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## WAR DEPARTMENT REFUSES REQUEST FOR MORE TROOPS

TEXAS GOVERNOR INFORMED FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ARE IN CHARGE

FUNSTON HASN'T ASKED MORE MEN

Gov. Ferguson Had Appealed to President Wilson for Additional Troops.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Federal authorities took no action today on the appeal of Governor Ferguson of Texas for additional soldiers. General Funston, in command on the border, has been given authority in the matter and he didn't call for more troops.

Secretary Garrison made it plain that the government expects the Texas governor to deal with purely domestic disorders, but that the United States troops would be used to repel an actual invasion of Texas or any border uprisings.

The battleships Louisiana and New Hampshire are well on their way down the Atlantic coast tonight bound for "southern waters" to reinforce the gunboats at Vera Cruz if necessary.

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 12.—Action of the federal government in response to an appeal to President Wilson by Governor Ferguson of Texas for an increase of troops in the lower Rio Grande valley is awaited today by officials who have been unable to stop depredations of Mexican raiders.

Governor Ferguson in his appeal declared the situation is perilous and grave; he was doubtful of the ability of state and local officers longer to control.

Brownsville citizens and other border cities didn't agree that the troubles are to political feuds. Raiders are said to be organized into several bands working under plan of the San Diego movement, started a year ago at San Diego, Texas, where resolutions were adopted declaring for strip of territory along the border, to strip of territory along the border, to be added to Mexico.

The zone of the operations of the raiders widened during the past 24 hours. The latest exploit is reported at Latherine, eight miles north of Brownsville, where thirty Mexicans attempted to raid a store. A dozen United States soldiers repulsed them. It is believed two were wounded.

Confirmation reports that considerable numbers of Mexican soldiers are crossing the border to join the alleged revolutionary movement are lacking.

Governor Ferguson declared in appealing to President Wilson that any "unusual occurrence now would cause a disastrous invasion of Texas from Mexico."

General Nafarrete, Carranza commander at Matamoros denied that one thousand of his men would enter Texas to incite uprisings against the Americans, and gave as the reason that he has only 500 men between Adamus and the mouth of the Rio Grande, and charges that brigandage in Texas is caused by the Huertistas in anticipation of Carranza's recognition by the United States; expressed willingness to co-operate with American authorities in capturing any bandits who cross into Mexico.

Adjutant General Hutchings of the Texas National Guard, reports no further disturbances occurred throughout this section last night.

Mr. Fuller Improved.  
Mr. S. L. Fuller, who has been in the hospital for four weeks, has recovered sufficiently to be removed to his home in West Orr street. Friends of Mr. Fuller will be glad to learn that he is improving so rapidly.

## British Flyers and Destroyers Bombard Zagigik, Near Smyrna

Many Buildings Destroyed and Many Victims Reported—Turks Fortifying Smyrna.

Athens, (via Paris), Aug. 12.—A dispatch says British aeroplanes yesterday bombed Zagigik, near Smyrna, destroying the barracks, telephone office and eight houses. A destroyer also bombed Zagigik, in which there were said to be a large number of victims.

The Turks are constructing new fortifications and placing large cannon around Smyrna.

## WILSON WORKING ON DEFENSE PLAN

Conferred With Secretary Daniels on Needs of Navy—Hopes to Secure Program Acceptable to Congress.

Washington, Aug. 12.—President Wilson today began preliminary work on his plans for strengthening the national defense. Secretary Daniels outlined proposals for improving the navy. An engagement was made for an early conference with Secretary Garrison on strengthening the army. Wilson hopes to secure a program acceptable to congress. It is understood Daniels urged a decided increase in submarines. Daniels refused to talk regarding the report that he recommend four battleships.

## Villa's Agent Busy



Miguel Diaz Lombardo, minister of foreign affairs in the cabinet of General Parrocho Villa, is one of the busiest diplomats Washington has ever known. The conference of Secretary of State Lansing with the six ministers of South and Central American nations in connection with the peace plan in Mexico has excited his interest.

## I. T. U. MEETS IN BALTIMORE NEXT

Los Angeles, Aug. 12.—Baltimore was selected today for the nineteenth convention of the International Typographical Union. The union adopted a rule prohibiting its members from working more than six days per week. A proposed rule of priority in employing and discharging men was ordered submitted to a referendum.

## WOULD CHANGE INCOME TAX LAW

Committee From National Conference on Taxation Makes Seventeen Distinct Recommendations in Regard to Taxation.

San Francisco, Aug. 12.—The report of the committee of the National Tax Association on the Federal Income Tax Law was made to the National Conference on Taxation tonight, setting forth seventeen distinct recommendations, which received the support of all the members of the committee. Prof. E. R. A. Seligman, of Columbia University, is chairman of this committee, which includes a number of men prominent as students of taxation systems. The chief recommendations of the committee were summarized as follows:

"That the system of collection-at-source be abandoned and a system of information-at-source substituted except as to non-resident American citizens and as to non-resident aliens to the extent that they are taxable.

"That partnerships should be treated like corporations in the collection of the normal tax.

"That individuals should be allowed to deduct all losses whether incurred in trade or not; also all expenses of managing investments. This recommendation would meet a widespread present criticism.

"That the exemption should be lowered to \$2,000 on the ground that the tax should rest upon the larger proportion of the population.

"That all persons having a gross income equal to the minimum exemption should file returns instead of as now only those who themselves decide that their net income is over the exempt amount.

"That corporations should not be taxed on dividends received from other taxable corporations."

Following the specific recommendations, the committee discusses general matters which it thinks should be considered in any general reconstruction of the act when that shall be undertaken. It refers to the departure in various instances from the fundamental conception of income and instances the omission of rental value of a house as income to the owner thus giving him an unfair unfair advantage as compared with the renter.

It criticizes the injustice of the present law in relation to double taxation in the case of aliens and non-resident American citizens. It notes the failure in the income tax law to take account of the possibilities of differentiation in rate on different kinds of income, for instance, "earned" or "unearned," and suggests the possibility that in this country such differentiation may not be necessary to provide just taxation on account of the heavy state and local taxes.

The final general discussion relates to the taxation of corporations and is suggested by the peculiar and much complained of limitation on interest deduction by corporations. The committee submits the two views, one that an income tax should be a tax on persons only, the other that it should be in a part a business tax and that this is not unfair to tax both the individual and the corporation on the same income. It makes no recommendation on this point.

## POSTPONE HEARINGS OF ALLEGED AUSTRIAN SPY

Jail Attaches Say Orbolph Was Seeking to Establish Florida Apiceries.

Tallahassee, Fla., Aug. 12.—The preliminary hearing of Walter Orbolph, accused by federal officials of secretly visiting United States military reservations along the Florida coast to secure information concerning national defenses, was postponed today until next Tuesday. Meanwhile Orbolph is held in default of a five thousand dollar bond on a technical charge of trespass. Jail attaches said Orbolph was German and was seeking the Apiceries of Florida.

Raise Eastland Today.  
Chicago, Aug. 12.—The raising of the Eastland was postponed until tomorrow. One body was recovered today.

## Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg Leading Daughter To The Altar



Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, inventor of the famous "scrap of paper," the other day led his daughter Isa to the altar to give her away to Count Zech-Burkersroda. This photograph shows the chancellor and his

daughter on their way to the church through a throng of people collected near their home. The count is just as tall as the chancellor, as shown by this photograph, and he is six feet four inches.

## GERMAN TROOPS AWAITING HELP

Forces Along Sulvalki-Grodno Suspend Operations Until Reinforcements are Received—Have Suffered Heavy Losses.

Geneva, Aug. 12.—An Innsbruck, Austrian, dispatch to the Tribune says German operations on the Kovno-Sulvalki-Grodno front have been suspended because of lack of reinforcements, no new troops having arrived since August 4.

Russian offensive at Kovno is of greatest importance as the German first line of troops, chiefly the Prussian-Landwehr, suffered terrible losses August 8 and 9. In this section as well as between Lompa and Bug many regiments are below the average strength.

## BRITISH SUBMARINE SINKS TURK GUNBOAT

Empty Transport and Another Battleship Also Sunk in Dardanelles.

London, Aug. 12.—It is officially announced that a British submarine sank the Turkish gunboat Berk I, Satev, and an empty transport at the Dardanelles. The statement also says the Dardanelles report states they recently sank a Turkish battleship which was presumed to be the Kheyr Ed Barbarossa as reported by Constantinople. The Berk I, Satev carried a hundred and five men and was two hundred and sixty feet long.

## GOERGIAN KILLED OVER CARD GAME

Was Formerly Prominent in Athletics at University of Georgia.

Atlanta, Aug. 12.—Stewart Foster formerly a prominent athlete at the University of Georgia, died here this afternoon as a result of being shot last night near Swain's Georgia. The authorities are seeking Nicholas Johnson, who Foster declared shot him in a dispute over a card game.

Fishing Smacks Sunk.  
London, Aug. 12.—The fishing smacks Ocean Gift, Esperance and George Borrow have been sunk. Their crews were saved.

## QUIET ON THE BORDER

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 12. The killing today of three Mexican outlaws near Mercedes, Hidalgo county, and the capture of twenty two of the bandits' saddle horses near there leads to the belief here that at least one band is scattered. Federal and state officials refused to discuss the encounters, the only announcement being that three Mexicans were killed. Except for this fight the Texas border was apparently quiet today.

## SECY. LANSING IN CONFERENCE WITH WILSON

TELLS PRESIDENT OF MEETING OF PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

## QUIET PREVAILS AT VERA CRUZ

Reports Carranza Refused Offers of Peace Conference—Appeal Goes Soon.

Washington, Aug. 12.—President Wilson returned from New Hampshire today and was given a comprehensive account of the Mexican situation in all its phases by Secretary Lansing. Lansing told the president official reports indicated that the disturbances near Brownsville were of a local character and quiet prevailed at Vera Cruz where there have been anti-foreign demonstrations.

He outlined the Pan-American conference. Both Wilson and Lansing are inclined to view the sending of battleships to Mexican waters and more federal troops to the Texas border as sufficient as precautionary measures.

The appeal to Mexican factions will be telegraphed as soon as the list of military chiefs is compiled. On the eve of this came the Villa agency's announcement that Carranza refused Villa's offer of a peace conference.

Lansing revealed that Villa recently offered to sign an armistice for 1200 months in order that conference might be held.

## Wilson Confers With Lansing

Washington, Aug. 12.—It was announced at the white house that no cabinet meeting will be held tomorrow. The president has determined that pending matters are not in shape for a general discussion after a conference with Lansing, devoted chiefly to the Mexican situation.

With work of the Pan-American conference, Wilson planned to see Garrison and Daniels and take up national defense questions. Both secretaries are prepared to submit preliminary reports what they army and navy officers believe necessary to build up military naval establishments.

The situation on the Texas border also is expected to figure in the conference with Garrison.

## War Officials Silent

Washington, Aug. 12.—War department officials refused to discuss today reports, the secret organizers in Texas are aligning Mexicans under the "plan of San Diego." Whether Funston communicated these reports is not disclosed. It is apparent, however, he decided to concentrate a considerable force in the Brownsville district.

## New Haitian Government Must Earn Right to U. S. Recognition

## COLUMBIA WOMAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Columbia, Aug. 12.—Mrs. Minnie Naper Johnson, aged about 40, wife of J. C. Johnson, day policeman guarding the state capitol here, committed suicide at her home here at 5 o'clock this morning, shooting herself in the right temple with her husband's revolver. Death resulted in thirty minutes. Her health is given as the cause of the deed.

## INTEREST IN WAR TURNING TO NEAR EAST

ALLIES STRIVING TO BRING BALKAN STATES TO THEIR SIDE

## BULGARIA HOLDS KEY TO SITUATION

Demands Portion of Macedonia as Price of Aid—Greece and Serbia Balk.

London, Aug. 12.—The situation in Poland and the Baltic provinces is changing little and public interest is turning to the near east where the allies are endeavoring to revive the Balkan League, bring all Balkan states to their side, and to the armies of the allies which are battling against the Turks at the Dardanelles and in the Caucasus.

Both sides are concentrating their attention on Bulgaria, her action being regarded as the key to the situation. Both sides are understood to be hindered by their friends for Greece and Serbia are unwilling to cede to Bulgaria a part of Macedonia which she wants for joining the allies. Turkey is unwilling to offer territory to get Bulgaria to remain neutral.

Bulgaria is reported weighing the Austro-German successes in Poland against the Anglo-French renewed efforts in the Dardanelles and the reported signal Russian victory over the Turks in the Caucasus which military experts believe will keep the Turks quiet on that frontier for some time.

Russia officially stated tonight that Turkish attempts to advance toward Oldi and the Passine Valley in the Caucasus were repulsed everywhere. Petrograd also declares the Turks are in retreat along the Euphrates river. Near Eserum the Turks claim victory.

Heavy fighting is also reported in Bosnia and Herzegovina where the Montenegrins have taken the offensive against Austria. Montenegrins claim success in artillery and infantry actions.

The most important claim is made by Petrograd, which declared that the Russians had repulsed the Germans in Riga district, near Kovno, and in the Vleprz and Bug regions the German losses are reported heavy.

Berlin today claimed the Russians were being pressed back between the Bug and Parasew Rivers, but said nothing about Riga. The Germans also claim the capture of a group of French fortifications in Argonne forest. The French say they recovered some of these trenches.

An Amsterdam dispatch says a German army order states the Germans are about to begin work in the west and expect peace by October. Steamers from Holland report heavy firing in the North Sea.

London, Aug. 12.—Baltic flank of the German armies under Von Hindenburg virtually stifled "the banks of the river Dvina between Riga and Dyvinsk. Petrograd is less than 300 miles away. Thence southward the line sweeps west with Russian forces of Kovno still holding out. Next week may see a great battle on the road toward the capital.

The second line of defense on which the Russians proposed fall back upon after abandoning Warsaw has the appearance of having been rendered untenable. The British and Russian press is beginning to see the "peace plan" ambitions to plunge with Petrograd at the post. Meantime, the Russian rear guards is fighting desperately, especially in the Dvina region.

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## President Darriganovo Must Demonstrate Ability to Guarantee Lasting Peace.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Recognition by the United States of the government to be established in Haiti by President Darriganovo who was elected today by the national assembly, will not be considered until he demonstrates his ability to guarantee peace and adjust the outstanding foreign indebtedness. Meanwhile American forces will remain in Haiti.