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VERA CRUZ IS TAKEN WITH LOSS OF LIFE

Four Americans Killed, 21 Wounded, After Making Landing in Force.

MEXICAN DAED ABOUT 200

Bluejackets and Marines, at First Unopposed, Meet Resistance in Streets.

CITIZENS AID IN DEFENSE

Bluejackets With Three-Inch Gun Demolish Tower.

WATERFRONT IS OCCUPIED

Americans Now Hold Customs-House, Important Piers and Railroad Terminals—Refugees Continue to Arrive.

FIRST CASUALTIES ATTENDING LANDING MEXICO.

Killed.
Coxswain Shoemaker.
Corporal Saggerty.
Seaman Polusset.
Seaman whose name was not learned. The first three were of the battleship Florida.

Some of Wounded.
C. L. Leahy, U. Schwartz, C. D. Cameron, J. F. Piese, seamen of the Florida; Electrician Gibson, of the Florida; and D. D. McMinn, private, Second Marine Regiment, from the transport Prairie.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Rear-Admiral Fletcher reported to the Navy Department from Vera Cruz under date of 10 P. M. that firing still was in progress. There was no mention of further casualties.

VERA CRUZ, Mex., April 21.—Vera Cruz tonight is in the hands of forces from the United States warships, but the occupation of the port was not accomplished without loss of American lives.

Four Americans, bluejackets and marines, were killed by the fire of the Mexican soldiers and 20 fell wounded. The Mexican loss is not known, but it is believed to have been close to 200 dead and many wounded.

Waterfront and Terminals Occupied.
The waterfront, the Customs-House and all important piers, including those under the terminal works from which extend the railroads to the capital, have been occupied. All the territory around the American Consulate is strongly patrolled and detachments hold other sections of the city.

The Mexican commander, General Gustave Maas, offered a stubborn resistance and for many hours there was fighting in the streets. Toward night, fall it was reported that the main body of the federal garrison was in retreat westward.

Surrender Promptly Refused.

Rear-Admiral Fletcher, in command of the United States warships, prefaced his occupation of the port by a demand, through the American consul, W. W. Canada, for its surrender. General Maas promptly declined to accede to this demand and shortly afterward ten whaleboats were sent off from the side of the transport Prairie loaded with marines. These boats effected a landing in the neighborhood of the Customs-House before noon, and a few minutes later Captain William R. Rush, of the battleship Florida, who was in command of the operations ashore, brought his flag in.

Captain Rush's men had already taken up their positions. They numbered 150 bluejackets from the Florida, 290 marines from the Prairie and 63 marines from the Florida. Later these were augmented by a detachment from the Utah.

Crowds Watch Operations.

The coming of the American forces was not heralded by any great excitement, but small crowds gathered to watch the landing. Soon the bluejackets and marines marched through the streets leading from the waterfront and along the railroad yards. Others proceeded to the American consulate, while still others were deployed along the approaches to Central Plaza, in which General Maas had concentrated his men.

These maneuvers were effected without opposition, but suddenly General Maas challenged the advance with the first shot—a volley fired from a point

COLLEGE MEN BURN HUERTA IN EFFIGY

"RECRUITS" OF WASHINGTON STATE EXUDE PATRIOTISM.

Armed With Barrel Stave and Fence Rail Muskets, Lads "Rah Rah" for Wilson, Led by Allen.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, Wash., April 21.—(Special.)—Pullman was last night reminded of the proximity of war with Mexico when 500 students, calling themselves "recruits from presy's army," were mobilized on the college campus and marched through the principal streets shouting defiance to Huerta.

The amateur soldiers, armed with boards, barrel staves and fence rails in lieu of army rifles, gathered at 10 o'clock. Machine guns were manufactured on the spot, a 20-piece band was mustered in and the march began. As the band struck up "The Star Spangled Banner" every hat was instantly off. When the regiment reached the business streets an effigy of Huerta was burned on a telephone pole amid cheers. Archibald Spiers, a recent addition to the student body from England, mounted a box and called for nine "rahs" and a tiger for Wilson, and the cheers were given with a will.

A huge bonfire revealed many citizens and college officials who were "spotted" by "General" George Gannon and made to express their feelings on the Mexican situation. The students then marched in review before the commandant.

NAVAL RESERVES GOING

Men at Lake Michigan Station Receive Order With Cheers.

CHICAGO, April 21.—In response to orders from Admiral Blue, chief of the bureau of navigation, Captain George Clark, commanding the United States naval training station on Lake Michigan, prepared to send 75 naval reserves to New York and 116 to Philadelphia tomorrow.

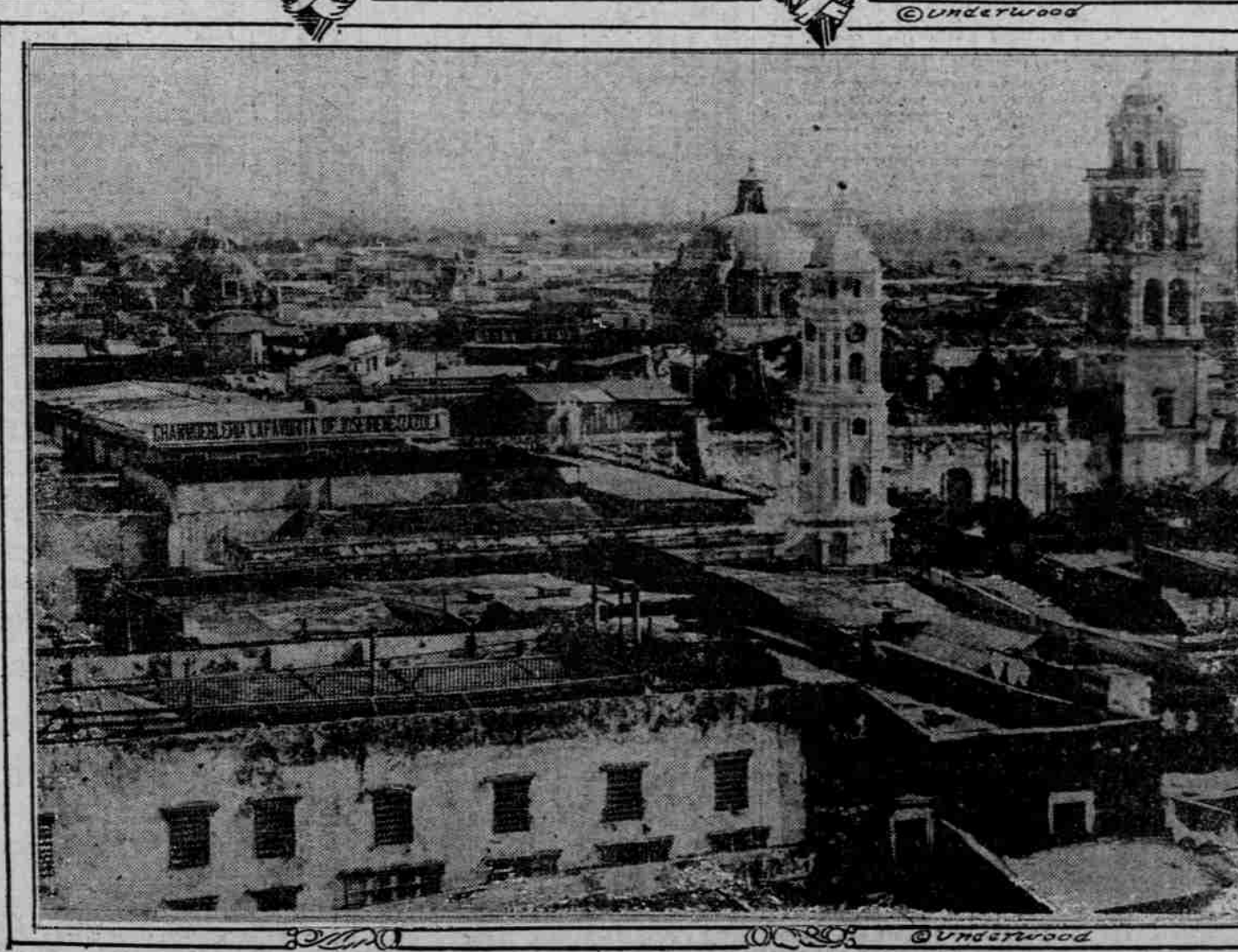
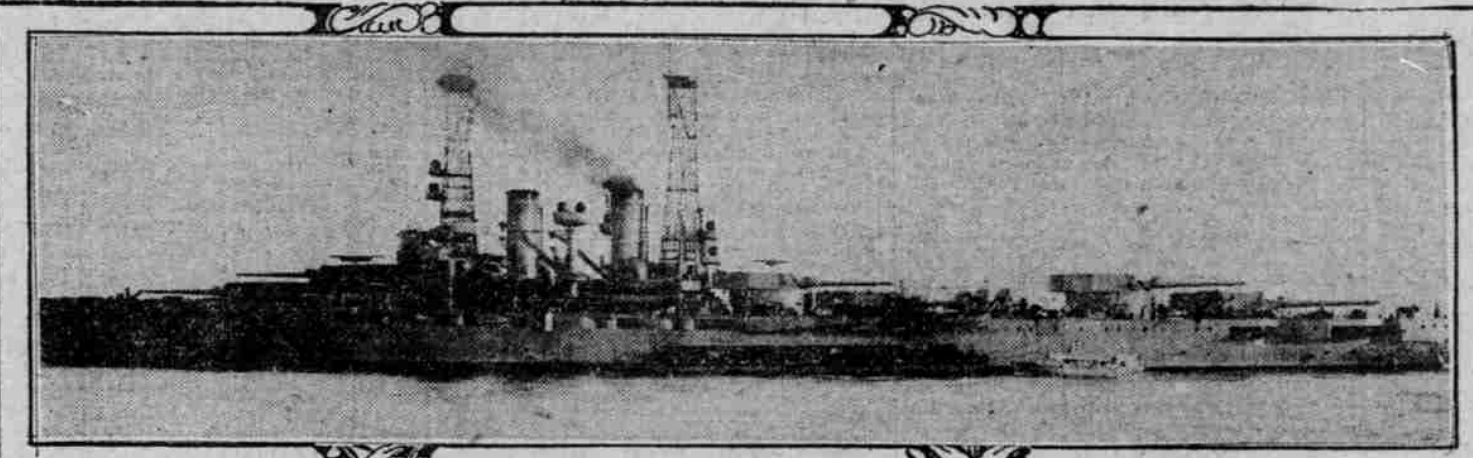
The men received the order that they were to be sent East with cheers and 500 men in the course of training appeared overjoyed at the prospect that they might follow.

HUERTA WAITS ON FUTURE

Republic Always Maintained Dignity Says "President" of Mexico.

LONDON, April 21.—(Special.)—Replying to request for a statement by the Daily Telegraph, President Huerta cables as follows:—"The government of the republic awaits the trend of future events with serenity. The republic has always maintained its dignity and will always continue to do so."

BIRDSEYE VIEW OF MEXICAN CITY CAPTURED YESTERDAY BY AMERICAN MARINES, COMMANDER OF UNITED STATES FLEET IN MEXICAN WATERS, HIS FLAGSHIP, ADMIRAL WHOSE DEMAND FOR SALUTE BROUGHT ABOUT CRISIS, AND SECRETARY OF THE NAVY DANIELS



ABOVE—FLAGSHIP ARKANSAS, REAR-ADMIRAL FLETCHER. BELOW, AT LEFT—PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING CHARLES VERA CRUZ. AT RIGHT—JOSEPHUS DANIELS, REAR-ADMIRAL OF BUILDINGS HRAI. MAYO.

WAR OVERSHADOWS ALL TOPICS IN CITY

Ammunition Comes for State Militia.

OFFICERS HOPE FOR SERVICE

Maps of Mexico Studied at Office of General Finzer.

REGULARS GET CARTRIDGES

Politicians Vainly Seek Commissions From Adjutant and Governor. Recruits Eager to Join Naval Branch.

War was the word most heard in Portland yesterday. It was on the lips of everyone. Newspaper extras sold as rapidly as the newsboys could hand them out. People turned from reading them to ask if anyone had heard anything later than had been printed. Political candidates forgot their campaigns and joined in the war talk.

It became known that the Oregon National Guard had just received two carloads of ammunition. This is regarded as a practical feature of the "watchful waiting" policy of President Wilson. The Guard had a quantity of ammunition on hand before the shipment arrived. Only a quarter to a half-carload is required for the annual target practice, so the excess shipment is regarded as a piece of forwardness on the part of the War Department.

Regulars Get Ammunition.

One hundred rounds of ammunition have been given out to the men at Vancouver Barracks, according to a report received in Portland. This means that in case the regulars at Vancouver should be ordered south each company would carry 7200 rounds, or 84,000 rounds to a regiment, besides what is carried in the ammunition wagons.

Regret was expressed by National Guard officers that the shipment of light cotton underwear and light khaki uniforms received several months ago has been reshipped to another point. When this equipment was received

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Uruguay Willing to Sign Treaty.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Uruguay's willingness to sign a peace treaty with the United States along the lines of those already signed by Secretary Bryan with many other nations was communicated to Mr. Bryan today by Dr. De Pena, Uruguayan Minister in Washington.

SENATE IN DEBATE OVER RESOLUTION

Opposition to Naming of Huerta Strong.

LODGE DEFENDS HIS PLAN

Choosing Between Cutthroats Declared Bad Policy.

WORKS PLEADS FOR PEACE

California Senator Would Declare Huerta's Expression of Regret Sufficient—Root Supports Lodge Preamble.

WASHINGTON, April 22. (Wednesday.)—The Senate at 2:40 A. M., by a vote of 47 to 35 rejected the substitute Mexican resolution proposed by Senator Lodge. It would have based the "justification" of the use of force in Mexico upon general conditions there instead of upon the Tampico incident alone.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Determination on the passage of the Administration Mexican resolution before morning, the Senate at midnight was in the midst of a grave and impassioned debate. Ultimate passage of the resolution as reported by the foreign relations committee was generally conceded. The House had recessed until 10 o'clock in the morning to await the Senate's action.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS ENFORCE SALUTE

FIVE HUNDRED IN TOPEKA DESERT CLASSES TO PARADE.

Mexican Laborers, Surrounded, Compulsory, With Seeming Reverence, With Demand of Students.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 21.—Infused with war spirit, 500 high school students deserted their school rooms today and marched in a noisy, but orderly, parade through the streets. At the head was a lad carrying an United States flag. Next were two boys with a rifle and drum. Several of the boys carried rusty old muskets.

Tells of "War, war," roars of "Down with Huerta," and the call "On to Mexico!" drowned out life and drum.

On the edge of the business district the parade came to a half-dozen railway laborers, plainly Mexicans. With howls and threats the boys surged round the aliens, demanding they salute the flag. The Mexicans saluted with promptness and with apparent reverence.

A hundred school girls followed a few blocks behind the boys in a parade of their own.

ABERDEEN TO RAISE 250

Militia Officers Expect to Be on Way South by May 1.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 21.—(Special.)—That 250 Aberdeen young men will be on the way to the Mexican border by May 1 is the opinion of military leaders here. The men will be divided between Company G, National Guard of Washington; the fourth division of the Naval Marines and the Medical Corps, being organized here by Captain O. R. Austin. Company G and the naval militia division will have more than 100 men apiece; the Medical Corps will have 55. The organization of the Medical Corps was begun this morning and by noon 30 men, most of whom have had previous war experience, were enrolled.

TRAIN OF REFUGEES HALTED

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THREAT TO USE BIG GUNS IS SENT TO MAAS

Fletcher Tells Mexican General What to Expect if He Fights.

ARMY AT CAPITAL SMALL

Washington Believes March to Mexico City Would Not Be Serious One.

BADGER LEAVES TAMPIGO

Des Moines Now Only Vessel Left at That Port.

14 DESTROYERS GO, TOO

Secretary Bryan Summons Foreign Ambassadors to Conference in Washington and Told Property Will Not Suffer.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Rear-Admiral Fletcher has warned General Maas, the Mexican commander at Vera Cruz, that the big guns of the American fleet will be used unless he stops his men from firing.

This was announced at the Navy Department tonight at 10 o'clock. There are now about 1000 American marines and bluejackets in the town. Admiral Fletcher said his men had fired only when they were fired on, so far.

March to Capital Not Difficult.

Officials here did not believe Huerta would take any offensive steps, but if he does the American marines and bluejackets which will be assembled in Vera Cruz within 48 hours will number about 15,000. Estimates here placed the Huerta forces at Mexico City at about 3000 to 4000 men and the belief of Army and Navy officials is that the American forces, if necessary, would be able to reach the Mexican capital without serious difficulty.

The bulk of General Huerta's army is in the north fighting the constitutionalists.

Just what was the purpose of diverting Rear-Admiral Badger from Tampico to Vera Cruz has not been made known, but as it leaves Tampico with one American ship it is believed, here the constitutionalists are making ready to take the port.

Destroyers Go With Badger.

Rear-Admiral Badger, on being ordered to proceed direct to Vera Cruz, ordered also directed the 14 torpedo boat destroyers to Vera Cruz. These will be of much use in approaching close to the town and in blockade.

The foreign Ambassadors in Washington were summoned during the day by Secretary Bryan and informed of the developments of the situation. The German, French, British, Austrian, Japanese and Spanish Ambassadors had separate conferences with Mr. Bryan. All declined to talk, but it is understood they received the same information that has been transmitted abroad to American embassies and legations, being especially told that the American Government in seizing the Customs-house at Vera Cruz would not attempt to confiscate goods consigned there, but merely would detain shipments, giving the shippers an opportunity to recover their property.

Secretary Bryan conferred with the German Ambassador, Count von Bernstorff, and it is believed the influence of the German government will be interested to prevent the consignment from landing elsewhere in Mexico and complicating the situation. The ship carries 15,000,000 rounds of ammunition and 200 rapid fire guns and thousands of rifles.

Close Watch to Be Kept.

There will be no attempt to interfere with foreign vessels, but it is believed a close watch will be kept by the American fleet on vessels which might be carrying arms to Mexican ports, seizing their cargoes after they are landed.

While the Army has received no orders to move, should it become apparent that there will be resistance to the holding of Vera Cruz, the four Army transports at Galveston, carrying four to five thousand troops, will be ordered under way.

General Charles J. Bailey, of the coast artillery, will command the first detachment from Galveston when sent and will be followed by Major-General Wood, who will be in supreme command. His term as chief of staff expires Thursday.

Congressman in Tears.

Representative Butler, of Pennsylvania, whose son is an officer of marines at Vera Cruz, was at the Navy

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