a \$4,000 bribe from Logan Billingsley at the time the alleged conspiracy began. Several instances where Chief Beckingham took substantial bribes from Billingsley and in which, Mexico, are being prepared tending to it is charged, he aided them to steal prove that Villa was elsewhere on the liquor consigned to other persons, are night of the raid; these, Hawes assert- alleged by the Federal authorities. Indicted in 1916 for conspiracy to violate the Federal liquor laws, Logan and Fred Billingsley entered pleas of guilty became witnesses for the government

TWENTY-SEVEN MEN PLEAD

GUILTY OF VOTE SELLING Cincinnati, O., Jan. 27 .- Twenty-seven men arrested on indictments returned by the Federal grand jury, which his vote, told how the Pennsylvania investigated alleged frauds at the last and Ohio troops held their full fledged presidential election, pleaded guilty to elections that counted and how the vote selling when arraigned in the North Carolina troops down there had United State District court here today, to content themselves with going tend the funeral of the late Represen- Three others indicted on the same through a mock election for their own charge pleaded not guilty. Sentence amusement and consolation. He said businessablocks of Pittsburg early to-was deferred by Judge Hollister and all that this may not happen again in the day, causing the destruction of a numdied yesterday. The funeral will take were ordered committeed to the Day- present generation but he suspected ton. Ohio, fail. Of the 99 men in- that unless conditions improved speeddicted by the grand jury, 53 have now | ily all along the line in Mexico the been brought into court. Nearly all of the men who pleaded guilty to vote election. selling were residents of the low price

lodging houses.

Each man admitted that he had sold his vote on the last presidential election day for one dollar.

Hours of "Cross Firing."

Both Houses Getting Ready to Press Legislation Necessitated by the Amendments.

(Special Star Telegram). Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 27 .- The bill by Senator Bennett, of Swain, to prohibit the sale or advertising in North Caros lina of proprietary medicines purporting to cure diseases pronounced by the medical authorities to be incurable was passed by the Senate today, without a dissenting vote, as was also another bill by the same author to put medicines under the pure food law to prevent adulteration or misbranding.

The House spent a couple of hours arguing and cross firing over the substitute House bill to provide "absentee voting" in this State and finally passed it without amendment by a vote of 62

Minority Leader McRary had offered amendment to strike out the words "entitled to vote," as giving cretion to one man, but the majority disapproved and the amendment met defeat along with one by Haymore, Republican, to require that the prospective absentee voter must specify the reason for his absence when he registers. Under the bill, this registration can be made at any time of the year except during the 20 days prior to the

The House and Senate are both getting ready to press along the legislation as to counties, cities and towns made necessary at this session by the adoption of the constitutional amendments. Senator Brenizer, in the Senate, and Representative Dalton, in the House, pressed these matters this morning with resolutions for a joint committee to get busy on these bills forthwith, and definite action was promised Tuesday in both ends of the

Large numbers of legislators left for their homes this afternoon for the week-end, Monday sessions being set for 3 p. m. to give time for them to get back before legislation is resumed. Both legislative halls will be turned over to vacuum cleaners all Monday forencon to thoroughly clean the carpets for eradication of lurking mi-

In the Senate leaves of absence were ranted Senators Oates, Cranmer, lough and others.

New bills were introduced as follows: McCain-An act to prescribe the duies of a court stenographer. Scales-Repeal section 2,696 of the 905 Revisal and enact a new section.

Passed Final Reading. The following bills passed final read-Prohibit the misbranding and adul teration of drugs; Regulate civil terms of court; Prohibit the sale or advertising of remedies purporting to cure in-

There was received and laid before the House a petition or memorial from the Mecklenburg County United Confederate Veterans Association complaining of too little pensions to Confederate veterans and pleading that

there be material increase. A bill to prescribe punishment for persons who drive motor vehicles when under the influence of liquor or drugs came from committee with unfavorable

There was a favorable report from committee for the bill of Representative Clark authorizing semi-annual bond issues of \$400,000 each to counties or townships for road building.

New Bills in House New bills were introduced as follows: Gardner-Regulate the transportation and sale of cord wood, pulp wood and the like in this State. Price, of Rockingham-Exempt from

taxation the libraries of State, teachers and ministers of the Gospel. The Speaker laid before the House the substitute absentee voting bill and long discussion started up. The original bills by Doughton and others had been unfavorably reported, but the substitute was under favorable report from

It was explained by Representative Doughton that the bill does not provide for absentee registration, but any other time of the year except the regular 20day period before the election. Grant Asks a Question

Representative Grant made inquiry use of more than one ballot. Repre- turn to Memphis shortly after 1 o'clock sentative McLendon, who was on the with the injured, Mexican border at last election and lost troops would be down there at the next McRackan Inquisitive.

Representative McRackan questioned Mr. Doughton and Representative Page about the possibility of fraud being (Continued on Page Two)

## REAFFIRMS PROMISE THAT GERMAN SWORD WILL ENFORCE PEACE

Confederate Veterans Urged to Attend the Gathering in the National Capital.

ORDERS

As Dates For Business Session. Members Requested to Wear Their Uniforms.

New Orleans, Jan. 27 .- Officials of the United Confederate Veterans have decided upon June 5 to 7, inclusive, as the dates for the business sessions of the twenty-seventh annual reunion to be held in Washington, according to general orders issued by General Geo P. Harrison, commander in chief, and announced here tonight by Adjutant tures connected with the re-union, the announcement stated, will occupy the

entire week highning June 4. In urging the veterans to attend the gathering, General Harrison mentioned that this will be the first Confederate erate States and he praised the members of the G. A. R. in Washington for taking the initiative in inviting their of the various camps are urged to attend in uniforms.

The orders also stated that the Confederated Southern Memorial Associaion and the Sons of Confederate Veterans will hold their conventions in erected by the state of Virginia to the memory of her soldiers at Gettysburg, Pa., will be unveiled June 8 and on the battlefield and the veterans are requested by the commander to attend these ceremonies

The call for the 18th annual convention of the Confederated Southern Memorial Association in Washington June to 7, inclusive, was issued here tonight by Mrs. W. J. Behan, the order president.

STATE ATTEMPTS TO IMPEACH THE TESTIMONY OF SPANELL Widow of Colonel Butler Repeats Her Previous Testimony.

San Angelo, Texas, Jan. 27.-In an effort to impeach the testimony of Harry J. Spanell, on trial here for killing his wife at Alpine, Texas, July 20, 1916, the state this afternoon called Mrs. Margaret Howell Butler, widow of Lieut.-Col. Malcolin C. Butler, for whose slaying Spanell is also under indict-

ment. Mrs. Butler's testimony was a repetion of her previous testimony that Mrs. Spanell had accompanied Colonel Butler and herself to the Butler room in the Holland hotel at Alpine a short time before the shooting, and that Mrs. Spanell had not been insulted and there

had been no quarrel. Spanell, testifying Thursday, said his wife had been insulted by Butler in this room and that the shooting had followed his demand for an explanation from Butler. The only new feature to Mrs. Butler's testimony this afternoon was the statement that Colonel Butler "did not drink."

Lee Hafrington, of Alpine, a state's witness, testified he was at the Alpine jail With Sheriff Allen Walton, of Brewster county, and heard Spanell tell

"I've killed Major Butler and my wife. I'm ruined! They made me do

PASSENGER TRAIN COLLISION Several Said to Have Been Hurt on the Rock Island at Mounds, Ark.

FOUR REPORTED KILLED IN

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 27 .- Four persons were reported to have been killed and several injured in a rear end colision late tonight between passenger trains of the St. Louis, Southwestern & Rock Island railroad at Mounds, Ark., a junction point near Memphis. A reief train was sent from this city.

Later a telephone message from Hulbert. Ark., near the scene of the collision, shortly after midnight stated that one man was killed and about 20 injured. The local offices of the two roads were without definite information as to the number of injured at that as to whether the bill permitted the hour. A relief train is expected to re-

Pittsburg, Jan. 27.-Sixteen hours nesty. Celebrations were held in all after the disastrous fire which swept the schools, high schools and univerthrough half of one of the principal sities. Ler of retail establishments and entailing a loss of \$2,000,000, workmen tonight began razing the ruined buildings preparatory to the rebuilding of the block.

Fireman tonight stra directed streams of water into the smoldering although there had been small outbreaks of flame during the day, all danbreaks of flame during the day, all danoperation.

Emperor William's Declaration Received as Surprise in Some Entente Capitals.

SIRTHDAY IS CELEBRATED

Teutonic State, Military and Naval Leaders Assemble at Great Headquarters.

REVIEW OF THE WAR NEWS

Verdun and Riga Regions Scenes of Principal Activity.

Emperor William, of Germany, repeated on his fifty-eighth birthday anniversary Saturday his promise previously made to the German army that Germany would enforce peace with the sword. His message was sent to Berlin from General William E. Mickle. Other feat the German great headquarters in reply to birthday congratulations, according to German newspapers. It was contrary to expectations in some of the entente capitals that the emperor would make a notable peace move in an address he was former opponents on the battlefield to expected to deliver at a meeting of meet in the Nation's Capital. Members Teutonic state, military and naval leaders, assembled at the headquarters to celebrate the anniversary.

French Attack Fails. The vicinity of Hill 304, in the Verdun sector, and the Riga region of the northern Russo-German front continue to be the chief centers of military ac-

After subjecting the German defense works. at Eparges and Hill 304 to an intense bombardment, the French stormed the trenches recently occupied by the Germans, but according to the Berlin war office, the attack failed with

Fresh Russian troops have reinforced the line east of the river Aa in the Riga district, but were unable to drive the Germans from ground they recently captured. On the other hand, German attempts to throw back the Russian line in the vicinity of Kainsem were unsuccessful. The artillery has been active on the Franco-Belgian battle line, between the Somme and Ancre rivers, as well as in the vicinity of

After eleven hours of desperate ighting the Rumanians have forced backward the Teutonic troops south of the Kasino and Suchitza valleys in Mol-

Activity on the other fronts is limited mainly to artillery duels, trench raids and aerial combats.

WILL FORCE BY THE SWORD THE PEACE NECESSARY.

London, Jan. 27 .- Telegraphing from the German great headquarters to the Berlin Academy of Science, in reply to birthday congratulations, Emperor Wiliam reiterated today the assertion that the German people will obtain peace by the sword, says a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam, which declares this information was obtained from German newspapers. The Emperor's message, as quoted read:

"The unshakable will to victory of the German people, who are prepared for every sacrifice of blood and treasure, will, I trust God, preserve the Fatherland from the ruin contemplated by its enemies and will force by the sword the peace necessary for the blessed development of the people."

FORMAL CONGRATULATIONS

CABLED BY THE PRESIDENT. Washington, Jan. 27-President Wilson today cabled Emperor William formal congratulations on the 58th anniversary of his birth, as is the custom on the birthdays of all foreign soversigns. Secretary Lansing and his three chief assistants left their congratulations at the German embassy.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN KEEPING WITH WAR CONDITIONS Berlin, Jan. 27 (via Tuckerton, N. J.) The birthday of Emperor William was observed today with manifestations in keeping with war conditions. The Empress and Prince Henry of Prussia, and his eldest son, Prince IN PITTSBURG FIRE-SWEPT German Great Headquarters. The Emperor issued an order of general am-

BRITISH ON THE SOMME

FRONT TAKE 350 PRISONERS London, Jan. 27 .- In a successful operation on the Somme front in the neighborhood of LeTransloy today, says the official communication issued from British headquarters tonight, a comof water into the smoldering ruins and manding portion of a German position although there had been small out- was captured by British troops. More