

REFUGEES FLOCKING FROM THE INTERIOR

Ambassador Sends Call to British in Mexico—Americans Repeat Threats by Villa.

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EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 14.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British Ambassador, sent an urgent message to British Consul Homan C. Myles, tonight, instructing him to order all British subjects out of the interior of Mexico to the large cities, so that they may be transported to the border at once in event of a general attack on foreigners.

The first train of refugees from Mexico reached the border at 8 o'clock tonight and they were permitted to cross without delay to the American side. There were fifty-two Americans on the train from Chihuahua, Parral, Santa Barbara, and Santa Rosalia. Another train is following them from Parral with 150 American mining men and their families. It is feared that Villa is marching in the direction of Parral.

It was long after dark when the refugee train with its guard of more than 100 Carranza soldiers from Chihuahua drew into Juarez. The coaches were lighted by candles stuck on the backs of the wooden seats.

When the refugee train reached Samalayuca, seventy-three kilometres south of Juarez, it was flagged and two United States soldiers, in the uniform of the United States Fourth Field Artillery, were picked up and taken to Juarez. They were Alvin B. Bledsoe and H. L. Burkey, of Battery B. They said they had been crugged in Juarez and had wandered to Samalayuca without knowing what they were doing. They are being held by General Gavaria and will be turned over to General Pershing.

Rodriguez's Body on Train.

Another train is reported to be en route to Juarez with the bodies of General Rodriguez and forty of his Villa bandits.

Jack Johnson, a pioneer in Mexico, arrived at the border tonight with the report that Bart Kramer's father, D. R. Kramer, had been put to death on the day following the killing of his son by Villa bandits. The Kramers lived on a small ranch, one and one-half miles from Guerrero, Chihuahua, and fear is felt here for Mrs. D. R. Kramer, who went back to the ranch with her husband and her son only last week. Joe and Roy Kramer, two brothers of Bart, are reported to have escaped, as did an American named Locke, who ran a livery stable at Minaca. The refugees are reported at Cusihiuiriachic.

All the employes of the American Smelting and Refining Company from the Chihuahua smelter, and the employes of the El Potosi Company, came here on the train that arrived tonight.

The report that rioting has occurred

in El Paso has not reached the interior, as the telegraph dispatches have been censored in Juarez to prevent this news from reaching excitable Mexicans beyond that point. However, every possible effort is being made to get all Americans out before the returning passengers carry the news back. Because of this fact the mass meeting which was called in Cleveland Square this afternoon, to denounce the killing of the Americans at Santa Ysobel, was canceled at the request of Mayor Tom Ler, and the police and soldiers were present to prevent any disorder.

Except a few fights, there was no trouble today in El Paso. All soldiers were kept in quarters at the camps and fort, and the streets were filled with provost guards to prevent further soldier disturbances.

Villa Warned Americans.

Americans coming out of Mexico today declared that Villa had warned them to "get out, stay out, or be shot if you return." They said they saw Villa in the Guerrero district and he told them he had decided to slaughter all of the Americans who went back into Mexico to show the United States what Villa could do, and also to force intervention upon the Carranza Government. This policy, the Americans asserted, was the real reason for Villa's sending his wife to Havana, as he was planning reprisals and did not want her to be in the United States lest she be molested.

The Americans asserted Villa lined all of them up in the City Hall in Guerrero, where he denounced them and their country in a blind rage. He told them that if the United States loved Carranza so well as to recognize him, let it look to Carranza for their protection.

Reports that incendiary posters had been circulated throughout Juarez were received tonight, but Mexican Consular officials asserted they had been unable to find any of these. It was said the posters contained the statement that several Mexicans had been killed in El Paso last night.

It was said the Carranza garrison, believing Mexicans were being murdered, threatened to invade El Paso. Mining and cattle men from all over this part of the border were reported in Juarez to be gathering in El Paso.

Mexicans in El Paso, for the sake of safety, were required to stay within doors in considerable numbers. They were not molested. Many of them—members of the "cientifico" element—showed themselves at the bier of General Victoriano Huerta, who died last night, a prisoner of the American Government.

Confirmation of reports of the execution of General José Rodriguez by Colonel Maximo Marquez were received with the statement that his body would be sent to Juarez.

Invasion Move Falls.

A secret meeting of mining and cattle men was held, it was said, to organize an expedition to cross into Mexico and hunt down the slayers of their former friends and companions. The meeting ended without any action being taken.

One hundred and fifty arrests were made last night. Beyond a few broken heads, it was found none of the Mexicans had suffered serious injuries.

No word was received here today concerning the fate of Benjamin Snell and Frank Woods, cattlemen, last seen going in the direction of the massacre, in Western Chihuahua, at noon on Monday. Forty Carranza soldiers, sent on a special train from Juarez to protect Americans in the Madero district, were reported last night to have been stalled by engine trouble.

The funeral of M. D. Romero, auditor of the Cusihiuiriachic Mining Company, killed in the massacre, was held today from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Services were held also for Thomas Evans and J. H. Woon. All three bodies were buried here.

The funeral of Charles R. Watson will be held here tomorrow by the Masons. Richard MacHatton's body will be buried on Sunday by the Elks, and an effort is being made to have all of the remaining bodies buried together on Sunday at a public funeral. W. J.

Wallace's body is to be shipped to Houghton, Mich.; that of J. P. Coy will be buried here, and that of Alexander Hall will be sent to Douglas, Ariz.