VILLISTAS MOVE ON 500 MORMONS; HELP FAR DISTANT

Outlaws Burn One Colony and Mass for Casas Grandes Assault

BISHOP'S SON CALLS AID

Succor for Menaced Colony Believed Impossible-Colonia Dublan Burned

EL PASO, March 16 .- Villista forces, sworn to massacre the 500 American members of the Mormon Church colony at Casas Grandes are reported massed in the Casas Grandas district and threatenng to attack. This move follows the Dublan yesterday.

This was indicated today when Bishop Hurst, of the Mormon Church, received dispatches from the Casas Grandes and rushed to a conference with Z. L. Cobb, United States collector of customs here. Mr. Cobb would not divulge the details

of his information.

"They are of such vital military importance that I am rushing them to General Pershing at the front," said Mr. Cobb.

"We can only hope that the Mormon colony will be saved."

Bishop Hurst seen a few minutes later.

Bishop Hurst, seen a few minutes later,

"The 500 Mormons are in imminent danger of massacre at Casas Grandes. They do not know that relief is on the

way."

Bishop Hurst's own son got through
Villa's lines and brought the news to El Help cannot reach Casas Grandes before two days.

EL PASO, Tex., March 16.—Colonia Dublan, the Mormon settlement in the Casas Grandes Valley, is in ruins after an invasion of Villa bandits, according to a ort which reached El Paso from Colum-

The news of the burning of the Mor-mon village of more than 100 homes was brought to Columbus by Alexander Straut,

who barely escaped with his life.

Whether the Mormons were murdered or whether they escaped to the Carranza garrison at Casas Grandes is not known. Straut, who was on top of a house, saw the Villa band of 300 soldlers approaching, leaped to the ground, mounted a horse and rede away as the bandits entered the town on their mission of de-As Straut rode away flames from the

burning buildings could be seen for miles.

With Straut was a man named Tracy,
who also was a member of the Mormon
colony. Tracy also barely escaped with
his life. He remained at Columbus to act

as scout for the United States army.

According to Straut's story, the five male members of the Palanco family were murdered by Villa bandits while at the Corralitos ranch on Monday, but the three Palanco girls were taken prisoners. The men who were shot to death ware Greeners. Muclo Geronimo Davis A were Gregory, Mucio, Geronimo, Davis A. and Valentine Palanco. The bandits approached the ranchhouse

and represented themselves to be Carranga soldiers. After requesting food, the bandits opened fire on the Palanco men, killing some of them in the house and others in the corral, as they ran to their

MEXICAN GUERRILLAS FIRE ON U. S. TROOPS

- Continued from Page One Carranga not to oppose the American sol-

"Does that mean you will co-operate with them?" he was asked.

"I have been told not to oppose them After spending the night encamped in the vicinity of the Palomas Lakes, nine miles south of the border, the main division of the expedition was reported to be pushing forward on Villa's trail today. Behind Cavalry scouts, Colonel Slocum's sening Cavary scouts, Coloner Slocum's column of infantry, artillery and cavalry was marching this afternoon across the alkali waste of the Chihuahua desert on the line of retreat Villa took following his defeat at Columbus.

Warned by the opening clash that guerrilla tactics might be expected during all the operations in Mexico, no further chances of surprise will be taken by Gen-eral Pershing and his staff. Immediately after the Mexicans had been driven off, two American aeroplanes took the air and flew in advance of the expedition until it halted for the night about 10 miles south of the border.

first field headquarters of the Pershing expedition will be established at Guzman, a town in Chihuahua about 40 miles from the border, and on the railway from Juliez to Pearson. From this point the American troops will be supplied while they wage their campaign against Villa sort.
in his refuge in the Sierra Madre Moun- "I know that there has been none of

MARCH INTO MEXICO

With the vanguard of the United States army already well into Mexico, south of Columbus, N. M., officials expected few results and meagre news for several days. Cryptic dispatches from Generals Funston and Pershing, hiding the actual location and line of march of the Market States forces through northern by the United States forces through northern Mexico, deseted of all but skeleton facts, were the prospect.

The exect strength of the United States forces now in Mexico was still in General Pershing was believed to have led approximately 4000 men across the border at Columnus. About 1500 more were believed to have started last night will go today from Culbertson's anch, about 60 miles from Columbus. With strategic plans kept closely guard-

ed, it was believed the two American expeditions would effect a junction at As-cension probably tomorrow for the trip south through Carralitos toward Casas

Another big body of United States troops was still waiting the signal at El Paso. When these would leave no army authority would disclose.

Although Colonel Gavira, Carranza com mander at Juarez, opposite El Paso, prom-ised that his troops were loyal and would not oppose passage of the Americans through Juarez, it was believed the entry there of the third division of the United there of the third division of the United States pumitive expedition would be con-siderably delayed. Juares and vicinity is bulleved to be honeycombed with Villista sympathisers, with many on the American aide. Prevention of a Villiata uprising, especially in El Paso, where from 20,099 to 30,000 Mexicans reside, was a con-sideration.

As complete a mystery as the exact number of United States troops in Mexico was the number of men Villa now has Army reports variously estimated his command from 1200 to 3000. He is said to be poorly

rom 1300 to 3000. He is said to be poorly povisioned, his ammunition supplies limted and having only three or four pieces of small artillery. A sangulnary engagement with the Villetas is a remote possidility according to army officers.

Musy wiid rumers were affort regarding bandit activity on the border and
filists apprisings in the interior. One
against in which officials placed little retance was that Zapata and Felix Dios
danned to aid Villa by sending armites
certh to join him. Carranza's main army
therefore and the south, it was deleaved, would effectually prevent any such

Gen. Scott Rejects Villa's Turkey Hunt Invitation

WASHINGTON, March 16 .- Chief of Staff Scott scratched off his invitation list today a pressing request of General Francisco Villa or a turkey hunting expedition when peace is restored in Mexico." The invitation was extended

Scott when he was personal envoy to Villa on a placating mission some time ago. Villa planned to take Scott through the Mexican mountains, where for years he had operated as a bandit, and promised Scott some of the best sport he

alles from Columbus, N. M., as the crow es. The "fighting 13th," under Colonel Slow

cum, was in the lead.

A base will be established at Guzman, as supplies can be sent over the raliroad from El Pase by way of Justez.

The Carransista authorities in Chihua-

hus, acting on General Carranza's orders, through War Minister Obregon, were co-

THIRD U. S. EXPEDITION MAY START FROM EL PASO

EL PASO, Tex., March 16.-Brigadier General George Bell, Jr., with his aides, Lieutenants C. B. Moore and R. R. Pratt, arrived last night from San Antonic General Bell comes to assume command of the American forces here in the absence of General Pershing in Mexico. General Bell, it is believed, will lead a third col-

Evidences of active preparations for the sending in of another United States army in pursuit of Villa were to be seen here the mobilization of additional forces and the gathering of supplies and muni-tions. The third army of invasion will enter Mexico at some point near El Paso. it was indicated, and it also was indicated that the United States troops will not go through Juarez, but will move around that city and may make use of the Mexican Northwestern Railway at a point several miles from the border

Four troops of the lith Cavalry, from Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., have arrived at Fort Bliss. They are Troops A. B. C and D. Four more troops of the same regiment are due before midnight, and the third battalion will arrive in the early morning. The 23d Infantry, from Galveston, is expected to reach Fort Bliss before tonight, and additional forces, cluding artillery and an aviation of from San Diego, are said to be under or-

ders to proceed to this point.

All available auto trucks in El Paso are being leased by the quartermaster department for forwarding supplies from the border to the armies in the interior, and will be accompanied by a detail of infantry riding on each truck.

AUTOS FOR SERVICE.

Ten automobiles were brought here and gent to Columbus to be used in the Mexican campaign for scouting purposes. They will be followed by others which the Quartermaster's Department is said to

be trying to obtain.

If the troops are able to make 30 miles a day General Pershing's forces should reach the country where Villa and his bandits are reported to be camped in about five days. This is the opinion of old cattlemen here who know the route

There need be no dearth of water on the way if the American scouts use ordi-nary precaution in leading the forces into the interior. Water holes and running streams, these at rare intervals, are to be

ound along the trail.

After leaving the border the Americans will find plenty of water at the ranch of the Palomas Ranch and Cattle Company. From there to the Boca Grande River there are wells on ranches that can be utilized. The Boca Grande always has attlized. The Boca Grande always has an abundance of water. At Corralitos there is water in abundance, and the trail from there to the Casas Grandes settlements is fairly well watered.

From Palomas to Casas Grandes it is approximately 140 miles by the route Villa followed, and it is presumed the American traons will follow closely the

American troops will follow closely the

The advance of the punitive forces did not disturb the usual calm of Juarez to-The garrison soldiers appeared en-

was the native population.

Mexicans born in the United States have formed a home guard force in El Paso with a view of offering their services larger than those under Pershing may shortly be involved in the Mexican camorganization.

Speaking of the rumor of popular re-sentment against Americans in Mexico, Consul Andres Garcia said:

"The excitement, so far as I am able to learn, is entirely on the American side of the border. I haven't heard of a in-gle authentic case of Carranzista soldiers threatening Americans. Perhaps a few individual soldiers have called the Americans names, as has been charged, but I myself have often been called names on the American side. Our forces are well under discipline and there is no likelihood of any outrage against Americans of any

the reported resentment among my men. We are all friendly disposed to the United States and its citizens." Stories brought from the interior of

Mexico by American refugees served, how-ever, to confirm the impression that at least a section of the Carraras soldiery were far from unfriendly to Villa and were decidedly hostile to the American ex-At the same time other Americans, especially those who came from Sonora and

the western part of Mexico, declared that conditions in those parts were quiet and that they had experienced no display of toward either the United nimosity

States or themselves personally.

One of the difficulties in catching Villa, as pointed out by these Americans, was the superiority of the horses his men ride over the other mounts available in Northern Mexico. Villa's horses were described as "race horses." The fugitive has made a practice of seizing or buying outright the frest horses available. Another problem, the Americans said, lay in the fact that, through fear or ig-

norance, the Mexicans residing in country regions of Chihuahua give considerable allegiance to Villa. In the cities they considered the Carranga sentiment dominant, but said Villa was free to travel without danger in rural regions unless he came into actual contact with Carranza troops.

Among the arrivals were the following missionaries: The Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Fritz, Miss Mary Blachly and Miss Mary F. Long.

FUNSTON PRAISES BRAVERY OF U. S. TROOPS AT COLUMBUS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 16 .- That the American soldier is still the best rifle shot in the world is the belief expressed today by General Frederick Funston, fol-lowing his receipt of the first detailed mail report from Colonel H. J. Siocum, who commanded the forces at Columbus on the morning of the Villa raid.

Sixty-seven Mexicans were killed on the merican side of the border during the ttack. This is 19 more than given in attack. This is 10 more than given in the last official report.

"When you consider that the attack was a surprise; that it came in the darkest portion of the night, just before dawn, and that the men were aroused from sleep, the results of their rifle fire were remarkable." he said. "I estimate that the total number of Mexicans killed in the fight on both sides of the border ran up closs to 150.

HEACH GUIMAN TONKIHT:

Fly indications were that the vaning the Americans were 13 miles over
ing the American freepers stood off an
ing the Mail. This town is on the Maxaction of \$10 Villstan. It was splanded
work, said the general.

CARRANZA SUPPORT IN U. S. INVASION PROBABLY MEANS "NON-INTERFERENCE ONLY"

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The Administration, fully convinced that the orisis in the Mexican situation has been passed for the present, today settled down to await action.

With the American troops nushing forward to the south in their hunt for Villa without having encountered any opposi-tion from the Constitutionalist forces, offition from the Constitutionalist forces, offi-cials believe that the real danger has passed. There will be isolated clashes with former Villista troops impressed into the Carranza army without consent, and with Mexican guerrillas, but both at the State and the War Departments, the officials coolared the Carranza Government had stood the test, and had dem onstrated that Obregon still dominated the army. He has decreed that there shall be no interference with the American exsedition and his subordinate officers are

beying his command. Secretary of War Baker today notified he President that early dispatches from the border indicated Carranza troops were co-operating with columns of American troops, and were assisting from the south. The feeling prevailed at the White House that today was the critical day in deter-mining how well Carranza has his forces under control.

To what extent the Carranga troops will co-operate with General Pershing's forces, officials would not predict. The co-operation so far is believed to be con-fined merely to non-interference. General Funston reported to Secretary

Baker that the Carranzistas appeared to be co-operating, but the War Department be cooperating but the War Department does not contemplate any strategic agreements between Gutlerrez, Carranzista commander, and Pershing. Each force is expected to go it alone, co-operating only to the extent of endeavoring to trap Villa on all sides. Joint action in the field, officers said, would depend on circumdeneral Carranga is expected to issue orders to his troops to aid the Americans n every way possible, including pro-isloning. The United States forces, how-ever, will rely on their munition and supply bases on the border, using motor-truck trains when railroad communica-tion is impossible or too distant.

BORDER POSTS, FEARING RAIDS, APPEAL FOR MILITIA GUARD

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 16.—The National Guard of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico will soon be ordered to the border by the War Department, it ellably stated at Fort Sam Houston to-

The troops will be used to protect such nunities as Brownsville, Presidio, Tex.; Douglas, border communities Tucson and Bisbee, Ariz. The call may ome before the end of the week.

Municipal officials of Arizona and New Mexico towns have made frantic appeals to General Funston for additional protection, fearing possible local uprisings on the part of the resident Mexicans.

In every case General Funston has pointed out that the local authorities' requests for Federal assistance must come from the Governor of the State wishing it. General Funston regards the situation along the border as extremely acute.

The situation opposite Douglas is re-Calles and men there are aggressively anti-American, it is reported. Presidio, Tex., opposite which point a Carranga garrison mutinied and executed Colonel Rojas, the Carranza commander, is a danger spot. Near Brownsville the Car-ranza commander is friendly to Amercans and is said to have control over his

Whether there will be serious clashes between American soldiers and Carranzistas depends upon the degree of control Carranza commanders are able to exert over their men.

PERSHING SENDS REPORT BY WIRELESS TO FUNSTON

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 16 .in Mexico, are being decoded at Fort Sam Houston.

General Funston at noon said the only word received from General Pershing was cheering vociferously. The Columbus a "strength" report, outlining the forces camp now bristled in warilke aspect. under his command and their disposition. The 6th and 16th Regiments sprang to a "strength" report, outlining the forces under his command and their disposition. tirely friendly to visiting Americans, as Funston refused to make this report their feet, and on the eastern side the

In order to facilitate the transmission of service news from Columbus to San Antonio headquarters, arrangements were made today for a leased wire, under Government control.

FARMERS AT HUNT CLUB

Huntsmen and Huntswomen Entertain Agriculturists at Breakfast

Farmers of Chester and Delaware Counties, whose fields are used by mem-bers of the West Chester Hunt Club during hunting season, and huntsmen and huntswomen from hunt clubs in the vicinity of this city are the guests today of the club. The event includes a fox hunt. Breakfast was served at the West Chester Fair Grounds at 9 o'clock this orning. The hunt began promptly at 11 clock. More than a dozen packs of unds were released. Several hundred riders followed the dogs.

Among the clubs represented were the Radnor, Rose Tree. Mather Hounds, Stewart Hounds, Unionville, Kennett Square, Worth, Funk, Downingtown, Whiteland, Glen Riddle, Glen Moore, Goshen, Root, Dutton, Howard Stewart, Rogers, White Horse and Reason.

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UNCLE SAM'S BOYS KICK UP DUST AND SING 'HOT TIME' IN VILLA SEARCH

Gay Scenes, Interspersed With a Little Army Language, Mark Launching of Mexican Campaign

BATTERED FLAG LEADS

EL PASO, Tex., March 16 .- A long trull of alkali dust hanging over the skyline marked the course of the United States troops into Mexico today, according to American passengers who arrived yesterday on the Golden State limited from

Columbus.
The column was moving across the flat sloping plain just as the train from the west passed through Columbus, and because of the congestion of the troop trains there the delay gave the passengers an unexcelled opportunity to watch the movement of the American troops across the

A corps of engineers were the first to leave. Behind them rode the 13th Cav-alry, the organization picked by General Pershing for the place of honor because of its baptism of fire in the battle at Co-lumbus a week ago between Villa and the troopers of Colonel Slocum's command. The bullet-torn flag of the 13th was at the head of the column as the troopers

Behind the 13th Cavalry marched the 6th and 16th Infantry Regiments. As the roops marched toward the line, singing There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," the little Mexican flag on the Palomas custom house could be seen wav-ing in the breeze from the rear of the

As the first expeditionary force moved into position the wagon trains, pack trains and motor forces swung in behind and headed due south toward the main border. As they swung in another line formed from behind the line Villa occupied when he charged down into the little border Troops all over the mosquito-covered plains were forming in platoons.

The cavalry troops cantered out of the little town where they fought the ban-

dits, swung across level country, which pes sharply toward Palomas, and pro-ded in a canter until they were clear of the town and camp, when they settled lown to a cavalry march with the in

down to a cavalry march with the in-fantry stepping along behind.

Columbus was filled with civilians watching for the crossing, and they cheered the American soldiers. The engi-neer on the passenger train blew his whistle constantly as a farewell to the troops, and the train pulled out as the colors of the cavalry could be seen wav-ing as a dark patch against the white adobe of the nearest border house.

So rode the vanguard of an expedition gathered in less than a week, but never theless one of the most powerful forces assembled by this country since the Span-

ish-American War.

There was no opposition on the border and no sign of armed opposition as the American column passed Palomas and near other towns where Mexican troops are known to have been stationed. The are known to have been stationed. The route which had been chosen is, it is said, one that will afford least opportunity fo rousing antagonistic feeling among the

With dawn the incessant shouting of orders, the rattle of harness and the jumble of noises that belong to an army just ready to move. Orderlies galloped here and there. Mule team drivers lashed their teams and cursed—as only an army muleteer can—the animals as they hur-ried into harness, ready for the long strain over the uneven face of the desert. Bugles sounded the assembly at about 10 o'clock. Tents had been folded and

equipment packed; guns had been newly equipment packed; guns had been newly cleaned; knapsacks contained every need, from shoe polish to a tooth brush. Slowly dragged the hours' delay before orders were issued for the move. The men lounged on the ground, rolling cigarettes and through the companionable smoke hazarding guesses as to the eventful hour of descriptive. of departure.

When the command to fall in was barked by the officers—about 11 o'clock the troopers sprang into their places.

13th Cavalry and the 14th Artillery bounded into position. Headed by half a dozen cowboy scouts, slouching lazily in their saddles, the cavalry took the lead. They rode four abreast, and laughed and joked among

themselves as their lithe bodies swayed in rhythm with the thudding hoofs of their mounts.

Then the foot soldiers quickly formed, at the shouted commands of their officers, and moved into line. From the thousands of pounding feet of the men in khaki arose a cloud of dust. Greater grew the arose a cloud of dust. Greater grew the
dust and of increasing volume the noise
as the slower moving field guns, with
their shouting guard riders darting
among the horsemen rolled into view.
General Pershing, surrounded by his
aides, was next in line. With him went
the news syndicate correspondents. On
the heels of the field wireless came the the needs of the held wheeless came the rear guard. Here the three arms of the service, cavalry, infantry and field guns, protected from attack from behind the column that stretched on ahead of it for nearly three miles.

AMERICANS AND CONSUL FLEE COAHUILA DISTRIC

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The American colonies of Nacozari, in northern Sonora, and Torreon, in Coahulla, are in flight toward the United States.

The State Department received confirmation that Consular Agent Williams and almost all Americans at Torreon

ould leave there.
It was assumed they had already left. A Nogales message said General Calles has mobilized 5000 troops in northeastern Sonora, but that all is quiet in the

Nogales region.

An El Paso dispatch confirmed press reports that five Mexican employes of the

American-owned Carralitos Cattle Com-pany ranch, at Carralitos, below Colum-bus, had been slain by Villistas in their flight from the Columbus raid. Brownsville consul reported all quiet. The appointment of treneral Candido Aguilar as Carranga's Secretary of For-eign Relations was reported.

U. S. SOLDIERS ON GUARD AT BRIDGE ROUT MEXICANS

KINGSVILLE, Tex., March 16.-Sixteen American soldiers guarding the Barreda bridge on the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railroad, five miles south of Sar Benito and 14 miles north of Browns-ville, Tex., were fired upon by 30 Mexican bandits during the night. About 100 shots vere exchanged, reports today said. Following the skirmish, in which

Americans were injured, the bandits fled and are thought to have escaped into Mexico. Troops guarding the railway line have been ordered increased.

NEGRO REGIMENT ON MARCH

INTO MEXICO "AFTER VILLA"

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 16 .- With all southbound trains carrying in fresh troops for every border post. Major General Frederick Funston today turned his attention to preparations for departure of additional troops.

Fort Sam Houston, the headquarters of General Funston, was alive with animaion, as it was assumed that the Major Jeneral and his staff very soon would nove southward and take up a position nearer the border.

General Funston's headquarters are equipped with wireless and telegraph to receive all news from the border, and official advices announcing that the 7th and 10th Cavalry also had proceeded across the border from Culbertson's ranch were

momentarily expected.

The 10th is a negro regiment. The two, commanded by Colonel James E. Erwin and Colonel William C. Brown, respectively, were stationed at Fort Sam Houston and at Nogales until the Columbus raid. Rigid censorship was maintained at the fort on all movements of troops, but from the fact that the two cavalry regiments had moved southward from Culbertson's ranch it was surmised that the punitive expedition was headed for Colonia Diaz Mormon colony in the foothills of the Herra Madre Mountains, in the Rio Chico, whence there runs a good wagon road to the south.

U. S. DESTROYER FINDS LOWER CALIFORNIA QUIET

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 16 .- The United States destroyer Stewart arrived at Ensenada, Lower California, today. The entire peninsula was quiet, according to telegraphic advices received here.

Ensenada heard of the American pur-suit after Villa for the first time today from San Diego fishermen. Commander Freeman, of the torpedo fleet, said the stewart was expected to return here tonight.

The Stewart was sent to Ensenada, it is understood, to investigate reports of danger to 100 Americans there from a possible revolt of the garrison under Estaban Cantua, Carranza Governor of Lower California.

MEXICAN TROOPS ASSEMBLE NEAR SAN BENITO, TEXAS

SAN BENITO, Tex., March 16.—Armed Mexican cavalry are concentrating across the border from this town, which has suffered severely from previous marauding expeditions. Citizens of San Benito are fortifying their houses and stores. The Texas Rangers have been notified



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AMERICAN RANCHER SLAIN BY MEXICANS

Ex-New Yorker Reported Murdered After Torture by Carranzistas

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 16 .-James B. Careless, an American rancher, lying in Coahulla, has been murdered by Mexican soldlers wearing the uniform of Carranzistas, according to information re-

ived here today. Cowboys employed on the J. M. Dobie ranch at Musquiz, Conhulla, are said to have found the body.

Careless, who lived 30 miles from Mus-uis, left here 10 days ago with more than \$10,000 worth of supplies. His murder is believed to have occurred yesterday. The marks on the body indicated that the American had been tortured before being put to death. Careless, who was 38 years old, was a native of New York. He had been living in Mexico, however, for

Careless regarded himself as perfectly safe in Mexico, saying just before he left San Antonio, "I feel just as safe on Mex-lean soll as I do in the United States."

\$1,000,000 LUMBER PLANT NOW MENACED BY VILLA

EL PASO, Tex., March 16 .- The Madera Company, Ltd., owner of more than \$1,000,000 worth of saw mills and lumber in the Galeana district, southwest of Casas

of the Villa bandits, according to a dispatch received in El Paso today.

Villa and his men were said to be moving in the direction of Pearson, seat of the company's offices and main plant, after his departure from Carralitos. He apparently took a remarkable to the seasons. parently took a roundabout coute to avoid the Carranza troops at Casas Grandes.

There is little loot to be had at Pearson

since most of the population is engaged in work at the mills, but it is believed that loot is the secondary consideration in Villa's mind. His grievance against the company dates back to December 20 when he was informed by employes of the com-pany at Madera that they had 3000 peros coming to them which they could not collect. Villa went to the head of the com-pany, but got no satisfaction. Then he ar-rested 20 American employes of the company, taking them to Chihuahua City, where they were held for ransom. In the meantime, however, Carranzista troops advanced upon Chihuahua City and Villa and his men were forced to fice. The cap-tives were released and the ransom is still unpaid.

Just before his raid upon Columbus Villa is reported to have made the threat that he would "wipe out the debt of the Madera Company."

Premier Asquith Improving LONDON, March 16.—Improvement in the condition of Premier Asquith, who is ill with bronchial catarrh, continues. The

physicians announced that he passed a

comfortable night.

LANCASTER GIRL BURNED

Child Was Playing at Stove While Alone in Kitchen

LANCASTER, Pa., March 16.—Whose Mrs. Daniel E. Stoltsfus, wife of a farmer at Leola, was attending to her househest duties in the cellar, her five-year-old daughter, Matilda, was burned to dent in the kitchen. Her little sister found her with her clothing burned from her bedy. It is supposed the girl's dress caught fire while she was playing with paper at a stove.

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