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Washington Backs Up Slocum's Invasion of Mexico

UNDISGUISED SATISFACTION OVER PURSUIT
Patrols Ordered Not to Cross Line Under Any Circumstances on Pain of Court-Martial, but No Orders for Withdrawal of Pursuers.

AGGRESSIVE ACTION TO BE URGED ON CONGRESS
Administration Leaders Fear Outbreak in Congress by Critics of President's Mexican Policy.

SAN ANTONIO, Mar. 9.—Major Frank Tompkins, commanding the detachment of American troops which pursued Villa and his force have returned to the border after three running fights with the bandits, who finally made a stand which stopped the advance of the Americans.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—Washington stands squarely behind Colonel Slocum in sending his cavalrymen to Mexico in pursuit of the Villa outlaw who raided Columbus, N. M. Secretary Lansing informed the Senate government, through the subcommittee chairman, Aronson, that he trusted no objection would be made to the action of the American troops.

No orders were issued or the return of the soldiers and there probably will be some for the present.

Shocked indignation over news of the outrage was expressed by undisciplined satisfaction in official and congressional circles that, after three years of patient forbearance, United States troops actually were on Mexican soil to avenge the death of the contractor and bring to justice the outlaws whose depredations have terrorized Americans on both sides of the border.

Reports that American troops were in action tonight, probably fifteen miles south of the border, again with a much larger force of bandits, was heard with anxious interest in official circles.

It is not considered in administration circles that the pursuit in any sense constituted an invasion of Mexico, a policy which the administration has opposed and will continue to oppose. Formerly, there is no authority for the presence of American troops in Mexico.

"Don't Cross" Orders. Patrols are under orders not to cross under any consideration. If provocation is not so great, officers responsible will face court-martial. Suggestions that Slocum would face a court-martial were rebutted by some officials, but at the war department it was not discussed.

It is known that other soldiers, including Callinger, have in contemplation of the return to Mexico aggressive action toward Mexico.

Car Traffic Stopped. EL PASO, Mar. 9.—Street car traffic between El Paso and Juarez was stopped at the suggestion of General Pershing, who has taken additional military precautions against the possibility of an attack by Villa forces.

Miler Will Leave. ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Mar. 9.—Charles Miler, a victim of Villa, was formerly territorial engineer of New Mexico.

Reporters Flock Around Senator Stone and Beg Latest News Concerning Submarine Controversy With Germany



Senator Stone (arrow) surrounded by reporters just after leaving the White House. This picture of Senator William J. Stone of Missouri was taken on the occasion of his last call at the White House to discuss with the president the differences with Germany concerning the armament of ballast merchantmen. Senator Stone, because of his position of power in the senate, next to Mr. Taft, is probably the first man in the country's attention. He is shown here surrounded by newspaper men eager to learn the result of the conference.

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VERDUN, Mar. 9.—It is reported here that Germany has given formal assurance to Turkey that she will not make peace without compensation to Turkey, and that Turkey has consented to send troops to assist the Germans on the western front.

LONDON, Mar. 9.—The foreign office has not been officially advised that Turkey is seeking peace. The impression prevails here what is known of conditions in Turkey, that there is a strong probability of an early move in that direction.

LONDON, Mar. 9.—Germany declared war on Portugal. The British cabinet are engaged in the international situation. The declaration was made chiefly an account of the recent seizure of German merchant men interned at Portuguese ports.

Northwest of the fort, the Germans sawed an assault but were repulsed with heavy casualties. West of the river, the French continued to fight, but the French army they drove them back at that point of the salient.

In the east the Russians at various points have taken the offensive against German positions, but Berlin denies they met with no success. The Russian on the Black Sea coast continue to press Turkey's principal port, Trebizond, and also are making

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