



## HUERTA WILL NOT SALUTE SHIPS READY

### Dictator's Reply, After Much Equivocation, Is Flat Refusal.

## WILSON SPEEDS TO CAPITAL

### President Will Ask Congress for Authority to Take Action.

## SITUATION TENSE ALL DAY

### Formal Declaration of War, However, Is Unlikely.

## FUNDS TO BE ASKED FOR

### Deficiency Already Created by Extraordinary Movements of Fleet. Senate May Validate Calling of Militia.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—General Victoriano Huerta, provisional President of Mexico, flatly refused tonight to accede to the unconditional demand of the United States that he salute the American flag. Congress will be asked by President Wilson tomorrow for authority to use armed force to uphold the honor and dignity of the Nation.

Negotiations with Huerta over the demand for a salute in preparation for the arrest of American sailors at Tampico on April 10 came to a close tonight at 8 P. M., the last hour given by President Wilson for a favorable response from the dictator.

**Final Word Is Refusal.**  
The final word of Huerta to Charge O'Shaughnessy was a refusal to comply unless the United States would guarantee in writing that his salute be returned.

President Wilson at midnight was on his way to Washington from White Sulphur Springs, preparing to read a message to Congress in joint session as early as it can be arranged. In the meantime American war fleets were moving down both coasts on their way to Mexican waters to carry out the President's plans for reprisal.

**Declaration of War Unlikely.**  
The crisis thus reached does not mean that there will be a formal declaration of war, because the United States could not declare war against a government which it does not recognize. President Wilson will seek authority, however, to send the armed forces into Mexico to seize the ports of Tampico and Vera Cruz and the railroad trestle leading from Vera Cruz toward Mexico City.

The President directed that a cabinet meeting be called for 10:30 tomorrow, when the final arrangements for Pacific blockade of Mexican ports and other steps in the President's program will be deliberated. The breach that finally has come with Mexico will make it impossible, it was declared tonight on high authority, for the United States to protect foreigners in the republic further, and foreign governments have been notified of the situation in this regard.

**Appropriation to Be Asked For.**  
The President, it was asserted, not only would ask Congress for authority to use the armed forces to uphold the honor of the Nation, but also for an appropriation, a deficiency already having been created because of the expensive naval operations in anticipation of Huerta's defiance of this Government.

The President probably will ask further that the Senate pass the volunteer act, which already has passed the House, providing for pressing into regular service the militia regiments in the various states.

In preparation for the crisis that must be met Senator Shively, chairman of the foreign relations committee, and Wood, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, called meetings of these committees for tomorrow. Representative Flood, who is on his honeymoon, telephoned from New York that he would return at once.

## NAVY'S FORCE FOR MEXICO IS 22,775

### OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE 17,860 ARE ON VESSELS IN GULF.

### Off Pacific Ports or En Route to Them Are 3530 Sailors, 980 Marines and 140 Officers.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Officials of the Navy Department said tonight there were now in Mexican waters or en route by east and west coasts, 17,850 sailors, 2970 marines and 855 officers. Of this number 14,170 sailors, 2990 marines and 700 officers are in the Gulf of Mexico, while off Pacific Mexican ports or en route there are 3530 sailors, 980 marines and 140 officers. The force includes:

At Vera Cruz—Two battleships, 1820 sailors, 120 marines; Prairie, 280 sailors, 500 marines.  
At Tampico—Two battleships, 1820 sailors, 120 marines; Des Moines, 240 sailors; Chester, 300 sailors, 200 marines; Dolphin, 180 sailors; San Francisco, 400 sailors; Solace (hospital ship); Hancock (transport), 950 marines.

With Admiral Badger en route to Tampico—Eight battleships, 7280 sailors, 500 marines; Tacoma, 240 sailors; Nashville, 180 sailors.  
En route from Pensacola to Tampico—Birmingham, 300 sailors; Dixie, repair ship; 14 destroyers, 1150 sailors; Dixie will carry two hydro-aeroplanes with extra motors and pontoons.

En route to Mexican Pacific Coast—Battleship Mississippi at Pensacola awaiting orders will carry 500 marines. On Mexican Pacific Coast—Raleigh, 350 sailors; New Orleans, 350 sailors; Annapolis, 150 sailors; Yorktown, 180 sailors; California, 300 sailors, 60 marines; supply ship Glacier.  
En route to Mexican Pacific Coast—Battleship South Dakota and Collier Jupiter, 360 marines; Cleveland, 350 sailors; Chattanooga, 350 sailors; Maryland, 300 sailors, 60 marines.  
At San Diego—Five destroyers, 250 sailors and 15 officers.

## HAIL STORM HITS UNION

### Ground Made White and Severe Lightning Alarms People.

UNION, Or., April 19.—(Special.)—A severe storm passed over this city today. Hail, rain and an electric display alarmed the people.

In the southern portion of the city the hail fell sufficiently to whiten the ground and in many places drifted like loose snow, owing to the severe wind. It is not believed that any serious damage was done to fruit gardens or growing grain.

## HUERTA DEMANDS PROMISE IN WRITING

### Dictator Tries to Secure Recognition.

## ALL TEMPORIZING REFUSED

### "Yes" or "No" to American Demand Only Way Out.

## PLANS FOR WAR CONTINUE

### Steps Taken That May Place Full Naval and Military Establishment in Hands of President for Decisive Action.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Throughout the day the Mexican crisis occupied the absorbing attention of officials, dispelling the usual calm of a beautiful mid-Spring Sunday.

Secretary Bryan remained up practically all last night awaiting word from Mexico. He was at the State Department until midnight, and, going home, continued telephoning to those in the cipher department until 4 o'clock.

Shortly after 9 Mr. Bryan had received two messages from Mexico City. Both were from Charge O'Shaughnessy. The first merely was formal, stating that the message of President Wilson, giving Huerta until 6 o'clock tonight to yield, had been communicated to Porfirio V Rojas, the minister of foreign affairs, and that a reply would follow. The second dispatch was in the nature of a reply, although the official quickly perceived that it was not clearly responsive and definite as to the demands made by this Government, but raised a new issue as to the United States agreeing in writing to return the Huerta salute.

**Further Parley in Reply.**  
Mr. Bryan summarized the Huerta reply in a telegram to the President at White Sulphur Springs, and soon (concluded on Page 2.)

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**FLEET IS DUE WEDNESDAY**  
Badger Expected to Establish Wireless With Fletcher Today.  
ON BOARD THE U. S. S. ARKANSAS, at Sea, by Wireless, Via Key West, April 19.—The U. S. fleet will anchor off Tampico about 4 o'clock Wednesday, according to present calculations. The South Carolina joined the fleet today.  
Rear Admiral Badger expects to establish wireless communication with Admiral Fletcher at Vera Cruz tomorrow.

## 'WE'RE READY' SAYS COAST NAVAL CHIEF

### Assistant Navy Secretary Roosevelt Flits By.

## MEXICANS DON'T WORRY

### Pacific Warships in Perfect Preparedness, He Says.

## GUNBOATS BEST ADAPTED

### Lack of Marines Is Only Item to Be Criticized, Declares Official, in Free-Hand Talk of Thirty Minutes.

"We're not looking for trouble, but we're ready for anything," said Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, chatting democratically on Mexican war conditions, naval preparedness and numerous other things at the Union Depot yesterday. The secretary, on his way from San Francisco to Seattle and the Bremerton Navy-Yard, obligingly hopped off the Shasta Limited when a newspaper camera man asked him to pose for a picture. He strolled bare-headed up and down the station platform during the Shasta's half-hour wait here.

"The Navy is prepared," said Mr. Roosevelt, who has been detailed by his superior, Secretary Daniels, to take personal charge of the naval situation on the Pacific Coast. "In 15 to 20 days all the vessels of the reserve fleet now at Bremerton, including the armored cruisers South Dakota and West Virginia, could be made ready for sea service, if need be, to supplement the vessels already in commission.

"These two vessels carry 300 men each. About the only difficulty in the way of putting them into commission at once is lack of men. Because they are on reserve, they are manned only by skeleton crews of about 200 men each.

"The Navy at present is recruited up (concluded on Page 3.)

## EL PASO FACING MILITARY RULE

### TROOPS AT FORT BLISS PREPARED IN CASE OF DISORDER.

### City Quiet, Though Excited, Extra Editions of Papers Being Taken Eagerly by Waiting Throongs.

EL PASO, April 19.—Troops at Fort Bliss are under orders to come into this city and place it under martial law the moment there is an appearance of concerted disorder.

These instructions were issued by the War Department when the Tampico incident first assumed a grave aspect, but became known only today.

There is a large Mexican population here and the orders to the troops at the fort, five miles from the city, were issued because of the possibility that partisans might start burning buildings or rioting.

The city, however, was quiet tonight, although every one was excited over the possibility of war. Extra editions of the local papers were sold as fast as they could be printed, women and children being among the eager readers of the smallest scraps of information from Washington. The refugee colonies here and the presence of Americans and Europeans with business interests in Mexico gave news a vital interest.

There are more than 2000 infantry, cavalry and artillery at the post in readiness to descend on the city at a moment's notice. The gunners have the ranges of every important building and position in Juarez, across the river, also.

## BERTH GUARDS ESSENTIAL

### Railroad Responsible for Sleepers' Property, Rules Court.

NEW YORK, April 19.—According to a decision of the appellate division of the State Supreme Court here, a passenger while asleep in a railroad sleeping car is not expected or able to guard his property.

The company must station employees to guard the passenger's property, the court ruled, or be held responsible for the loss of it.

## MAN WEDS SON'S WIDOW

### Bride Has Five Young Children. Bridgroom Six Grown Ones.

SMYRNA, Del., April 19.—(Special.)—Joseph G. Robinson, aged 57, a retired farmer of means, and Mrs. Bessie M. Robinson, aged 33, his daughter-in-law, widow of his son Frank, were married here today.

The bride has five children, ranging in age from 1 to 11 years. The bridegroom has six grown children.

## Church Service Omitted.

On reaching the golf links the two Secret Service men dropped back a distance. The President and Mrs. Wilson walked a few hundred yards to one of the benches at a teeing-ground. Here they sat for an hour.

The nearest church is at Lewisburg, 10 miles away, and as the President did not want to subject Mrs. Wilson to so long a journey, religious worship was omitted.

In the afternoon the entire Wilson family went riding in a buckboard. They drove seven miles over the steep roads, climbing high in the Allegheny Range.

When the President got back to the hotel he left Mrs. Wilson and his daughters and went for a walk in the hills, accompanied by secret service men. Returning at sundown, he prepared to go aboard his private car with his family at 11 o'clock. It was due to leave here at 11:15 P. M. and arrive in Washington at 7:15 A. M.

## No Statement Made.

At 10 P. M. this announcement was made from the room at the hotel:

"The President will have nothing to say tonight."

This followed the receipt of long messages from Washington. The President stayed in his room, and it is said was occupied in preparing an address to be delivered in person at a joint session. The President prepared to leave at 11:12 P. M.

## TROOP CALL LOOKED FOR

### Adjutant-General Finzer Expects Full Force Will Be Needed.

"I do not expect any definite orders from Washington until tomorrow night," said Adjutant-General W. E. Finzer, Quartermaster-General of Oregon, last night. "I believe the President will go to Congress before he calls out the state troops.

"Yes, I expect war, and I believe that the whole force of troops will be called out immediately.

"I visited Clackamas Station today, where all tentage and other paraphernalia is now ready to move instantly."

## Albany Campaign Success.

ALBANY, Or., April 19.—(Special.)—Though rain fell just at church-going time this morning it did not dampen the ardor with which "Go-to-Church Sunday" was celebrated here, and the day was a big success. Hundreds of people who are not in the habit of attending services were present at either the morning or evening service, and some at both. Special musical programmes were arranged in many of the local churches for the day's services.



TOP, LEFT, BATTLESHIPS ON THEIR WAY, APRIL 15, 1914; RIGHT, ADMIRAL MAYO, WHOSE DEMAND FOR SALUTE HIS GOVERNMENT BACKS, AND ADMIRAL FLETCHER, IN COMMAND OF FLEET AT VERA CRUZ—BELOW, LEFT, ADMIRAL BADGER, COMMANDER OF EXPEDITION NOW UNDER WAY; AT RIGHT, ADMIRAL BADGER GETTING HIS ORDERS FROM SECRETARY DANIELS.