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WAR IN MEXICO

U. S. Lands Force of Marines at Vera Cruz. Warships and Troops Rushed Southward.

War with Mexico has at last broken out notwithstanding the "watchful waiting" policy of our government. The refusal of the Mexican president Huerta to salute the U. S. flag as reparation for insulting the United States by the arrest of a paymaster and men who had gone ashore from one of our ships for supplies, was the straw that broke the camels back, resulting in actual war.

A "peaceful blockade" was attempted Tuesday, but in the attempt to take possession of the customs house, cable office, etc. at Vera Cruz four American marines were killed and twelve wounded, the Mexican riflemen having taken refuge in houses and other buildings the guns of an American ship were trained on the buildings and a few shells quickly uncovered the sharpshooters who then retired. The loss to the Mexicans during the first day's encounter is estimated at 150.

The fight, if so it could be called, continued all day Wednesday, resulting in the occupancy of the customs house and entire city by the American forces. The total list of casualties reported up to Friday morning are: Americans 15, Mexicans 250.

Congress passed a joint resolution Tuesday authorizing the president to use the army and navy of the U. S. in compelling Huerta to make the apology in the manner demanded and the government while deprecating war, is determined to proceed to the end. All available warships and troops are being rushed south as fast as possible and in a few days every Mexican seaport will be completely blockaded by our forces.

A dispatch from Mexico City, Thursday announced that Huerta had handed the American representative his passports, thus cutting off all diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Forest Notes

China imports wood pulp from Great Britain, Sweden, Norway, and Germany.

The highest mountain in Montana, Granite Peak, with an altitude of nearly 13,000 feet, is in the Beartooth national forest.

Norway has 144 tree planting societies.

ties. The first was founded in 1900, and since then 26 million trees have been planted, more than 2 million having been set out last year.

In many parts of the west snow is leaving the mountains earlier than usual. Foresters say that this may mean a bad fire season, and they are making plans for a hard campaign.

New Jersey is said to have the greatest proportion of railroad mileage of any state in the country, or one mile of railroad to every three square miles of territory. This makes an unusual risk of forest fires set by railroads.

The heavy storms in southern California during the past rainy season wiped out many miles of trails in the national forests of that part of the state. They are now being rebuilt for the coming summer, for use in fire protection. They are also of great use to tourists, campers, and prospectors.

Requests from Oregon

Washington, April 22—Senator Chamberlain submitted to the Secretary of War today the application of the Oregon Spanish War Veterans to organize a regiment of experienced men for service in Mexico and the request of Governor West for permission to organize four additional companies of Coast Artillery for service with the eight now organized to serve as infantry. This latter request was denied, as the War Department desires to keep the Coast Artillery intact for coast defense where they are, but suggests that new companies may enlist in the volunteer army.

Held in Steel Cage

Roseburg, Or., April 22—Morrison Campbell, who killed John Becker last week, is being kept in the steel cages of the county jail, to make it impossible for any of Becker's friends to reach him. It was fear of personal violence for Campbell from the friends of Becker that caused the officers to refuse to permit Campbell to testify at Cleveland before the Coroner's jury. Felling is said to have run high in the farming neighborhood. Campbell's attorney's are Elbert Herman and C. L. Hamilton. They will put up a strong defense on his story, and the fact that Becker was a young man of large size while the defendant is past 60 years old.

FOR SALE at a Bargain—House and lot on Oregon street, near City Hall. Must be sold soon. Call on Rogue Realty River Co. Adv.

FEAR OUTBREAK ON BORDER

Ask War Department for Protection From Huerta's Aroused Forces.

Washington, April 22—The War Department received hundreds of requests today from towns along the border where no troops are stationed, asking for protection from attacks which they feared might result after the spread of the news among the Mexicans that Vera Cruz had been seized. It was said however that no new orders would be issued until a general policy had been defined.

Registration Open to May 2

To all persons registering Voters:—In view of the fact that there is no definite time fixed by law for the closing of the registration for the coming Primary Nominating Election, and it appearing to me that it would be convenient for a large number of those living away from the various cities and towns if they might register on Saturday the 2nd day of May 1914.

I will therefore hold the registration books open to all those that are registered up to and including May 2nd, and you may inform those affected in any way you may see fit.

Hoping this will be of benefit to all concerned, I am

Yours very truly,
G. A. Gardner
County Clerk.

Ordered to Coast

New York, April 22—American missionaries in the interior of Mexico have been ordered to proceed with all possible speed to Vera Cruz. This order was contained in a cablegram sent by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this city to Dr. J. W. Butler, the board's representative in Mexico City. A reply received from Dr. Butler late yesterday stated that large numbers of American missionaries already were en route to the coast.

Making Own Furniture

Monmouth, Or., April 22—The school at Falls City, 12 miles west of here, has a department for turning out furniture, and is placing various articles on the market. Benches, bookcases, cabinets, writing tables and chairs are among the output for the past two weeks, which were sold to business men. The school has been aided financially by the new work.

COUNTRY EDITOR IN PANAMA

Strange Lands and People Meet on Voyage to the Isthmus as Recorded by the Editor of a Weekly Newspaper.

Coral on the Panama Roadway

The landsman enroute to Panama finds so many new and interesting things that it seems to make little difference whether Panama is reached today, tomorrow or next week. In fact the touch of the tropics pervades even the first islands in the West Indies and the everlasting present seems sufficient. The first islands sighted after leaving New York group is the possession of the British Government. The first really sizable island is the island of San Salvador, generally conceded to be the first land discovered by Columbus. This island boasts a lighthouse and a few inhabitants. It is a low lying island some 20 miles long with a lake in the interior. At the north are several small islets, of coral formation sticking up from the sea, glistening in the sunshine like icebergs. San Salvador like most of the islands in this group is surrounded by dangerous reefs and like most of the islands had its wrecked boat on its front steps. Wherever we sighted a lighthouse we also sighted a wreck. The deep water passage among these islands is necessarily narrow and in time many boats have come to grief. On Crooked Island reefs was a large steamer going to pieces and off the point of Cuba within a few cable lengths of the light was another. On San Salvador reefs was pinned a large sailing vessel.

The Bahama Islands are sparsely settled, mostly by negroes. They raise enough for a living which as living goes is not much. The islands abound in wild horses, cattle and hogs. Along the shores one can find flamingoes, egret heron and various other wild fowl. It ought to be a hunter's paradise as the natives are too poor to own firearms. If a wild horse is captured one must pay the British crown one pound and as much more to get it tamed, and then the problem of getting it out of the country is a matter of some concern. The best way would be to smuggle it in as I understand these so called horses are about the size of a shetland pony. The egret heron is a profitable shooting providing one is successful in smuggling the egrettes into the United States, although it is a serious matter if caught.

As a hunter's paradise there is but one drawback. The country is in many places entirely without water. The natives catch rain water for domestic use, but out in the interior this would be rather dangerous for it might not rain. Surrounding these islands and inside the protecting reefs is the most beautiful submarine scenery in the world. So clear and transparent is the water that one may look down on the bottom of the ocean and watch the fish play at a depth of 20 feet. Beautiful sea foliage grows in natural gardens and along the coral paths vari-hued water creatures wend their way unscared by the presence of man, for man is a negligible quantity in these latitudes.

As we sail through the channels of the Bahama group we sighted many ships, the first seen since leaving port. The wide track of the ocean here narrows to a few miles and naturally brings all the sea craft within sight of each other. Fortune Island is the first stop which is for the purpose of taking on deck hands for the balance of the trip. These lean, lank, Fortune Island jarkers are said to be better workers than can be found around the ports of Jamaica and Colon and so they are booked for the balance of the cruise and dropped on the return trip. For this they receive the magnificent sum of fifty cents a day, half in real cash and half in store credit. Fortune Island is ruled by one white man, the only white person on the island. He has his own sloop and occasionally visits the neighboring ports where he regales himself in splendor at the best hotels in the country. He is married, and while there may be no shadows over his domestic bliss, there is nevertheless several shades over the queen of Fortune Island for she evidently derives her title from a famous band in which known as a Spade Royal.

Fortune Island is known to romance as the hiding place of Captain Kidd's fortune but if it is really true he was some good at burying treasure for it remains hidden to this day.

Clearing Fortune Island with our black pirates on board we steam away for the windward pass and Cuba, passing another light house on Anagua Island with the customary wreck in her front teeth, and twelve hours later we sight Cuba.

To the traveler who has read much and seen nothing of this Pearl of the Antilles the first sight of Cuba is disappointing. One may look in vain for the tropical verdure, the Royal palms and gorgeous beauty associated with this imagined isle. What one really sees is a ragged, mountainous coast, denuded of verdure, and apparently unwatered and uninhabited. For a hundred miles we skirted this coast and with one exception we failed to find a human habitation although twenty pairs of glasses searched among the recesses and along the coast line. The mountain ranges as we neared Santiago reached higher and higher until in places the clouds hung about the higher peaks, but always towards us they presented the same seamy, ragged, age marked exterior. In places the iron ore showed in broken crevices and land slides red and rusty, like the sides of an old wreck.

Under the great rock on which Moro castle is reared is a subterranean chamber open only on the ocean side large enough to admit a row boat. The story is told that some Americans ventured beneath and lost their lives in the conflicting currents which race through these winding and mysterious corridors. If castles could talk the story of old Moro would be one worth while. Stories of Spanish rule and misrule, piracy, rapine and revolution. A story always of blood, as the tides of conquest swept back and forth, over the old world and the ebb tide swept to the shores of a new continent where no law obtained other than the point of the sword. With the tropic sun pouring down on the ruins tipping each battle-scarred rampart in beaten gold, with the blue waters of the Caribbean lapping gently at her base, we slipped gently past this silent sentinel of a past age and we felt like saluting, out of respect to the man who first laid those stones; for with all their faults, all their cruelty, and all their wanton, wasteful barbarity, they nevertheless were white men and some sort of Christians and their coming paved the way for a new world, a new ambition and ultimately a new people.

It was outside Guantanamo Harbor on the southern coast of Cuba that we saw the first American flag. It was a supply ship returning from the fleet of battleships which we later saw hidden away behind the headlands, some twelve or fifteen in number. I will mention here that though I traveled four thousand miles, and saw shipping from every land I never saw the American flag again except in a moving picture show in Jamaica. Permit me to digress. This said picture show, remember was in Kingston, on British soil. This particular film was one common to us at home. A patriotic western play where the Indians capture the beautiful maid with the blonde wig and which winds up with a thrilling capture and red river of red man's blood, while the hero stands in the exact center of the film and unfurls the American flag. I was interested to note that the sight of the American flag in this land of England's rule excited exactly the same kind of applause that it would here at home, an applause that would have made George Cohen proud of himself and the flag he made theatrically famous.

Guantanamo harbor is the present naval base for the Panama canal and as we passed, five miles at sea we could see the fighting tops of over a dozen leviathans lurking behind the entrance, waiting waiting with the wireless tower frowning down on their turrets and Mexico only a few hours away.

Guantanamo harbor has 25 square miles of sea room and is used by the United States as a coaling station and naval base. Leaving Guantanamo we steamed on towards Santiago, passing more mountains, ragged and emaciated, suggesting some weary old hack horse with protruding ribs and razor back. About sundown we were off Santiago with a frowning Moro castle. As we leaned over the rail and surveyed this lonely coast someone remarked that this was a long way to come to start a presidential boom. And another remarked that we must not overlook the congressional career and the senatorial aspirations of the effervescent Hobson.

As we neared the harbor entrance and passed under the frowning Moro castle, now dismantled, but looking dangerous even in its decay not one of us but paid mental tribute to the darling of that young man who went in under a hell fire which poured down and sank the Merrimac. As to the question of good judgment and expediency, that is another story, but here is no question of courage.

As we passed Moro the Cuban army came out and lazily watched us go by. We counted carefully and all agreed upon the count. The army mustered four able-bodied men not one of them under five feet in their eight stockings, providing that they had stockings.

Moro castle was the most romantic and picturesque relic which fell under my observation. Commanding the entrance to the inner harbor, a narrow tortuous channel, and sweeping the outer harbor, it looked menacing indeed. Crowning the top of a rock with medieval style, old Moro was both picturesque and formidable. On the lower levels battlements and towers of solid masonry with their sentry boxes at each angle, the turrets overhead and the very business like embrasures where once brass cannon barked the pirates of the Spanish Main to "keep off the grass," all were there in some dim part of the past, or a romance taken from the very private

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Lou D. MacWethy

PORTLAND LETTER

Corn Shows Next Fall Thirteen Carloads of Household Goods Received at Bend, Oregon
Flagpole 246 Feet Long.

Portland, Or., April 21, (Special)—Plans for corn shows to be held next Fall and Winter are now being made by officials of the O. W. R. & N. Ry. at the same time the seed corn is being distributed among the farmers of the state. Cash prizes from \$5 to \$25 will be offered, the entries to vary from the best single ear of corn to the product of the best acre, with boy growers given special inducements to compete. It is stated by those in charge of the project that this year's acreage will be ten times that of last year.

The Port of Columbia Commercial Club has recently been organized at Astoria, taking the place of the Astoria Young Men's Booster Club, temporarily formed some time ago. The purpose of the club is to promote the commercial, industrial, agricultural and social advancement of the Lower Columbia. "Nothing less than 40 feet where rail and water meet," was adopted as a slogan.

Bandon business men have subscribed money with which to purchase a passenger and freight carrying boat to be put on a regular run between that port and Portland. The present volume of traffic between the two cities is now sufficient to make this a paying venture, and the business men may claim that the business will be more than doubled by the service which will be given by a boat making direct and regular runs. Much business which has formerly been done with San Francisco will now come to Portland.

Thirteen car loads of household goods representing the belongings of fifteen families, have been received at Bend within the past few weeks. Six carloads were received in February, and according to present indications April will break all records. The newcomers are all families in good circumstances, with complete outfits of farming implements and supplies. One farmer brought his own well drilling outfit, and among their other possessions is some of the best stock seen in Central Oregon.

Plans are being made to erect the mammoth flagpole donated to the Panama Pacific Exposition during the latter part of the month when the Rose Festival Queen and her maids visit San Francisco. The pole is of Douglas fir, 246 feet long, 5½ feet at the but, and weighs 93,000 pounds.

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