

AMERICAN TROOPS ENTER VERA CRUZ

ADMIRAL FLETCHER TAKES ACTION

Acting Under Instructions to "Use Own Judgment" Troops Occupy Mexican City.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION FOR HUERTA SEIZED

While the Senate Holds up Wilson's Plea For Authority to Compel Mexico to Comply With United States Demands, the Navy Gets Busy.

(Special to The Evening News.)
NEW YORK, April 21.—A cable dispatch from correspondent William Shepherd at Mexico City, to the New York office of the United Press declared that United States troops entered Vera Cruz today. The message was received at 3:10 p. m., and was the first direct news from the scene of action today. Although it is obviously impossible for Shepherd to get details of the occupation past the Mexican news censor, it is assumed here that Admiral Fletcher has acted upon the order received from Secretary Daniels advising him to use his own judgment in handling the situation.

Prohibit Landing War Material.
WASHINGTON, April 21.—A shipment of 200 machine guns and ammunition therefor, consigned to the Mexican government and aboard a German freighter, will very likely be seized by Admiral Fletcher who is in command of the United States fleet at Vera Cruz, Mexico. This shipment of war material has been the subject of much discussion among administration officials, and Fletcher has had some previous instructions regarding it. Today the following message was wired to Admiral Fletcher: "Use your own judgment." It has been decided that this shipment of guns and ammunition must not reach Huerta, but the president announced this afternoon that he did not wish to act aggressively until congress gives him authority to take action. Meantime, in order to be sure that the munitions of war shall be well taken care of, Fletcher is ordered to "use his own judgment". The president has fumed with impatience since last night, when his request for authority was held up in the senate. The guns and ammunition that are at present worrying the administration were ordered from Germany by Huerta for the purpose of defending the Vera Cruz & Mexico City railroad. In event of a clash between the United States and Mexico, one of the very first acts of United States troops will be to gain control of this railroad. If the ammunition and machine guns are allowed to reach Huerta, it is a certainty that they will be used against American forces. There is a rumor afloat here that Fletcher has already used his judgment and seized the shipment, but the report lacks confirmation. Administration officials discredit the story.

British Ship Refuses Cargo
VERA CRUZ, April 21.—Acting under orders from British Admiral Craddock, the English oil steamer, Eldorra, has refused to transport ammunition from Vera Cruz to the Huerta forces at Tampico. The vessel had already taken the cargo aboard, but on receipt of the message containing the instruction of the British admiral, it was discharged. The captain of the Eldorra explained that England's friendly relations with the United States forbade his vessel running by the United States fleet with war material for an enemy.

Fifth Brigade Embarks.
HOUSTON, Tex., April 21.—General Funston was today ordered to embark with the Fifth Brigade im-

mediately. He and his men will sail from Galveston for Tampico.

Will Announce Blockade.
WASHINGTON, April 21.—Bryan announced today that before nightfall he would give the powers advance notification of the blockade of Vera Cruz. The notification, it is said, will precede the establishment of the actual blockade by twenty-four hours.

Senate Delays Action.
WASHINGTON, April 21.—Action by the army and navy of the United States to force Huerta to salute the flag was held up early today through opposition in the senate to the form of the joint resolution, approving President Wilson's purposes, as it passed the house last night. A recess of the senate was taken at 12:28 a. m. until noon today.

The president, while saying in his message to congress that he had full constitutional authority to act, is waiting for congress to express its approval before ordering Tampico and Vera Cruz to be seized and other steps taken looking to reparation for the arrest of American blue-jackets at Tampico.

Midnight Session Held.
In a spectacular midnight session the senate discussed the house resolution briefly. Senators objected to individualizing Huerta and a substitute resolution was agreed upon by the foreign relations committee giving the president broad authority to deal with indignities offered the United States in Mexico "in view of the situation as presented by the president in his message."

President Wilson had retired early but Secretary Timulty, Secretary Garrison, Postmaster-General Burleson and Vice-President Marshall, Acting Chairman Shively and other administration leaders conferred on the substitute resolution.

Substitute is Presented.
Senator Lodge presented a substitute for the preamble of the resolution reported by the committee, which he will seek to have adopted tomorrow. It set forth:

"That the state of unrest, violence and anarchy which exists in Mexico, the numerous unchecked and unpunished murders of American citizens and the spoliation of their property in that country; the impossibility of securing protection or redress by diplomatic methods in the absence of lawful or effective authority; the inability of Mexico to discharge its international obligations, the unprovoked insults and indignities inflicted upon the flag and the uniform of the United States by the armed forces in occupation of large parts of Mexican territory have become intolerable.

"That the self-respect and dignity of the United States and the duty to protect its citizens and its international rights require that such a course be followed in Mexico by our government as to compel respect and observance of its rights."

Detailed plans for landing of marines at these two important coast towns were completed at a conference at the White House between president Wilson, Secretaries Bryan, Garrison and Rear-Admirals Fiske and Blue, and John Lind.

ident in his course was adopted by the house tonight by a vote of 337 to 37, after a spirited debate. For several hours it was considered by the senate foreign relations committee with prospect of an all-night session of the senate or a recess until early tomorrow.

The house adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow and President Wilson, worn out by the day's work, retired after hearing that the house had adopted the resolution.

TWILIGHT BALL LEAGUE

Season Will Open With Game On Afternoon of May 5.

The Twilight League will open its 1914 season on Tuesday, May 5, with an afternoon game. The receipts of the game will be for the benefit of the strawberry carnival. The stores will be asked to close, and a big automobile parade will be held, with Mayor Rice in the lead, the recorder and all the city council, who desire to ride in gas propelled vehicles, following. The players of all four teams will also follow the city officials. The automobiles will march to the martial tunes of the high school band.

The admission for the day will be 25 cents. Last night the Strawberry Carnival committee voted to hold the opening under their paternal auspices, and the funds will help the Carnival committee in their great boosting festival later in the month.

From the prospects the league will be a much better balanced organization than it was last year. Manager Bellows, of the Presbyterian team, is very enthusiastic about his squad. He said in an interview, "I have 28 players who wish to play on the nine."

Dr. DeLapp, of the Christians, has been signing up phenomena all winter, and is reported to have gathered in a really marvelous aggregation.

The Methodists should be a league leader. They have enough new men to fill up their gaps, and all their old ones will be out. Their pitching staff should be unusually strong

ARMY ANXIOUS

General Wood Believes Troops Soon Ordered Out.

FLEET REACHES TAMPICO WEDNESDAY

Men Aboard the Fighting Vessels of Atlantic Squadron Spend Time Enroute in Gun Practice.

(Special to The Evening News.)

WASHINGTON, April 21.—That the army will be used in an active campaign against Mexico very shortly, is the opinion here that is growing stronger hourly. It has all along been insisted at the White House that the navy was fully able to cope with the situation, Major General Wood is apparently not of that opinion, as he remained at the office of Secretary of War Garrison almost constantly. He has kept a continuous reservation for a south-bound train, which evidences that he is expecting a speedy call for his men to take the field.

Squadron Increases Speed.

ABOARD THE ARKANSAS, by wireless, April 21.—Admiral Badger said today that he expected the Arkansas, which is leading the squadron, to reach Tampico at about 8 a. m. Wednesday. The fleet has increased its speed. Drill for the men and rifle practice is going on steadily aboard each ship of the fleet.

War Rumors Increase.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Numerous rumors were current here during the cabinet session yesterday this spring.

Manager Strong, of the Baptists, says his squad ought to put out a good team. "I think we will face stronger teams than we did last year, and that our nine will be of about the same strength as then," he said.

evening. One was that Admiral Fletcher had already seized Vera Cruz, and had taken possession of a big lot of arms and ammunition which had just arrived for the Mexican government. Another story was that the admiral had received orders from Washington to make the seizure. A third report was concerning a German vessel loaded with arms and ammunition for the federals, but which had not arrived. State department officials discredit the stories.

Americans at Mexico City Anxious.

MEXICO CITY, April 21.—Americans here anxiously awaited every scrap of news from Washington regarding the action taken by congress in response to the president's message. Huerta has given assurances to the American transportation committee that even if war comes he will give Americans all possible aid in leaving the city. Sir Lionel Carden, recently appointed British minister to Brazil, is expected to reach Mexico City during the day. Diplomats have hoped that he will be able to persuade Huerta to yield to the United States. There is, however, very little prospect of this end becoming a reality.

ILLINOIS READY

Governor Dunne Says 175,000 Men Will Go.

I. W. W. LEADERS WILL OPPOSE WAR

William D. Haywood Alleges the Laboring Classes Will Refuse to Enlist and There Will Be No War.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 20.—In a statement issued today, Governor Edward F. Dunne announced that Illinois would send 175,000 men to the front in the event of war with Mexico.

Recruiting Office Stormed.

CHICAGO, April 20.—Crowds stormed the United States army recruiting offices here today, so great was the anxiety to get into the service. It was said Spanish war veterans would be invited, at a meeting to be held tonight, to form a volunteer regiment. Lieutenant Governor Barrett O'Hara and several officers who served in Cuba were scheduled to make speeches.

California Rangers Would Go.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., April 20.—Acting for citizens who have declared their intention to enlist in the event of war with Mexico, A. S. Patterson, editor of the Santa Barbara News, and Sherman H. Stow, a capitalist, telegraphed President Wilson today the offer of a regiment of "California rangers," mounted and equipped. Among those who have offered their services are crack horsemen of a score of big ranches, internationally known polo players, and many who have served in American and foreign cavalry.

I. W. W. Leader Talks Strike.

NEW YORK, April 20.—That there will be a general strike of the Industrial Workers of the World if necessary to prevent war between United States and Mexico and that the United Mine Workers of America will join it, was declared here today by William D. Haywood, the I. W. W. leader.

"Better be a traitor to your country than a traitor to your class," he said. "If war seems certain the workers will simply fold their arms and there will be no war."

Army Aviators Ready.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 20.—In response to an inquiry from the chief signal officer at Washington Captain Cowen, in charge of the army aviation camp here notified the war department today that four high powered aeroplanes, 14 officers and 65 men, are ready for service. Bomb dropping and similar practice was contained at North Island today while orders were awaited.

WANT SUIT CASE

Ordinance Repealed—Fullerton Puts in a Repeal.

UP TO CITY ATTORNEY ABRAHAM NOW

Full Weight Bread Petition Reconsidered and Referred to the Judiciary Committee—Other Matters.

The suit case ordinance which was passed by the council two weeks ago has already been referred to the electors, but nevertheless last night at the meeting of the council, Judge Fullerton placed on the table a motion to repeal the ordinance and not go to the bother of voting on it at the next city election. A few days after the passage of the suit case ordinance Elbert Hermann, who represented the brewery in its trouble some time ago, certified to the correctness of the names on the petition referring the ordinance and the same was filed with the city recorder. This holds up the operation of the ordinance till after the regular election this fall. If the referendum fails the ordinance goes into effect.

After some discussion the validity of the former suit case ordinance was referred to City Attorney Abraham.

Another matter of importance considered last night was the petition of grocers and bakers for a uniform weight for a loaf of bread. At the last meeting the petition was laid on the table. Last night it was referred to the judiciary committee.

The street committee were given power to replank the Deer Creek bridge. It was urged that the city ask the county to assist in the cost. After some discussion it was decided to abate the nuisance of C. S. Jackson. The health and police committee will serve the proper notice after which the city attorney will act in the premises.

Sidewalks were ordered built in various parts of town. Judge Fullerton opposed the issuing of this order but the majority of the members were against him and the order prevailed.

The recorder and the other officers of the city were yesterday served with papers in a suit asking that the officers be enjoined from levying and collecting the assessment made on Spring street. The city attorney was asked to enter the appearance of the city and to look after the interests of the city in the suit. This suit is a culmination of the protests entered a few weeks ago in the council chamber.

MEXICO WILL UNITE.

Move Against Huerta Is Move On Whole Country, Says Consul.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., April 20.—"Any move against General Huerta is against the Mexican people as a whole, and can be construed as nothing else," said Genero Ramonet, Huerta consul here tonight.

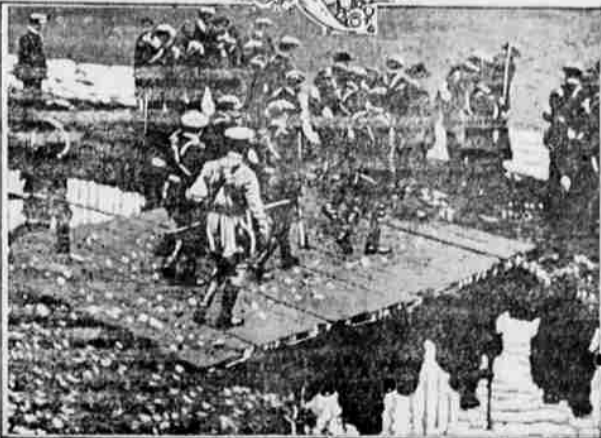
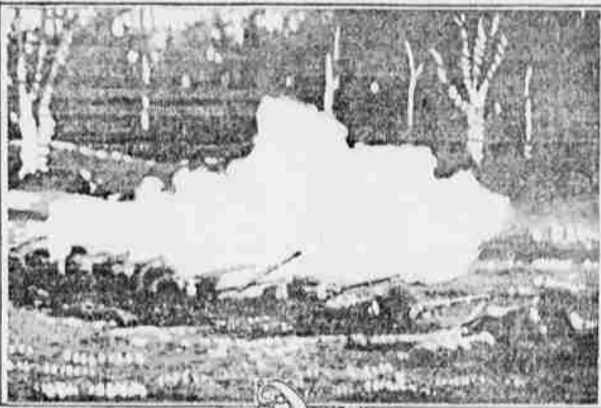
"Huerta is a component part of the Mexican people, particularly that class which represents the culture and learning," Ramonet declared his belief that the Mexican people as a whole would abandon their differences and unite.

DELAY ON ROSEBURG BUILDING RESENTED

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The Roseburg Commercial Club has submitted a protest to congress against the delay in the construction of the Roseburg postoffice. The protest severely criticizes the supervising architects of the office, declaring their methods unbusinesslike.

Hon. J. H. Booth returned this morning from Corvallis after a day spent there attending a state board meeting.

Ulster Sham Battle Scenes; Armed Orangemen Are Ready



Photos by American Press Association.

ENGLAND was prepared for trouble at any time in Ulster over the home rule bill when it appeared as if the measure stood a good chance of becoming a law. The volunteers in the north of Ireland who are against home rule held many sham battles in preparation for trouble. The top picture shows them firing a broadside during a skirmish, and the bottom one shows a company crossing a bridge in retreat.