

ITORS' PLOT BORDER TO BE RORBED BY U. S.

Thousands of Mexicans
Also in Conspiracy to
Start Revolt
AGENTS ON CLOSE GUARD

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Thousands of Mexicans on the American side of the border, who are pledged to the so-called plan of San Diego, which contemplates the seizure of a strip of territory from the United States, are ready to make trouble for this country as soon as the American forces under General Pershing cross the border in pursuit of Villa and his outlaws. Information to this effect has been placed in the hands of General Funston by the Department of Justice.

Agents of the Department of Justice are scattered all along the border in order to keep close track of these persons. The Government intends that every move of the men known to be pledged to the plan is checked, and at the first hostile movement these men will be arrested. The Magistrate, who are the leaders of the plan, are declared to have agents all along the international boundary, and it is reported here that they aided Villa in his attack upon Columbus, N. M.

At the same time the secret agents of the Government are conducting a general investigation in the United States of activities of certain Mexican sympathizers and traitorous Americans, who in the past have furnished Villa with cash and munitions. These men, it is understood, have favored action by Villa that would force general intervention by the United States. At the White House and State Department it was stated today that the efforts to make trouble between General Carranza and the Administration have been traced directly to this group.

This matter was under consideration of the Cabinet, and the question of how action could be taken against the leaders in the movement has been discussed. The President is said to have already asked Attorney General Gregory whether it would not be possible to indict those responsible for this movement.

One of the questions seriously confronting the Administration today was the matter of raising funds for the punitive expedition. Not only will much cash be required for troop movements, but, as a precautionary measure, the quartermaster's department must arrange to hold rolling stock in readiness for the transportation of National Guardsmen to the border should that be necessary. Already motor trains are being contracted for for immediate delivery and officials are seeking additional aeroplanes for purchase.

Secretary of State Lansing was en route to Pinehurst, N. C., today for a rest. Before leaving he made it plain that he expected no real trouble with Carranza. The American acceptance of the original Carranza suggestion, that Carranza troops be permitted to cross the American border, coupled with the official statement issued on behalf of the President, in the opinion of the secretary, not alone legalizes the expedition against Villa but is of a character that will prove acceptable to the "First Chief."

That view, however, is not held by the majority of army officers who have had border experience. They insist that Villa sympathizers and leaders of the Mexican agitation in Mexico will continue their efforts to stir up trouble. The word has quietly gone forth that trouble may be expected in the Brownsville district as soon as the details of the starting of the American expedition reaches there. But on how good authority this tip comes officials say they do not know.

U. S. TROOPS CROSS BORDER, IS REPORT

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to make history in swift, thrilling chapters. The military authorities were notified today that bridge No. 268, on the Texas and Pacific railroad was burned last night. Mexicans are suspected of having fired the structure, but a large force of workmen is already at work replacing the bridge in order that the progress of seven train carrying troops to the border might not be interrupted. The bridge, a structure more than 250 feet long, is located near Weatherford, Tex.

Organizations now here are eight troops of the 13th Cavalry, with the first squadron on the way from Marfa, Tex., and other border points east; the 6th and 14th regiments of Infantry, three companies of the first battalion of the 30th Infantry, Batteries A, B and C, comprising 12 mountain guns of the 4th Field Artillery, Battery C, of the 6th Field Artillery, field wireless organization, field hospital and ambulances.

Several other commands are expected, the plan apparently being to make the column to move out of Columbus the main unit of the expeditionary force with field wireless and aeroplanes equipment. Approximately 15,000 troops with 40 mountain and field gun batteries are on the border between Douglas, Ariz., and El Paso, Tex., a line about 200 miles long. A little more than one-third of this force was cavalry.

Officers here talked of a march straight southward in pursuit of Villa. Troop movements seemed to bear out reports that while the Columbus column is striking south another movement will be made from the vicinity of El Paso and a third from the Arizona line somewhere near Douglas. Both the El Paso and Douglas movements would be able to follow rail lines, while the central column from here would have to go overland across a desert.

Troop trains bearing cavalrymen, infantrymen, artillery, signal and hospital detachments, and several trainloads of freight unloaded here today. Lumbering train army wagons rumbled all day through clouds of dust, each wagon piled high with arms, munitions, knapsacks, boxes of uniforms, shoes, blankets, forage and food.

In the town of Columbus the conduct of Mexicans who are strangers was closely watched. This work was rendered delicate by the large numbers of persons of

Mexican blood who are American citizens by birth. A prosperous American ranchman of Harlingen, who comes of a Mexican family, was taken into custody before his identity was established.

Lieutenant Colonel D. C. Cabell, of the 10th Cavalry, who, it is understood, will act as adjutant to General John Pershing, arrived today from Douglas and began preparations for the arrival of the commander of the expedition.

AN OFFICIAL CENSOR

The expedition now has an official censor. He is Lieutenant Martin L. Schallenger, aide-de-camp, and his first bulletin was:

The concentration and mobilization is now being arranged. Brigadier General Pershing is engaged in studying out the strategic plans of movement.

Colonel George Taylor, of the 8th Cavalry, has been placed in command in El Paso. Latest reports to the American army officers state that Villa is in the vicinity of Galeana and traveling in the direction of Chihuahua.

Villa's outlaw horde is said to be steadily growing in numbers. Each new report received here swells the roll of Villa's enlistments. It is known that this massacre at Columbus made him a hero in the eyes of his mountain kin and that Carranza soldiers in the Guerrero district deserted to take up Villa's service. Texas officials also received word that Villa agents were recruiting in the United States along the border.

MAY SHIFT PLANS. It was reported from a Mexican source that Villa might change his plan of campaign and make a stand against the United States troops at Ojitos Pasa, a narrow gap in the Sierra Madre Mountains in the western part of the State of Chihuahua. It was through this defile that the Villistas passed on their raid upon Columbus.

Fear that the Mexicans will poison water courses along the route of the American chase pervaded official quarters today. Officers said attempts undoubtedly would be made to pollute the supply either by putting in actual poison or by forcing the water with dead animals.

Army medical officers, however, will make tests of any water supplies immediately a camp is made. If any pollution is manifest all water will be boiled. "The matter of getting sufficient water is fierce," said one officer when his attention was called to a press statement quoting General Pershing as saying the pursuit was not yet under way today.

SLOCUM GETS DETAIL. Colonel H. J. Slocum, who repulsed Villa in the Columbus raid, has been appointed to command the "flying squadron" of cavalry which is expected to comprise the larger part of the armed forces to enter Mexico south of here.

To investigate reports that the Carranza mobilization at Palomas in the direct line of the contemplated pursuit may be planning opposition General Pershing arranged a conference with General Bertani, the Carranza commandant today.

The two commanders will meet on American soil. General Pershing was keeping in close touch with developments at Palomas. Carranza reinforcements under General Gutierrez, reported on route overland from Guzman to join Bertani's men, had not yet been sighted by the border patrols.

Troop trains carrying the engineers, aviators and signal corps from San Houston, Tex., passed through El Paso and were believed to be headed for Columbus.

The train was reported to have carried six aeroplanes which will be used for scouting. They were to be met immediately on their arrival here.

STORES ARRIVING. Freight trains were unloading tons of canned goods, hay for the horses and boxes labeled "handle with care." The latter were boxes of ammunition.

Columbus became a great armed camp today. Streets were lined with soldiers. Towns were blocks of orderly "company" streets between rows of tents of the dust thrown up by scores of broad-wheeled army wagons rumbling under the loads of war supplies.

Nearly every other soldier seemed to have a sharpshooter's medal pinned on his breast. Some displayed several medals. The field artillery forces were polishing up their weapons and overhauling their carriages.

A big open blacksmith shop was shoeing horses as fast as the smithies could work. Several corrals for the cavalry mounts each held its quota of "railbirds" discussing the fine points of the animals. In separate corrals were the pack mules, the hide worn tough where the field and machine gun rubbed their sides.

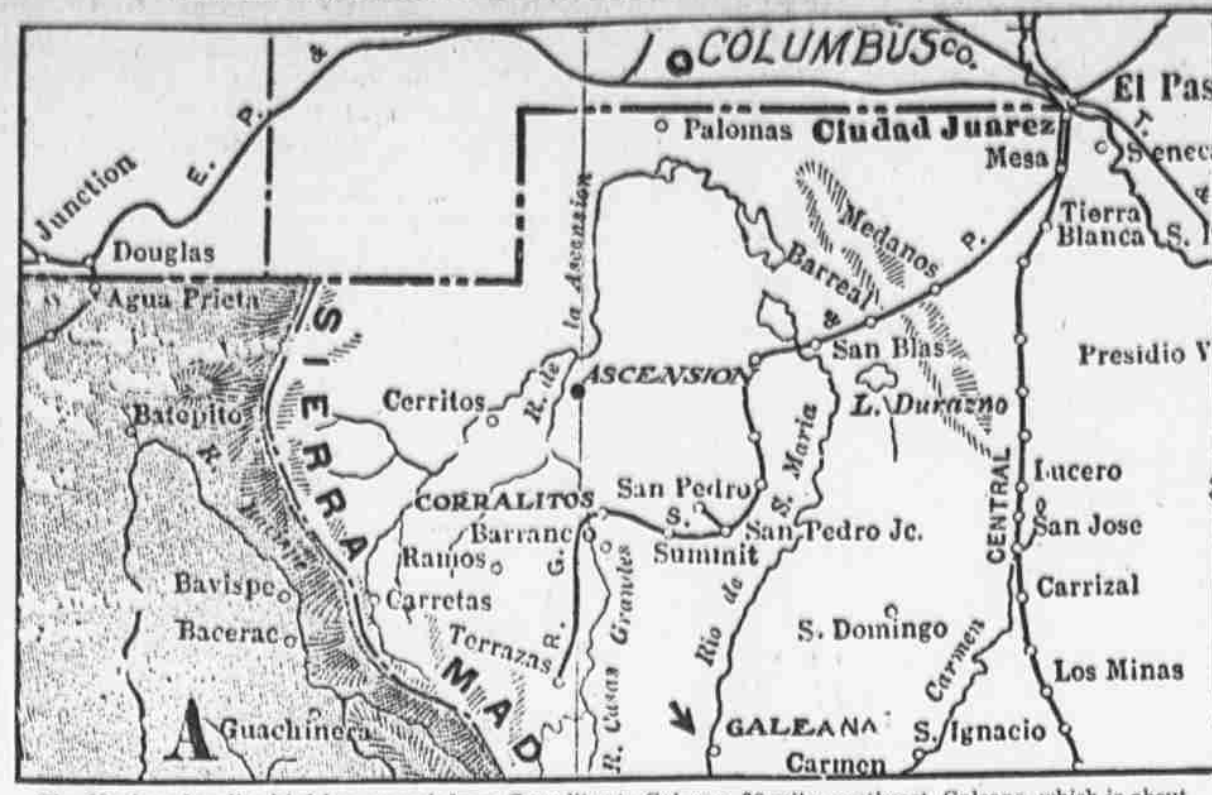
Everyone in camp was on the watch for a glimpse of a troop of the "fighting 13th," which was momentarily expected to dash in from Marfa, Tex., completing the 13th's mobilization.

FEAR OF ATTACK AT NACO. Arizona Town Warned of Possible Raid by Villistas

NACO, Ariz., March 14.—This town was under arms all night as the result of reports that it would be attacked by Mexican raiders. However, the Mexicans did not put in appearance.

Women and children were removed to places of safety, and many persons had their valuables transferred from the border.

VILLA LOCATED FARTHER FROM U. S. BORDER



The Mexican bandit chief has moved from Corralitos to Galeana, 30 miles southeast. Galeana, which is about 120 miles from El Paso, is a day's march from the nearest railroad. General Carranza, the Carranza chief, reports that Villa is surrounded by his men. General Funston is presumably at El Paso, Brigadier General Pershing, in command of the expedition, is near Columbus, while additional United States troops are at Douglas. All three points are connected by railroads to points about 25 miles from Galeana.

VILLA TRAPPED, SAYS CARRANZISTA LEADER

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the Mexican consul at El Paso. At the Consulate Mexican the correspondent was introduced to General Gavira and requested an interview.

"Are you fond of the truth?" asked General Gavira. "Then come to Juarez and I will tell it to you."

The general is a goodly sized man, heavily built and suggestive of the strength that was built up in his campaigns with Obregon. Gavira distinguished himself in the battle of Celaya, where Villa was soundly whipped. His gestures are rapid, light and most expressive.

So, escorted by Consul Garcia, the correspondent passed the three series of guards on the international bridge. Through the dust clouds and packs of jeeping dogs the motor swung around a corner and drew up where a group of Carranzista soldiers stood or sat or slept at full length in front of an old-fashioned house.

Just within the entrance to the right was a sort of tower room. He ran around in his undershirt, slept behind a machine gun, mounted to command the approach to the headquarters from two directions. The room to the left had a high ceiling and long-shuttered windows. Facing the windows was a folding door. In the middle of the floor lay an unmounted machine gun. Another one stood on end in the corner behind a motor swivel around a room was a group of Gavira's staff officers, neatly dressed in brown uniforms. Garcia departed through the doorway, but a moment later beckoned to his party.

"If general is engaged," he said, "but he will see you for a few minutes."

"Gavira sprang up from a chair as the visitors entered a room much like the other. On the desk table in front of him lay an automatic pistol, as conveniently at hand as a pen. He shook hands quite formally.

"I am pleased to see you at my quarters, gentlemen," he said. "Is there anything I could do for you?"

SILENT ON ORDERS

The general speaks English with difficulty, but he does so pleasantly. There were many things he could do. For instance, he could tell of what orders he had received, he could outline his plan of campaign—or many things.

"But I cannot speak of those things," smiled the general.

"Are your soldiers to march with the American troops?" he was asked.

"Regarding that I have not received instructions from my First Chief," said Gavira.

"But it is understood that they are to co-operate," was suggested.

"Of that I can say nothing at present. I have not received my orders from my First Chief," said Gavira.

map representing the town of Galeana. "There is Villa at Galeana," explained. "See, he is going southeast. He is running. But we are all around him. From below our garrison troops will move up."

He cupped his hands and slowly moved them upward.

"That is how will capture him," he said. "See, these pine show where our troops are. We are all around him. Here is Bertani, at Las Palomas. Villa ran away from him. He did not want to fight Bertani."

"Where is Gutierrez?" asked one of the visitors.

"I do not know his exact whereabouts, but somewhere in here," answered General Gavira, indicating a district east of Galeana.

"Is it not true, General, that he is to join Bertani at Las Palomas, opposite Columbus?"

"No, he is somewhere down here," said Gavira again. "I do not know just where, but he is helping surround Villa."

Gavira had been in conference with his new chief of police and he suddenly remembered this. He introduced the new chief. Then the ever-present photographer wanted to take Gavira's picture. With Garcia, the General stepped out into the yardway and, as the soldiers arose once more wearily to their feet, General Gavira was "snapped."

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 14.—Carranza troops are being withdrawn from the border. The garrison at Agua Prieta, across the line from Douglas, marched southward at dawn today. Similar retreats are reported from other border points.

Many Carranzistas are reported to have deserted and marched to join Francisco Villa.

The first United States cavalry is due here from Monterey, Cal., this afternoon. The troops probably will be sent eastward to Culberson's ranch, whence they can strike southward along the western slopes of the Sierra Madre range.

ACCEPTANCE OF CARRANZA DEMANDS PLEASES MEXICO

WASHINGTON, March 14.—President Wilson's note, sent to General Carranza yesterday, accepting the First Chief's suggestion for a "reciprocal agreement" as to changing hands across the border, was favorably received in Mexico, according to messages today.

Counselor Polk, of the State Department, told the President there was every reason to believe any trouble which might have threatened by the misconstruction first placed upon this Government's plan to enter Mexico appeared to be dying out. There was a tendency, he said, on the part of the Mexicans to receive the mes-

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RAILROAD TROUBLE DELAYS ARMY MOVE; TRUCKS BOUGHT

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 14.—Brigadier General John Pershing's force is now sufficient to begin the pursuit of Villa today. The force is being delayed only by arrangements to back up the expedition, according to Major General Frederick Funston. Transportation and commissary delays are blamed as a prosecution against the destruction of troop trains, arrangements were under way to have a pilot engine precede them to test the ground.

The first aero squadron, commanded by Captain Ben D. Foulois, and composed of ten officers and 80 enlisted men, is due at El Paso today, with eight military aeroplanes and equipment.

While orders for the forward movement will be issued by Funston, the hour of execution will be left to General Pershing. Authority to purchase 84 motortrucks to be organized into a supply train, an innovation in the United States army, has been received from the War Department. This train, said Funston, will have an important bearing on the expedition's success, for once on their way the troops probably will be far from any railroad.

"ARMED" LINER ARRIVES Gun on Italian Ship Casts Life-Lines, Captain Says

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Possible new complications in the armed merchantman controversy were seen here today as a result of the Italian liner Verdi entering the port of New York with a brass cannon mounted on her bridge in addition to the "defensive armament" which she carried on previous trips.

The captain contended to Collector of the Port Dudley Field Malone that the gun was for casting life-lines. The Treasury Department today asked the State Department for an investigation and ruling on the Verdi's case.

LAZIEST THIEF ROBS HOUSES Tries Windows Till He Finds Two That Are Unlocked

The laziest thief that has pilled his trade in this city for a long time tried a score of windows in West Philadelphia last night. Two were left unlocked, so he

Independence Square expresses Philadelphia, says Wilbur Hall who was impressed by its traditions, its lack of sophistries, egotism and bombast, and who crystallizes his impressions in "From the West East," the story of a 26-day motor tour from San Diego to Washington in this week's

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climbed in. The thief evidently reasoned that in every well-regulated household there was bound to be a pair of trousers in the front bedroom, and that in the pockets was the cash of the man of the house. The trousers pockets of M. Selsert, 248 Farragut terrace, were robbed of \$1.35.

Jewelry and articles of silverware in the house were not touched, the thief being too lazy to look for them. Further on the thief had better luck, when he crawled through an unlocked window and, without taking the trouble to look around, where else, found \$75 in the pockets of Dr. Lenwood Righter, 4234 Chestnut street. The trousers were draped over a chair in the second-story front bedroom.

U. S. Ship to Bring McNeely's Body

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The naval collier Sterling, on duty off Alexandria, Egypt, today was ordered to bring back to the United States the body of American Consul Robert N. McNeely, who perished when the Persia was sunk in the Mediterranean several months ago.

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