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## American Troops Enter Vera Cruz Without Encounter

### COMMANDERS GIVEN A CARTE BLANCHE ORDER

"Use Your Judgment" Is Broad Order Sent To Vera Cruz

### ENGLISH SHIP DENIES ARMS

WILSON NERVOUS ABOUT THE PENDING SHIPMENT OF GERMAN EQUIPMENT.

### BLOCKADE TO START WITHIN 24 HOURS

Situation in Mexico Becomes Extremely Acute When Huerta Attempts to Get Arms Into Country to Protect Railroad to Mexico City from Vera Cruz—Blockade Given.

Washington, April 21.—Senator Shively, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee confirmed the United Press association dispatch from Mexico City, that American Troops had landed in Vera Cruz. He said he had just been informed of the fact, but refused to state the source of his information. Shively said no difficulty was encountered in landing the marines and the bluejackets. The state department and the White House denied that Shively had been given any information by them, concerning the doings of Admiral Fletcher at Vera Cruz.

Washington, April 21.—Senator Shively announced to the senate that American troops occupied Vera Cruz without firing a shot. He said he did not speak with entire positiveness but that such was his information.

New York, April 21.—A code dispatch from Correspondent Wm. Sheppard at Mexico City to the New York office of the United Press association declared that the American troops had taken possession of Vera Cruz today. The message was received at three p. m., and is the first direct message from the scene of action today. Though it is impossible for Sheppard to get details past the censor of news in Mexico City, it is assumed that Fletcher acted on the instructions to use his good judgment which he received from Secretary Daniels.

Washington, April 21.—"Use your own judgment" is the substance of a message sent to Admiral Fletcher, following the previous instructions that a shipment of two hundred Krupp machine guns and two million rounds of ammunition aboard a German steamer must not reach Huerta. The President announced this afternoon that he did not wish to act aggressively until he is authorized by Congress. While the Senate held up the resolution supporting the policy,

### Wilson Fumes With Impatience While Senate Debates Resolution Which House Passed Last Night

Washington, April 21.—All hope that the resolution, approving the president's Mexican policy, will pass the senate tonight, has been abandoned. The house agreed to adjourn at six P. M. until ten tomorrow. Washington, April 21.—The senate debate on the resolution empowering the president to use armed forces against Huerta, was opened today noon by Senator Lodge who defined the powers of the president. The house, at a midnight session, passed the same resolution by an overwhelming majority, but the senate is slow in acting. President Wilson fumed with impatience while the senate debated the subject this afternoon, the bringing in of ammunition to Huerta in the meantime, causing the stormy and fuming in the white house.

### War Bulletins Popular News

LA GRANDE PEOPLE ANXIOUS TO KEEP CLOSE TAB.

### TELEPHONES FREELY USED

Two Counties Show Much Interest in War Developments.

Bulletins tersely setting out early morning developments at Washington and Mexico City relative to the pending war are popularly read in La Grande. As soon as something tangible is received in La Grande direct from the seat of action, it is summarized and bulletinized in various places in the city and there the public gets a brief but correct "tip." The United Press through its exhaustive service keeps the Observer office in night and day touch with the very seat of trouble.

Union and Wallowa county towns have employed the telephones freely since yesterday morning to gain from the Observer as much as is known before the regular editions reach the readers.

The President fumed with impatience. The guns and ammunition ordered from Germany for Huerta are for the purpose of defending the city of Vera Cruz and the Mexico City railroad. It will be the object of the American forces to gain control of these at once. If this consignment of ammunition and guns reaches Huerta it is certain they will be used against the Americans. There is a rumor to the effect that Admiral Fletcher had already captured the consignment of guns and ammunition but there is no confirmation of this in official circles.

### English Protect Americans.

Vera Cruz, April 21.—Acting under

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### NINE KILLED IN MINE WAR

### WOMEN AND CHILDREN AMONG THE DEAD.

Colorado Miners and Militiamen Have Bloody Encounters.

Denver, April 21.—Advices at noon from John McLennan an official of the union forces, stated that nine were killed in a clash between strikers and militiamen at Ludlaw. Four strikers, four children and one woman were killed, the message says. McLennan said the strikers claimed that eight militiamen were slain but this the authorities denied. Another battle is said to be imminent.

### ARBITRATOR'S MEETING TODAY

CITIZENS TO ACT ON LEASING OFFERS.

Minam Dam Dispute Aired at Wallowa Conference Today.

To reach agreements and recommendations if possible about a half dozen offers to lease the state land and water site at the Minam fish hatchery a committee of three Union county people and five Wallowa men are holding a session in Wallowa today. Before that committee come the offers for leasing the property at the dam which is either to be blown out or supplied with a fish ladder to let fish reach upper streams.

If the committee finds that the offers for a lease are sufficient it will recommend that the money thus obtained be used for fish ladders. Those who attended from Union county were: A. A. Wenzel and S. D. Crowe of La Grande, E. B. Morelock of Elgin, and Deputy Game Warden Lefel of this city.

### ELGIN IS ALL RIGHT.

General Conditions Are First class, Says Mr. Masterson.

J. A. Masterson, one of the prominent citizens of the Elgin country, is in La Grande before the Jno. S. Hodgkin bankruptcy court to settle the Spencer bankruptcy for which he has been trustee. Mr. Masterson says Elgin is in fine shape. Three new residences are under construction there, business is firm and good with general conditions pointing to a very safe summer in every way. He says politics are quiet and seldom mentioned unless a candidate for some office enters the community.

### KING DRAG COSTS.

You are entitled to ask what will the King road drag cost when operating. King says it won't cost but very little if anything, and for that reason it should commend itself to every man woman and child in this community. You want smooth highways over which you can travel easily and rapidly. It costs more to drive four horses to a wagon than it does to drive two. Four horses can get stuck in the mud where two horses would draw the same load over the same road. Figure your wear and tear on your equipment and you will become a good roads apostle. D. Ward King will demonstrate on the 2nd of May here in La Grande.

### NEED OF THE ARMY GROWING MORE APPARENT

HOURLY EXPECTED THAT ORDERS WILL COME TO MOBILIZE TROOPS.

### FIFTH BRIGADE NOW READY TO GO SOUTH

Although Navy Was Deemed Sufficient in White House Today, Every Indication Points to Secret Movements to Have Army Ready—Fifth Brigade Will Sail for Tampico.

Houston, Texas, April 21.—General Funston was ordered to embark with the fifth brigade immediately from Galveston and sail for Tampico.

Washington, April 21.—That the army will be used in Mexico shortly, is believed to be growing more certain. It is insisted at the White House that the navy and marines alone will be needed but Major General Wood remained in Garrison's office today.

### Train Kept in Readiness.

During the entire day a train was kept under steam and in readiness to move at a moment's notice, should it be deemed necessary to send men and officers from here. Action of the senate in perfecting the militia bill to take state militia into service is also taken to mean that intervention by the army is not an impossibility but a probability.

### Debate Judge Home.

Jno. Hodgins returned this morning from Pendleton where he acted as one of the judges for the Astoria-Pendleton high school debate. The subject for debate was "Is Free Trade Best For the Country?" The verdict of the judges was unanimous for Pendleton which school held the affirmative on the question. This could hardly be otherwise for all of the judges were of the Democratic faith.

### Union Visitors Here.

A group of Union people headed by Will Vogell were in town today transacting business matters.

### ITALIAN WOMAN LEAVES PORTLAND HUSBAND TO JOIN ANOTHER MAN

Joe Druzi an Italian was taken from the Elgin branch train this morning a few minutes before it was scheduled to leave and taken in tow by Deputy Sheriff Tom Williamson and placed in the county jail on information 'phoned to this city last night from Portland. With him is a woman whose name could not be learned, who recently arrived from Portland and who has been living with Druzi at Vincent Camp. Druzi had been working for the Palmer Lumber Company. They are held on a charge of adultery and an officer of Multnomah county is on the way to this city to take them back to the metropolis where they will be given a preliminary hearing. The woman, likewise of Italian blood is married in Portland and came here on the solicitation of Druzi, it is said. The latter gave as excuse to the local officers that he had written for another woman in Portland and that the woman who is here in the lock-up came instead of the one who was wanted. Joe Limonis was the name by which the prisoner registered last night in a local hotel, after he had come in to La Grande from the logging camps. The woman's name on authority learned this afternoon is Maria Abuzzes.

### SQUADRON DUE IN TAMPICO ON WED. MORNING

BADGER DRIVES FLEET TO ITS TOP SPEED SINCE YESTERDAY MORNING.

### MEN DRILL AND FIRE FOR PRACTICE ABOARD

Rifle Practice and Daily Drills Keep Enthusiasm High on Board Atlantic Squadron Now Steaming to Tampico—Men and Officers Ready for Any Emergency That May Develop.

Aboard the Arkansas, April 21.—(By Wireless)—Admiral Badger said today to a United Press correspondent that he expected the Arkansas, leading the Atlantic squadron to reach Tampico by 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. The squadron has been increasing its speed, hoping to reach destination several hours earlier than anticipated. Speed has been increased ever since Sunday night.

### Drilling Continues on Ship.

Drilling of marines and the crew, and rifle practice, continues daily. The men are in high glee, and officers are in condition to accomplish the greatest possible results.

### WALLOWA MILL SAWING

Extended Shutdown Occasioned by Installation of Boilers.

Wallowa, April 21, (Special)—Nibley Minnaugh Lumber Co's saw mill will start sawing at once after a lay-off of several months. The long delay is due to the late arrival of the new boilers which are being installed.

### Astoria Ship in Grief.

New Port, Ore., April 21.—The gas schooner Mirene of Astoria with 34 tons of register, went on the beach at the mouth of the Alsea river this morning. There is no great damage to her hull and as the surf isn't high it is thought she may be saved.

### PALMERS MOVE FROM LOOKING GLASS REGION

COMPLETE EVACUATION WILL BE REALIZED BY END OF PRESENT WEEK.

### PALMER CAMP RAILS TORN UP AND MOVED OFF

Permanent Camp Established Six Miles Up Howard Creek Where New Timber Holdings Exist—Postoffice to Remain at Palmer Jct., Where Private Contractor Has a Crew.

Within the present week George Palmer logging camps on Looking Glass, near Palmer Junction, will be a matter of history. Houses, barns, equipment and men stationed at Camp No. 1—the only remaining camp on the company lands there—will be transferred to Howard Creek the mouth of which is three miles North of Rondowa, by the end of a week, and the company will then establish its permanent camp at a point six miles up the Howard Creek line, which is just on the crest of the hill sloping down to the Wallowa river. So complete is the evacuation from Looking Glass that even the steel rails which led from the Joseph branch to the different camps which have, in the six or seven years of operations in that territory been beehives of industry, will be torn up and removed. Settlers who are now moving in on the logged-off land will have good wagon roads to Palmer Junction, however, and on May 9th a civil service examination for a postmaster at Palmer Junction will be conducted to create a permanent postmaster there. He will serve homeseekers on the logged-off lands and the Robinson contracting crew which is cleaning up some Palmer timber along the banks of the Looking Glass proper where the Palmer people did little or no work they having operated farther South.

The moving to Howard Creek has been a big task. For months the work has been carried on from time to time but this week the last semblance of a camp is moved. Stores, equipment, and even houses have been loaded on trains and moved to Howard Creek, and then up the steep hill, making all told something like 12 or 15 miles of a haul. The new camp will be permanent but others may be established as the line is pushed back into the big timber holdings. A new postoffice is also to be established there application being now with the department.

### GOOD ROADS DAY WINS.

Great Quantities of Gravel Hauled—School Children Help.

Wallowa, April 21, (Special)—The Good Roads day was a great success and quite a number of people displayed their interest in good roads by turning out and working on the grading of the Stanley Lane. About twenty teams transferred the gravel from the hill to the road. The work was greatly helped by the assistance of the school pupils.