



GEN. FUNSTON GIVEN FREE HAND IN PURSUIT OF VILLA BANDITS; CARRANZA ASKS TO CROSS LINE

Will Move U. S. Troops Across Border to Kill or Capture Villa at Nightfall; Proposal of Carranza to Bring His Troops Into United States to Pursue Outlaws Regarded as Favorable

500 MORMONS ARE IN CRITICAL CONDITION

Raiders Are Moving Toward Settlement After Making Attack in Arizona; Carranza Regrets Massacre and Compares Situation With Indian Troubles of the Eighties

Washington, March 11.—Instructions conveying authority to General Funston to dispatch a defensive expedition into Mexico in pursuit of Villa and his bandits are to-day in General Funston's hands.

Secretary Baker specifically referred to the expedition as "defensive" in line with the administration's policy of regarding its action as one to repel invasion.

Washington, March 11.—While American troops are preparing to move across the Mexican border to exterminate the Villa bandits, General Carranza, in an official communication delivered through Consul Silliman, has asked the United States for permission to send his troops into American territory if necessary in pursuit of outlaws.

Administration officials regard General Carranza's proposal as favorable. It seems to indicate that he will not protest against American troops on Mexican soil as had been feared. Practically such a reciprocal arrangement probably never would result in a single Carranza raid across the line, as the possibility of bandits taking refuge in American territory is considered remote.

It is realized that such an arrangement, however, would go far to satisfy General Carranza and permit him to comply with popular sentiment in Mexico. There was no reported reply to-day how the proposal would be received, but it is known that the administration realizes the necessity of avoiding a break with Carranza as the Mexican situation is not to grow into the status of armed intervention.

Secretary Baker referred to the American expedition as a "defensive" one. This was regarded as a significant indication of the administration's policy to make it clear that it is proceeding with scrupulous regard for the sovereignty of Mexico and entirely in aid of the constituted authorities.

Up to noon to-day no American troops actually had crossed so far as was known here and it was believed none would start moving before night. All arrangements are being left in the hands of Major General Funston. Villa was today reported moving southeast and with not more than 500 men. Last night's report gave his force as 3,000 but that is believed to include sympathizers in his territory. By his movement southeast it was thought a threatened attack on the American Mormon colony at Casus Grandes had passed for the present.

Senator Smoot, of Utah, received telegrams to-day from Mormon leaders urging him to impress upon the War Department the danger to the colony at Casus Grandes. The colonists want to reach American soil. Senator Smoot took up the question with the war department and was assured that it would be given consideration.

FUNSTON TO LEAD EXPEDITIONARY FORCE INTO MEXICO



Under command of Major-General Frederick Funston, the heroic captor of General Aguinaldo in the Philippine insurrection, at least 8,000 American troops, composed of cavalry, infantry, artillery and machine gun detachments, will go into Mexico in an attempt to capture the outlaw Villa, who led his men in a raid on Columbus, N. M., killing sixteen Americans. It is expected that the men will be sent over the border in three or four columns in the hope of making a ring around the bandit leader.

WAITING FOR BABY, WOMAN HELD BY VILLA SAYS HE IS EXPECTING GERMANY AND JAPAN TO STEP IN

El Paso, Texas, March 11.—Mrs. Maude Hauke Wright, the American woman who rode nine days with the Villa troops preceding the raid on Columbus, N. M., is here to-day waiting for the arrival of her baby, which was taken from her and given to a Mexican family at their home near Pearson, Mexico. The baby is safe and she expects it to be brought to her to-day or to-morrow. Her husband was killed by the bandits.

QUINCY BENT, NEW STEELTON PLANT HEAD, IN CHARGE

Quincy Bent, who was appointed general manager of the big steel plant at Steelton Tuesday, has assumed his new duties and is now in charge at Steelton and Lebanon. He has spent the past few days in going over the big plant organization and familiarizing himself with the details.

GERMAN HIGH FLEET IS SIGHTED STEAMING TOWARD HOME IN THE NORTH SEA

Copenhagen, March 11.—A local newspaper says the Norwegian steamer Bergen met on Thursday in the southern part of the North Sea a German flotilla of fifty dreadnaughts, cruisers and large destroyers of the latest type.

200 Young Italians Are Ready to Enlist Should Uncle Sam Need Soldiers

There is not a hyphenated American among the citizens of Italian birth in this neighborhood, said C. Gaeta, president of the Italian club to-day. At the meeting of his organization in Steelton last evening strong feeling prevailed over the Villa outrage in New Mexico and over 200 young men volunteered to enlist and leave in 24 hours after a call for troops. We have a war band and it would enlist in a body.

RAILROADS TO BE GIVEN 30 DAYS TO ANSWER 8-HOUR DAY DEMANDS

Chicago, March 11.—Railroads of the country will be given thirty days in which to reply to the demands of their 400,000 trainmen employees for an eight-hour day and a 25-cent an hour pay over time. W. S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers announced to-day. It is reported 98 per cent. of the men voted for the demands.

"BILL" FLINN LIKELY TO TAKE TO THE WARPATH

According to word which comes to this city from western counties, William Flinn, the leader of the Progressives in the 1912 campaign, is hatching a fusion game on the coming campaign for State Treasurer or Auditor General notwithstanding the rout in 1914.

CHURCHILL EXPECTS TO DIE IN WAR; HENCE "WARNING"

London, March 11.—From a friend of Winston Churchill, whose word can absolutely be relied upon, your correspondent heard the following extraordinary explanation of the reason which impelled the Colonel to deliver his famous speech of warning last Tuesday. If Churchill were a Scotchman he might be described as "fey." According to the story, Churchill is convinced he will not come through the war alive.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Edwin Brownwell, Marysville, and Mary Anne Rohr, Mechanicsburg. Daniel Edwin Henry, Jr., and Mary Edith Shearer, etc.

DRIVE ON VERDUN ENDED BELIEF OF FRENCH MILITARY

The second great effort in the Verdun drive apparently is nearing its close. The latest German attacks have been directed at comparatively small sections of the front east and west of the Meuse. Whether the present interval marks merely a lull before another onslaught or the return to ordinary conditions of trench warfare is an open question, but military opinion in France is that the great battle is at an end.

SEVEN AMERICANS ON STEAMER SUNK WITHOUT WARNING BY SUBMARINE

All Are Rescued When Norwegian Bark Silius Is Torpedoed; Three of Crew Are Drowned; Attack Is Viewed by State Department as Serious

CONTRARY TO CENTRAL POWERS' ASSURANCES

United States Will Make Careful Investigation; Nationality of U-Boat Not Known and Washington Has Nothing to Indicate Whether Mine or Torpedo Sent Her to Bottom

Washington, D. C., March 11.—Consul Osborn, at Havre, reported to-day that when the Norwegian bark Silius, from New York to Havre, was torpedoed without warning in Havre roads on the night of March 9 seven Americans aboard were rescued.

PORTUGUESE CABINET GIVES WAY TO NATIONAL DEFENSE BODY

Lisbon, March 11.—The Portuguese cabinet has resigned to give place to a national defense government which is now being formed. Tranquility prevails throughout the country.

ANOTHER HENNINGER SUICIDE

Chambersburg, Pa., March 11.—Eert Henninger, elder son of Clay Henninger, the head of baseball here, and a exponent of the game in the Cumberland Valley for 23 years, died in Mt. Hope Sanatorium, Baltimore, last night, after cutting his throat with a piece of glass he broke out of a picture frame. He was 36 years, and until five days ago seemed in perfect health. Clay, a brother, but a few years younger, hanged himself a year ago next week. Both were athletes and baseball players.

SENATE COMMITTEE ENDORSES ACTION

Washington, March 11.—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee to-day unanimously endorsed the action of the President in sending American troops into Mexico to capture Villa and his raiders.

GERMANS TAKE BIG STRETCH OF GROUND

Berlin, March 11, via London.—Capture of French positions 1400 yards wide and about two-thirds of a mile deep south of Ville-aux-Bois, near Rheims, was announced to-day by the war office.

VILLAS IS NOW AT ASCENCION

Washington, March 11.—Latest reports of the whereabouts of General Villa say he reach Ascencion, south of Palomas, some time yesterday with 300 followers after his flight following the attack of Columbus. This information reach here to-day in a message to the Carranza embassy from Consul Andreas Garcia at El Paso.

LEG FRACTURED AT PIPE BENDING

Harrisburg.—While unloading coal at the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending Works this afternoon, John Sendlech, 29 North Tenth street had his right leg fractured when he was taken to the Harrisburg Hospital for treatment.

PRICES OF PAPER GOING UP; MAY BE A FAMINE SOON

Prices of paper are going by leaps and bounds. There is no end of the advance in sight. Paper firms are warning their customers against a possible famine and are re-calling all quotations. The situation is becoming desperate with some printers who are short on lines now of the market and for which they have contracts standing.

PUBLIC INTEREST IN "BABY WEEK" IS INCREASING

Authorities say that a baby seven months old should sit alone, unsupported. At from eight to ten months it should start to creep, and at ten months begin to stand. At one year it should start to walk. At two years a baby should be able to put two words together.

MILLS 4 MONTHS BEHIND ORDERS WITH SITUATION GROWING MORE ACUTE

The Donaldson Paper Company on March 1 sent a special circular to its customers on the paper situation, in part as follows: "The unprecedented conditions prevailing in the paper market to-day make it impossible to issue a price list that would be of service owing to the daily advances in all kinds of material entering into the manufacture of paper."

DIES ON WEDDING DAY

Reading, Pa., March 11.—Two hours before the time for his daughter's wedding William E. Ebert died at his home in Topton. The wedding day was hastened because of his serious illness, but before his daughter could become the bride of Jonas K. Scholtz, Mr. Ebert succumbed to pneumonia. The wedding took place soon after.

TO MOTHERS

Babies need fresh air night and day. Open windows at night means a well baby. Closed windows at night means a sick baby. Which shall it be?

MAYFLOWER AT OLD POINT

Norfolk, Va., March 11.—The yacht Mayflower with the President and Mrs. Wilson aboard arrived off Old Point at 1:30 this afternoon. The vessel left Washington last night and cruised down the Potomac river and Chesapeake bay on a week-end rest trip for the President. The Mayflower continued on past Old Point towards Newport News.

PROTESTS AGAINST SEIZURE OF U. S. SHIP BY BRITISH

Washington, D. C., March 11.—A protest against the seizure of the American steamer Edna by a British cruiser was placed before the State Department to-day by Representative Kahn, of San Francisco, on behalf of the vessel's owners.

FORMER A. O. H. HEAD DIES

Syracuse, N. Y., March 11.—James E. Dolan, for far years national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, died here to-day.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continuing to-night, with lowest temperature about 22 degrees; Sunday fair and warmer. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair, continued cold to-night; Sunday fair, slightly warmer; moderate west and northwest winds becoming variable Sunday.