

VILLA IS EXPECTED TO MEET CARRANZA

Extension of Rebel Campaign to Capture of Second City in Mexico in View.

TAMPICO ATTACK WAITS

Chieftains Believe Huerta Would Not Hesitate to Plunge Nation into Foreign War—New Currency Is Ready for Issue.

MEXICO, April 19.—Matters of the greatest importance will be discussed at Chihuahua tomorrow if General Villa, as expected, arrives in that city for the first of a series of interviews with General Carranza.

The Tampico incident will come in for the gravest consideration, for rebel leaders declare their belief that Huerta would not hesitate to bring about a foreign war if by so doing he hoped to unify the country.

Finances, foreign relations, civil appointments and details of future campaigns are other subjects which will be threshed over. All Cabinet members expect Secretary Subaran, of the Interior Department, will be here.

New Currency Is Issued. The first shipment of the new paper currency designed to replace the somewhat aged and much counterfeited Villa currency will be sent to Chihuahua tomorrow. It consists of \$5 and \$10 bills to the aggregate value of \$1,000,000.

Some of the spurious money is said to have reached the army paymaster and to have been paid the troops. A newspaperman who brought out some which he had bought from the paymaster had it refused here as spurious.

Recruits Require Ammunition. The conference on military affairs will include the problem of obtaining ammunition for the rebel recruits said to be flocking in since the victory of Torreon and including captured federals impressed into rebel service, as well as new supplies for the original army.

Monterey and Saltillo remain to be taken in the north and the preliminary campaigns against San Luis Potosi and Zacatecas already have begun. General Panfilo Natera, who says he has a following of 3000 men, reported today that he began the attack on Zacatecas yesterday.

Rebel Eyes on Guadalajara. Further south, after the expected capture of these cities, the rebel programme included the taking of Guadalajara, one of the finest, cleanest and most modern of Mexican cities. It has a population of 125,000, making it the second city of the republic in size, and it is said to be the first in beauty.

A force of rebels already is moving down the west coast to attack it, according to rebel reports. The Tampico campaign has been on for months, will not be resumed until after the complications with the United States are settled.

Company F, Engineers, Will Leave for California Today for Annual Target Practice and Maneuvers.

Arriving at Gilroy, Cal., the troops will march 30 miles to the target camp which will be pitched. Other officers will join the company in California.

WEST ORANGE, N. J., April 19.—(Special).—Thomas A. Edison, Mrs. Edison, Miss Madeline Edison and Theodore and Charles Edison returned to their home, Llewellyn Park, early tonight, after a stay of six weeks at the Edison Winter place in Fort Meyer, Fla.

A Woman of Letters. (Birmingham Age-Herald.) Lady Patient—But I cannot take your prescription, doctor. It has alcohol in it and I am a W. C. T. U. Doctor—You may be a whole alphabet, madam, but you'll have to take this medicine for all that.



SALUTE IS REFUSED

Huerta Refuses to Meet Conditions Imposed on Him.

NAVY PREPARING TO ACT

Torpedo-Boats Directed to Get Under Way Just as Huerta's First Dilatory Messages Are Received at Washington.

thereafter held a long-distance conference with the President, going over the points Huerta had raised. While the reply was considered favorable in its general purport as to saluting the American flag, yet it again parleyed over details and conditions.

While these exchanges were going on by cable between Washington and Mexico, the Navy Department was centering its attention on further preparation for any eventuality which might occur.

Mississippi Sent to Join Fleet. At 10:30 o'clock—shortly after Huerta's latest dilatory message had been received—orders were sent to the battleship Mississippi, with an aeroplane corps and 600 marines, and the torpedo flotilla at Panama to get under way at once, joining Admiral Badger's fleet as it entered the Gulf of Mexico, and proceed with the fleet to Tampico.

The torpedo flotilla consists of 22 destroyers, the tender Dixie and the scout cruiser Birmingham, but several of the destroyers are in reserve, so it is likely only 14 will sail.

Secretary Bryan has planned to go to church at 11 o'clock, but as the cable messages began to come in he changed his plans and went to the State Department. There he was joined by John Lind, the President's personal representative, and the two went to the telegraph office of the State Department to confer over a piece of deciphering in the latest message from Huerta.

Later it became known that the messages showed that Huerta was not raising objection to the salute itself, but as to the details under which the salute would be returned. The main condition was that the United States agree in writing that the salute be fired instead of relying on the assurance given by Admiral Mayo for a return salute.

This was construed by officials as a wily and adroit move on Huerta's part to obtain an assurance direct from the American Government which would be capable of being construed by him as a recognition of the de facto Mexican government. There was no disposition on the part of those here to give any such assurances or to prolong the discussion as to details. They were determined, after consulting President Wilson, to hold to the one concrete question of Huerta's yielding to the American demand as it had been submitted.

SPEAKING OF WAR.



DEFENSE IS MADE

Senor Rojas Denies American Flag Has Been Insulted.

MARINES ALSO SET FREE

Foreign Minister Declares Mexico, Having Yielded as Much as Dignity Permits, Trusts to Fairness of Americans.

MEXICO CITY, April 19.—The Mexican Foreign Minister, Senor Portillo y Rojas, announced tonight it would be impossible to agree to the demand of the United States that the flag be saluted unconditionally, because that flag was not insulted, as it was not flying from the launch, and because the marines were set free even before an investigation and the officer responsible for the arrest was himself arrested and held for trial.

The Foreign Minister here announced that the Mexican government would agree that both flags be saluted, the American flag first and then the Mexican flag, this arrangement to be made by a protocol signed by American Charge d'Affaires Nelson O'Shaughnessy and the Mexican Foreign Minister. The United States Government, Senor Portillo asserted, has refused permission to Charge O'Shaughnessy to sign such a protocol and demanded an unconditional salute to Mexico, which Mexico felt was incompatible with her dignity.

In conclusion the Foreign Minister said: "Mexico has yielded as much as her dignity will permit. Mexico trusts to the fair-mindedness and spirit of justice of the Americans."

CURES DELUGE MR. BRYAN

Secretary Announces Story Voice Is Impaired Is Joke.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Letters and packages filled with advice and "Ship" are pouring in upon Secretary Bryan as a result of the recent publication of some joker's statement that the Secretary's voice had become impaired.

Mr. Bryan decided that the joke had gone far enough, and formally denied there is anything wrong with his vocal organs.

RELATIVE STRENGTH OF ARMIES OF NATIONS NOW POSSIBLY ON BRINK OF CONFLICT.

Forces of United States. Strength of United States Army on June 30 last, 73,955, of whom 4665 were officers and 75,221 were enlisted men. Total strength in continental limits of United States 58,306, of which 2659 were officers and 54,628 enlisted men.

OREGON CAN SEND 2000 MEN QUICKLY

Colonel Martin, U. S. A., National Guard Commander, Says He's Prepared.

WAR INEVITABLE, BELIEVED

Forty-Eight Hours Only Required, Asserts Officer, to Put Command on War Footing, Ready to Be Transported.

Salute or no salute, the Oregon National Guard is ready to mobilize within 48 hours. It is no secret, either, that officers are expecting prompt orders to move.

"As Huerta has refused to fire the salute, I think that war will be declared tomorrow," said Colonel C. H. Martin, U. S. A., commander of the Third Oregon Infantry, yesterday. "But even if he had given the requested salute the crisis could not be very long postponed."

Guards Will Become Regulars. "When the crisis comes the President will issue orders to Governors, following which the members of the National Guard will report to the Secretary of War and enter the Regular Army as volunteers. The measure must be passed by Congress, calling for the employment of the National Guard by the Government, will undoubtedly pass tomorrow."

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Nearby quarters of the state would contribute its quota of guardsmen to the Oregon contingent. There are six companies of infantry, one battery, one troop of cavalry and one company of coast artillery at Portland; one company of infantry each at Oregon City, Woodburn, Dallas and McMinnville and two at Salem, one company of coast artillery at Eugene and one each at Roseburg, Ashland, Cottage Grove, Albany and Medford.

All forms are being necessary for converting the Oregon National Guard into United States service in the event of war have been received within the past 10 days at the office headquarters of the National Guard building.

Colonel Martin is in command of the 72 companies of the Third Regiment. Captain H. T. Welch, of Portland, is in command of the field artillery and Colonel Creed Hammond, of Eugene, is in command of the eight companies of the coast artillery reserves.

Immediately following orders, mobilization will begin at Clackamas Station, 12 miles south of Portland, where everything has been made ready for movement. If the order comes before the forces have been thoroughly organized, it is doubtful whether or not the regular troops will wait for assimilation of the latest recruits.

The Oregon National Guard is peculiarly fortunate in its position for field service, in view of the fact that it is the only regiment in the country commanded by a field officer of the United States Army. Colonel C. H. Martin having been detailed for service here by the War Department about a year ago.

The Oregon forces are fully equipped with stores, ammunition, tentage, wagon trains, marching shoes, tropical underclothing and medical supplies.

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have been delivered to the Portland Army and to the camp at Clackamas by the Government for several months past.

Announcement was made yesterday that three doctors were wanted in the medical corps with commissions as first lieutenants. The vacancies were created by the reorganization of the medical corps, by which several of the assistant surgeons have been placed on the inactive list. Applications are now being received at the Army recruiting office and the doctors will be needed, whether or not there is to be field service.

Coroner Takes Body. ASTORIA, Or., April 19.—(Special).—W. R. Beach, a passenger on the steam schooner San Ramon, died on the steamer last Friday night while en route from San Francisco and the body was turned over to Coroner Gilchrist on the arrival of the vessel here. The deceased had been suffering with consumption for a long time and was en route from Los Angeles to Lion County, Oregon.

Deed Half Century Old Filed. ALBANY, Or., April 19.—(Special).—A deed which was executed more than half a century ago was filed for record in the County Recorder's office here yesterday. It was made out December 15, 1860, by James Cartwright and Mary J. Cartwright and transferred to John B. Harris 23 acres of land in section 2, township 16 south, range 4 west, near Harrisburg. The consideration was \$70. The deed was acknowledged before John Goodlin, Justice of the Peace.

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