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ANZA PROPOSAL HAS BEEN ACCEPTED.

ington, March 13.—The United States this afternoon accepted General Carranza's proposal for a reciprocal arrangement by which his troops or they may pursue bandits on the other side of the border. A reciprocal arrangement was sent for by General Carranza at 4 p. m.

MANIFESTO ISSUED BY GENERAL CARRANZA.

Mexico City, March 13.—Gen. Carranza last night 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. Unfortunately, this brings 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 traitorous Mexicans who within and without this country have labored to produce this result will fall the inexorable justice of the people."

COUNTY DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS TO OPEN MARCH 22

Mr. Bernie Clodfelter, secretary to the county Democratic executive committee, will begin work on March 22, arranging the preliminaries to the opening of the headquarters of Chairman R. C. Stockton and the committee on April 1. The headquarters will be in the Jacobs block, on the second floor, the same apartments as occupied by the committee during the last campaign.

There are a number of important dates on the calendar for the next four months, and every Democrat should note them on his calendar pad and enter them in his diary. The first important date is March 25th, on which day the state board of elections will meet at Raleigh and appoint the members of the board of elections for the various counties of the State.

On April 1st the Forsyth county Democratic headquarters will be opened in this city and active work on the campaign will start.

On April 15th the county board of election will meet at the courthouse for the purpose of organization.

Also on April 15th the precinct conventions will be held in the various townships in the county for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention.

The county convention will be held in the courthouse on Saturday, April 22. While there will be no work for the convention in nominating candidates (this to be done by the people in the legal primary which is held in the State for the first time this year) plans are already being made for an interesting session. Delegates will have to be elected to the State convention, and a number of interesting speeches will be arranged. The program, however, of the date coming short, on account of Easter Sunday.

April 22 will also mark the sessions of the county board of elections for the purpose of appointing the registrars and judges of election for the various townships in the county.

Also on or before that date all candidates for State and district offices must have filed their announcement of candidacy with the State board of elections.

On April 27th the State Democratic convention will be held at Raleigh.

April 29 is the last day for the payment of poll tax.

May 1 the registration books open for the primary, closing on May 20.

On June 3 the primary will be held. All political parties may hold their primaries on that date, but candidates who have no opposition in their party are not required to go before the people, but where there are more than one candidate for office on any ticket the primary requirements are effective.

ASHEVILLE BOY KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE SUNDAY

Asheville, March 13.—Stafford Daniels, aged 12, son of an employe of the Southern Railway here, was run over and fatally hurt Sunday morning at 11 o'clock on Southside avenue by an automobile owned and driven by V. E. Henderson.

The boy was taken to the Mission hospital, where he died one hour after the accident. It is stated by witnesses that the boy was attempting to catch a street car on the blind side when he ran directly in front of the automobile.

Map of Territory That Villa Raided



U.S. SOLDIERS FURNISHING MEXICANS ACROSS THE RIO GRANDE.



Pancho Villa. This map shows the territory surrounding Columbus, N. M., where Villa bandits attacked Americans and killed a score or more of them. The upper photograph shows American soldiers crossing the Rio Grande near El Paso in the hunt for greater bandits. The lower photograph is that of Pancho Villa, believed to have been the leader in the attack.

A Pronounced Pause In German Infantry Attack On Verdun

Sunday Passes Without Infantry Advances—No Cessation of the Artillery Fire, However—Late War News

A pronounced pause has come in the German offensive operations against Verdun so far as the infantry arm is concerned, according to an official bulletin from Paris.

Sunday passed without infantry advances and the Crown Prince's troops did not leave their trenches for an attack at any point during last night, the French war office reports.

There has been no cessation of the artillery play, however, the bombardment continuing along much of the front.

It was particularly severe in the Woivre district where the French guns have been searching out hostile positions, indicating the probability that some move by the Germans to the east or southeast of the fortress on the French right flank is anticipated.

A small engagement occurred in the Le Preire forest where the French report penetrating two hundred yards of trenches and withdrawing after destroying the German saps.

French aviators bombarded the railroad station at Conflans where fires were seen to break out.

Reports come from Dutch sources that the Dutch-Belgian frontier, which has been closed for several weeks incident with the Verdun offensive, has been reopened at one point. This is commented on in Holland, according to a news agency dispatch thru London as probably indicating that

the Germans consider their offensive near an end.

The British-Mesopotamian force under General Aylmer suffered casualties of 5,000 in the battle of March 8 when it tried to ascend up the Tigris towards Kut-el-Amara and was reported defeated and obliged to retreat, according to an estimate by the Turkish war office.

COL. SLOCUM VISITED THIS CITY IN 1895

Col. Herbert J. Slocum, who commanded the 13th regiment of cavalry, which was stationed at Columbus, N. M., and who last week was subjected to an attack by Villa and his company of Mexican bandits, is well known to many in this city.

Col. Slocum visited this section, spending several days in Winston-Salem. At that time he with several other army officers spent several days in Davie county, hunting. Colonel Slocum also knew him as major and inspector general of the 7th army corps in the Spanish-American war, at the time Forsyth Riflemen saw service in Cuba. He was promoted from major to colonel of the 13th regiment immediately following the Cuban expedition.

Colonel Slocum is a native of Ohio, and entered the service following his training at West Point forty-four years ago. He was appointed lieutenant in 1876 and was major with the 7th cavalry in active duty with General Custer during the Indian massacre.

MOVEMENT TO MEXICO IS DELAYED

Not Probable That the Expeditionary Force Is to Go Forward Today.

PREPARATIONS GOING ON

Delay Not Deemed Undesirable, Giving Time for Excitement to Subside.

San Antonio, March 13.—It was officially announced that Brigadier General John J. Pershing will command the expeditionary forces against the Villa bandits in Mexico.

General Funston said he had received no notification from Washington to hold back the expedition, while negotiations were being completed with General Carranza.

General Funston said the announcement of the expedition's actual start into Mexico probably would come from General Pershing to whom would be left the decision as to the exact hour for setting the movement afoot.

Shortage of rolling stock, General Funston said, was hindering the concentration of cavalry at the post of operations, and this was one reason why a movement today was unlikely. The fault, he said, lay with the railway west of El Paso. Light was thrown on the size of the expeditionary force by the general, who said:

"When this movement is completed, there will be only six or eight regiments left in the United States other than those troops stationed along the border for patrol duty."

There will be no infantry or cavalry movements from Fort Sam Houston for the present, it was announced today. The first aero squadron, Captain Benjamin Foulis commanding, went forward to El Paso this morning.

General Funston is being deluged with applications from persons who want to go as interpreters for the expedition.

EARLIER REPORT. San Antonio, March 13.—No movement of the expeditionary force that will search for Francisco Villa is probable today, Major General Funston announced this morning.

The general said preparations were going on despite General Carranza's notification to the Washington government that he would not consent to American troops entering Mexico unless Carranza troops were allowed to enter the United States.

In army circles it was pointed out that the start of the expeditionary force after Francisco Villa was likely to be further delayed by the decision of General Carranza last night not to grant American troops the right to enter Mexico unless Mexican soldiers were allowed to enter the United States.

At Fort Sam Houston it was thought that the delay in starting the expedition was not altogether undesirable, as it would allow time for excitement along the border to subside and aid in further strengthening of border points.

MONTEREY PRESIDIO DESTROYED BY FIRE

Monterey, Cal., March 13.—The headquarters building of the Monterey Presidio was totally destroyed by fire early today, about six hours after being vacated by the troops of the first cavalry who left for the Mexican border. Firemen, attempting to extinguish the flames, found that the water supply had been shut off at the source.

An investigation was started immediately. Monterey was the Spanish and Mexican capital in California and the Presidio occupies the site of the ancient military headquarters. The post consisted of an old wooden barracks sufficient to accommodate a regiment.

Much weight was given by military authorities, it became known, to the fact that the fire started in the headquarters building.

FORCES BEING RUSHED TO THE BORDER FOR MOVE AGAINST VILLA

His First Day In Office



No sooner had Newton D. Baker, former mayor of Cleveland, taken his desk as the new secretary of war than he had to issue the order for the invasion of Mexico to catch the Villa bandits who attacked Columbus, N. M. He started the machinery which has resulted in the hunt for the Mexican bandit leader.

TRIAL OF FORMER WARDEN BEGINS

Thomas Mott Osborne Is Defendant in Case Charging Perjury.

White Plains, N. Y., March 13.—The trial of Thomas Mott Osborne began in the Supreme court here today on an indictment charging him with perjury in connection with two investigations of his administration as warden of Sing Sing prison,—one by Dr. Rudolph Diedling, a State prison commissioner, and the other by a Westchester grand jury.

Osborne is alleged to have sworn that he had no knowledge of certain immoral conditions in Sing Sing which had been testified to by prison inmates; the other indictment, charging neglect of duty and immorality, is pending.

Five tentative jurors were chosen within the first hour.

History of the Case. When Thomas Mott Osborne, wealthy retired manufacturer, lecturer, writer, Harvard graduate, twice mayor of Auburn, N. Y., and 1916 Dodge lecturer at Yale, withdrew last December as warden of Sing Sing prison at Ossining, N. Y., Governor Charles S. Whitman announced that he assumed that Osborne would be reappointed if acquitted of the charges contained in two indictments which had just been brought against him by a Westchester county grand jury which for six weeks had been investigating conditions at Sing Sing. The indictment on which he is now being brought to trial accuses Osborne of perjury. The other pending bill charges him with neglect of duty and immorality.

During his stewardship of approximately thirteen months at Sing Sing, Osborne organized a system of discipline, a personal-dealing method of conducting convict government, known as the Mutual Welfare League. This institution, under which the responsibility for their conduct was imposed upon the inmates, was the outgrowth of a similar association which Osborne had, while chairman of the State Commission on Prison Reform, organized at the State prison at Auburn after he had for six days lived a convict's life at Auburn under the name of "Tom Brown" in the fall of 1914.

The progress of the Mutual Welfare League was watched by penologists, sociologists and others, including many men and women of note thruout the country who believed they recognized in it a system of reform from within instead of from without.

George Gordon Battle, of counsel for Osborne, arguing recently in the Supreme court at Poughkeepsie on a motion to dismiss the indictments, emphasized what he declared was the wide public interest in Osborne's methods. "The eyes of the world are upon Mr. Osborne," Mr. Battle declared.

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GREAT ACTIVITY BEING SHOWN AT VARIOUS POINTS

Troop Trains Moving During the Night in Rapid Succession.

NUMBER OF MOUNTAIN GUNS IN READINESS

Eleven Hundred Men Were in the Camp at Columbus, N. M., This Morning.

El Paso, March 13.—Daylight today revealed the beginning of the expeditionary forces which the United States army has gathered along the border west of here for the pursuit of Francisco Villa. Six mountain guns, unloaded during the night, were in readiness at Columbus, N. M., the scene of Villa's raid, and the armed camp developed evidences that it has been selected as one of the starting points for a pursuit column. Fifty-seven carloads of battery mules and transport animals, also arrivals of the night, gave evidence that more guns were coming. Eleven hundred men were in the Columbus camp this morning.

Along two hundred miles of the border west of here, troop trains were reported passing various points during the night, the result of orders released Friday by the war department. What points except Columbus would be used were not developed, but considerable activity was noted on the Arizona border near Nogales and also in the vicinity of a small Mexican settlement, San Bernardino. In that region several troops of cavalry were reported in readiness for action. The column entering Mexico from one of these Arizona border points would have a fairly direct route to the mountain passes in Sonora, thru which apprehension has been expressed that Villa might escape from the Chihuahua territory into which he retreated.

Nogales reported that few cannon have been discovered in the hills facing the border near there, but elsewhere along the line where the American troops were gathering, no signs of disquieting activity along the Mexican side were reported.

Aiding the military, other branches of the government service were active thruout the night on ramifications after Francisco Villa's trail.

The drag for Villa sympathizers in El Paso last night resulted in the arrest of four generals, one general's secretary, a physician and an American.

Unrestfulness which prevailed at Deming, N. M., after the Columbus raid, has been relieved by the arrival there of two companies of the 20th United States infantry from Fort Bliss.

SAY TROOPS MAY GO ACROSS TODAY

In Spite of the Official Denials Persistent Reports Are Heard.

El Paso, March 13.—In spite of official denials, reports persisted here today that American cavalry on the Arizona State line had gathered for immediate crossing of the Mexican border, and that they might go across at any moment today. An advance guard of cavalry troops was collected on that border two days ago with the prospect that it might be the first force to go into Mexico.

The point where the cavalry expedition is reported gathering to enter Mexico from the Arizona boundary is near San Bernardino, Mexico.

General Gabriel Gavina, commanding the Carranza forces at Juarez, came to the El Paso border this morning to hold a conference with General Pershing. In command at Fort Bliss, General Gavina said the meeting would be held at the Mexican consulate here.

ANTI-TEUTON MEETING AT NEW YORK

Tonight, March 13.—The American Committee, of which Haven Putnam is president, completed all arrangements for an anti-Teuton demonstration which will be held in Carnegie hall tonight. Among the speakers are James M. Beck, George Colby, George Haven Putnam, and William H. Wadhams. The meeting was held in a hall which has been drawn up for the occasion, and denunciations of the Teuton powers and their methods of warfare.