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WILSON ASKS CONGRESS TO DECLARE WAR

Fifty Million Dollar Appropriation Is Asked For Costs

PAST INSULTS REVIEWED

MESSAGES EXPRESSES FRIENDSHIP FOR MEXICAN PEOPLE AS A WHOLE.

JOINT SESSION HEARS PRESIDENT'S APPEALS

Resolution Asking for Appropriation to Finance Warfare Points Out Need of Frustrating Further Outrages—Wilson's Message Emphatically Exonerates Mexican People.

TEXT OF INVASION RESOLUTION.

Washington, April 20.—The text of the resolution drafted and introduced by the Senate and House foreign relations committee when Congress met this afternoon, reads: "Resolved by the Senate and House of representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, that the President be and is hereby justified to employ armed forces of the United States to enforce demands made upon Victoriano Huerta for unequivocal amends to the government of the United States for affronts and indignities committed against this government by General Huerta and his representatives."

Washington, April 20.—President Wilson this afternoon sent a message to Congress in joint session asking for congressional authority to use the army and navy against Huerta. He made it abundantly plain that he meant Huerta and not the people of Mexico. For Mexico's people he expressed the warmest friendship and he repudiated the idea that he planned war on them. It is against Huerta and his followers alone against whom he said he proposes to act. He recapitulated some of the wrongs and insults the United States has suffered from the dictator's insults. If not stopped, he said, he feared some crowning outrage would render armed conflict unavoidable. The message did not ask for stipulations as to invasion or bombardment by war vessels, this being left to the discretion of the President.

Congress immediately proceeded to debate the subject. It is apparent the request will be granted with little delay.

Washington, April 20.—A bill appropriating \$50,000,000.00 for the President to "Use at his discretion for national defense" was introduced by Senator Chamberlain of Oregon in

Colquitt and His Texas Rangers See Prospects For Active Border Warfare

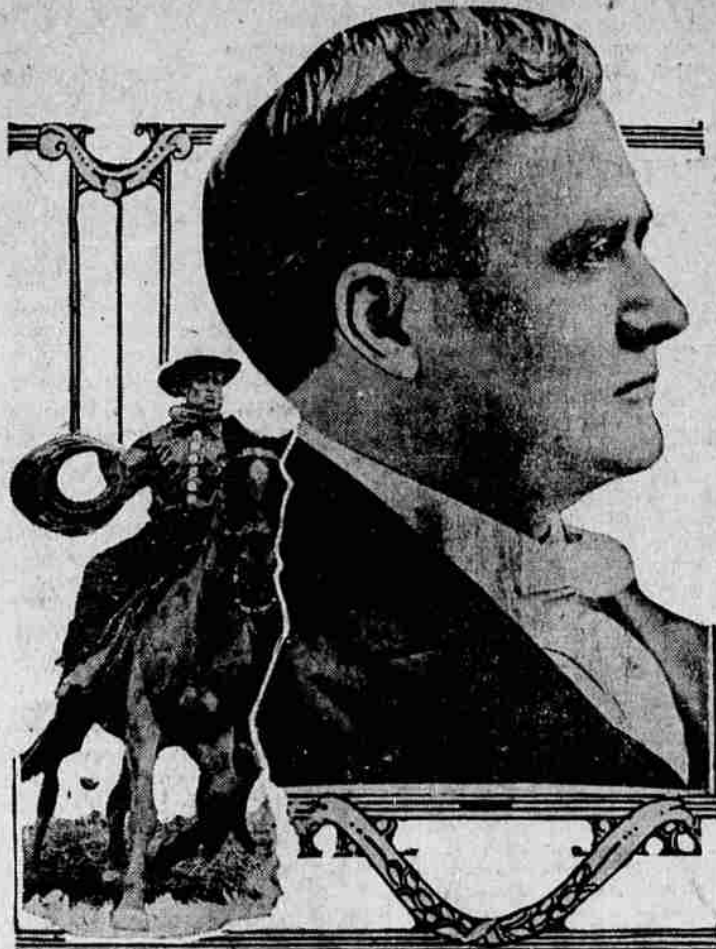


Photo of ranger by American Press Association. GOVERNOR COLQUITT, HEAD OF TEXAS RANGERS.

Houston, April 20.—Governor Oscar B. Colquitt and his Texas rangers who have begged the state department for permission to cross the border to settle their disputes in hand to hand fighting, see in the developments today a chance to gratify their wishes. The rangers are familiar with Mexicans, their methods of fighting, and in Texas today there is much joy over the prospects of actual warfare. It is admitted that if invasion takes place, the Rangers will form a regiment which will be of great value to the government.

The Senate this afternoon when, at 3 o'clock, the House and Senate convened in joint session. Just at noon in both houses, motions were entertained and passed unanimously, that the two houses meet at 3 o'clock to jointly consider the question of declaring war. The general impression was that war will not be declared or invasion by armed forces ordered except such as may be deemed necessary when the warships have bombarded the towns of Vera Cruz and Tampico. While this was not the official program, it is probably the one that will eventually be followed out.

Oil Tank Installed.
That the city may be in position to buy its gasoline in larger quantities and thereby obtain it cheaper, the fire department members are today installing an oil tank under the cement sidewalk adjoining the city building. A standpipe will make it easy to tap the big tank when gasoline is needed.

ROADS OUT OF MUD.

"The drag is the first used on this road in April when the mud was eight inches deep. Within three hours teams passed at a trot without sinking half the depth of the hoof or burying a wheel rim." Will this county waste energy to pull ten tons when good roads would cut down the pull to five? If you don't believe the King drag will do what King claims for it, tell him so after you have seen it in work here April 31st. If King couldn't produce he would not be in the employ of many railroads and would not be paid for his services out of county funds. Don't condemn before seeing it work.

WOOD ASSIGNED CHIEF COMMAND

RETIRING CHIEF OF STAFF WILL LEAD INVADERS.

Soldiers and Marines Being Loaded Aboard Ships Today.

Washington, April 20.—Major General Wood will command the United States invading army if such a move is ordered. This announcement was made by Garrison, secretary of war, today. Woods' term expires tomorrow instead of the 22 as originally planned. This takes him from the highest active point of service in the army, to assume command of the invading army.

Troops on the Move.
Houston, Tex., April 20.—All troops in Galveston were ordered aboard army transports today and the Fifth brigade, en route, will join them. The fourth and sixth brigades are on the march and will reach Texas City from here Wednesday noon.

Marines Headed South.
Pensacola, April 20.—The Battleship Mississippi carrying 700 marines sailed for Tampico.

C. A. Johns Coming.

Portland, Or., April 20 (Special).—Charles A. Johns left Portland Sunday night for a tour of Eastern Oregon in the interest of his race for Republican nomination for Governor. Mr. Johns will reach La Grande Wednesday, going from that place to his old home city of Baker. He will visit The Dalles and Pendleton en route to La Grande.

HUERTA ASKS MEXICANS TO REMAIN CALM

FOREIGNERS LEAVE BY EVERY TRAIN TODAY FOR VERA CRUZ.

NO HARM MUST BEFALL AMERICANS SAYS ROJAS

Dictator and Ministers Issue Warning to Subjects to Avoid Doing Harm to Fleeing Americans and Also Urge Them to Be Calm Under the Pending Dangers—Exodus is On.

Mexico City, April 20.—Two trainloads of Americans started for Vera Cruz today. Others have arranged to leave as soon as possible and by night its believed there will be a general exodus.

Huerta is seemingly taking all precaution to protect foreigners. Foreign Minister Rojas gave out a statement this morning to Mexicans, warning them to remain calm and not to hurt foreigners, especially Americans. This is taken to mean that Huerta does not want to add fire to the flame. It is felt here that injury to a single American now will precipitate a general invasion, then others fear that Huerta sympathizers will aim to make themselves public idols by killing Americans if not out of the city by night fall.

Merchant Ships Warned.

Washington, April 20.—In accordance with instructions, the department of state has notified American merchant shipping interests to keep out of Mexican waters.

BORKGREN HURT IN RUNAWAY

Cove Citizen Is Thrown From Wagon When Horses Shy at Motorcycle.

While on his way to Cove last Saturday night Mike Borkgren's horses became frightened at the explosions of a motorcycle and ran away. The horses raced down Cove avenue with a swerving wagon following them, when suddenly the vehicle struck an obstruction in the road and threw Mr. Borkgren forcibly to the ground causing several wounds to the scalp and bruises to the foot over which the wagon had passed. He was taken to Dr. Richardson's office and mended and sent on his way, not much the worse for his injuries.

Metal Trades Meet.

Worcester, Mass., April 20.—Five hundred representatives of crafts from all over the country gathered here today to attend the opening sessions of the National Metal Trades Association and the National Machine Tool Builders' Association. The convention which opened today to continue through Wednesday, April 22, is the sixteenth annual meeting. All the sessions will be held at the Bancroft Hotel. Some of the fifteenth branches of the administrative council to be represented at a business meeting scheduled for tomorrow are those from Boston, Springfield, New York, various New Jersey cities, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Indianapolis, St. Louis and Chicago. Besides the business program, an elaborate entertainment program including automobile tours to points of historic interest about Boston, and banquets and dinners have been planned.

WAR NOT NEEDED TO DEFEND NATION'S HONOR IF NAVAL DEMONSTRATIONS SUFFICE

Wilson Fears Wave of Enthusiasm May Demand War—Technical Point About Recognition Meets Administration

Washington, April 20.—President Wilson was at his desk early today to receive correspondents from Mexico City where Huerta refused to salute the flag within the time limit. Then he held a conference with Bryan.

Later on he said that he didn't believe the mass of Mexicans support Huerta but Wilson made it plain that he intended to compel the dictator to respect American honor and dignity.

Issue Is With Huerta.
The President went on to say that the issue was between the United States and a person calling himself provisional president, whom the United States has never recognized, nor never will. America cannot declare war on a nation she has not recognized, he said.

Not Anxious for War.

The President said he feared that the present crisis would result in a wave of enthusiasm in the United States demanding war. He was not enthusiastic for war and hoped still to avert it, he told his visitors, but would defend American honor and dignity.

War Not Necessary Yet.
The situation does not at present

DEATH CALLS MRS. CLIFFORD

LONG ILLNESS FOLLOWS FALL YEAR AGO.

Wife of Well Known Contractor Passes After Painful Illness.

As the consequence of a fall in her home on West Main avenue about two years ago, Mrs. W. L. Clifford, aged 55, died this morning after a prolonged and painful illness. She has been ill for months and had consulted many of the best specialists of the Northwest, with little benefit. About a year ago Mr. and Mrs. Clifford moved to Washington, near Vancouver, but about six weeks ago Mrs. Clifford was sent back to La Grande thinking the higher altitude would be beneficial. She grew steadily worse, and a week ago her husband and daughter were hurriedly summoned. The daughter, Miss Edith, and son, W. L. Clifford Jr., were at the bedside with the husband when the end came. A sister, Mrs. W. J. Cain, of Peoria, Ill. and two brothers, John and William Norton, of Shell City, Mo., also survive but will not be at the funeral which will be held tomorrow afternoon.

The family came to La Grande two years ago from Loveland, Col., and Mr. Clifford built several residences in this city shortly after his arrival. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 3 o'clock from the Bohnkamp chapel.

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JAP AND GIRL ARRESTED.

Raid on Rooming House in Center of the City Lands Two.

Tomorrow afternoon at 4:20 a local Jap named Arata and a local white girl who has been waiting on tables in a local restaurant, will be tried for disorderly conduct. The two were arrested early Sunday morning by the police in a rooming house in the heart of the city where the girl has been making her home. The Jap was seen to go to her room about midnight and the raid followed, with arraignment this morning in municipal court. The two will stand trial tomorrow afternoon at 4:30, having pleaded not guilty. The police say they found the couple in the room, and this neither denies, but claim further charges preferred, are false. Judge Eakin placed the bail at \$100 each which the Jap proposed to give but the girl indignantly refused to bother with. Young, pretty and apparently not customarily given over to debauchery, the girl has attracted considerable attention and interest.

MORE CANDIDATES COME.

Attorney General Aspirant Calls on the Voting Public.

Geo. M. Brown, candidate for Republican nomination to the office of Attorney General, is in the city today on business and is calling on the voting public. Mr. Brown lives at Roseburg.

contest of 1944 words. Next to her came Mary Fitzgerald who has won this position on a previous occasion. Eugene Newlin was the last on the floor for the boys. The two leaders for the girls fell on the same word which practically makes first place a tie between those two.

Commercial Club Dinner April 28th.

On April 28th commercial club members and their wives and friends will assemble in the basement of the Methodist church for the next commercial club banquet. These arrangements were arrived at this morning and preparations are now making to have a large and representative gathering.

Liner Collides With Ice.

New York, April 20.—That the Atlantic liner California has collided with an iceberg off the banks of Newfoundland Thursday, has been learned by wireless. Though her bow is crushed, and her foreplates have been ripped from her sides, she did not ask for aid but is steaming to port under her own steam.

Absolute Divorce Granted.

Judge Knowles today granted a divorce to Willey Bangs, from her husband, Theron C. Bangs, on grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. She was also granted her maiden name, that of Oliver.