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**Captor of Aguinaldo to Be
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cepted Sense.**

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 10.—President Wilson today ordered American troops over the Mexican border to capture or kill the Villa bandits who yesterday raided Columbus, N. M.

Major General Scott, chief of staff of the army, announced that the expedition would consist of not less than 5,000 men, all that are available under command of Major General Funston.

In its present stage the president's order does not mean armed intervention in Mexico. It provides a punitive expedition to deal with the lawless over which the Carranza government has no control.

WILSON ISSUES STATEMENT

The following statement was issued at the white house:

"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 authorities in Mexico, and with scrupulous respect for the sovereignty of that republic."

DEAD OR ALIVE

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 imperilled by the continued activities of Villa.

The cabinet was unanimous in deciding that Villa must be caught. Secretary Baker left the white house to confer with Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, and other army officers to decide how many troops will be needed to follow Villa.

MORE TROOPS NEEDED

General Scott said today that the necessity for providing even a stronger force for the border than it now has while the American troops are engaged in Mexico would necessitate using some troops not now there for the punitive expedition. They probably will be ordered from other posts. No plans have been

made so far as is known for the national guard.

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

EARLY STORY

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 10.—An early conference today between Secretary Baker and Major General Scott, chief of staff, it was announced that the Columbus massacre is a closed incident so far as the war department is concerned. General Scott said unless it was decided to have American troops cross the border again, there was no need of further initiative on the part of the army.

Major General Funston in an overnight dispatch urgently recommended that he be authorized to send American troops over the border to finally clean out the bandit gang.

General Funston's dispatch said that "so long as the border is allowed to remain a refuge for bandits, American towns and ranches will be subject to raids."

General Perishing reported that the Mexican consul at El Paso thought there will be no objection to American troops entering Mexico in pursuit and said he would wire his government recommending cooperation.

At the state department it was made clear that while the issue was closed so far as the war department is concerned, it is not closed so far as the government is concerned and that the negotiations with General Carranza to ferret out the bandits would be pushed en-

Federal Troops Patrol International

(By Associated Press.)

Columbus, N. M., March 10.—Federal troops in increased numbers today patrolled the Mexican border as a precaution against further invasion of American territory by Francisco Villa's bandit army, which yesterday in a surprise attack on this town killed 16 American citizens and soldiers, burned buildings and looted stores before being driven back into Mexican territory. About 100 were killed and two hundred wounded.

Villa was reported fifteen miles west of the border line where he halted yesterday when pursued by United States troopers. Signal fires along the border last night, however, were believed to have been made by the bandits, and a report that armed raiders were in the vicinity of New Mexico led the military authorities to rush reinforcements to the border there.

The possibility of further bandit raids was admitted by army officers, and armed civilians, state militia-

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