

VOLUNTEER AERIAL CORPS IS OFFERED

Aviator Brookings Telegraphs War Department to Call if Need Is Felt.

BIRDMEN READY AT ONCE

Patriotism Displayed Eagerly as Mexican Crisis Approaches and Word Goes to President From Many Sides.

LOS ANGELES, April 20.—(Special.)—Walter Brookings, aviator, and Ralph Newcomb, member of the big Wright machine, Brookings is using in his flights at the Griffith Park aviation field, today telegraphed an offer of their services in Mexico to the War Department in Washington.

"Brookings is the dean of all American aviators and I have telegraphed Secretary of War Garrison that Brookings and I will be glad to serve in the Army aerial corps in Mexico," said Newcomb.

"If our services can be of any use we will be glad to co-operate with the Army flyers in Mexico.

WOODMEN OFFER REGIMENT

Organized, Drilled and Uniformed Men Ready, Wilson Is Told.

OMAHA, Neb., April 20.—W. A. Fraser, sovereign commander of the Woodmen of the World, today tendered the Government a number of regiments fully organized and drilled for service against Mexico, should it be found necessary to send an army into Mexico.

"As commander-in-chief of the uniform rank of the Woodmen of the World, I hereby tender to the United States Government, through you, as many regiments as can be mobilized. While hoping war with Mexico may be averted, in the event of war against Mexico, I would like our Texas regiment to be first across the Rio Grande to wipe out insult to our flag."

"W. A. FRAZER, "General Commanding."

BROKER OFFERS VOLUNTEERS

"California Ready to Back You," Says Telegram to Wilson.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—The following was sent to the President today by Frederick A. Stokes, a broker of this city and candidate for Democratic nomination for Lieutenant-Governor:

"Am prepared to organize full war-strength regiment volunteer infantry regiments, and I have a number of regiments of this city and California ready, irrespective of party affiliation, proud of you in your patriotic stand."

VETERANS OFFER SERVICES

Chicagoans Would Raise Regiment of 1000 Who Know Spanish.

CHICAGO, April 20.—Fifty war veterans, all of whom had seen service in the island campaign, today offered to offer their services to the United States in case of war. P. J. H. Farrell, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the Philippines, provided.

RED CROSS NURSES READY

4500 Can Be Put in Field at Once Says Miss Boardman.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The American Red Cross has 4500 nurses enrolled and ready for service with the forces in Mexico.

WASHINGTON NEEDS WEEK

Governor Says Militia Regiment Could Leave in That Time.

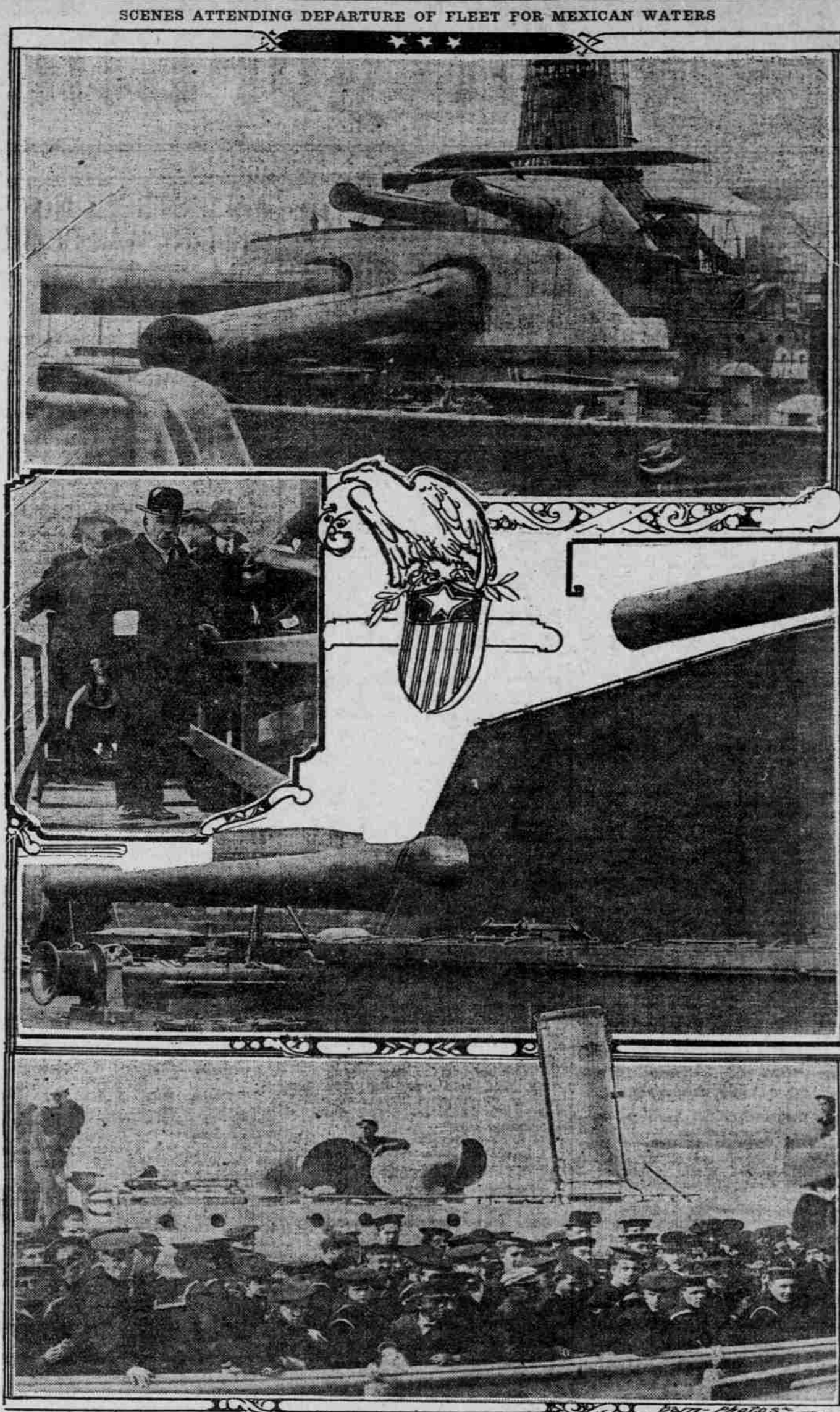
NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., April 20.—(Special.)—Governor Lister, who today attended a State Fair conference here, said the Second Washington Regiment could be made ready in a week to leave for Mexico or anywhere else. This delay would be needed for physical examinations. "And we have got to give the boys time to say good-bye to their families," he retorted when asked if an earlier departure were not possible.

TUCSON HAS STREET FIGHT

Mexican Shouts "Viva Huerta" and Is Beaten Insubstantial.

EL PASO, Tex., April 20.—A special to the Morning Times from Tucson, Ariz., says that a score or more of Mexicans and Americans got into a street fight today when a Mexican shouted "Viva Huerta."

SCENES ATTENDING DEPARTURE OF FLEET FOR MEXICAN WATERS



TOP—BOW OF TEXAS, SHOWING 14-INCH GUNS. CENTER, LEFT—ADMIRAL BOUSH GOING ON BOARD. RIGHT—12-INCH GUNS ON ARKANSAS. BELOW—SAILORS GOING TO THE ARKANSAS.

PRESIDIO IS READY

On Five Minutes' Notice 3000 Troops Can March.

MAPS ARE NOW PREPARED

Vast Army on Pacific Coast Well Situated for Field Action Should Mobilization Be Necessary, Say Army Men.

LOS ANGELES READY WITH 1000

Seventh Regiment Could Be Raised to Full War Strength in Week.

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"The Seventh is ready for service with 800 men. We could move in 24 hours. It certainly looks as though we were going to have some trouble in Mexico."

MINNESOTANS READY FOR WAR

MINNEAPOLIS, April 20.—The First Regiment of Minnesota National Guard is ready to leave for Mexico if called.

ILLINOIS COULD RAISE 150,000

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 20.—In a statement issued today after a conference with Adjutant-General Shand, Governor Dunne declared Illinois with in 30 days could have 150,000 men mobilized in Springfield for service in Mexico and in another 20 days could have 100,000 men ready.

SHELLS ARE TESTED

Mare Island Forces Assemble 200 Tons of Provisions.

OFFICERS ARE ARRIVING

Marines to Draw on Benicia Arsenal for Ammunition if Necessary. Surgeons Report From East for Duty.

VALLEJO, Cal., April 20.—(Special.)

Mare Island is prepared and waiting for whatever task may be required as a result of the Mexican crisis. The 2200 men employed in keeping Uncle Sam's ships in repair will be kept at work, notwithstanding the repairs on all ships available for service have ceased, with the exception of urgent minor items, which can be finished by Saturday night.

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"The German people have no cause to oppose the course of the United States with an unfriendly policy, which besides having no object, would only injure Germany's relations with the United States. Recent developments in Mexico can only be regretted as far as they affect German interests.

"If the Americans now succeed in establishing peace in that country, there can be no objection. The Americans who have been kept in a state of unrest by Mexican affairs since the departure of General Porfirio Diaz, earnestly want at least to see peace established across their southern frontier, and to see a government there which will give security to the country and not endanger America's huge interests which America has created in the Panama.

HUERTA SEEN AS ENEMY.

"Huerta has sufficiently shown that he does not answer to this necessity, but prefers to act and to be counted as an enemy of the United States. He knows Wilson will resort to force against him only in the last extremity and in that certainty has pursued a policy of opposition to America."

The Lokal Anzeiger remarks on the singular circumstance that the United States demands from a ruler whom it refuses to recognize. It thinks that Mexico has not broken all its bridges and that an understanding is still possible.

The Deutsche Tage Zeitung commends Wilson's long delay and is uncertain whether he now intends to act or only to create an impression that he is about to act.

PRESIDENT IS BLAMED.

The Taegliche Rundschau blames President Wilson for General Huerta's present plight, since his refusal to recognize Huerta made it impossible for the latter to obtain money with which to restore order.

"President Wilson's policy," it says, "has been neither one of realties nor one of idealism, but of democratic doctrinism. It is too early to predict the course of the campaign, but one thing is certain—the United States will have no easy task in bringing Mexico to her knees, since the rebels are likely to make a last desperate stand against Huerta. What will Japan, the natural enemy of the other powers do? What will the United States do?"

FRENCH SEE HUERTA'S SCHEME

Plan to Consolidate Mexicans in Support of Regime Noted.

PARIS, April 20.—The evening newspapers take up the report of the situation between Mexico and the United States.

The Liberté says: "Whatever happens in Mexico the lives and property of Frenchmen there are exposed to greater danger than has hitherto been the case."

Newspaper discussions lightly pass over General Huerta's desire to use the menace of the United States to consolidate Mexicans in support of his regime and it regards President Wilson's action as seeking an easy success for the United States in order to divert attention from internal problems.

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WASHINGTON, April 20.—State Department reports today said the Americans Parias and Boyles, held at Piedras Negras in connection with the murder of two Mexican soldiers, had established their innocence. Boyles will be placed under bond to appear as a witness.

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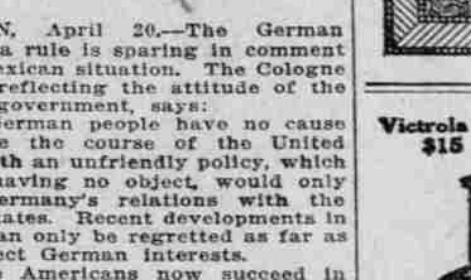
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MEXICAN STUDENTS DIPPED

Notre Dame Americans Break Out in Anti-Mexican Spirit.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—

Senor Aligara, charge of the Mexican Embassy here, was informed tonight by a telegram from the Mexican Vice-Consul at Indianapolis that 11 Mexican students at the University of Notre Dame at Notre Dame, Ind., were thrown into the river there, and badly treated by American students at the institution.

The Consul informed the charge that he would take the question up with the President of the university.

Mr. Aligara said he would wait to hear further from the affair before sending any word to his government.

The island of Trinidad has a population of 240,000. Of its land, 443,500 acres are cultivated and 597,800 uncultivated.

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