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A PUNATIVE EXPEDITION OF 5,000 MEN TO BE SENT INTO MEXICO BY THE U. S. A.

Troops On Border Patrol Will Also Be Increased

United States Officials Have Determined to Take Villa, Dead or Alive—Strong Force to Be Maintained on Border While Others Scour Northern Mexico—Navy May Co-operate.

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Washington, March 10.—Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, announced today that the first expedition to Mexico would consist of not less than 5,000 men, all of which are available on the border, under Major General Funston.

Washington, March 10.—In its present state the President's order sending American troops over the Mexican border does not mean armed intervention in Mexico. It provides for a punitive expedition to deal with the lawless forces over which the Carranza government has no control.

Closed Incident With War Office.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 10.—After an early hour conference between Secretary of War Baker and Major General Hugh Scott, chief of staff, it was announced that the Columbus, New Mexico, massacre was a closed incident so far as the war department is concerned. General Scott said that unless it is decided to have American troops cross the border again there is no likelihood of change in present plans.

General Funston in an overnight dispatch urgently recommends that he be authorized to send American troops across the border for a final clean up of the bandit gang. The state department will be asked to pass on this request.

General Funston added in his dispatch that "so long as the border is a shelter for them they will continue to harass our ranches and our men to our chagrin." General Pershing reported that the Mexican consul at El Paso thinks his government would not object to this and he is wiring General Carranza recommending this co-operation which would permit the Americans to pursue Villa and his bandits.

At the State Department it was maintained that while the incident is closed so far as the war department is concerned it is far from closed so far as the government is concerned, and that negotiations with General Carranza will go forward, to end that the Villa bandit gang be cleaned up.

Additional Troops Patrol the Border.
Columbus, Mexico, March 10.—Federal troops are today increased along the border patrol near Columbus as a precaution against further invasion by Villa and his band of bandits which yesterday morning made a surprise attack on this city, killing 16 American citizens and soldiers, wounding many, burning business houses and looting stores before they were driven off and into the interior of Mexico.

More than one hundred of Villa forces were killed and two hundred were wounded. The main body of the Villa forces with Villa at their head, is reported 15 miles south of the international line today where they halted after a running fight with United States troops on yesterday.

Signal fires seen along the border south of here last night are believed to have been placed by bandits and the report that a raid was reported to be planned on Mascheta, New Mexico, led to the rushing of troops in additional number to the protection of the border.

White House Issues Statement.

Washington, March 10.—The following statement was issued at the White House this afternoon:

"An adequate force will be sent at once in pursuit of Villa with the single object of capturing him and putting a stop to his forays.

"This can be done and will be done in entirely friendly aid of the constituted authority of Mexico and with scrupulous respect for the sovereignty of that republic."

It was explained at the White House that the American government wants Villa, dead or alive, and that no steps will be neglected to carry out that object.

It was declared, however, that the United States will not consider the expedition as an invasion of Mexico and will continue to deal with the Carranza government.

The American government is still opposed to armed intervention but has decided that the peace of Mexico and the United States is imperiled by the continued activity of Villa.

The cabinet was unanimous in declaring that Villa must be caught. Secretary of War Baker left the White House to confer with Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, and other army officers to decide just how many troops would be needed to follow Villa.

General Scott said today that there was necessity of providing even a stronger force on the border than is there at present, and while the American troops are operating in Mexico, and that this would necessitate the using of some troops not now there for the punitive expedition. They will probably be ordered from other posts.

No plans have been made so far as is known for the use of the National Guard.

No orders had been issued to the navy this afternoon but it is considered probable that some of the ships of the Atlantic fleet might be placed in Mexican waters to be near if Americans in coast towns were endangered by demonstrations.

May Be Other Attacks.
Columbus, N. M., March 10.—The possibility of further bandit raids was admitted by army officers today and armed civilians. State militiamen and cowboys are co-operating with the Federal authorities in maintaining a border patrol.

The pursuit of Villa and his men by 250 cavalrymen ended when the villa forces made a determined stand after reaching a series of hills 15 miles south of the border. The casualties to the American

force during this battle consisted of the death of one corporal, whose name had not been learned, and the wounding of Captain George Williams, who sustained a bullet wound in the hand. The Mexican casualties in this engagement were not reported. Of the 16 Americans killed eight were soldiers.

N. C. NATIONAL GUARD.

Adjutant General Young Can Have His Department on War Basis in Ten Days.

(By Associated Press.)

Raleigh, March 10.—Adjutant General Young said today that the North Carolina National Guard, on a peace basis of 65 men per company, now has 225 officers and 3,026 men enlisted, fully equipped. He declared that he could bring the organization up to a war basis of 150 men per company in ten days.

FALL ASKS FOR 500,000 TROOPS TO INVADE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO

Washington, March 9.—The Mexican question broke out in Congress late today. Senator Fall, of New Mexico, announced that he had prepared a resolution to authorize recruiting of an army of 500,000 to intervene in Mexico and aid the existing authorities in stamping out brigandage, while in the house Representative Mondell, Republican, of Wyoming, started debate with a speech attacking the administration's Mexican policy.

Formal request for permission to send American troops across the border to hunt down Villa and his bandits who raided Columbus, N. M., early today, has been made to General Carranza by Brigadier General Pershing at El Paso through Andres Garcia, Carranza consul there.

While a reply from Carranza is awaited, five troops of the 13th cavalry are across the border under orders from their commander, Colonel Slocum, not to go more than two miles into the interior.

THE ROGERS COMPANY.

A First Class Company at the Community Building—For the Benefit of the Salisbury Band.

(By the Press Agent.)

A large crowd greeted the performers of the Harry Rogers company at the Community building and enjoyed a pleasant evening's entertainment. The play was a pretty comic opera taken from "La Mascot." The Dixie Trio carried off the honors of the evening. They are fine singers and were called back five times. The big surprise was Pontonia who dresses like a girl, works like a girl, looks like a girl, but really is a boy. The comedians are really funny. Miss Peggy Rogers who played The Mascot is a pretty little girl and very clever. The company will give an entire change of program, tonight. Also two shows, 7:15 and 9.

Miss Mary Hicks, who is attending Elon College, arrived in Spencer this afternoon to spend Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hicks.

MOMENTARY LET-UP IN DESPERATE FIGHT

The Indications Are That the Respite Will Probably Be of Brief Duration.

WHERE WILL GERMANY MAKE NEXT STRIKE?

French Steamer Sunk Off French Coast By a German Submarine—No Lives Lost.

(By Associated Press.)

London, March 10.—The British torpedo boat destroyers Coquette and torpedo boat No. 11 have been sunk by striking mines. The official announcement was made this afternoon. The announcement says that the number of casualties on account of the sinking of the ship was 45.

A momentary letup in the desperate infantry fighting about Verdun is reported today from Paris.

The Germans have not again attacked on either bank of the Meuse, it is announced, but the violent bombardment of the defenses continue and indicate that the respite probably is to be brief.

Where the next German heavy blow will fall military commentators do not attempt to predict.

There are signs of renewed activity on the east front as the spring approaches.

The Russians and Germans have been feeling out each other's lines at various points, small isolated engagements resulting. The most important move on the northern end of the lines seems to have been a German effort to cross the Dvina river about Dvinsk. The considerable force engaged in this effort was dispersed by Russian fire, Petrograd claims.

The sinking of the French line steamer Louisiane of 5,109 tons, presumably by a German submarine operating off the French coast, is announced from Paris. No lives were lost.

CHARLOTTE-PINEHURST HIGHWAY NOW ASSURED.

Meeting at Albemarle Results in Permanent Organization to Put Proposition Through.

Albemarle, March 9.—The meeting here today of the boosters for the Charlotte-Pinehurst-Raleigh highway was a complete success, with large delegations from Mecklenburg, Cabarrus and Montgomery Counties. Speeches were made by a number of gentlemen in addition to the regular program which was as follows: Address of welcome, R. L. Smith, response, J. F. Hurley, Salisbury; "The Importance of Cross-Country Highways," J. A. Parker, Charlotte; "The Country's Highways," Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, Chapel Hill; "How to Build Cross-Country Highways," W. B. Spoon, Washington, D. C.; "Financial Methods of Road Building," H. B. Varner, Lexington.

After the speeches organization was effected to be known as the Charlotte-Pinehurst-Raleigh Highway Commission with Capt. J. A. Parker of Charlotte, president; O. C. Bruton, Mount Gilead, vice president; W. L. Mann, Albemarle, secretary; M. J. Harris, Albemarle, treasurer. An executive committee consisting of one member from each county through which the proposed road passes, was elected, consisting of the following: J. A. Groves, Albemarle, Stanly County; Barna Allen, Troy, Montgomery county; J. McQueen, Pinehurst, Moore County; J. F. Cannon, Concord, Cabarrus county; A. Morris McDonald, Charlotte, Mecklenburg county. This organization is to secure the services of a State engineer and locate the highway, and procure the promise of the commissioners of the counties through which the proposed road passes to start to work and finish the road at once.

A man has got to be pretty high up to be above suspicion and above reproach.

ROAD COMMITTEE TO PUSH ROAD

Albemarle-Salisbury Road to Be Pushed Without Delay, Organization Being Perfected.

ALL INTERESTED ARE REPRESENTED.

This Committee Will Meet in Albemarle on Wednesday the 15th and Plan for Road.

The highway connecting Salisbury with Albemarle and Badin will be pushed rapidly to a completion. The interest along the line for this road is keen and this interest has assumed a most definite and determined shape for immediate attention.

At the good roads rally in Albemarle on Thursday the friends of this highway met and decided to form an organization for promoting the road, and this committee will meet again in Albemarle on Wednesday the 15th of March to discuss plans for getting the road in the best of condition.

This committee is composed of citizens of Albemarle, Harris township in Stanly county and the city of Salisbury. It is made up of the following—J. A. Groves, J. E. Ewing, A. L. Patterson, of Albemarle, W. M. Ivey, of New London, Dr. J. A. Allen and Mr. J. A. Ritchie, of Richfield and L. D. Peeler, H. A. Rouzer and J. F. Hurley of Salisbury.

The situation relative to this road stands thus—The Rowan road is in good form, only a matter of maintaining it. The little Cabarrus end, little over one mile, is being graded and will soon be made fine. The Harris township road from the Rowan line to New London is provided for, leaving between two and three miles from New London to the Albemarle township to be done. The three miles from the township line into Albemarle will be taken care of by Albemarle township. The most important stretch is that from New London to the Albemarle township line, about two and a half miles. The Harris township people are alive to this road and are co-operating fully to get it in fine shape.

The committee here named is to meet in Albemarle on next Wednesday and plan for getting the road through and in the best of condition.

\$30,000 SENT TO "CONSCIENCE FUND."

Washington, March 10.—A package containing in currency was received at the Treasury today for the Government "conscience fund," the largest contribution of the kind ever received.

The letter accompanying the money follows: Hon. W. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, Washington.

Dear Sir: In a separate package I am sending you \$30,000 to be added to the conscience fund. This makes a sum aggregating \$80,000 which I have sent the United States, or four times the amount I stole years ago.

I have hesitated about sending all this money, because I think it does not really belong to the Government, but conscience has given me no rest until I have consummated the four-fold return, like Zacheus, the publican of old. May every thief understand the awfulness of the sin of stealing, is the sincere wish of the penitent.

P. S.—Let no one claim any of this amount on any pretext.

Although the letter which accompanied the package containing the money was dated at Philadelphia, both the letter and package were mailed from New York at 10:30 o'clock last night.

In the package were eleven \$1,000 notes, twenty-one \$500 notes, and eighty-five \$100 notes, mostly gold certificates.

Mrs. Jackson Nalls and son Sydney, have returned from Warren where they visited relatives for a few days.

French Commander at Verdun



General Humbert.

The youngest French general commanding an army in the field—General Humbert—is having the chance at Verdun of gambling for the highest stakes of military renown, an opportunity to be envied by all his fellow commanders. He was appointed to take charge of the forces in the Argonne early last fall, succeeding General Sarrail, who had come into conflict with General Joffre and General Millerand, then secretary of war.

General Sarrail was sent to Salonica and Humbert was chosen to oppose the attacks which the German crown prince has been making against the fortress at Verdun at intervals for a year and a half.

General Humbert was only a major when the war began, and his rapid promotion has been due to his ability to carry out the plans of General Joffre, who is now at Verdun directing the defense.

DEBATE MONDAY AT SPENCER

Speakers to be Selected to Represent Spencer School in Triangle Contest.

BASKET BALL TEAM GOES TO HICKORY

The Board of Aldermen to Meet to Pass on Important Matters—Personal and Otherwise.

Spencer, March 10.—A preliminary debate will be held Monday night at the Spencer Graded School to select speaker to represent Spencer in the triangle debate between Lexington, Ashboro and Spencer. The speakers for Monday night will be for the affirmative, Misses Jessie Young and Lillie Green, and for the negative, Ira Swink, Will Powell and Miss Gladys Young. The public is cordially invited. The triangle debate takes place March 21st throughout the State, and the finals at Chapel Hill in April.

Basket Ball Team to Hickory.

The Spencer Basketball team will go to Hickory one day next week to play the final and closing game for the season with the team at that place. The final was to have been played at Spencer tonight but had to be postponed for the reason that Hickory could not come to Spencer today. The local team has made a fine record for the year and expects to win the last game.

Spencer Aldermen Meet.

The board of aldermen of Spencer will meet tonight at 7:30 to pass upon some important matters, this being the regular monthly gathering for the body.

Revival in Progress.

The revival begun at the Spencer Baptist church Wednesday with Evangelist L. R. Dean, of Toronto, doing the preaching, is gaining in interest and numbers. Good congregations are attending each night. Services are also held at 3 p. m. daily. Assisting the pastor, Rev. E. T. Carter, is also Evangelist Sam Harrell.

CHRISTY'S ATTORNEY MAKES A REQUEST

Asks Governor for Hearing on Same Date as That Set for Hearing in Warren Case.

CONDEMNED PAIR ARE NOW STATE PRISONERS

Question Raised as to What Governor Craig Will Do if They Remain in Forsyth.

Raleigh, March 10.—Fred M. Parrish, attorney for Sam Christy, has requested of Governor Craig that the hearing for commutation of the death sentence upon his client be held on March 20th, the same day as that set aside for the hearing in the case of Mrs. Ida Ball Warren. Both are sentenced to be electrocuted on March 31st for the murder of the woman's husband, G. J. Warren at Winston-Salem in 1914.

Although Mrs. Warren and Christy are still in jail at Winston-Salem they are no longer Forsyth county prisoners. The fact that they have not been delivered to the State penitentiary has been the source of much comment. The Forsyth county authorities, it is said, assert that they have had no orders to deliver the prisoners to the penitentiary.

State officials are said to have stated that such an order from the State authorities is unnecessary as the sentence automatically makes them State prisoners and it is understood they should be delivered to the State authorities without formal order to do so.

The question now has been raised whether the Governor will consent to hold the hearing for commutation at the time set for the prisoners are still in the custody of the Forsyth authorities.

Personal Mention.

Miss Ione Shaw, of Lexington, visited Miss Gertrude Bobbitt in Spencer this week. Miss Ruth Houchins, of Winston-Salem, is visiting Miss Hilda Hobbs on Fourth street, Spencer.