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War With United Mexico Now A Certainty

CARANZA WILL AWAIT REPLIES TO ULTIMATUM

INTERVIEW FAILS TO BRING OUT HIS PROPOSED POLICY WITH UNCLE SAM.

TAMPICO SITUATION NOT MADE CLEAR BY BRYAN

Caranza at Chihuahua Gives Out Interview Saying He Will Await Answer to His Ultimatum Before He Decides on Any Course—Twelve Hundred Men in Tampico Harbor.

Chihuahua, April 23.—"I cannot tell what further action will be taken by the rebels if the Americans do not withdraw their troops from Vera Cruz. I will guide my future acts by the answer of the American Government to my message."

This is the way that the supreme head of the rebel forces answered a request today for an interview on the ultimatum he attempted to give the Americans to the effect that they must withdraw from Vera Cruz.

As it is known in America what the answer will be, and also that Caranza knows what it will be, the evasive answer is taken to mean secrecy in movements by the rebels for the present.

It is plainly felt that Texas rangers and citizens of the border line will stampede into Mexican territory if Caranza should give the word to open revolt against Americans.

The letter to President Wilson from Caranza which indicates the attitude of the rebels, says:

"The invasion, will drag us into an unequal war with dignity but which until today we desired to avoid. The invasion of our territory and the permanency of your forces in Vera Cruz are violations of the rights that constitute our existence as a free and independent sovereignty. I invite you to suspend the hostile acts already initiated, ordering your forces to evacuate all places they hold in Vera Cruz and to formulate before the constitutional government, which I represent, the demand of the United States for reparation for acts which originated at Tampico, in security that your demand will be considered in the spirit of elevated justice and conciliation."

Many at Tampico.

Washington, April 23.—Because Tampico is close to Torreon, the headquarters of Villa's army, much interest is manifested here today over the Tampico situation because the rebels have threatened to join with the federals. Admiral Mayo wired the navy department today that there were 1200 Americans on board warships in Tampico. The message said nothing about landing the men. It is presumed that the report yesterday that Tampico was invaded, was due to a slip of the tongue by Bryan in discussing the naval movements in Mexican waters.

Marriage License Issued.

A marriage license was issued to Kelvin A. Chesser and Frances Plummer both of this city.

CALL FOR QUARTER MILLION VOLUNTEERS DRAFTED AND MAY BE ISSUED AT ANYTIME

Extensive Movement of Army Starts and all Seaport Towns in Mexico to be Seized by Naval Forces

Washington, April 23.—The war department has completed a draft of a call for a quarter of a million volunteers for service against Mexico. It is not to be issued unless it becomes necessary but most of the government officials believe it will be necessary shortly.

Governor West May Enlist.

Salem, Ore. April 23.—Governor West has announced he will join the Oregon troops in case they are ordered to the front. He said he would prefer to go as a member of the cavalry regiment he has been ordered to organize. He also said he would resign his governorship if necessary to accompany the troops.

Washington, April 23.—Orders are momentarily expected for naval operations on a large scale on both the Mexican coasts, whether the ports are under federal or rebel control. It is considered certain that there will be landings of marines and soldiers at many points to protect foreign interests.

Instructions are said to have been given officers of the border patrol to hold up shipments of arms and ammunition into rebel territory. General Wood has combined the army staff for general orders looking toward a big movement of the army on Mexico.

ENVOYS GIVEN PASSPORTS.

O'Shaughnessy Leaves Mexico City and Alagara Washington.

Washington, April 23.—Mexican Charge d'Affairs Alagara was today handed his passports by Secretary of State Bryan. Alagara asked for them. At the same time Nelson O'Shaughnessy was handed his passports by Huerta at Mexico City and told to leave. This severs official relations between the two countries and is the signal for open warfare.

O'Shaughnessy was found at a late hour last night when open wires were gotten into operation with Mexico City. The reason he has not communicated with his own country was that his telegrams were censored.

Although the envoys are gone, and Caranza has allied himself with the federals, President Wilson announced that he had refused to abandon the campaign against Huerta. The rebel threat to join forces with the federals and resist invasion by the United States, is deplored by the President. He expressed the belief that Americans and Mexican citizens generally will remain friendly but asserted again that he could not temporize with Huerta.

CALIFORNIA IS ACTIVE.

Coast Artillery and Militia to Guard Frontier at Once.

San Diego, April 23.—Two companies of coast artillery and one of the state naval reserve were ordered out at 5 a. m. today with instructions from Adjutant General Forbes to

guard the city water system along the Mexican border line. Fire whistles were used to summon the guardsmen.

Prof. J. N. Hockenberry, formerly principal of the La Grande schools, is one of the organizers of the patrol mentioned in the dispatch above. He is now a resident of that section of California.

Los Angeles, April 23.—Four companies of National guardsmen are being mobilized under orders of Forbes. They will be sent to Calexico for distribution along the national boundary.

San Diego, April 23.—The Pacific torpedo boat flotilla of five vessels, sailed for Mexican waters today. The destination is Mazatlan.

El Paso, April 23.—Acting under war department instructions, Colonel Hatfield has notified the customs collector to stop exportation of arms and ammunition to constitutionalists or other Mexican forces.

San Diego, April 23.—Mexican commanders at Tijuana, Mex., have ordered non-combatants out of town. Women and children are being taken to Ensenada and American troops at San Ysidro, across the line are throwing up trenches.

AGED NORTH POWDER LADY STRUCK BY FREIGHT TRAIN

North Powder, April 23.—(Special)—Mrs. Mary J. (Grandma) Leadbetter aged 71, was jerked from under a freight car last night and her life saved, but not without serious injuries to her head, hips, shoulders and knees. Mrs. Leadbetter and some friends had been attending services in the chapel car spotted near the warehouse, and on her return to her home, had to cross some tracks on

THOUSAND MINERS ARE ARMED TO GIVE BATTLE TO MILITIA

Trinidad, Colorado, April 23.—Thirty-five persons, including five women and three children are reported trapped in the Blasing coal mine shaft house at Empire. Twenty-five are similarly situated at Aguilar. The latest reports are to the effect that more than a thousand armed strikers have assembled to defeat the object of the armed forces of the state.

Destitution is aggravated among the miners on account of the prolonged strike and the spirit of desperation has seized them. They declare it

Washington, April 23.—American Marines late today captured the Federal breastworks, three miles inland from Vera Cruz. It is stated this was the only extension of military operations within the city's vicinity.

Vera Cruz, April 23.—With 12 Americans already killed and 39 wounded, sniping by ambush by Mexican sharpshooters of marines is still causing danger to occupation by American forces. The hunt for snipers has been extended to residential districts. Eight Americans were killed and 19 wounded yesterday when the count was taken last night. Except for the problem of sharpshooters marines are keeping excellent order.

Insane Admits Weakness.

It is rare that an insane man will admit that he is insane or that something is mentally wrong with him. Such is the case with Carl Joseph Edenhelm, taken to the State insane asylum at Pendleton last night by Attendant Harsted of that institution. Edenhelm suffered from the delusion that every fence post was an armed man waiting to turn his loaded weapon on him with intent to kill.

He freely admitted that he had no control of his faculties and offered no resistance to the officer who took him to the institution for treatment.

WHAT GRANT SAID OF MEXICANS.

General U. S. Grant, the hero of the Civil War, was a lieutenant in the American army in 1848 and took part in the battles leading up to the capture of Mexico City by General Scott. In his personal memoirs, which were published just before his death General Grant gave several chapters to the war with Mexico. Reviewing the successes of the American army, he spoke with enthusiasm over the fact that the Americans won every battle.

He called attention to the fact that on the march from Vera Cruz to Mexico City General Scott's force was at no time half as large as that opposed to him; that the Mexicans were always on the defense and entrenched, and yet he beat them all the time.

General Grant said that the victories of both Scott and Taylor were largely due to better officering and because our army, being largely composed of regulars, was better trained and disciplined and, therefore, steadier.

Speaking of the Mexican army, General Grant said: "The Mexican army of that day was hardly an organization. The private soldier was picked up from the lowest class of inhabitants when wanted. His consent was not asked. He was poorly clothed, worse fed and seldom paid. He was turned adrift when no longer wanted."

"The officers of the lower grades were but little superior to the men. With all this, I have seen as brave stands made by some of these men as I have ever seen made by soldiers."

"The trouble seemed to be the lack of experience among officers, which lead them after a certain time to simply quit, without being particularly whipped, but because they had fought enough."

Free Lecture Tonight.

Prof. Reddie, of the Oregon University is here today. This evening at 8 o'clock at the High School auditorium he will give a reading. All are invited. No admission.

O-W. HOSPITAL OF EMERGENCY SORT ORDERED

FOOTWAY OVER TRACKS IS ALSO ORDERED BUILT DURING 1914.

GENERAL MANAGER J. P. O'BRIEN AFFIRMS RUMOR

Completion of Subway And Additions to Round House to Be Hurried At the Same Time That Emergency Hospital Is Going Up—General Manager Here on Inspection Tour.

La Grande is due to witness extensive railroad improvements this Spring and Summer, according to a statement made today by J. P. O'Brien general manager and vice-president of the O. W., who is here on a tour of inspection. In an interview Mr. O'Brien said that these improvements contemplate the erection of an emergency hospital on the corner of Fir and Jefferson, the completion of the subway on North Second and the erection of a footway from a spot between the railway station and the freight depot. These improvements together with general improvements to track buildings, addition of 12 stalls to the round house and other railway property improvement in La Grande are estimated at between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

The emergency hospital will be constructed for the purpose of taking care of minor injuries, such as smashed fingers and toes, cuts and bruises and small wounds which can be treated and bandaged by a trained nurse as well as by a physician. It frequently happens that the regular railroad physicians are out of the city and are unable to attend to these minor matters promptly and for which reason the trained nurse will make her headquarters in this building to give first and expert aid to the wounded. There will be no beds in this building which will be used only as an emergency and auxiliary station.

The contract will soon be let for the construction. It will cost, when completed, about \$8000. The details have not altogether been worked out and will be published later.

Work will commence on the Second street subway as soon as the water subsidies to allow men to work without too much interference. Considerable headway has been made on this project already and several months work will just about complete it. The object is to lessen the danger of accidents, particularly to children who are compelled to cross the tracks at that place to get to the Rivera school.

The construction of additional engine stalls to the round house will begin in the course of two or three weeks and will keep a large force of men busy for a number of weeks. Mention was made of this in an earlier issue of the Observer.

The footwalk across and above the tracks at the point designated is another evidence on the part of the O. W. to take from the occupation of railroading the natural risk incident to railroading. It will be constructed with the special object in view of

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