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MEXICANS AT CAPITAL KILL 2 AMERICANS

KNIFE USED TO SLAY TWO WHO SEEK SHELTER IN THE CONSULATES.

ARRESTS FOLLOW SEARCH OF SEVERAL HOUSEHOLDS

Vera Cruz is Pretty Well Freed of Snipers, Though Occasional Shots Are Heard—Message to London Tells of Slaughter and Great Danger to Americans Hemmed In.

London, April 24.—Two Americans were stabbed in the streets of Mexico City and the American flag was trampled under foot. The condition is very critical according to newspaper dispatches. Foreigners are congregating about the British legation, the dispatch adds, and Americans are openly threatened. Anti-American demonstrations are spreading over Southern Mexico and all Americans are in the gravest danger of losing their lives and property. Abandonment of all consulates in Mexico was ordered by the state department this afternoon.

Washington, April 21.—Seaman Walter Watson was killed by a sniper in Vera Cruz this afternoon. Two others died. The total dead is now 18.

Vera Cruz, April 24.—Though there are still occasional shots fired at blue jackets and marines on the streets, the Americans are getting Vera Cruz in pretty fair shape. The marines are cleaning the city as rapidly as possible. Bodies of the Mexicans killed by the fire, are being cremated.

Households are searched for arms and this is continued with an occasional arrest.

During the past 24 hours snipers have killed three more blue jackets and wounded 13, including marines.

Marines Are Going South.
Washington, April 24.—Two hundred and fifty marines were ordered aboard the battleship New York, sailing Sunday or Monday for Vera Cruz. Two hundred and 50 more have been ordered to take the West Virginia from Mare Island for the Mexican West coast.

Washington, April 24.—The senate has adopted the militia reorganization bill.

Galveston, April 24.—Early today the fifth brigade began boarding transports for the East Mexican coast. As soon as embarkation is completed the vessels will be ready to sail. The transport Kilpatrick will probably sail for Vera Cruz this afternoon and the others at midnight.

Washington, April 24.—Chief Gunner's mate Roswell aboard the Michigan and Private Randolph Summerlin, a marine on the Vermont, have died today.

EARTHQUAKE RATTLES CITIES. Heavy Trembling Creates Excitement in California Cities.

Sacramento, April 24.—Three distinct earthquakes were felt at Sacramento, Stockton and other towns today. Much excitement prevailed but there was no damage.

INFURIATE MOBS SLUR AND STONE AMERICANS COOPED UP IN MEXICO HELPLESS

Doorplate Torn From American Consulate—English Minister Pleads For Americans at Mexicans' Mercy

(By William G. Shepperd.)

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Vera Cruz, April 24.—Eight hundred Americans are still in Mexico City at the mercy of Huerta. Anti-American demonstrations go on continually. Blind with anger, Huerta has instructed the police and soldiers not to molest mobs which rioted in front of the American club. They tore the coat of arms from the door of the United States consulate and stoned and insulted Americans brave enough to appear on the streets. The American club has been abandoned.

O'Shaughnessy announced he was going to Vera Cruz but really went secretly to Manzanillo on the West coast. Since the day Vera Cruz was taken, Americans at the capital have carried their lives in their own hands.

As the men worked tirelessly at the embassy preparing rifles and machine guns, brave American women in the colony encouraged them constantly. No one showed signs of fear. Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, ill with nervousness, didn't give up and served tea to the men who were preparing to defend themselves from expected attacks by infuriated Mexicans.

I arrived at Vera Cruz with 150 men and women and children from the German, English and American colonies in the capital. Another train is due to leave the capital at 7 o'clock this morning and those remaining will be dependent upon Sir Lionel Garden, the British minister. He is doing everything in his power to protect the Americans.

CLUB REQUESTS EXTRA TRAINS

ROAD DEMONSTRATION ADVERTISING TAKEN UP.

Effort Made to Have Trains from Elgin and Union May 2nd.

WHAT IS MUD?

Lets get down to brass tacks.
What makes mud, yes mud into which the poor horse sinks to his knees and which clings to wagon wheels and adds many hundred pounds to the load that must be pulled? Why nothing more than earth and water. You can't drive on water. That's sure. Hence to eliminate one of the two things that makes mud you must eliminate water. How? By allowing it to flow where it will do no harm. It must flow off before the churning process of horse hoof and wagon tire begins. A smooth surface will allow water to flow off readily. In a county like Union there ought to be no bad roads where the rainfall is not much over thirty inches. D. Ward King is going to tell about road making next week.

Effort to have special trains run from Elgin and from Union into La

Grande May 2 that as many county people as possible can witness the King road drag demonstrations here that day, has been put forth by the La Grande commercial club. The club has taken the matter up with the railroad officials, and it is expected that an answer will be forthcoming within a few days so that it can be thoroughly advertised if they are to be put on.

Unique Publicity Scheme.

The club directors have hit upon a unique publicity scheme. All next week the horses that haul rural route carriers through the county, will have banners attached to their harnesses which are to tell of the meeting here and of meets at Union and Elgin on the two days previous to May 2. Personal letters are being written to leading farmers telling of the demonstrations, and it is doubtful if any event in the past has been advertised as well.

BULLETS FIRED ACROSS THE BORDER NEAR LAREDO TEXAS

Laredo, Tex., April 24.—Federal Mexicans today fired on the municipal building, the customs house, the postoffice and American consulates and other buildings at Nuevo Laredo just across the border and then fled. The town is being razed by flames and dynamite is also being used. After an American patrol across the line was fired on. A sharp fight followed and the Mexicans were driven

BATTLE RAGES NEAR MONSON IN COLORADO

WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO HEAVY FIRING.

BATTLE'S ROAR HEARD AS FAR AS LUDLOW, COL.

Heavy Firing Going on Between Armed Strikers and Militiamen at Rouse, in the Trinidad District—Reports Say Fatalities Will Be Very Heavy—Details Lacking.

Denver, April 24.—Reports have reached Governor Ammons' office that 500 militiamen commanded by General Chase, are battling with armed strikers at Rouse two miles from Monson, in the bitter strife, that has been going on in the Trinidad district, claiming several dozen victims already.

Another message from Ludlow says heavy firing could be heard from the direction of Rouse. The battle is particularly bitter it is said and news of heavy fatalities is expected.

Many women and children are in close proximity to the shooting.

FINE ANIMAL ARRIVES.

Pomeroy Horse Raiser Brings Splendid Animal West from Ill.

J. A. Jewett of Pomeroy, Washington passed through the city this morning with a magnificent stallion of the Clydesdale breed which he recently bought of J. Leitch & Sons of Lafayette, Illinois. The animal measures over 17 hands high and weighs 2060 pounds. It is imported from Scotland and will cost the owner \$2,200 when he arrives at his destination.

This animal is but a three year old and will continue to grow until it is six or seven. "This," said the owner, "is one drawback to this breed of animals. They are longer coming to maturity than most other imported breeds and for this reason cost the owner more to handle." Mr. Jewett just recently lost an imported horse of this type and hurried back to Illinois to purchase another. He is raising a herd of Clydesdales for market purposes.

back and from there they fled into the interior.

Five Mexicans were killed in the skirmish at Nuevo Laredo. Only the sharp firing of the American soldiers saved the international railroad bridge from being burned.

Three trainloads of federal troops left for Saltillo, where it is thought they will concentrate.

San Antonio, Texas, April 24.—As

ON TO MEXICO, CRY ARMY AND NAVY OFFICIALS

OPERATOR CALLED.

George Goodbrod, son of General Goodbrod, of Union, will see active service with the naval militia if that organization goes to Mexico. Goodbrod was notified this morning by wire to report at Portland at once for service in the signal corps, he being an expert wireless operator, developing into that degree of perfection from amateur ventures made at Union. Mr. Goodbrod was one of the first to carry communications with local stations. He is a member of the naval militia, and will officiate in that organization as a wireless operator.

INSPECTOR TOURS CITY

MOUNTED CARRIER SERVICE IS CAREFULLY STUDIED.

About Six Blocks of Sidewalk Must Be Built First Is Opinion.

Careful analysis of the sidewalk conditions on the extreme northern border of the city was given yesterday evening by a government post-office inspector, Postmaster E. E. Bragg, City Manager F. J. Lafky, President Wood and Commissioner Russell. The investigations disclosed the necessity of something like six blocks of sidewalk to meet requirements of the government where it permits its city delivery service to reach. While application has been made for a mounted carrier to reach the north and southeast end, the government nevertheless requires sidewalks, street lights and house numbers to be up to a better standard than they now are. Two or three of the blocks needed, can be assessed to the property owners who will be perfectly willing to pay for them it seems, and the balance is going to be more difficult. In the first place the blocks are scattered, hug the city limits closely, and generally pass a poorer class of houses where sidewalk improvements would be both a severe strain and an unwilling improvement. One plank walks to connect existing walks will suffice in such instance its thought, and the city will have to help the property owners in such instances where portions of the lots lie without the city limits and the city is without jurisdiction. Connecting walks on Balm from Y to U or even T, and on Spruce to Fourth, are needed badly. Lake street needs a block of walk and cross walks must be put in several places.

No opinion was expressed by the inspector, but by complying with the requests of the government, the city has no fear but that the city carrier system will be extended to that remote section of the city.

a precaution against a possible uprising of Mexicans, twenty-five hundred rounds of ammunition and quantities of arms were rushed to the city hall. There are persistent rumors to the effect that the Mexicans are conspiring to loot the city.

HOLDING MEN AT VERA CRUZ AID TO REBELS

DISEASES WILL BE A NEW MENACE CLAIMS STAFF ADVISORS TO WILSON.

PREFER TO DICTATE PEACE FROM CAPITOL

Caranza Would Have Time to Get to Mexico City With His Forces if Americans Are Held at Vera Cruz Any Length of Time—Army and Navy Chiefs Chafe Under the Delay.

Vera Cruz, April 24.—General Mass is threatening to attack Vera Cruz. Since his expulsion from the city last Tuesday he has re-enforced himself and is now stationed at Soledad with eighteen hundred men.

The American forces are preparing to give him a warm reception if he attacks the city. Fletcher advised Americans to sleep aboard the ships as it was generally believed he expected battle any moment.

Washington, April 24.—"On to Mexico City" is the army and Navy slogan today. Officers of both services are opposed to waiting at Vera Cruz for Huerta to act. They declare the climate is bad and if Americans wait longer they will have to fight disease as well as Mexicans. The general staff is strongly recommending prompt advance on the capital and dictation of terms from there.

One advantage of this policy they argue will be not to give rebel generals, Caranza and Zapata time to join their forces with the dictator. In view of the stand taken by Villa the Americans do not expect to invade Northern Mexico, as the brigand chief is not desirous of joining forces with the Huerta crowd. He would be friendly to Americans. This announcement however precludes the possibilities of Americans at this time sending men over the upper Rio Grande.

Administration officials are watching the situation closely.

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATED.

Company Claims That Mrs. Leadbetter Trespassed When Hurt.

B. C. Wilson claim agent for the O.W., left his noon for North Powder where he will look into the injuries of Mary J. Leadbetter, who after leaving the Baptist chapel car is said to have walked on a gangway intended only for railroad men, and who was hurt by reason of trespassing on a part of the company's grounds, it is said. Mrs. Leadbetter is said to have ignored a trespass sign put up by the company and came too close to the moving train. It was not through an attempt to cross the track but by walking too close to the train in the same direction, the officials say.