

AMERICANS GO BACK TO MEXICO

Eight Refugees Return to Chihuahua; Do Not Fear Villa Now.

Eight Americans, who came up from Chihuahua City during the week of March 12, returned to that city Wednesday morning. They make ten of the 50 who came up to El Paso when it was reported that the American troops had entered Mexico, who have returned to the interior. One of the party, J. W. Hammond, said that he entertained no fears whatever in returning to Chihuahua.

"We do not think that Villa will make any advances toward Chihuahua, under the present circumstances of the chase, and the Constitutional authorities have been courteous in all our dealings with them."

Mr. Hammond is thoroughly familiar with the country in which the American troops are now operating, and stated that he did not see how any troops could possibly have reached Guerrero by using the Mexico North Western railroad a part of the way. Southeast of Madera are a number of narrow bridges, none of which could be reconstructed with the largest cranes under two or three weeks of work.

The bridge of Rincon, south of Madera, is the largest of the bridges that were destroyed by Villa. It spans a deep declivity and four sets of timber stand on end to reach the height needed to connect the two sides of the gulch. The bridge, by its personal knowledge, required three weeks to be constructed.

"Next in magnitude are the bridges at Tomasaquito, Matehich and Tejocote. The topography of the country in which they are erected, is similar to that at Rincon.

"If American troops have reached Guerrero, they must have gone directly east out of Madera and then turned south to Tomasaquito. No difficulty would be encountered on the Santa Fe Western from La Junta and Madera, as the bridges from those points east are built of steel. In the Aldana canyon there are four of these massive steel bridges. They are very high and though attempts have been made to destroy them by the various factions fighting in southern Chihuahua, only slight damage has ever been done.

"My own view of Villa's passage south is that he has followed the Santa Fe Western, crossing the North Western railroad at San Antonio, then south his way by Carlsbad, into the fertile country south of there. In fact this is about the only route he could take. To the northwest it is barren, and by going east he would get into the open country and be in the vicinity of Chihuahua."

Mr. Hammond does not believe that American troops have gone south of Guerrero, as Guerrero is against a chain of mountains and nothing would be gained by passing across the range.

GOMEZ REASSURES AMERICANS; SAYS THEY WON'T BE HARMED

Donkias, Ariz., March 23.—Jersons, teaching here from Camp, Sonora, stated today that Gen. Arnulfo Gomez, commander of a column of 1900 Mexican troops who arrived at this point yesterday, made a point to visit as many Americans as possible and assure them that he would apply protection.

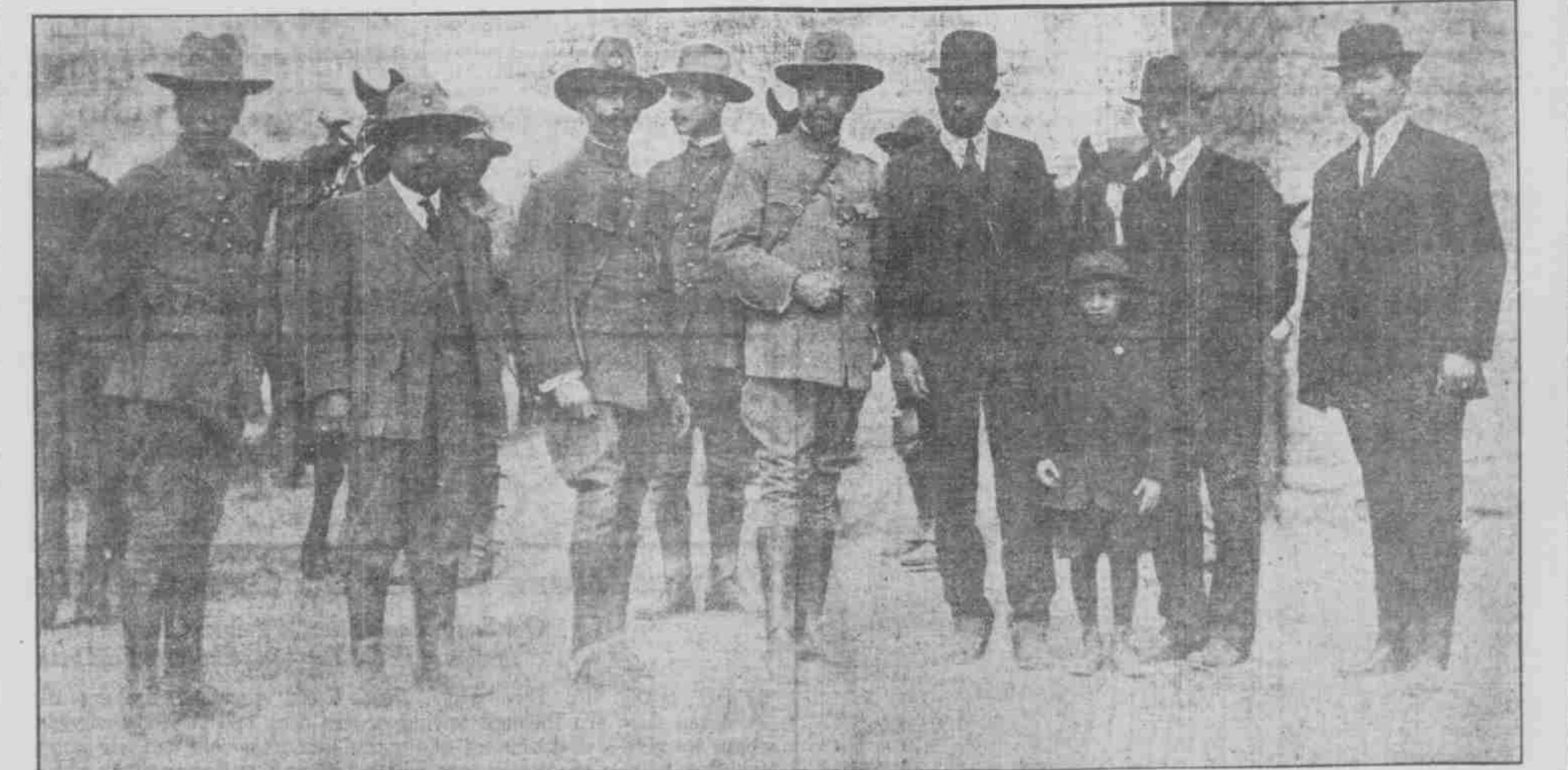
"You need not fear my troops and I am anxious that you will never have any cause to fear the presence of Villa," Gomez was quoted as having said.

The hundred Mexican troops reached Saco, Sonora, late yesterday.

S. P. PUTS CONDITIONAL EMBARGO ON MUNITIONS

Fort Worth, Tex., March 23.—By reason of changed conditions along the border, the United States Pacific mail announced it will not accept for shipment consignments of arms, munitions of war or high explosives, billed to border or Mexican destinations unless they are consigned to representatives of the United States government or the agents of the recognized de facto government of Mexico.

MEXICAN OFFICIALS PROMINENT IN THE PUBLIC EYE



This picture of Gen. Gabriel Garcia and party is reproduced from a snap shot made by one of his aides. The picture was made while Gen. Francisco Bertani was in Juarez and after the passage of the American troops into Mexico. The general keeps it above his desk at the comandancia. Gen. Garcia is the central figure with the insignia of his rank upon his hat, his hand in front of him. To his left stands Andres G. Garcia, the Mexican consul in El Paso, and his little son; to the general's right is Lieut. Jesus Delgado and Gen. Francisco Bertani. To the extreme left is young Capt. Alberto Garcia, son of the general; next to him stands Rafael C. Jiminez, paymaster for the Juarez garrison. On the extreme right is mayor Manuel M. Prieto, of Juarez. Juan Barron, chief of the immigration service in Juarez, is standing between the little boy and the mayor.

FOOD IS SCARCE IN AGUASCALIENTES

Patients Go Hungry For Lack of Supplies; Soldiers Left on Road.

A request that the American Red Cross contribute \$50 monthly in the maintenance of the civil hospital in the city of Aguascalientes was contained in the letter received by Dr. C. F. Braden, treasurer of the El Paso chapter of the Red Cross, from a missionary at present in that city, Tuesday afternoon. A famine of food and medicine is now on in that district, according to the letter, there being at present 125 patients in the civil hospital, and many more that could be taken, but who prefer to remain at home. The name of the writer of the letter, who is a personal friend of Dr. Braden, is withheld.

Prices are high and staples scarce, according to the letter. Some prices are as follows: Corn, \$10 to \$12 per bushel (about three American bushels); beans, \$12 to \$14 per bushel; sugar, \$8 per kilogram (two and two-fifths pounds in the United States); lard, \$6.20 per kilogram; rice, \$2.90. Meat is not so high in proportion to the other necessities, ranging in price from \$1.25 to \$2.25 per kilogram. The above prices are in Carranza money, the sum of \$1000 of which is allowed the hospital by the government for its maintenance each month, or about \$60 American gold.

Food Scarce. According to the letter, the greatest drawback to the campaign against Villa by the Carranza forces is lack of supplies of food and animals. A Constitutionalist captain, the letter states, told the writer that if it was not for the lack of horses and food the United States troops would have no need to wait for cooperation on the part of the government. One command of 150 men who were on a scouting expedition into the state of Zacatecas several weeks ago, returned recently, depleted in number and half starved, several of them having been left lying by the roadside, as there were no spare animals to carry them.

Patients Are Hungry. In the hospital the patients often go hungry, as there is no food for them. The supply of gauze and medicines has been completely exhausted and an appeal for aid to the American Red Cross is the object of the writer, who urges Dr. Braden to take up the matter of the requested appropriation with the local chapter.

CONSUL GARCIA GIVES U. S. TIP

No Shipments of Food Over North Western By Individuals To Be Refused.

"There is no record of any shipment of merchandise, however large, consigned to merchants in the Casas Grandes, being refused by the Mexico North Western railroad officials," said Andres G. Garcia, Mexican consul at El Paso. "I am very confident that there was a need for food stuffs on a large scale in the Casas Grandes country, and private concerns desired to handle the merchandise and distribute it. It would be shipped over the North Western without question. As for the diplomatic question of the use of the Mexico North Western railroad for conveying supplies to the expeditionary forces, I have no view. That is something which the departments of state of both governments should, and probably will, work out without any difficulty.

"I have not been approached on the subject by any officials and I know very little about any requests having been made. As an individual and business man I should say that the shipment of merchandise over the North Western, no matter how considerable the quantity, would be a very easy matter, if the shipments were offered to the railroad. Certainly if customers and consumers in the Casas Grandes country are in need of the foodstuffs the railway company would do everything to facilitate the shipments.

ONE U. S. SOLDIER, VICTIM OF RAILROAD WRECK, DEAD

Columbus, N. M., March 23.—George A. Hudnell, negro soldier, troop B, 10th cavalry, died as a result of injuries received in a railroad wreck south of Casas Grandes, according to official dispatches from field headquarters in Mexico, received here. The wreck is supposed to have been that in which two cars were thrown down an embankment by the breaking of a rail, and in which ten Tenth cavalry troopers were injured, some seriously.

Hudnell left a widow at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. The trooper was given a military burial March 24 at Las Horras ranch, according to the wireless message.

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REBUILD THE ROAD TO ARMY BASE

Army Engineers Improving Bad Stretch From Columbus to Casas Grandes.

Columbus, N. M., March 23.—Efforts were being made here today by the United States army engineering corps to put the road between Columbus and Casas Grandes in better condition. Numbers of heavy motor trucks carrying supplies and equipment to the troops in the columns have ground the sandy gravel to a powder and filled the road with deep dusty ruts, in some of which the trucks sink to their bodies. These are being filled with rock and it is said that some of the stretches must be rebuilt.

A veterinary hospital has been established at the military base here, the first patients being a score of mules which had failed to keep pace with the column in Chihuahua.

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