

Carranza Proposal for Reciprocal Troop Movements Will Probably Be Accepted

OFFICIAL WASHINGTON IN SUSPENSE TO HEAR TROOPS ARE OVER LINE

War Department Still Without Advice as to Whether U. S. Troops Have Entered Mexico.

FUNSTON MAY DELAY NOTICE OF STARTING

May Not Advise War Department of Movement Until Men Are Well on March to the South.

Washington, March 13.—The United States will reply to General Carranza's request for a reciprocal arrangement for the crossing of troops at the Mexican border later today, after Secretary Lansing has conferred with President Wilson. There were indications today that the Carranza proposal will be accepted.

The war department is still without advice as to whether American troops have crossed the border into Mexico. Secretary Baker had not heard that any troops had crossed the border and reiterated that he would make such information public as soon as it reached him. He added that the morning dispatches contained nothing of importance that could be given out.

Official Washington was in suspense awaiting the official announcement that American troops had crossed into Mexico to carry vengeance to Villa and his followers for the Columbus, N. M., massacre. The war department is besieged with inquiries. Newspaper men gathered about the door leading to Secretary Baker's office. They were promised that there would be no delay in giving out the news of the movements of the expedition; that messages from General Funston, announcing that the expeditionary forces were on their way would be published immediately on their receipt.

There was no assurance, however, that General Funston would advise the department before his men were well on the march southward.

President Wilson arrived here early today on the naval yacht Mayflower from a week-end trip. Every important development in the situation was sent to the Mayflower by radio, as the yacht steamed up the Potomac last night.

A question which confronts the president was the reaching of a decision as to whether or not it would be wise to lay the Mexican situation before congress at this time.

The president himself was understood to be inclined to do so immediately after the cabinet meeting on Friday, when it was determined to send troops in pursuit of Villa. Some advisers, however, felt that such action might be misconstrued in Mexico possibly, and that the expedition into Mexico might be magnified into an advance guard of a movement in force to police all northern Mexico.

While the strictest secrecy is being maintained by the war department as to the force that General Funston has designated to pursue Villa, information from the border points toward a force of cavalry, mountain artillery, and engineers totalling between 5000 and 6000 men.

Carranza Insists.
Mexico City, March 13.—General Carranza tonight issued a manifesto to the nation declaring that under no circumstances would the Mexican government grant the right to the United States to violate Mexican territory by sending in an armed force in pursuit of Villa without consent and the reciprocal privilege being first obtained and admitted. Word was sent to the confidential agent of the Mexican government in Washington to make immediate representations to this effect.

General Carranza says in his manifesto: "I am sure that I interpret in this matter the national sentiment and that the Mexican people will comply in a dignified manner with their duty by the sacrifices what they may, to sustain their rights and sovereignty. It is unfortunate, this drags us into a war—a war which the United States can never justify. We will not be responsible for the disastrous consequences. Upon the heads of the traitors, Mexicans who within and without the country have labored to produce the result, will fall the innumerable number of the people."

Situation Of Mormons In Mexico Is More Critical

El Paso March 13.—The position of the 500 members of the Mormon farming colony in the Casas Grandes district, in Chihuahua, 158 miles by train from El Paso, critical as it was in the first place, is further menaced by the presence of Villa with his band

WEAVER BASEBALL TEAM IS PICKED

Coach Perritt Selects 11 Men to Represent College on the Diamond. 4 ARE OLD MEN.

Coach Ilin Perritt of Weaver college has picked his baseball team for the season and announces that when the opening game is played at Weaverville on March 18, between the college and the Asheville High school teams, the Weaverites will be ready for a season, which it is stated, gives promise of being the best season in the history of the school.

Of the team selected by the coach, four are old men: Pico, Miller, Chambers and Aderholt reporting for diamond duty again. The new men are Cook, McCormick, Blackstock, Gill, Jenkins, Gaines and Sherrill.

PATTON-HERREN CASE UP TODAY

T. J. Cooper Sworn in As Attorney—Smith-White Case Settled Saturday.

The case of John E. Patton against John R. Herren, which was called by Superior court this morning, was being tried when court recessed for noon. The case involves several notes which the plaintiff claims that he endorsed for the defendant.

Thomas Jefferson Cooper, who recently passed the state bar examination, was sworn in this morning before Judge W. F. Harding. Mr. Cooper is well known in Asheville and in western North Carolina. He has not announced his plans for the future.

At Saturday afternoon the jury in the case of B. M. Smith and wife against Sidney L. White and wife, which occupied the attention of the court all day Saturday, returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs.

FIRST ROUND IS PLAYED AT LINKS

J. L. Cote Defeated C. F. Dreschler 5-4—Second Eight Plays This Afternoon. SPRING TOURNAMENT.

The first round of the first eight in the annual spring tournament on the links of the Asheville Country club was played this morning, the fine weather bringing out a large crowd of spectators as well as players who are not in the tournament. In the first match J. L. Cote defeated C. F. Dreschler, 5-4.

This afternoon Mrs. H. E. Potts and Dr. George D. Kirkpatrick of the second eight will play and Mr. Cote will meet the winner. Tomorrow the semifinals will be played and Wednesday the finals will take place. Winners in each eight will receive handsome cups as trophies; these are offered by Grove Park Inn.

The qualifying round for the tournament was played Saturday afternoon. Manager Lake stated today that the club officials are much gratified at the large numbers of golf lovers present Saturday and today. There are many visitors in town who are interested in the game, in addition to the enthusiastic local players.

Mr. Lake announces today that each week a tournament will be staged on the links for the benefit of visiting and Asheville golfers. The weather promises to be propitious for these events and the indications are that there will be large numbers of spectators.

HEAVY DOCKET IN THE POLICE COURT

Today's docket in Police court contained 23 cases, although few were of more than passing importance. Matthew Hint, colored, received the longest sentence imposed, four months at the county home on charges of larceny.

Fred Pote, Emma Atkins, Grace Thompson and Ed. Sama, each received 30 days on charges of an immoral nature. Nine defendants charged with speeding were before the court and two "drunks" were up. Several fines were imposed and a few of the cases were continued.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, March 13.—The Mexican situation was again a factor of primary importance at the opening of today's stock market, the latest developments across the border having pronounced effect on the shares of concerns operating in that country, and seriously unsettling the general list.

INFANTRY STILL INACTIVE ALONG WESTERN FRONT

A pronounced pause has come in the German offensive operations against Verdun, so far as the infantry arms are concerned, according to the official bulletin from Paris. Sunday passed without an infantry advance and the crown prince's troops did not leave their trenches for attack last night.

There has been no cessation, however, of the artillery play, the bombardment, continuing on much of the front, was particularly severe in the Woivre district, where the French guns have been seeking out the hostile positions, indicating that possibly some movement by the Germans to the east of southeast of the French right flank is anticipated.

Except for artillery action the fighting in the Verdun region virtually has ceased for the moment. To the north and east of the fortress there has been no infantry engagement since Saturday afternoon, when the Germans succeeded in entering a small French trench to the north of Elix.

On both sides of the Meuse from the northwest of Verdun, along the entire front around to the southeast of the fortress, the artillery of both sides has continued the tremendous shelling that has been in progress for days.

The Germans claim to have captured in the fighting around Verdun thus far 26,472 un wounded French officers and men, and one hundred and eighty-nine guns and two hundred and thirty-two machine guns.

To the south of the Somme river in the Argonne forest and in the Ban De Sapt sector of the Vosges the French guns have heavily bombarded German entrenchments.

The Russians have captured trenches from the Germans in the Dniester region of East Galicia and have made further progress against the Turks in Persia by taking the town of Kirind. The Russians admit the sinking of a Russian torpedo boat destroyer by a submarine of the central powers in the Black sea off the Bulgarian port of Varna. Part of the crew of the destroyer was rescued.

Italians Busy.
Despite the unfavorable weather conditions in the mountains the Italians are continuing their operations against the Austro-Hungarians. They are intensely bombarding the Isonzo front. The town of Gorizia has had to sustain another hail of Italian shells.

PETITIONERS WANT STABLE TORN DOWN

A petition signed by 16 business men was presented to the city commissioners at the meeting Saturday afternoon, in which they asked that a building at the corner of West College and Penland streets be declared unsafe and torn down. A livery stable is conducted there now and the petitioners ask that the commissioners refuse a license for the stable to do further business, stating that the building is frame and is a fire-trap.

Aberdeens to Visit M. A. C.

Amherst, Mass., March 13.—Lord and Lady Aberdeen of Ireland are to visit the Massachusetts Agricultural college tomorrow, and both will speak at a public meeting to be arranged for the occasion. Lady Aberdeen has been prominent in work in her native country in behalf of farm women, while her husband has been a leader in various agricultural movements in Ireland.

CALL ON BANKS.

Washington, March 13.—The comptroller of currency today issued a call to all national banks requiring them to report to him their condition at the close of business on Tuesday, March 7.

One Year Ago Today in the War.
March 13, 1915—Fighting on a large scale reported in the Carpathians; British officially announced loss of auxiliary cruiser Mayano with 130 lives; Paris reported gain by the Belgians south of Dixmude along the Yser; bombardment of the Dardanelles forts continued by the fleet of the allies.

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DISBARMENT OF LAWYER IS UP

Appeal of Fayetteville Attorney Convicted of Violating Prohibition Law to Be Argued in Supreme Court.

REPUBLICANS PLAN TO START DAILY IN RALEIGH

Claim They Will Be Able to Put Out Paper Next Spring—Other News From State Capital.

Raleigh, March 13.—The disbarment of James H. Johnson, attorney of Fayetteville, who stands convicted of having violated the state prohibition law, will be argued next week in the Supreme court.

The state appeals in this case, Mr. Johnson won in the Superior court when he moved for dismissal of the action against him on the ground that the court had no jurisdiction. The solicitor had proceeded against him and a former solicitor, N. A. Sinclair had held that under the private acts of a former legislature, Johnson was within his rights in selling wine. In the Superior court he was convicted of retelling.

The case came to the Supreme court and Justice Walker wrote an opinion sustaining the lower court. Since that time repeated appearances before Governor Craig for postponement of the beginning of the sentence have resulted in the attorney's reprieve. Governor Craig leans to the view that Johnson should not serve a sentence for one violation of a statute which a former solicitor had advised him was not a violation. Opponents of a pardon or a commutation answer that Johnson was a flagrant violator, confessor to it in many instances, but this was not before Governor Craig.

The charges of the state in the disbarment case are that the defendant has been a frequent violator and that the Superior court is the place for his disbarment. This will be the most interesting case that will be heard by the Supreme court next week. It will settle a point of law that now appears to have been overlooked.

Moore county visitors who regret so heartily the retirement of Congressman Robert N. Page, bring to Raleigh the news that Henry Page, his brother, is not ready to retire from public life and will return to Raleigh at the spring session of the general assembly.

Mr. Page is represented as earnestly seeking to get two measures through the general assembly. He wants to change the policy of electing schoolboards and county superintendents and he wants to stop this hiring of convicts to railroad adventures for stock in enterprises that he does not believe can ever be completed. The Moore county man stirred up a small sized trouble in the lower house on both issues last year and though the republicans helped to defeat his convict measures, they were able to fight with him upon the school policy and have promised to use his arguments against his party.

Governor Craig has held up the extradition of John Webb Taylor, of Lawrence county, Ohio, who is wanted in that state for abandonment of his child.

Governor Craig stopped the officers from taking Taylor back with them and he is held in Fayetteville. The attorneys for Taylor want to present the case fully to the governor. It is said that the extradition was sought by Taylor's divorced wife and phases of the charges must be investigated before the young man, said to be of good character, is allowed to return.

Col. J. P. Kerr, private secretary to Governor Craig, is daily improving after a serious illness of several weeks and will be able to leave his room if he does not suffer the second relapse this week. Colonel Kerr is now able to receive guests and is greatly improved in spirits.

Republican leaders here the past week made excursions over the city, looked over the business houses, spread their respects over their prospects this fall and announced that next spring they will start their long promised daily.

do not like the way democratic papers handled their last convention and are by no means pleased to think what would have been done if they carried this fall and relied upon the state press to contribute the success of their party actions.

The Sunday Asheville Times means have been talking about a paper three years, but have had a little party that starting out during that period would have been suicide. They do not indicate who among them will be willing to lose a half million dollars in the enterprise. But the biggest talking is being done by the biggest purses. Of course, if the republicans lose the state they may conclude that the pleasure of running a newspaper a few weeks and then dying by torture has been over rated.

Tuesday the Police court will hear the cases against the four men who are under arrest on charges of picking pockets in Raleigh. Durham has had a look at them and Asheville in an interview with the fellow, McNeelis and Brown, the two who have been sent to Asheville, appear to be the worst wanted. Their alleged pal are making the worst of a confinement in the city jail and play cards for diversion.

ASHEVILLE MILITIA MAY BE MOBILIZED

Rumored Today That Orders Had Been Received—The Companies Are Ready.

Following President Wilson's order sending 5,000 United States army regulars into Mexico in pursuit of Villa, rumors became current in Asheville this morning that the local militia organizations had been ordered to hold themselves in readiness to go to the border for possible service in Mexico. The officers, however, state that no such orders have been received.

An officer of troop B, Asheville's cavalry unit, stated that the troops could be mobilized within 24 hours to a strength of 108 men. It is expected that if General Funston's expedition meets strong resistance by possible reinforcements to Villa from the native population, militia companies in the several states will be mobilized. In a Raleigh dispatch to The Times today Adjutant General Lawrence W. Young says that North Carolina could assemble more than 3000 militiamen if the word is given.

In case the mobilization orders should be flashed into this city, besides 108 men in troop B, infantry companies F and K would each contribute about 55 men and officers each. The Asheville field hospital corps, numbering 20 men, would be able with their equipment to care for more than 100 wounded. If company K should stick to the records made in peace they would in war become famous as sharpshooters.

CHILE AND BRAZIL MAKE INQUIRIES

Washington, March 13.—The ambassadors from Chile and Brazil have called on Secretary Lansing and inquired about the action of the United States in Mexico. They were informed fully and made no comment. There was no indication of a disposition to do more than gather information.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, March 13.—Cotton futures opened steady:

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| May | 11.75 |
| July | 11.97 |
| October | 12.12 |
| December | 12.21 |
| January | 11.37 |

MUCH ACTIVITY ALONG FRONTIER

Evidences of Energetic Preparations For Expedition Into Mexico All Along the Southern Border.

EL PASO IS TO BE ONE STARTING PLACE

Drag For Villa Sympathizers Results in Capture of Four Generals, Physician and an American.

El Paso, Tex., March 13.—Daylight today revealed the beginning of the expeditionary force which the United States is gathering on the frontier west of here for the pursuit of Villa and his band of outlaws. Six mountain guns were unloaded during the night and were ready at Columbus, the scene of the Villa raid and the first armed camp to develop evidence that it has been selected as one of the starting points for the pursuing columns. Fifty-seven car loads and battery mules and transport animals also arrived during the night, giving evidence that more guns were coming.

There were 1100 men in the Columbus camp this morning. Along the 20 miles of border west of here troops train are reported to have passed various points during the night as the result of orders received Friday from the war department. What points, except Columbus, might be used as starting places had not developed this morning, but there was considerably activity along the Arizona frontier near Nogales and also in the vicinity of the small Mexican settlement of San Bernardino. In this region several troops of cavalry were reported to be ready for action.

The columns entering Mexico from the Arizona border points will have a fairly direct route to the mountain passes in Sonora through which apparently it was expected that Villa might escape from Chihuahua into which he retreated.

From Nogales come reports that a few cannon have been discovered in the Mexican hills facing the American frontier, but elsewhere along the line where American troops are gathering no signs of disquieting action on the Mexican side is reported.

Aiding the military other branches of the government service were active during the night on the ramifications of Villa's trail. The drag for Villa sympathizers in El Paso has resulted in the arrest of four generals, one general's secretary, a physician and an American.

The uneasiness which prevailed at Deming, N. M., after the Columbus raid occurred, has been relieved by the arrival of two companies of United States infantry from Fort Bliss.

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