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PRESIDENT ORDERS U. S. TROOPS INTO MEXICO TO GET VILLA AND HIS BAND

Murderers of American Citizens Must Be Taken Dead or Alive, Declares Wilson

5,000 SOLDIERS READY TO PLUNGE INTO THE FIGHT

No Armed Intervention Contemplated and Carranza May Co-operate With the United States—Decision Received With Enthusiasm.

Washington, March 10.—President Wilson today ordered American troops over the Mexican border to capture or kill Villa and his band that yesterday raided Columbus, New Mexico. Major-General Scott, chief of staff of the army, announced that the expedition would consist of not less than 5,000 men, all of which are available on the border, under Major-General Funston.

In its present stage the President's order 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.

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 bringing his forays to a stop."

"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."

It was said at the White House that the American government wants Villa dead or alive and no step 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 will be impaired by the continued activity of Villa.

The cabinet was unanimous in deciding that Villa must be caught. Secretary Baker left the White House to confer with Major-General Scott and other army officers as to just how many troops will be needed to follow Villa. General Scott said today that it will be necessary to provide even a stronger force on the border than they now have, while American troops are operating in Mexico, as it would necessitate using some troops now there for the punitive expedition. They probably will be ordered from other coasts. No plans have been made so far as known for use of the National Guard.

No orders had been issued to the navy this afternoon, but it was considered probable that some of the Atlantic fleet might be placed in Mexican waters to be near if Americans in coast towns were endangered by anti-American demonstrations. The government is reluctant to make any naval demonstration that might be construed as against General Carranza.

It was said that the pursuit of Villa would be under taken in a comprehensive way and organized plans laid for his apprehension. Officials received word of the decision to go after Villa with troops with undisguised satisfaction. Cabinet members expressed themselves as pleased, army officers voiced unanimous approval and a general feeling of relief that the administration had finally decided to take the step. The President himself is firmly convinced of the necessity of eliminating Villa from the Mexican situation. He is represented as just as determined to get rid of Villa as he was to oust Huerta. The announcement of the intention of the President to send troops into Mexico was accompanied by scenes not equalled at the White House since the determination to send the Atlantic fleet to Vera Cruz in 1914.

Carranza will be notified immediately that the United States has no intention of taking any Mexican territory whatever and will fully respect the sovereignty of that nation, as American officials realize that Carranza may have difficulty in consenting to the presence of American soldiers on Mexican soil, because of the popular feeling in his country. Carranza himself may be eager to co-operate as he wants to get rid of Villa.

North Carolina Troops Ready

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

FUNSTON SAYS SEND TROOPS INTO MEXICO

AMERICAN TROOPS GETTING READY.

San Antonio, Texas, March 10.—Major-General Funston will personally command the expedition which will go into Mexico to capture Villa, unless the war department decides otherwise. A preliminary construction of the border troops already is under way and plans are being rapidly made and supplies gathered.

MR. SAM BEAR LEFT \$33,000 TO CHARITY

Will Filed For Probate Today. Left Bulk of Fortune to His Widow—Probated.

ESTATE ESTIMATED UPWARD OF \$300,000

Hospital, Catherine Kennedy Home and Temple of Israel Receive Gifts.

The will of Mr. Sam Bear, Jr., was filed for probate today by F. N. B. Close, Esq., vice president of the Bankers Trust Co., of New York, the executor named in the will.

Mr. Bear's fortune, said to be between \$300,000 and \$500,000, was left to his widow, Mrs. Fannie Bear, to near relatives and friends, and to charitable institutions. The bulk of the estate goes to Mrs. Bear; others are to receive sums from small amounts up to \$10,000, while specified institutions are to receive gifts as follows:

To the National Jewish Hospital for Consumptives, Denver, Colo.—\$5,000. This is in memory of his brother, Morris Bear.

To the Hebrew Orphan Home, Atlanta, Ga.—\$5,000. This is a memorial to his brother, Isaac Bear.

To the Temple of Israel in this city—\$3,000.

To the Catherine Kennedy Home in this city—\$10,000. This is to be known as the "Mina Bear Memorial Fund." It is to be held by the executor and the money to be paid annually to the managers of the home. The managers are authorized to use the money for the building of further buildings if deemed wise.

To the James Walker Memorial Hospital, of this city—\$10,000.

The residuum of the estate, after paying specific legacies, is given to the widow. Specific legacies are to the following: Mrs. Hattie Harris, a sister-in-law; Harris and Isaac Newman, nephews; Mrs. Rolinda Newman, a sister-in-law; Miss Katherine Brauer, who had been housekeeper for his family for 50 years; Louis M. Bunting, confidential secretary and close friend; Henry James Mayer, of New York, nephew; L. P. Newman, Florence, S. C. relative; Mrs. Mamie B. Schloss, relative; Henry and Isadore Bear, nephews; Dr. G. G. Thomas, life-long friend.

WINTER PARK TONIGHT.

Musical Evening at Presbyterian Church Planned.

Assembling at the new Winter Park Presbyterian church tonight, and not last night as erroneously stated yesterday, members of the church and their friends will enjoy a musical evening. Mr. E. H. Munson will preside at the handsome new organ at the church and Miss Warren will be the vocalist of the evening. Those attending from Wilmington will leave on the 7:15 p. m. car. The exercises will begin at 7:45 p. m. The car upon which most of those from the city will return will leave Winter Park at 8:56 p. m.

Only Way to Handle Situation, He Wires War Department.

THIS ACTION WILL LIKELY BE TAKEN

President and Cabinet Considering The Vital Matter Today and Probably Will Order American Troops to Mexico—To Seek Co-operation of Carranza.

Washington, March 10.—After 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 that unless it is decided to have American troops cross the border again there is no likelihood of further initiative action by the army.

Major-General Funston, in an overnight dispatch, urgently recommended that he be authorized to send American troops on the border and finally clean-out the bandit gang it was given to the State Department to mop up the remaining bandits.

General Funston added that "so long as the border is a shelter for them they will continue to harass our ranches and towns to our chagrin."

General Pershing reported that the Mexican consul at El Paso thinks there should be no objection to American troops entering Mexico in pursuit of Villa and that he would wire his government recommending co-operation.

At the State Department it was made plain that while the incident was closed for the present so far as the war department is involved it was not closed so far as the government is concerned and that negotiations with General Carranza for permission to send troops to clean-out the bandits will go forward.

President Wilson and the cabinet took up today the question of whether a column of troops should be sent into Mexico to capture Villa and his band of bandits. There was no apparent intention on the part of the administration to go so far as armed intervention in Mexico, but serious consideration was given to a plan of dispatching a punitive expedition to round-up Villa and his followers. Administration officials far from disapproving the pursuit of American troops praised their action and expressed regret that Villa himself has not been taken. The hope is expressed that Villa will be eliminated without controversy with the Carranza government.

The return of the American troops from Mexico has complicated the situation somewhat, because the United States is now confronted with the necessity of issuing an order for them to go into Mexico. Officials openly said they had hoped the troops once having a pretext to go would remain until Villa and his band were disposed of. At the same time they realize that the American force was very small.

Toledo, Ohio, March 10.—Four cities are in the first for the 1917 tournament of the American Bowling Congress, and this question will be settled at the meeting of the bowling moguls which opened here today. New Officers will be elected. Milwaukee is running favorite for next year's contests, with South Bend, Grand Rapids and Dayton also prime favorites.

TORPEDO BOATS SUNK

London, March 10.—The British torpedo boat-destroyer, Coquette, and the torpedo boat No. 11, have been sunk by striking a mine, it was officially announced this afternoon.

The official announcement says the number of casualties in connection with the sinking of the boat was forty-five.

BANDIT CHIEF VILLA



INFANTRY LULL IN THE BIG FIGHT TODAY IN FRANCE

But Expected to Break Out Again at Any Moment

GREAT GUNS KEEP UP THEIR ROAR

French and German Claims Still Conflict About Vaux. Signs of Renewal in East

A momentary lull in the desperate infantry fighting about Verdun was reported today from Paris, the Germans not attacking on either bank of the Meuse, but violent bombardment of the defense indicates that the respite probably will be brief. Where the next German heavy blow will fall military commentators do not attempt to predict. The recent shifting from the region of Bethincourt and Goose Hill to the battleground of Douaumont and Vaux came with seeming unexpectedness and according to Berlin achieved substantial results in the Vaux. An official statement from Paris today, however, contradicts Germany's claim to occupation of the fort and village of Vaux. The fort was not even attacked, the war office asserts, and while the German infantry did successfully enter Vaux they were subsequently driven out of the village, which remains in French hands. Simultaneously Paris claims the greater part of Corbeauc wood where desperate fighting is taking place, remains in their hands, despite German intimation to the contrary.

There are signs of renewed activity on the eastern front as spring approaches. The Russians and Germans have been feeling out each other's line at various points and small isolated engagements are resulting. The most important move on the northern end of the line 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.

WOMEN SPEND MORE MONEY THAN MEN

London, March 10.—Women usually spend more money than men and therefore have much greater opportunities for retrenchment than men, according to the arguments advanced by the government and its supporters in the general campaign for economy now being renewed throughout England.

One of their best arguments is to point to the recent statement of a great English economist, who decried the changing fashions during the war. "In the middle of the big war," he declared, "the whole womankind of our country got out of tight skirts into full skirts at enormous expense in the twinkling of an eye. It does not cost as much to change ten clerks from civilian attire to khaki as it costs to change the outward semblance of one fashionable woman."

CARRANZA READY TO CO-OPERATE

Columbus, New Mexico, Mar. 10.—The Carranza authorities, according to an official report from Juarez, will not object to the entry of American troops into Mexico to attack Villa.

A message has been received here stating that Carranza cavalry left Guzman to attack the bandit chieftain in the rear, with the expectation that the American troops, whom they already supposed had crossed the border, would attack him.

New York, March 10.—A meeting of the Municipal Art Commission and officials of the Postoffice Department will be held here tomorrow, with the object of considering a new design for mail boxes. It is believed that the adoption of the design which the Art Commission has approved will remove one of the obstacles which have prevented the increase in the number of mail boxes in New York.

TROOPS WENT OVER BORDER YESTERDAY BACK TODAY

FRENCH SHIP FROM AMERICAN PORT HAS BEEN SUNK

Presumably Torpedoed By Submarine Off Coast of France Last Night

NO LIVES WERE LOST, REPORT SAYS

No Passengers Were Aboard—For Many Years Engaged In Trans-Atlantic Trade

Paris, March 10.—A Havas dispatch from Havre says the French Line steamer, Lousiane, sank last night at 11 o'clock. All the crew were saved. No passengers were aboard. It is presumed the vessel was sunk by the same submarine that has been operating along the coast between Boulogne and Havre and which torpedoed the Herminette.

The Lousiane had arrived from New Orleans, which port she left on February 11, entering Newport News February 17 and leaving on the following day.

She was of 5,109 tons gross, was 378 feet long and 47 feet beam. She had for many years been engaged in the Trans-Atlantic passenger service, mostly to port of the Gulf of Mexico. No further details of the loss of the ship have been given out.

WANTS CHRISTY TO BE HEARD SAME DAY

Counsel For Condemned Man Seeks Hearing For March 20th From Governor.

Raleigh, N. C., March 10.—Fred M. Parrish, attorney for Samuel Christy, has made request of Governor Craig that hearing for a commutation of the death sentence imposed on his client be held on March 20, the same day set aside for that of Mrs. Ida Ball Warren. Both are sentenced to be electrocuted March 31 for the murder of the woman's husband, E. J. Warren, at Winston-Salem in 1914.

Although Mrs. Warren and Christy still are in jail at Winston-Salem they no longer are Forsyth county prisoners. The fact that they have not been delivered to the State penitentiary has been a source of much comment. The Forsyth authorities, it is said, assert that they have 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, under the law, they should be delivered to the State without formal order to do so.

Floated New Baseball Federation.

Cincinnati, March 10.—The meeting of prominent sporting men from various cities of the Middle West to organize the new National Amateur Baseball Federation, opened today with a display of enthusiasm. Love of baseball for its own sake and not for the filthy lucre is the spirit of the meeting. Many big cities are missing from the line-up, preferring to wait until the new platform is written. The old organization of amateur baseball clubs will continue, despite the breach that resulted in the new federation. Some amateurs charge that the split is the result of sporting goods men mixing the amateur organization.

Chased Bandit and Engaged Him In Battle On Mexican Soil.

MADE RALLY IN SERIES OF HILLS

Quiet So Far Today in Columbus, The Scene of Yesterday's Massacre—Border Patrol Has Been Greatly Increased—American Death List Stands at Sixteen.

Columbus, New Mexico, March 10.—Federal troops in increased numbers patrol the Mexican border near Columbus, as a precaution against further invasion of American territory by Villa's bandit army, which yesterday, in a surprise attack on the town, killed sixteen American citizens and soldiers, wounded many burned buildings and looted stores before being driven back into Mexico by American troops. More than one hundred of the bandit army were killed and about two hundred wounded.

Villa, at the head of the main body of bandits, was reported early today fifteen miles south of the International line, where he halted after a running fight yesterday with pursuing United States troops. Signal fires seen along the border south of here last night were believed, however, to have been placed by bandits and report that armed raiders were in the vicinity of Hachita, New Mexico, lead the military authorities to rush reinforcements to the border patrol there. The possibility of further bandit raids was admitted army officers and armed civilians, State militiamen and cowboys are cooperating with the Federal authorities in maintaining the border patrol.

The pursuit of Villa and his men by 250 American cavalrymen ended when the Villa forces made a determined stand after reaching a series of hills, fifteen miles south of the border. The cost to the American forces during this battle consisted of the death of a corporal, whose name has not yet 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 sixteen Americans killed, eight were civilians and eight soldiers. In addition to those killed by Villa's men in Columbus several others are believed to have been executed by the bandit chieftain before the American invasion.

Quiet prevailed here early today. Trains which arrived over-night were held until daylight.

Approximately 200 Mexicans were killed in the battle with United States soldiers here yesterday, in which sixteen American civilians and soldiers lost their lives, according to estimated of army officers today.

Major Frank Tompkins of the 13th, cavalry in command of the troops that drove Villa and his bandits across the border, said Villa's loss was fully one hundred. Early today 75 Mexicans dead were found on the American side and either burned or buried.

SUGGESTS WOMEN CURATES BE CREATED

London, March 10.—Women curates are being suggested because so many clergymen have gone to the trenches and because theological students who have not already enlisted will be absorbed under the Compulsion Act unless they are physically unfit.

For ten years before the war there was a steady decrease in the applications for ordination, owing, in some measure, to the modern recognition of the fact that a young man of what is known as "good family" may engage in commerce without any social disadvantages. Genteel starvation is no longer preferable to setting a good living outside "the parsons" and the candidates for the Church have gradually been narrowing down to those who feel an earnest call to preach or to undertake the more exacting forms of Christian work. The war apparently has but hastened the process.

Eulogize Minnesota Statesman

Washington, March 10.—The concluding ceremony incidental to the presentation to the federal government of the statue of Henry Mower Rice, first Senator from Minnesota, will take place tomorrow in the House of Representatives. The members from Minnesota will pay tribute to the sterling character of the first senator from their state, and the other members of Congress will be guest during the ceremonies.