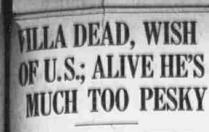
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Bandit's Own Men Will Betray Him, Belief in Washington

# REWARDS A GREAT LURE

Troops Will Not Be Allowed to Establish Bases in Mexico Towns

WASHINGTON, March 18 .- Secretary Baker today issued the following statement concerning the Mexican sitestion :

"Reports received directly through military channels and those sent to this department from other departments of the Government indicate quiet all along the Mexican border except some excitement at Tampico, which is apparently temporary and without cause. There are no reports of the operations of the expedition available for publication."

WASHINGTON, March 18.

WASHINGTON, March 18. The United States much prefers to get Francisco Villa dead than alive. Dead, te will not create any problems. Alive, he will be quite a little trouble. In fact, it is generally conceded here that he will never be taken alive.

If caught alive the New Mexican au therities would be certain to demand him for trial for the Columbus killings, while uld be depended on to insist Carranza would be depended on to insist that he be turned over to his troops for court martial and to face a firing squad. The news from the border that private difficulty in the anticipated plan of the Americans to establish a supply base or the Mexican Northwestern road. This will mean that supplies and ammunition will be shipped through Juarcz. The sight of

at Santa Ysabel.

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Veterans of the frontier foresee further

the ammunition being forwarded through

a Mexican city to help Americans kill Mexicans, say the veterans, will be the

last touch needed to turn large number

of Carranzistas against the soldiers of the

Inited States. The situation is to Villa's

WATCH VILLA AGENTS

that Villa agents across the river

He has sent his scouts riding

the death of Villa leads officials who are The cease of the conditions to believe that some of the bandit leader's own men will be the ones to "get him." The re-ward method has frequently been resorted to on the border to get bandits and, when the purse is made large enough, it never fails to succeed. It is said \$50,000 has been offered.

officials made it plain today that the request of General Gavira, the Carran-lists commander at Juarez, that the American expedition do not occupy any Mexican citles or towns is considered rea-

It is known that the establishment of a base in a Mexican city by the Ameri-can forces would be misunderstood by the Mexican people. To avoid this it is expeted that the expeditionary forces will give cities and towns a wide berth in their progress toward the south.

It is not expected that any real informaat Fabens to prevent a repetition of the tion regarding the plans of the American forces will be forthcoming here for sev-Columbus massacre. General Gavira, commandante at Jua-rez, announced that the Mexican Governeral days. The censorship put into effect by the General Staff, as reported by Cap-tain Cootes, is absolute so far as informa-tion regarding troop movement is conof its own with censorship. He stated at his headquarters that hereafter there would be no publication made of the moveerned. This is at the request of Gen-eral Funston, who takes the position that the news should come through his headnents of his troops. quarters, as he is best able to determine what should or should not be made to determine It was known, however, that Mexican soldiers departed late yesterday toward Casas Grandes. General Bertani, who was

stat should or should not be published. State Department officials pointed out that the situation in the Tampico district, in command at Las Palomas, is said to have been at the head of the Carran-zistas. It was rumored that Gavira him-self would go to the Casas Grandes disserious trouble is feared, is not Torreon and Tuxpam have been zistas. digrane of disorders and this is due to trict with a few hours to take command of Lort to get control of this section. Lort to get control of this section. " a understood that the attention of the set Mer has been called to the situation the situation there. UNCLE SAM'S NAVY EXPECTED that he has promised that wongs will be sent to that region imme-

The State Department today announced cospt of additional dispatches through military channels, saying no trouble is reported anywhere in Mexico, or along the border except at Tampico, where "there is a little excitement, apparently temporary and without cause."

# GIVE U.S. BORDER OFFICERS FREE REIN, SAYS SWISS MILITARY CHIEF

#### By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD

BERNE, Switzerland, March 18 .- To handle the Mexican problem the United States needs border commanders with the power to act on their own initiative in crises such as the Villa raid, Colonel Sprecher von Bernegg, chief of the Swiss General Staff, said today.

To meet other more serious international crises that may arise at any hour the United States needs a stronger navy than Japan, a large standing army to guard her coasts and borders and military training for her youths, he added.

The Swiss military leader is one of the most expert military men of all Europe. An earnest advocate of the Swiss system for his own republic, he believes the system should be modified, if introduced in the United States.

I asked Colonel Sprecher how the Swiss military system would have helped America in the Mexican crisis. It would not have prevented Villa's

raid on Columbus, he replied promptly. "But wouldn't the citizens of Columbus have been soldiers with a commander to call them to service?" he was asked. "No," he said, "the district commander would have been obliged to ret orders from the Commander of his control here been as

get orders from the Government of his canton before acting. Switzerland is small. Our troops move quickly. You would be obliged to modify the system to suit your size. For example, you need commanders along the border with power to act on their own initiative in such a situation as the Villa incident.

The Swiss system, if introduced in America, needs a hundred changes, but the first thing is to get military training started. Other

questions can be settled as you go along. "In America you will always need a large standing army to guard our coasts and borders. To this you must add a stronger navy than Japan's to keep you safe. "You ought to have immense military supplies along your coasts and

borders, but not close enough to allow enemy landing forces to capture them. A large force ought to guard the Panama Canal and you ought to be able to augment your 10,000 or more troops in the Philippines at a moment's notice.

General Leonard Wood, addressing students at the University of Pennsylvania last week, explained and upheld the Swiss military system.

nen would co-operate with the Americans | lays of transport drivers receive infor cannot force the Mexican to love the American-"gringo" he dies cursing. American refugees coming across the border tell of one of the Mexican beliefs mation which leads them to believe the march has been quiet thus far. Except for this occasional gossip and the secret dis-patches coming in over the wire, the men which is typical of the country. It is that the score of Mexican prisoners recently burned to death in the El Paso jail were of the expedition out "somewhere in northern Chihuahua" are completely out of communication of any sort with even their comrades at this base. deliberately cremated by the American authorities to avenge the Villa massacre

#### TWO AMERICANS MURDERED BY VILLA SYMPATHIZERS

#### U. S. Citizens Killed in Attack on Ranch, Refugees Say

GALVESTON, Tex., March 18 .-- Two Americans were murdered by Mexicans or a ranch west of Torreon Monday night according to advices reaching here from the border today. The story was brought to the border by refugees, foreign and

throughout Mexico shouting the Villa battle cry: "Come with me. No more bul-lets for my countrymen, they are for the gringoes." domestic. It is said the Americans were killed an anti-American demonstration during in which half a hundred Mexicans partici-pated. The bodies of the dead Americans vere left at the ranch house when the Nightly reports come to Fabens, known to the Texas Rangers as one of the 'toughest'' smugglers' joints on the bor-Mexicans took up their march northward, hoping to join some squad of Villa soldiery. Mexican refugees declared that feeling against Americans and American Interests is intense.

hold nightly mass-meetings to whip the peon to a fighting fury. Troops of the 8th Cavalry, it is said, have been posted BROWNSVILLE, Tex., March 18 .-John Lightburn was stabled and prob-ably fatally wounded in an anti-American outbreak late yesterday at Point Isabel, ent was going to make an experiment Its own with censorship. He stated Tex., 23 miles below here on the Gulf

He attempted to rilence a Mexican who was making an anti-American speech in Spanish and received his wounds in a reulting fight. One Mexican was arrested Point Isabel was reported quiet last night

#### RALLY TO VILLA IN TORREON AND CASAS GRANDES FEARED

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 18.—Tor-reon is the powder barrel of northern Mex-ico. Casas Grandes may be the match. In

both cities Villa sentiment is strong. A clash between Villa and the force of TO HELP QUELL BANDITS General Pershing, now near Casas Grandes, or between these forces and Villa sympathizers would, in the opinion of refugees who have arrived here from WASHINGTON, March 18 .- A report that the United States navy would take part in the Mexican campaign soon was Torreon, cause the explosion which both the Carranzistas and the United States current in official circles this afternoon. Secretary of War Baker and Secretary are so anxious to forestall.

At Fort Sam Houston it is conceded of the Navy Daniels held a long confer-ence. Neither would discuss it afterwards. It was believed that plans for the sailors that the situation is rapidly approaching a critical stage and events of the next few days may be decisive. w days may be decisive. Mexican agencies report that Villa is the Hay bill had White House approval.

being anxiously awaited.

SENATE'S ARMY PLAN. FOR 800,000 MEN, FAR FROM WILSON-HAY IDEA

House Military Committee Chairman Says His Bill Is Favored by the President

CLARK TO TAKE FLOOR now for trouble which may come. If it does not come, we will be getting off cheaply, both in money and in blood."

WASHINGTON, March 18 .- Congre today got some inkling of the fierce and confused struggle it has entered upon in framing preparedness legislation. Indorsement by the President of the Hay bill was ann unced by the author from

e floor of the House. "It's his bill," said Hay. At about the same moment the Senate Military Affairs Committee O. K.'d and reported to the Senate the Chamberlain bill, utterly different from Hay's-different in principle as well as form. And Republican Leader Mann, taking

the floor in the House, sounded radical objections to the President's plan, fore-casting as he did so the minority party's position Congress learned something of the cos

congress tearned something of the cost of preparedness today, it being estimated that the Chamberlain bill would require \$197,896,751 to be provided the first year, the figures for lator-years going as high as \$260,000,000.

\$00,000-BIGGEST TALK.

An army with a war strength of almost 800.000 men today was recommended to the Senate in a committee report on the modified Chamberlain bill. This is the largest force that has been suggested in osed legislation With the report Chairman Chamberlain nnounced he would ask the Senate Mon day to lay aside all pending business and clear the way for his bill. Senator My-ers, in charge of the pending water power bill, indicated he would agree to this pro

Indications are that the Senate by large majority will pass the Chamberlain bill; that the House will pass the Hay bill, drafted on radically different lines, and that the conference of the two houses will settle the final form and size of the army It is in this conference that President Wil

on and Secretary Baker's views will have nost influence Chamberlain's bill provides:

Chamberiain's bill provides: A regular standing army, with a maxi-mum strength of 254,000, a federalized na-tional guard of 280,000, and a federal re-serve—ex-Secretary Garrison's old Continental army renamed-of 261,000.

WHERE BILLS DIFFER

It is in the Continental army and na-tional guard provisions that the Chamber-lain bill differs most radically from the Hay measure. Hay opposes the Federal reserve, wishing to "federalize" the national guard.

Chamberlain insists on the Federal reserve and subjects the national guard to severe Federal discipline and inspection. For instance, officers after appointment by the Governors of the various States, must prove their military fitness by passing an examination conducted by the regular of ficers. Unless the States agree to this Congressional appropriations are cut off. Chamberlain's bill enlists regulars for six years. But at the end of one year, and each year thereafter, a soldier may be examined, and if found efficient, may re-

turn to civil life as a reservist for the rest of his enlistment term. He would be subject to call only in time of war.

Aero squadrons, machine guns, equip ment and personnel and the field artillery service are tremendously mcreased. Ir fantry is increased almost in proportion and cavalry in less proportion, on the

opinion of army experts that airships are placing cavalry with its purely scouting duty.

The cost for all forces under the Chamberlain bill for the first year is estimated at \$197,896,751; \$221,150,127 for the second year: \$231,439,595 for the third year; \$260,742,561 for the fourth year; \$250,-549,819 for the fifth year; \$246,250,322 ant ally thereafter. For the first year \$1, 602,013 would go to the regulars; 40,800 to the National Guard; \$24,-

944,038 to the volunteer army. When the House debate on Hay's bill asked Hay opened Representative Moore

der for four years in contemplation of what has occurred, no troops were ordered across the border until the House passed the resolution to increase the army by 20.000. There never was a more patent illustration that, while the increase pro-posed is sufficient in time of peace, it is not for even a miniature war. "We are the greater neutral Power.

"We are the greatest neutral Power, and expect to speak with some authority,

who would pay much attention to one of the small American republics? Would either England or Germany pay much attention to their request? "We add by this bill only 20,000 men.

CLARK SPEAKS TODAY.

Wth Speaker Clark taking the floor this afternoon and leaders of both parties naking final "set" speeches, the real battle over army reorganization was in full

wing. Publication of Secretary of War Baker's letter to Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, openly criticising the Hay bill, today threw plans of leaders May bill, today threw plans of lenders askew. Many officials predicted a shake-up in the War Department would result. Others believed that possibly Adminis-tration dissatisfaction with the Hay measure, both as to the small increase authorized for the regular army and the scheme to federalize the State militia, was outlined up Mr. Bayers latter vas outlined in Mr. Baser's letter.

Whether Mr. Baker acted in full knowl-edge of the facts was still the doubtful point in the controversy; also whether his letter attacking the Hay measure was made with the knowledge and approval of the White House. That the letter threw real rancor into

the House fight was evident today, Ultra-preparedness advocates planned vigorous assaults upon the bill as inade-quate.

Secretary Baker's letter appeared to put him in the position of criticising Chairman Hay, but it has been explained to Mr. Hay's satisfaction, that the to Mr. Hay's satisfaction, that the letter to Mr. Gardner had been prepared at the war college and had been signed as a matter of departmental routine by Mr. Baker on the assurance that it wa Il right. Chairman Hay obtained his igures from the adjutant general of the all right. whose duty it is to keep a record of such data.

CONTRADICTION IN FIGURES.

In his report on the army bill Mr. Hay aid there would be available a trained said there would be available a trained and partially trained army, inclusive of the reserve, the National Guard and other forces, totaling 1,324,790 men. Secretary Baker's figures as submitted by Mr. Gardner gave only 473,700 men, exclusive of the proposed army of 40,000. Mr. Gard-ner asserted, therefore, that the contradic-

Chairman Hay estimated a regular army Chairman Hay estimated a regular army of 140.000 men, regular army reserve of 60.000 men, a National Guard of 129,000 men and "men trained in the country." 995,790; total, 1,324,790.

scouts, 100.000; regular army reserve. 2900; partially trained, National Guard, 129,000; others who have had some train-ing, 241,800, or a total of 473,700.

In his letter Secretary Baker refers to "the fallacy of this method of calcula-tion" in analyzing the figures presented by Chairman Hay. Chairman Hay will reply Chairman Hay. Chairman Hay will reply to Mr. Gardner's speech before debate on the army bill ends. It is likely that the figures submitted by the War College will be sharply questioned. Mr. Hay made the following comment:

nat night

"My calculations were based on figures obtained from General McCain, the Adju-tant General of the Army. He is the offi-bur who knows about these things. I understand the figures in the letter of Sec

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retary Baker were compiled by General Macomb, the president of the War College. I prefer to take the judgment of the Adjutant General. CHESTER VALLEY HUNT

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Judge and Mrs. R. Penn

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TRAILS VETERAN FOX

Cold Weather Gives Snap to

Chase, in Which Many Phila-

delphians Participate

The continued cold weather made condi-tions ideal for the fox hunt,staged this afternoon by the Chester Valley Hunt Club. The members of the club and their

Club. The memory of the club and sprussing started from the historic King of Prussia Inn, following a hunt breakfast, served in the King of Prussia Inn at noon.

The fox, a veteran campaigner, wa provided for the day's sport by Georg W. Hensel, farmer, merchant and banker

of Quarryville, Fa., who confidently pre-dicts that the hero of many an exciting chase again will baille his pursuers and

return to the security of his lair in Lan-

William C. Wilson, M F. H., led the

nt. Prominent among these who rode re Congressman John R. K. Scott, Wal-r G. Sibley, Judge Joseph P. Rogers and

Among the members and guests present,

are Judge and Mrs. Charles Y, Auden led, Mrs. Ewcin H. Vare, Mrs. Joe ph P. Rogors, Mrs. John R. K. Scott, Irs. William C. Wilson, Judge and

son, Augustus Trask Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Beale, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bray, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Clements, Mr. and Mrs. F.

and Mrs. E. B. Cassatt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Collins, Hansell F. French, W. F. Fetterall, Charles R. Hamilton, William

Walker, Harry C. Yarrow, Jr., W. K. Yarrow and Mr. and Mrs. C. Colket Wil-

Sick Woman Commits Suicide

Mrs. Carrie Waitneight, of 2076 Clar-

nce street, committed suicide by inhaling

The boy found her two hours

gas after sending her 15-year-old sor Harry, Jr., out to roller-skate late yes

later and she was rushed to the Epin-copal Hospital, where a pulmotor was applied in vain. Mrs. Waitneight, who

was 45 years old, had been ill for five months, following an operation, accord-ing to her husband, Harry Waitneight,

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"I have no fault to find with the new Secretary of War, who evidently submitted to Mr. Gardner figures furnished him by the War College. I shall probably content myself with a statement in the House that the Adjutant General's figures are pref-erable to those prepared in the War Col-lege."

lege.

U. S. PLANS ROUND-UP do not favor a large standing army or compulsory service. It would be wiser and cheaper to make ample preparation **OF TRAITORS ON BORDER** 

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Department of Justice, will arrive in El Paso to take charge of this work there. Acting Secretary Post discussed with

Mr. Douglas the rea test made by General Funsion last night that arrangements be made with General Carrange for the shipment of supplies into Mexico for the

American expedition on the Mexican Northwestern Baliroad into that section of Chilunhua where the Persiling puni-tive expedition now is. These supplies, if the asked for permission is obtained, will go to Guzman, Corralitos and Casas Grandes, near which points supply bases are expected to be established by the American forces. It is understood that Consul Stillman

will be asked to "sound out" General Car-ranza whether he would agree to such a proposition and if the response is favor-able then a formal request will be made. If he opposes the plan then it will not be pressed, as the United States is anxious not to make any move whatever that would cause embarrassment to the de facto government.

AMERICANS FLEE TEXAS TOWN

## M. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Royal, Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Reeves, Jr., Vin-cent A. Carroll, W. Plunkett Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Snyder, R. Penn Smith, Weiter, G. Studer, W. P. M. Start, Mr. Villa General Said to Be About to Jr., Mrs. Walter G. Sibley, Mr. and Mrs. Francis R. Strawbridge, Frank G. Thom-son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wells Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Harrigan, Jesse W. Walker, Harry C. Yarrow, Jr., W. K. Attack Del Rio

DEL RIO, Tex., March 18.- Many Americans fied from Del Rio today, fol-lowing reports that General Rosalio Hernandez, former Villa commander in northrn Coahuila, was on his way to attack the town. American soldiers are on guard here.

but Hernandez is said to have a large

#### Vera Cruz Cheers Wilson

VERA CRUZ, March 18 .-- The agree-ment between the United States and Mexico for the capture of the Villa bandit gang was celebrated here last night with a street parade. Speeches were made in which the names of President Wilson and Provisional President Carranza were lustily cheered.

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tion in figures was s-rious, those of Secre-tary Baker being almost two-thirds less than the Hay figures. Grand Prize, Panama-Pacific Exposition, San Francisco, 1915

Secretary Baker's figures were as fol

Regular army, including Philippine

#### VILLA LOOTS AND BURNS AS HE FLEES TO SOUTH

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thorities on the border. They have ascer-tained that Villa oples are active at every point. The bay leader's secret agents ous ways that only Mexicans under-Mand every scrap of information that can be learned as to the direction in which the "Americanos" are proceeding that mericanos" are proceeding, their rength and their plans,

The Villa "secret service" has been lady injured by the numerous arrests made at El Paso and other points, but it is still in operation.

IN RANGE OF VILLISTAS.

News of the gallant ride made by the Hh Cavalry—a dash that carried the moopers almost within range of the Vilstaa' haunts in the Casas Grandes dis-General Gavira could not identify the triet-dirst became known in Juarez. General Gavira could not identify the troopers from the reports brought in by his men, who told of the wonderful night rids of the Americans on their big horses, but the advices from Columbus stating that remounts had been sent forward for the the revealed the identity of the dush the 7th revealed the identity of the dash-

ar cavalrymen. At the start of the dash every spare sunce of equipment had been abandoned. Far up the line the c Reer in command raised his arm high and made the stiff, serky signal that means double quick. The column started forward. All during the iong afternoon the troops pressed on The desert dust rome in a smothering cloud, Minding them and clutching at their Uroats. Their uniforms were powdered with it and it streaked their faces like Erotesous masks

Then the sun dropped behind the high the still dropped behind the high backs and the quick dust of the mountains all. Night found the men still in the addies. The moon made the deep shad-ows of the hills blacker and more forbid-ding, but it could not plerce the dust through which the silent figures moved like shouts. Finally the order came to all. The cavairmone silenced from their the shouts. Finally the order came to hait, The cavairymen slipped from their sounts, worn and weary, but ready to returns the swift pace with the new day. The great ride had tried their mettle and had found it no, wanting.

#### JUNCTURE EFFECTED.

The arrival of the troopers at the edge the Casas Grandes district brought merican cavalrymen. Carrangista sol-American cavalrymen. Carrangista sol-diers and Francisco Villa's outlaws all within atriking distance of each other. Council Dodd's column, hurrying to the mist of the imperiled Mormon colony of 50% Americana price distance of the solution of the soluti

Americana, at Casas Grandes, was re-ported as heading southwest of La As-maion, on the Rio de Janoz. It flanked the risks the the right the column under Colonel

From Chihuahua, overnight slow-jolting those trains brought to Juarez Carransis-the presumably going to Casas Grandes. When San Pedro and Summit they und the bridge burned by the Villistas. Was believed the march would be taken to us foot. At the American and Carranzista

tos American and Carranzista ress approached Casas Grandes the sit-thin was nearing a crisis. When the area soldiers reach Casas Grandes there as a 190 Villa fighters in the neighborhood. First American toops to reach Casas makes would number fewer than 1000 as according to military experts.

ding in pu n the disorder at Tampico were taken up.

Fifteen hundred marines, now on duty in Haltl, can be transferred to Mexican waters on a moment's notice, as the biggest part of the Atlantic fleet is now stationed at Guantanamo.

MEXICAN MORMON COLONY SAFE FROM VILLA BANDITS

EL PASO, March 18 .- A dispatch received here today stated that the Mormor colony at Casas Grandes, which had beer

threatened by Villa bandits, was safe. Casas Grandes, where 500 Mormons live, is only a short distance from Colonia Dublan

Dublan. Bishop Hurst, head of the Mormon Church in El Paso, received a message in code from his people of the Mexican colony. He announced that he would make it public as soon as it had been deciphered.

#### IS THIS COLUMBUS, N. M."? THEN OFFICER SHOT HIMSELF

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 18.—The body of First Lleutenant Edward M. Zell. of the 11th Cavalry, who killed himself here yesterday, was shipped to Baltimore today for burial. One of the chaplains, who was on initmate terms with Zell. said he had worried for fear his troop was not up to standard discipline. Lleu-tenant Zell's troop was said by brother offleers to be among the best.

When Lieutenant Zell alighted from a troop train in Columbus and had gazed for a moment over the gray, desert-like wastes about the town, he exclaimed "Great God! Is this Columbus, New Mexico?"

Mexico" His fellow officers paid little attention

the remark until a few minutes later they heard a shot and found him dead with a wound in the head. Reliable reports here indicate that some Reliable reports here indicate that some of the large ranching and cattle interests on the Mexican side of the border near here have offered a reward of \$50,000 for Villa, dead or alive. Officers here said they had reason to believe that news of this immense reward had caused some commotion among the peons who have heard of it in Northern Mexico.



COLUMBUS, N. M., March 18 (by mea-COLUMBUS, N. M., March 18 (by mea-senger to El Paso).—Two detachments of cavalry left the expeditionary main base here late yesterday, going in a westerly direction. Whether they were intended to reinforce the punitive columns was not known. One report indicated that they were going out to help protect the line of communications of that portion of the ex-pedition under Colonel George A. Dodd, which three days ago circled to the west-ward 50 miles from here and entered Mexico about the same time when the main column went directly south from here.

Troop trains over night swelled the Co-imbus camp to what is suid to be nearly the soldiers reach Camas Grandes there be approximately 1500 Carranzistan 190 Villa fighters in the neighborhood first American troops to reach Casan abso would number fewer than 1000 seconding to military experts. HATE FOR THE "CRINGOES." may is a feeling of inrest growing animous hourity all through Mixich and Carranza's declaration that his Troop trains over night swelled the Co

making a desperate appeal to the peons HAY BILL IS WILSON'S. to support him against the "gringoes." Reports as to the effect of this appeal are

"I am authorized to state by the President that the bill has his approval," Hay answered. "It is his bill. It embodies being anxiously awaited. American Consul C. A. Williams at Tor-reon, who turned over the business of his office to the British Consul and departed for Laredo, has been held at Laredo by answered. "It is his bill. It embodies the Administration's ideas and goes a little farther.

"The President thinks that as this bill is drawn it makes the National Guard an efficient force in time of war. "It is the President's bill and he thorthe State Department. He is wiring to Washington an account of the feeling among peons in the Torreon section, which oughly approves it. The Secretary of War he reported to be strongly pro-Villa.

### FUNSTON ASKS FOR PERMIT TO USE MEXICAN RAILWAYS

WASHINGTON, March 18 .- Te expedite the American drive into Mexico, General Funston today asked that Carranza's per-mission be sought for use of Mexican railroads in transporting supplies to the ad-

vancing columns. Officials would not comment on the re-quest immediately, or say whether the State Department would take steps to gain

As the situation now stands, supplies must go through the sand and soapweed country, between the border and the Casas Grandes region, 50 miles distant, by creep-ing wagon trains or automobile trucks. The wagon trains, drawn by mules, can make, at the best, no more than three make, at the best, no more than three miles an hour; the automobile trucks, of course, are far speedier, but hampered by the nature of the intervening country. No rall lines run from Columbus through the Casas Grandes country, but the Northwestern system goes direct from El Paso to Casas Grandes. Should Carranza give permission for use of this line, the army would solve one of

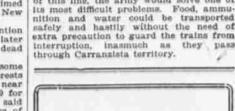
of this line, the army would solve one of its most difficult problems. Food, ammu-nition and water could be transported safely and hastily without the need of extra precaution to guard the trains from

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"The bill falls far short of what ought to be provided at this time." said Mr Mann. "After having troops on the bor-





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THE AMERICAN NAVAL

CO SAYS Henry Reuterdahl, of the Society 🔵 of Naval Architects and Engineers, in his third article in tomorrow's Public Ledger.

■N A few vigorous and emphatic paragraphs he shows the importance of the scout in modern naval warfare, instancing the manner in which Britain keeps a watchful eye on the German fleet in the Kiel Canal by means of its fast cruisers. Thence he passes quickly to the absence of such craft in the American naval forces, and forecasts what would happen if Japan were to "start something" on the Pacific Coast.

TE CONTENDS we have not a first-class fighting ship of any type in the Pacific. At

present the Panama Canal is blocked and "Japan's two brand-new dreadnoughts could sweep the Pacific from one end to the other" in the two months it would take our fleet to reach the Pacific Coast.

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