

CARRANZISTAS TOLD TO FLEE AMERICANS EVEN IF FIRED UPON

Trevino Orders His Men to Avoid Any Possible Clash. Gavira Will Take Up Fight on Outlaws

GATHERS FRESH FORCES

EL PASO, Texas, June 5.—Any Carranza soldier who fires on an American will be punished by death, and any civilian attacking Americans will be subject to charges of treason, punishable also by death. This is the substance of a decree issued by General Jacinto Trevino, division commander at Chihuahua City. The order is designed to prevent friction between American and Mexican troops.

This is the second development from the Pershing-Gavira conference at Nuevo Casas Grandes last Thursday, the first having been the appointment of General Gavira, at the suggestion of General Pershing, to undertake personally the campaign against Villa bandits.

The Mexican troops are under orders not to fire upon Americans, and, if attacked, not to return the fire, but to report the incident to whatever headquarters they are attached and await further orders. General Gavira said today he would leave tomorrow for the bandit zone to begin his operations, which he said would be so vigorously prosecuted as to leave no doubt as to the ability of Carranza forces to deal with any form of disorder in the State. He said his command would number between 8000 and 10,000 men. Most of these, he said, would be converted into cavalry as rapidly as mounts could be obtained. About 4000 are now cavalry.

The entire force will then spread out patrols over "every inch of ground" in Western Chihuahua, searching every cave, tree, rock, ravine, settlement and house where a bandit could hide. The troops, he said, would operate "along the lines which made the old Federal Rurales so effective—a hard pursuit and a quick finish."

General Gonzalez has been assigned to take command of Juarez while Gavira is in the field.

On the American side of the line a general strengthening of artillery forces was noted today. Two batteries of field artillery from Fort Sill, Okla., have been ordered to Eagle Pass and Laredo, relieving two batteries of the 5th Field Artillery, which will go to Douglas, Ariz. Brigadier General George Bell, Jr., commanding here, is understood to have asked that the 5th Field Artillery at Fort Sam Houston be stationed here.

The first Arizona infantry came into being yesterday evening by converting in of the last three companies of the Arizona National Guard. The regiment has 50 officers and about 800 men. All of the Texas regiments now having been mustered into service, the New Mexico National Guard is the only border militia regiment not mustered in, because the regiment lacked the requisite peace strength numbers.

PRESIDENT DRAFTS REPLY TO DEMANDS BY CARRANZA

WASHINGTON, June 5.—President Wilson today began the draft of his reply to the latest note from Carranza demanding withdrawal of American troops, or explanation of why the United States should keep its troops on Mexican soil.

It is the Administration's present intention to have its reply in Carranza's hands before the end of the week—perhaps before Thursday—to forestall as much as possible expected adverse criticism of the President's Mexican policy at the Chicago convention.

With the personal help of Secretary Lansing, it is said in high Administration circles, the President might complete a rough draft in time for Cabinet consideration tomorrow.

That the troop withdrawal suggestion would be refused seemed certain. That the refusal would convey to the de facto Government officials finally of decision in this respect seemed also a certainty.

But the answer will be couched in such terms as to leave the Carranza Government ample opportunity to "keep itself right," before the Mexican public.

Completely peaceful conditions below the border, the note will state, must prevail with some degree of certainty that wholesale banditry and lawlessness, and raids on the American side cannot recur.

Private but apparently authentic advice to the War Department from military officials as well as consular and private advice to the State Department, which recount unrest and some anti-American feeling, will be cited as explanation of the necessity for continued presence of American troops in Mexico.

Ship, Reported Sunk, Reaches U. S. NORFOLK, Va., June 5.—The British steamship Washington, reported sunk by a German submarine in the Mediterranean May 25, has arrived here. The Washington's captain could not explain the report.



JOHN ACKERMAN

FIREMAN HERO QUILTS AFTER LONG SERVICE

John Ackerman, Who Often Faced Death, Pensioned on Fiftieth Birthday

After 22 years of continuous service with the Philadelphia Fire Department, John Ackerman, of the 6th street and Lehigh avenue firehouse, celebrated his fiftieth birthday anniversary, by retiring and going on the pension list. His friends in the company with which he last served are planning a farewell reception for him some time this week.

With a record for fearlessness and strict attention to duty, Ackerman has formed many close friendships with the fire-fighters in every section of the city. During his long years of service he has had several narrow escapes from death and has had numerous minor accidents.

In the Spring Garden tunnel fire several years ago he had his closest call. Here he was surrounded by fire in the underground passage and was forced to run almost half a block through the seething sea of flames. Again, at the Nicetown coal yards fire, some years ago, he was pulled down an ice-covered hill on his knees. The accident, serious at the time, developed into a weakness in his legs which nearly proved fatal several times later at critical moments on the ladders.

"I am glad that I have served my time," said Mr. Ackerman today. "I can spend the rest of my days with a peaceful mind, but I certainly will miss the boys."

Beginning his service in the Fire Department with Company 23, he later was connected with Truck No. 9, Engine Company 22 and Engine Company 24. He lives at 1911 Napa street with his wife and two boys, John and William. Neither son expects to follow his father's life-work.



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