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WAR PREPARATIONS SUDDENLY RESUMED

Report From Funston Revives Activities At Washington.

DEPARTMENT ASKS RE-INFORCEMENTS

Cabinet Is Considering the Request; A Militia Call Possible

Washington, May 8.—The Mexican situation assumed a more warlike aspect today. Activities at the war department, which began last night, are the receipt of long confidential advices from General Funston were renewed throughout the morning and were brought to the attention of President Wilson and the cabinet when the regular session began at 11 o'clock.

While this activity disclosed that every preparation was being made for possible eventualities, yet Secretary Garrison said just before entering the cabinet meeting that "no additional troop movements have been ordered."

The question of placing a large force of Americans in Vera Cruz that would later be strong enough to defend that port against any attack or to undertake a possible campaign against Mexico City was laid before the president and his cabinet by Secretary of War Garrison.

War department officials, it was stated, decided that reinforcements were needed at Vera Cruz, at the late conference of Secretary Garrison and the general staff last night. The secretary and his advisers went over the entire military situation at Vera Cruz and other points in Mexico before reaching this decision.

Secretary Garrison called the conference after a cipher telegram from Vera Cruz had been delivered to him at the White House where he was attending the wedding of the president's daughter. He left the festivities hurriedly and summoned his aides to the war department.

Among dispatches received was one which reported the firing of two oil wells at Tampico. The protection of American lives and property, it was stated, was the prime motive behind the determination of army and navy officers that the American forces in Mexico should be reinforced.

It became known today that officials of the war department have been in long distance telephone communication with the governors of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio in an effort to determine how soon the militia organizations of those states could be mobilized and sent to the seaboard for shipment in transports. The department has been energetic in its efforts to make all preparations for possible mobilization of the national guard and the selection of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio as the states whose militia arrangements were to be made was taken as an indication that the department believes the militia in those states is best prepared for actual service.

In the theoretical organization of the militia the Pennsylvania and New York state forces each make up a full tactical division. They are the only states supplying a full division quota. Ohio combines with Michigan to fill a division and the other divisions are made up of several states each.

The delegation of Tampico oil men who yesterday conferred with Secretary of the Navy Daniels today visited Secretary of State Bryan and urged measures for the protection of the oil properties in the disturbed section around Tampico.

The British ambassador also conferred with Secretary Bryan as to conditions at Tampico.

Secretary Bryan left the cabinet meeting he said no reply had yet been formulated to the Huerta communication. Huerta, he stated, had raised question as to whether the sending of the army to take the place of naval forces at Vera Cruz was a violation of the armistice.

Asked if the unusual activity of the war department last night and today signified any change of policy Mr. Bryan said that he could not discuss the affairs of the war department.

Other members on leaving the meeting said that it was understood that the entire question of dealing with the situation at Vera Cruz had been left in the hands of the war department. Several of the secretaries took the position that the United States was fully within its rights in any movement to reinforce the troops now in Vera Cruz.

Urgent representations were made by the state department today through the Brazilian embassy to the Huerta government seeking the release of Vice Consul John R. Silliman, who is reported held by the Mexican federalists at Saltillo.

Washington, May 8.—A long cipher telegram from General Funston at Vera Cruz that stirred the general staff of the army into a midnight conference, was to be placed before the president and his cabinet today by Secretary Garrison. While details of the dispatch were not given out, it was understood to contain reports to General Funston by refugees from Mexico City. Secretary Garrison said today no aggressive movement of any kind by the American forces was ordered. It was known that high officials of the war department were anxious to station at Vera Cruz or on ships within striking distance of that port a force powerful enough to make a swift ascent on Mexico City if that became necessary. Probably 50,000 or 60,000 men would be required.

While the meeting of the general staff was being discussed in official circles today, the mediators proceeded steadily with their program for their conference with representatives of the Huerta government and the United States at Niagara Falls, Canada, May 13.

Army officials, though anxious to make no move that might embarrass the progress of preliminary mediation negotiations, are known to be desirous of preparedness for any eventuality. They fear the situation at Vera Cruz may become desperate in the event of an anarchistic outbreak in Mexico City, or should the federal forces hovering beyond Funston's outpost launch an attack irrespective of Huerta's declaration of a truce.

Officials today sought additional information of the reported killing of two Englishmen and an American subject in Guadalajara. Confirmation of the reports was lacking.

Vera Cruzans Contested.

Vera Cruz, May 8.—Local newspapers today publish prominent commendations of the American administration in the city. There is great commercial activity everywhere and this is a subject of much gratification to the natives.

The work of reorganization is going steadily forward.

The most condition in Mexico City is restoring confidence and many of the militia arrangements were to be made was taken as an in-

DECIDES AGAINST A GENERAL STRIKE

Special Committee Intends to Push Colorado Strike However.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 8.—That it is not the part of wisdom for the miners in the organized states to engage in a general strike at this particular time, was the report today of the special committee to the international executive board of the United Mine Workers of America in session here. It was decided, however, to push the strike in Colorado and an appeal for financial help was submitted.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., could have prevented the loss of life in Colorado by favoring a settlement of the strike through a meeting of the operators and miners, according to a statement issued by the international executive board. The statement also declares "there can be no turning back or turning aside. The sacrifices already made are too great."

TO OPEN CONFERENCE ON CHARITY AND CORRECTION

More Than 2200 Delegates and Visitors on Hand—Other Associations' Sessions.

Mempis, Tenn., May 8.—With more than 2200 delegates and visitors already on hand and all details of arrangements completed, the opening session of the National Conference on Charities and Corrections will be held here tonight. The conference will continue until May 15.

The Southern Sociological congress and other national charitable organizations which have been holding meetings here during the past few days will meet with the national conference which will be addressed by the president, Professor Graham Taylor of Chicago.

During next week two sessions of the conference will be held daily but the intervening time will be occupied by sectional meetings in charge of the nine standing committees.

The American Association of Societies for Organizing Charities opened its annual meeting with a general session today.

The association of charity officials, the National Probation association and the National Jewish Charities also hold meetings today.

METHODIST CONFERENCE PRAYS OVER PROBLEMS

Oklahoma City, May 8.—Fasting, prayer and other devotional exercises were the order of the day for the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, today. In accordance with a resolution adopted yesterday, the first hour and a half was set aside for prayer over the great problems facing the church. This service was led by bishops and ministerial delegates designated by Bishop Wilson, the presiding officer.

At the conclusion of this service the regular order of business was resumed and the presentation of memorials and petitions first in order.

Reports from committees which held meetings late yesterday also were received.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL PASSES IN HOUSE

Washington, May 8.—The house has passed without a roll call the annual naval appropriation bill carrying \$139,569,234 and providing for the entire administration naval construction program. The building program includes two battleships, one to be built in some government navy yard; six torpedo boat destroyers, one sea going torpedo boat, three coast defense submarines torpedo boats to be constructed on the Pacific coast, and four submarines.

The "little navy" men made their final stand against two battleships on a motion to send the bill back to the committee which was defeated 291 to 166. Democratic Leader Underwood, Republican Leader Mann and other prominent figures in the house supported the motion.

PREPARATIONS BY SUFFRAGISTS

Representatives From Every State in Union Gather in Washington For Parade Tomorrow.

DEMONSTRATION URGING SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

Pageant Will Surpass All Former Demonstrations—Am- ple Police Protection Provided.

Washington, May 8.—Suffragists from all parts of the United States were prepared today for their march on congress tomorrow when they will demand the passage of a constitutional amendment enfranchising women.

Although no estimate has been made of the number of women who will take part in the pageant, it was said today that it would surpass previous demonstrations here. Every state in the union will be represented. The marchers have come bearing suffrage petitions and resolutions addressed to their congressmen.

When the marchers reach the capitol they will be met by a congressional committee composed of Senators Thomas, Bristow, Owen, Chamberlain, Poindexter, Sterling, Gallinger, Kenyon, Sutherland, Jones and Thompson; Representatives Mondell, Falconer, Stone, Rapley, Bryan, of Washington, Sabath, Campbell, Knowland, Kahn, Keating and Madden.

Representative Mondell, author of the resolution proposing a constitutional amendment which has been reported to the house from the judiciary committee, today announced that he would offer a special rule making the regulation in order if the administration program refused to give it precedence.

The suffragists have been promised ample police protection and no untoward incidents which marked the suffrage procession here on March 5, 1913, are expected.

Year's Imprisonment

Leoda, Eng., May 8.—Marion Lenton a suffragette, was sentenced today to a year's imprisonment for setting fire to Westfield house, Doncaster, in June, last year.

Miss Lenton, while awaiting trial, was released after a hunger strike. She disappeared for almost a year but was re-arrested a few days ago at Brighton.

When sentence was pronounced Miss Lenton's friends in the gallery pelted the judge with suffrage magazines and pamphlets, at the same time shouting at the tops of their voices. The police in court were greatly outnumbered and fared badly at the hands of the demonstrators. When reinforcements arrived the ringleaders were ejected and others fled.

VETERANS PARADE TODAY IN CONCLUDING REUNION

Jacksonville, Fla., May 8.—Clouds hovered over the city today and threatened to interfere with the parade of the united confederate veterans, one of the features of the twenty-fourth annual reunion, now being held here. Instead of trudging through the streets on foot as in previous parades, veterans today were supplied with automobiles and horses. While the innovation detracted from the picturesqueness of the spectacle, it was hoped fatalities, which have characterized former parades would be avoided.

The reunion will be concluded this afternoon after the final business session of the united confederate veterans at which departmental officers will be elected to serve with General Bennett H. Young, of Louisville, who yesterday was re-elected commander in chief.

Richmond, Va., was chosen for the 1915 reunion. General Young defeated General Felix Robertson of Texas.

General Young, led the spectacular parade of the several thousand veterans, both sons and maids of honor participating. Fourteen bands were scattered throughout the line of march. There were nearly 2000 decorated automobiles in the pageant.

The army of Tennessee was in third place.

Forrest's cavalry, mounted and in automobiles formed the last division.

REBELS HAVE TAKEN SAN LUIS POTOSI

Washington, May 8.—San Luis Potosi has fallen into the hands of the constitutionalists, according to information which Secretary Bryan transmitted to one of his cabinet members today.

Berlin, May 8.—A captive military balloon was struck by lightning and destroyed today at Zossen, 23 miles south of Berlin. There were no casualties.

SOUTHERN RY. WILL EXPAND

Optimism Kept Sounded by Railroad Officials at Meet- ing of G. W. N. C. Association.

CONFIDENT OF BETTER BUSINESS IN SOUTH

Advertising Appropriation for Western North Carolina Has Been Increased Over Last Year's.

Optimism was the keynote sounded at the meeting here today of the directors of the Greater Western North Carolina association. This keynote was sounded by Passenger Traffic Mgr. S. H. Hardwick of the Southern railway and was followed up in an address by M. V. Richards of the land and industrial department of the Southern and others present. Mr. Hardwick delivered a message to those present from President Fairfax Harrison of the system to the effect that the officials of the Southern are so confident of the future of the south and of western North Carolina that the program of the road is one of expansion in service. Of particular interest to the people of this section was the statement that the appropriation of the southern for advertising western North Carolina this summer for tourist business has been increased over last year and that many additional trains will be operated. These additions will be made outside of the excellent service that has been provided heretofore during the busy season.

The declarations of Mr. Hardwick were especially gratifying to those who heard him today, since reports from many sections of the country are to the effect that business conditions are of such a nature that curtailment of railroad business is being consistently followed out. The Southern has no idea of any such curtailment, but on the contrary is preparing all the time to take care of increased business. This is flattering to the southern states as a whole but particularly to western North Carolina, which is to receive a very large share of this expansion.

Mr. Hardwick declared that business conditions in the south and this particular section are better than ever before and that the officials of the Southern are enthusiastic over the outlook for the approaching season. They believe that the great success of last season will prove to be only a forerunner of the approaching season. In testimony of this belief a new through train has been arranged between Asheville and St. Louis, to begin operations May 24; arrangements have been made to have the Carolina Special make connections through to Chicago, instead of to Cincinnati; another through train is contemplated between Asheville and New York; and two additional trains are to be put on for local service. One of these will be between Asheville and Sylva and the other between Hendersonville and Lake Toxaway.

Mr. Richards delivered an equally enthusiastic talk today, expressing his confidence in western North Carolina a great tourist resort and as one of the greatest possibilities in agriculture and other lines of commerce. Others present spoke of increased business in the section and bright prospects for continued increase.

Following a report submitted by Col. Sanford H. Cohen, manager of the association, on the work that has been accomplished since the last meeting on February 23, covering the campaign for tourists in southern resorts, the publication and distribution of a large amount of literature and the work in the interest of the military and civil training camps that will be conducted in the section this year, the directors present voted an appropriation of \$300 with which Col. Cohen is to launch the summer campaign of advertising. This will be begun about May 20 and will include the posting of important points in Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas, and various points in Ohio and Indiana. Col. Cohen stated that the association now has between \$400 and \$500 worth of posters on hand and that very few others will have to be printed. The summer booklet will come from the press some time next week and will be given a wide distribution.

STOTESBURY CHOSEN TO SUCCEED GEO. F. BAER

Philadelphia, May 8.—Edward T. Stotesbury, of Philadelphia has been elected president of the Reading company succeeding the late George F. Baer.

Theodore E. Voorhees was made president of the Reading railway company and W. J. Richards was elected president of the Reading Coal and Iron company.

PROTEST MADE BY GEN. HUERTA

DANIELS DEFENDS AMERICAN POLICY

Replies to Complaints Against Withdrawal of Warships From Tampico.

Washington, May 8.—Essentials of the American policy in Mexico up to the present time were reiterated today in a statement by Secretary Daniels replying to complaints against the withdrawal of United States warships from the river at Tampico and to criticism of the department's refusal to take some refugees back to Tampico after they had been removed from the danger zone. The statement declared that the department had considered as its pre-eminent duty the prevention of loss of life and the rescue of foreigners and Americans in peril. The protection of property beyond range of the navy's guns was next in importance, the statement declared, "but so far as has been possible the navy has endeavored to cool the enthusiasm of an excited populace by the sight of the visible power for reprisal that is displayed by the guns of our warships lying as they are today in practically every port on the east and west coasts."

Declaring that practically every foreigner and American in the Tampico district now is safe, as well as foreign property interests, Secretary Daniels states that it seems almost unnecessary to defend a course "which has achieved such results."

Secretary Daniels' statement concludes:

"Tampico is now a closely beleaguered city, exposed to constant attacks from the outside from a continually augmenting enemy. The constitutional forces, according to all reports, are gradually increasing in numbers in the territory around about. Whether our efforts at mediation fail or are successful, it would seem to be obvious that Tampico and its surroundings will not be safe for foreigners of any kind during the coming death grapple between the constitutionalists and the federals."

"If property owners choose to return to Tampico, risking their own lives and the lives of their families, it does not lie in our power to stop them. To deliberately send them there would place upon us the responsibility of their safety. It is difficult to see how any one could reasonably expect us to assume such an awful risk."

RESOLUTION PASSED FOR PROBE OF COAL TRUST

Washington, May 8.—The Senate today passed Senator Tillman's resolution authorizing the naval affairs committee to investigate the alleged discrimination of railroads and the coal trust against ports on the Atlantic Seaboard south of Cape Hatteras.

There was no debate on the resolution.

Witnesses from the Pennsylvania, Baltimore and Ohio, Norfolk and Western, Chesapeake and Ohio and Southern railway systems and from some of the big coal companies which ship to the territory probably will be summoned before the committee.

Complains to Mediators That United States Is Breaking Armistice by Operations At Vera Cruz.

MEDIATORS CONVEY COMPLAINT TO U. S.

Washington Officials Point Out There Is as Yet No Formal Armistice Between the Parties.

Mexico City, May 8.—Esteva Ruiz, acting minister of foreign relations, has complained to the South American mediators that American troops were landing in Vera Cruz and that other military preparations were in progress there, thus breaking the armistice.

In reply the South American mediators have wired, it is announced, that they will make representations regarding the matter to President Wilson.

The foreign office has issued a statement thanking the mediators. It says:

"The Mexican government in view of the mediator's attitude in the case of the Carranzista refusal to suspend hostilities and the new landing of American troops and war material in Vera Cruz is much obliged for the prudence, impartiality and good willingness of the mediators."

Complaint Received.

Washington, May 8.—Secretary of State Bryan admitted early today that this government had received a note from the South American mediators in which complaint is made by the Huerta government that American operations at Vera Cruz are in violation of the armistice.

Asked as to the details of the note, Mr. Bryan said: "It simply sets forth what Huerta says. A reply to the note will be made."

Ambassador Da Gama of Brazil, and Ministers Naon of Argentina, and Suarez of Chile, were astir early. None of the mediators would discuss the news emanating from Mexico City regarding the Huerta protest.

It was thought that the envoys would go to the state department to negotiate further regarding the protest.

When the United States would reply to the envoys' note was not made known. President Wilson is said to have been informed last night of the Huerta government's communication and it is expected that the subject would be considered at the cabinet meeting today.

No Formal Armistice.

Officials point out that neither the United States nor General Huerta has yet entered into any formal armistice. What occurred was this: The mediators suggested that hostilities should be suspended during the period of negotiations. To this Secretary Bryan replied that it was assumed there would be a suspension of hostilities, except to repel attack. General Huerta's answer was understood to be an acceptance but the exact terms have not been given out. Mr. Bryan has several times pointed out that this did not constitute a formal armistice but only an assumption that hostilities would be suspended except to resist aggression.

The Hague Provisions.

Article VII. of The Hague convention (Continued on Page Two).

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