

ARMY INCREASE OF 20,000 MEN IS AUTHORIZED

Senate Concurs in Proposal
to Recruit to War
Strength

NO DISSENTING VOICE

Record Rollcall Discloses Unanimity in Adopting Joint Resolution

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Nearly 200 additional regular troops for service in the Mexican campaign were placed at the disposal of President Wilson today, the Senate concurred in the joint resolution, which was adopted in the House late yesterday, authorizing the President to recruit all army organizations up to full war strength. The resolution, adding about 20,000 men to the regular army, will be submitted to the President at once for his approval.

In order to make a record a rollcall was demanded and not a single vote was cast against the resolution. Sixty-nine yeas—no nays—were present—voted yeas.

Senator Gorman, of North Dakota, at first objected to consideration of the resolution, declaring that he wanted to know more about it, but withdrew his objection when Senator Chamberlain gave a brief explanation.

Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, offered an amendment providing a two-year term of enlistment for recruits.

At the request of Senator du Pont of Delaware, Senator Smith said he would not press his amendment because he did not wish to embarrass the immediate adoption of the resolution. He said he would urge its adoption when the Chamberlain army bill comes up. Senator Vandenberg of Michigan made a brief speech in support of Smith's amendment. Senator Newlands of Nevada delivered a lengthy dissertation in favor of "co-ordination" of the work of the committees of the House and Senate, which are at work on preparedness legislation, but said nothing about the pending resolution.

Senator Sherman, of Illinois, introduced the resolution introduced yesterday in the House by Representative Ditter, directing the withdrawing of the 12,000 troops now in the Philippines for service in the Mexican campaign.

"For the purpose of demonstrating that there is no politics on this side of the chamber when the interests of the country are at stake, I ask for the yeas and nays," said Senator Gallinger, minority leader. This cut off debate and the roll was called.

VILLA, RAGE-FROTHED, URGED MEN TO BUTCHERY

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last, who were captured in Mexico. He was an employee on the ranch of Warren & Sons, at Salto del Oro, Chihuahua, and had been made a prisoner by Villa's men a few days before the Columbus raid.

When the Villistas began their retreat, Spencer escaped along with Mrs. Maud Wright, of Pearson. Spencer, fearing he would be mistaken for a Villa follower, fled to Hachita, then to Alamo Hueco and thence to the border.

It was while he was a prisoner that Spencer witnessed the execution of Arthur McKinney, William Corbett and Williams, at Palomas ranch.

"They had been making one of their quick Villa rides," explained Spencer. "The bandits knew that there was a regiment of Carranza troops at Palomas, so they made a wide detour of the place. When they had passed the town Villa halted his men, and it was then that he made the speech telling his men to kill Americans."

VILLA IN RAGE.

"It was the fiercest talk I ever heard. Villa yelled at his men that the gringos were responsible for conditions in Mexico. His talk was filled with curses and blasphemy. Villa got so excited that the flesh stood upon his lips. Before he got through, his men were screaming and groveling upon the ground, shaking their fists toward Columbus. Villa kept yelling at his men and cursing the Americans. His followers were crazy—pure maniacs. I hope I never see such a sight again."

"When the bandits rode into Columbus I was kept behind with 20 Villistas who were caring for a band of reserve horses. I heard the first shot and then there came a blur of sounds in which rifle firing, horse calls and shouting were all mingled. The massacre began as soon as the Mexicans got into the town. I told one of the guards we ought to move."

"Go ahead, you're free," he replied. "I ran into the darkness in the direction of Hachita and finally reached the place."

"Williams and McKinney were caught by the Villa men because they thought the Villistas were Carranza soldiers. They came up looking at the brains on the horses to see if any of their horses were in the outfit. Villa ordered that the men be taken prisoners and this was quickly done."

"First the prisoners were stripped naked and the garments were distributed among

the men, who immediately put them on. McKinney was killed first. He was hanged to save ammunition. The men put a rope around his neck and, without tying his hands, pulled him into the air with the rope over the bough of a tree. McKinney clutched at the rope with his hands and they laughed at his struggles. When they had pulled the body up a few feet they slackened the rope and then caught it with a jerk. He threw out his arms and legs and died struggling in the air. Corbett was choked to death before his body was pulled from the ground."

Spencer told of seeing Mrs. Wright in the hands of the outlaws. He said they treated her well because she was brave and could not be scared. Most of the time, Spencer said, she laughed at the threats of the bandits.

MORMON BAND STILL SAFE, BUT "VILLA HOVERS NEAR"

EL PASO, Texas, March 15.—Bishop R. S. Hurst, of the local Mormon church, announced that according to his information Villa was in the vicinity of the Mormon colony at Casas Grandes, with whom Bishop Hurst had communicated this morning.

He said the 500 colonists were safe there, but that Villa "was hovering in the vicinity."

The bishop had hopes the Carranzistas, soldiers with the colonists would escort them safely to Pearson, Chihuahua, where a train on the Mexican North-western line was waiting to bring them to the border. Damage to the line between Corralitos and Sabinel, where Villa was reported to have torn up much of the right of way, has been repaired. Two freight trains stalled by the break were moving toward Juarez, clearing the way for the expected Mormon train.

Unconfirmed reports insist that anti-American sentiment among the rank and file of the Carranza army in Chihuahua State was growing.

VILLA NOT HUMAN, A TIGER, SAYS AMERICAN WOMAN

EL PASO, Tex., March 15.—Fifty American refugees from Chihuahua City, toward which Francisco Villa and his outlaws were reported to be moving, arrived here today. The train bearing the refugees reached Juarez late last night, and after a halt of several hours, crossed the Rio Grande to this city under the escort of American Consul Edwards.

The refugees reported a surprising condition of quiet in Chihuahua City. They departed at the suggestion of Marion Lecher, United States Consul. Carranza troops of all descriptions are being rushed toward the border from the South, it was said.

Among the refugees are Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Cramer, parents of Bart Cramer, who was recently killed by Villa's bandits. With the Cramers came another son, Robert.

Cramer is a sturdy rancher of the pioneer type, stalwart and ruddy. Mrs. Cramer, who has been at the side of her husband throughout the troubles in Mexico, was serene and without fear. She had donned her best black silk dress for the flight to the border.

"We have had our share of suffering in Mexico," exclaimed Mrs. Cramer. "But we felt that we ought to stay, as our property interests were there and we were always hoping that tranquil times would be restored. Villa is not human. He is a terror. When he grins he has the face of a tiger. They tell a story about him sitting on a horse and shooting a man for nothing at all. Villa was eating an apple at the time. Between bites he saw a man who seemed to offer a good target and, drawing a magazine pistol, he shot him dead. Then he went on eating his apple as though nothing had happened."

"He killed Ornelas, who used to be one of his generals at Laguna. Ornelas and Villa were on a train together."

"My friend, I see you have a silk shirt on; it is a long time since I had a silk

Villa, the Elusive, May Slip Through Iron Ring

Carranza chiefs declare their warriors can catch Francisco Villa in 10 days. There are six Mexican generals in the field against him—Rafael Maldonado, Jose Cavazos, Benjamin Garza, Luis Herrera, Pablo Bertani and Luis Gutierrez. They cover an immense territory and there are great gaps between the commands. Through these gaps Villa might not have great difficulty in taking his men. The man who can squeeze his command through a narrow Mexican street and shoot his way to liberty ought to have little trouble getting through the "iron ring" that leaves hundreds of miles unguarded.

Villa is taking his cavalry over ground at a rate that shows his remarkable driving force. From the reports of his actions, it is apparent he is averaging 40 miles a day with his outlaws, nearly a hundred of them mounted on United States Army horses, driven off in the Columbus raid. Villa has been known to make 90 miles a day.

shirt," exclaimed Villa. Then he shot Ornelas dead.

"He has had Bart, Rob and my other son Roy penned up in a corral as well as myself. We were saved once because some of his officers in Madera were sons of my boys. When he raided us again they couldn't give Bart, Villa took all our property and confiscated our lands."

Among the other refugees were Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Burn and daughter, the Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Fritts, missionaries; Mr. and Mrs. George Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. James Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ott and children, Mrs. William Siverts, Mrs. Mary Blachley, a missionary; Miss Mary Long, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson and child, Mrs. A. C. Nash, Miss Alma Myer, Mrs. J. E. Hale, Philip A. McLaughlin, Mrs. Mary McLaughlin, Mrs. L. V. Taylor and daughter, A. H. Davison, Robert E. Lear, J. W. Thompson, F. Lee Cleavenger, John M. Murray, of the Y. M. C. A.; James Murray, J. B. Anderson, Harry Ott, A. N. Klinger, Fred Potast, Mitz Buether, R. H. Holly, Dr. P. C. Sawyer and son, Fred H. Williams, C. H. Hammond, Harry E. Williams, T. J. Hill, Dr. L. E. Knopa, C. Merchanson and H. C. Newberry.

CARRANZA EDITOR ARRESTED FOR ANTI-AMERICAN PLEA

EL PASO, March 15.—Mexican newspapers printed in El Paso became so belligerent in their tone that three have been suppressed by the police.

The El Paso Del Norte, a Carranza publication, was closed up when it ran off an extra edition featuring the threat that the Mexican eagle would eat the stars out of the American flag. Fernando Banolchi, its editor, was arrested on a charge of attempting to incite riot.

To prevent Mexicans from dynamiting the El Paso and Northwestern Railroad between Columbus and El Paso every foot of the line and its tunnels and bridges were under heavy military guard today. Several small detachments of infantry broke camp at Columbus last night and left town, correspondents were permitted to report, but it is known the infantry did not cross the border.

MEXICANS HAVE HOLIDAY TO CELEBRATE U. S. TERMS

QUERETARO, Mex., March 14 (via Laredo, Tex., March 15).—A half holiday was ordered in the temporary capital of the Carranza Government today to mark

the general rejoicing in civil and military circles over the peaceful diplomatic settlement with the United States on the matters relating to the pursuit of Francisco Villa.

Troops and civilians paraded through the streets, carrying the national colors. Big guns boomed and all the church bells were tolled. The tension of the last few days disappeared when news became generally known that there would be no "invasion" of Mexico by United States military forces.

First Chief Carranza spent a large part of the day in conference with his new Minister of Foreign Relations, General Candido Aguilar. They set to work early preparing a reply to Secretary Lansing's note of yesterday.

General Aguilar said it would probably be several days before the note was completed. Officials in Queretaro express confidence that General Luis Gutierrez, who has been especially detailed to pursue Villa, will speedily capture the bandit.

Carranzistas Quit Las Palomas

EL PASO, Tex., March 15.—The Carranzistas have evacuated Palomas, Mex., south of Columbus. Carranza Consul Garcia announced today. General Bertani was said to be leading his 1500 Carranzistas to Guzman, Mex.

SHIPPING NEWS

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA

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Manchester	Manchester	Feb. 27
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Arcan	Sophaen	Feb. 29
Boden	Liverpool	Feb. 29
Thule	Narvik	Feb. 29
Yearby	Dublin	Feb. 29
Texas	Christiana	Mar. 4
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Crown of Leon	Huelva	Mar. 7
Angela	London	Mar. 9
Ariadne Irene	Cette	Mar. 9
Tabor	Dalquiri	Mar. 12
Santa Catalina	Rio Janeiro	Mar. 13

PORT OF NEW YORK

Steamships Due Today

Name	From	Sailed
Touraine	Bordeaux	Mar. 5
Nordland	Falmouth	Mar. 6
Baltic	Liverpool	Mar. 7

Steamships to Leave

Name	For	Date
Steinbock	Scandinavia	Mar. 15
Heller Olav	Copenhagen	Mar. 16
Chicago	Bordeaux	Mar. 17
St. Paul	Liverpool	Mar. 18

Movements of Vessels

Motorship Glenpool, Tuxpan for Philadelphia, 250 miles west of Sand Key at noon March 14.

Rfr. Toledo, towing schr. Delaware Sun, Philadelphia for Port Arthur, 50 miles east of Sabine bar at 6 p. m. March 14.

Str. Healdton, Philadelphia for Rotterdam, passed Overfalls Lightship at 9:45 p. m. March 14.

Str. Sarnia, Philadelphia for Spain, 1513 miles east of Overfalls Lightship at 8 p. m. March 14.

Str. J. A. Hooper, Philadelphia for Havana, six miles south of Fowey at noon March 14.

Str. Grecian, Philadelphia for Boston, passed Fire Island at noon March 14.

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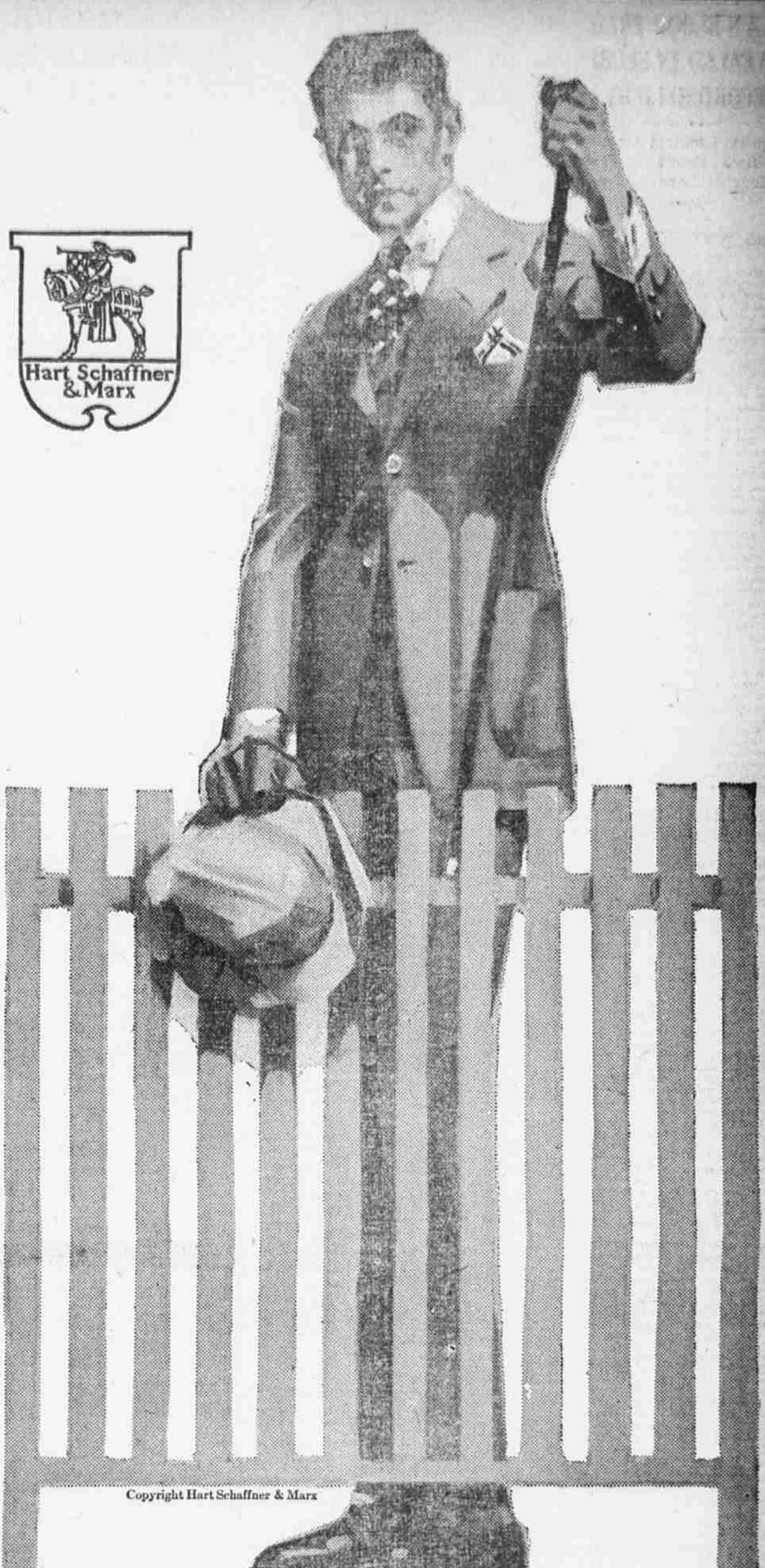
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