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VERA CRUZ IS IN AMERICAN FORCES' HANDS

Occupation of Entire City Accomplished With Aid of Smaller Ships.

HOT FIRE MEETS INVADERS

Walls of Sheltering Buildings Shattered by Shells From Scout Cruiser.

NOTICE IS GIVEN OFFICIALS

Fletcher Commands Citizens to Co-operate for Order.

MAYOR GOES INTO HIDING

Messenger Sent by Consul Canada Climbs Over House-top and Cries Message at Executive, but Is Not Received.

VERA CRUZ, April 22.—Six Americans killed and about 30 wounded marked the complete investment of Vera Cruz at noon today by the United States forces. Four of these were killed yesterday and two today.

Rear-Admiral Fletcher sent a note to the local officials, calling on them to co-operate with the American officers in the restoration of order by calling off sharpshooters and by resuming the local government, but it could not be delivered.

Messenger Is Shot Out.

Julio Franco, the Mexican chosen by American Consul Canada to be the bearer of the warning, was unable to communicate with any of the federal officials and only the mayor, Roberto Diaz, could be found.

When Franco tried to communicate with the mayor admission was refused him by Mexican guards stationed at the door. Franco then crawled over the roof of adjoining buildings in the court of the Diaz residence, but he did not succeed in seeing the mayor.

Senior Diaz refused to leave his bedroom, so Consul Canada's messenger shouted the contents of Rear-Admiral Fletcher's note to the Mayor and personally appealed to him to yield in order to save the city from bombardment by the American ships, reminding him of the grave risk to the families of Mexicans and others in the city.

Wires to Capital Cut.

Communication between the port of Vera Cruz and the federal capital has been severed. All the telegraph and cable wires are down and E. F. Hunter, superintendent of terminals, has been unable to ascertain what has become of the lines that were on their way yesterday from Mexico City when the landing of American marines and bluejackets took place. At the terminal here there are eight locomotives and several hundred cars.

The unwillingness of storekeepers to keep their places open and the almost total depletion of supplies at the restaurants where the proprietors continued doing business made it difficult for anyone except the American fighting forces to obtain anything to eat.

The number of foreign refugees on board the Esperanza was increased today when several persons, mostly Americans, took advantage of the lull in the firing during the early hours to go on board that vessel.

The captain of the German steamer Ypiranga, which brought the arms and ammunition here for General Huerta's government, today reported to Rear-

"VILLA DESERTER," SAYS ARMY MAN

HIS PICTURES THOSE OF SERGEANT GOSVY IS BELIEF.

After North Concho's "Shooting Up" in 1875, Mexican and Two Others Ran Away, Story Goes.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 22.—(Special.)—That Villa, the Mexican General, is a deserter from D Troop, Tenth Cavalry, U. S. A., is the flat statement of Sergeant Joseph White, retired, of this city.

Sergeant White, 52 years old, served more than 20 years in the Army. He is positive that the published pictures are those of the first sergeant who deserted in 1875. Villa served under the name of George Gosvy, if Sergeant White's story is true. His son, Crawford Gosvy, known as "Cherokee Bill," was hung in Oklahoma, about seven years ago.

"Villa was a natural leader," says White. "If a man did not obey instantly Villa would oftentimes shout to scare him."

"One night, in 1875," continued White, "a soldier was captured by cowboys and compelled to 'dance' with six-shooter accompaniments. His comrades resented the insult. That night they committed depredations in North Concho. In the fight that followed several civilians were shot."

"The next morning the soldiers started on a 19-day hike," A Sheriff and several deputies armed with warrants were waiting for Villa and others on their return.

"Looking at the determined soldiers, the Sheriff and deputies shook their heads and rode away. At noon Sergeant Gosvy Villa, Corporal Ferchec and Private Mace saddled their horses and rode away, deserters."

"Villa's wife and children were left at the fort and it devolved on Sergeant White to care for them."

PRESBYTERY AT AN END

Southern Oregon Conference Attended by 25 Church Delegations.

ASHLAND, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—Sessions of the Southern Oregon Presbytery closed today with a meeting of the Woman's Presbyterian Society, Mrs. W. F. Shields, of Medford, presiding. About 25 churches were represented at this year's gathering.

The lady was recognized by the election of J. B. Mason, of Klamath Falls, as moderator for the ensuing year.

The Rev. L. M. Anderson, former pastor evangelist, will return to the pastorate at Merrill, in Klamath County. Rev. J. K. Baillie, of Phoenix, was elected pastor evangelist and will make Ashland the headquarters for the Southern Oregon district.

The autumn meeting will be held in October, the place not being yet designated.

HOSPITAL WORK PLEAS

Pendleton Institution Management Praised by New York Expert.

SALEM, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—Secretary of State Olcott, who, with Governor West and State Treasurer, inspected the Eastern Oregon Hospital at Pendleton Sunday, said today that the institution had been greatly improved in the last year.

The appointment of the efficient manner in which the institution is being conducted," said Mr. Olcott, "a woman transportation agent for the State Hospital Commission of New York reported recently to Dr. John I. McKilvey, in charge of the Bureau of Deportation for Oregon, that she was impressed with the beauty and appointments of the Eastern Oregon State Hospital."

NEW SUPERVISOR NAMED

Miss Jennie Bossen Succeeds Miss Van Bibber in Siuslaw District.

EUGENE, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—Miss Jennie Bossen, of Portland, but principal for three years of the Florence School, was elected supervisor over Siuslaw School district today. She succeeded Miss Goldie Van Bibber, who resigned recently to re-enter the University of Oregon.

The appointment of a woman to this district two years ago was considered remarkable, inasmuch as the territory covers a wild, mountainous sea coast country, through which roads are rare and over which the supervisor must travel on foot, on horseback or by boat.

Cottage Grove to Work Roads.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—Elaborate preparations are being made for the celebration of Cottage Grove Good Roads day next Tuesday, when all the business houses of the city will close, and all able-bodied men will be expected to report for duty on the roads entering the city. The women of the city will prepare full lunch baskets and help in making the day a gala one.

The supervisors of the surrounding road districts are co-operating with the Road Builders' Club and the work to be done under their supervision. Farmers will join in the work.

SEIZURE ORDERED BY WILSON HIMSELF

Action Is Taken While Congress Debates.

PRESIDENT CALLED IN NIGHT

Sleep Broken on Information Arms Are on Way.

ANSWER QUICKLY GIVEN

Admiral Fletcher Directed to Take Possession of Custom-House and Be on Way Half Hour After Message Arrives.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The story of how President Wilson ordered the seizure of the custom-house at Vera Cruz to be seized was revealed today.

The President had gone to bed Monday after having read his message to Congress. The Senate was debating the joint resolution to approve the use of the Army and Navy, and the President had determined to withhold action until it passed, although feeling that in an emergency the Executive had ample authority to act.

At 4 o'clock Tuesday morning Mr. Bryan received a cable from Consul Canada telling of the approach of a German vessel with a cargo of ammunition for Huerta. Locomotives and cars were in readiness to rush the arms to Mexico City. Mr. Bryan telephoned Secretary Tumulty, who decided to awaken the President.

Tumulty Servants Overcome. He telephoned the White House. The servants were timid, but Mr. Tumulty insisted. Finally the President came to the telephone, and while Tumulty called up and was put on the same line. He, too, had a dispatch about the ammunition.

Rear-Admiral Fletcher had sent a wireless message that 15,000,000 rounds of ammunition and 250 machine guns would be landed from the German vessel by noon that day. The President listened in silence.

President Quick to Answer. "What shall we do?" asked Secretary Daniels. "Tell Fletcher to seize the custom-house," said Mr. Wilson without hesitation.

"Good-night," said the Secretary. The telephone conference ended and in a few minutes wireless dispatches were on their way to Rear-Admiral Fletcher. He received the message at 10 A. M. and an hour later American marines had landed and taken possession of the custom-house. The ammunition will go back to its shippers in Germany.

OREGON CITY GETS FISH

Hatcheries to Plant 500,000 Salmon in Willamette Below Falls.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—That 500,000 salmon fry would be placed in the Willamette River and that the fish ladder at the falls of the Willamette here would be thoroughly overhauled was the statement of R. E. Clanton, in charge of the state fish hatcheries, today.

The first carload of 75,000 fish will arrive in the state fishcar Rainbow, Thursday and the salmon will be placed in the river below the falls. The other fish will be brought to the Willamette during the next ten days and will be placed in the river at Clackamas, Eugene, Harrisburg and in the Santiam River.

Eastern Turkeys Take on New Life.

ROSEBURG, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—Four wild turkeys, from New York State, are doing well on the farm of C. R. Shipman, near Riddle. The birds drooped around for several weeks, but for a month have taken on new life. In order to protect the birds the owner expects to make his 3200-acre farm a game reserve.

Army Heads Hold Liner.

GALVESTON, Tex., April 22.—Army headquarters here today ordered the steamer Denver to stop loading and hold herself in readiness for emergency use by the Government. The Denver is a 4500-ton Mallory liner, carrying both passengers and freight, and

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WATER IMPORTANCE TOLD

Engineer Outlines to Students New Demands Upon His Office.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—The work of the State Engineer's office was presented to the students of the Agricultural college this evening by John H. Lewis, State Engineer. Many important and interesting features were explained and illustrated by stereopticon views. Attention was called to many demands for cheap electric power. This production involves a revolution of the state water-power policies, the necessity of conducting stream surveys and recording existing water rights, said Mr. Lewis.

The great importance of irrigation development, the difficulties besetting Carey Act projects, and the necessity of eliminating the promoters' profits and high interest rates, together with safeguarding the public funds, were pointed out as reasons why the state should take up the larger projects.

DESCHUTES LAND FIGHT UP

Morson to Attend First Board Meeting Since West's Attack.

SALEM, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—J. E. Morson, president of the Deschutes Land Company, today wired John H. Lewis, State Engineer, that he would attend a meeting of the State Board of Land Board Friday. It will be the first meeting he has attended since he and Governor West almost had a physical combat about two years ago. Mr. Morson has asked for an extension of the company's contract with the state, which is opposed by Governor West, unless it will furnish a bond that suits him to insure the completion of the irrigation project. The Board, however, has asked him to furnish a statement of its finances and a description of the land upon which options have been sold.

ROADS WILL BE REPAIRED

McMinnville Auto Owners to Work on "Good Roads Day."

McMINNVILLE, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—At an enthusiastic meeting of automobile owners held at the Commercial Club Friday was designated as "Good Roads Day." Every candidate will be called upon to serve the entire day with pick and shovel. Seven carloads of gravel will be distributed over the roads out of McMinnville. Twenty teams will be used.

Every store will be closed the same as on a legal holiday. Officers of the Automobile Club elected are: G. S. Wright, president; James Fletcher, vice-president; Frank Wortman, treasurer, and Gordon Baker, secretary.

LABOR WAR TAKES NEW TOLL OF LIVES

Coal Operators' Forces Meet With Losses.

SIX ARE DEAD, TWO MISSING

Women and Baby Reported Sealed in Burning Mine.

MINERS ATTACK GUARDS

Use of Dynamite in Rush for Mine Buildings Charged—Manager of One Property Reported in Peril From Fire.

DENVER, April 22.—The entire enlistment of state militia, including all branches of service, was ordered to mobilize at the two armories in Denver tonight to await further orders for service in the Trinidad strike zone.

TRINIDAD, Colo., April 22.—Six mine employees dead and two missing; three men, two women and a baby reported to be entombed in a burning mine; several mining camps destroyed and others ridden with bullets; fewer than 200 militiamen and company guards confronting an army of striking coal miners estimated by strike leaders at more than 400—this was the situation when the sun set upon the third day in the Southern Colorado labor war.

Superintendent Possibly Alive. The dead on the side of the coal operators as the result of the day's fighting, as near as could be estimated, were as follows: William Waddell, superintendent of the Empire mine of the Southwestern Fuel company; possibly alive in mine. John Church, engineer of the Empire mine.

Unidentified miner killed at Empire. David Donovan, carpenter at the Delagua mine of the Victor-American Fuel company.

Fred Dougherty, guard at Delagua, found dead in the hills late today. Carl Johnson, employed at Delagua.

Two Guards Still Missing. Felix Gonzales and Joe Chavez, guards at Delagua, still were missing and were supposed to be dead some where in the rugged hills above Hastings Canyon.

A persistent, but unconfirmed, report had it that J. M. Siple, manager of the Empire and Southwestern mines of the Southwestern Fuel company, with two women, a baby and two men, which then had been set afire by strikers.

Strike leaders tonight asserted that none of their fighting men had been killed in the day's battles and that only two had been reported wounded.

Fighting Hot at Close Range. According to the reports received by the military authorities, the fighting at Aguilas, which followed that at Delagua, was participated in by the same body of strikers.

The firing at Delagua began soon after daybreak, with a clash between 15 guards and a large body of miners. This clash occurred in the hills a mile or more from the camp, where the guards are said to have gone to meet the approaching strikers. There was hot fighting at close range for a few minutes, then the guards retreated toward the camp, the pursuing strikers at their heels. The strikers reached the crest of the canyon directly above the camp, then rushed for the mine buildings. Mine company reports said that in this rush dynamite was exploded by the attacking party.

A party of militiamen, hastily sent from Ludlow in steel cars, reinforced the guards and after heavy fighting the strikers were driven back.

Red Cross Seeks Bodies. Shortly afterward a party of strikers appeared in the Aguilas district, separated from the Hastings-Delagua Canyon by a high range of hills. The assaults of Delagua in the meantime had vanished in the direction of Aguilas. The attacks on the Aguilas mines followed.

A party carrying the flag of the American Red Cross, which left Trinidad late today for the Ludlow tent

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AVERAGE AGE OF MEN OF FLEET, 21

PRIVATE NOTHING BUT BOYS, HOBSON REMINDS HOUSE.

Confidence, However, Not Mispaced, Says Man Who Led Volunteers Who Sank Merrimac.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Representative Hobson, of Alabama, told the House today that the average of the men off the Mexican coast today is 21 years. Mr. Hobson was paying a tribute to the valor of "the plain private." He said that during the Spanish War, when he called for seven volunteers for the sinking of the Merrimac in the mouth of Santiago Harbor, 1000 young men responded.

"The greatest difficulty I had," he said, "was in turning down appeals of these boys who sought the chance to go on perilous missions in defense of their country. And you must remember that the private is nothing but boys. We have taken great responsibility here, but the confidence you have placed in the private representing the average American, who is at the front when the drum beats and when the flag is unfurled, is not a misplaced confidence."

"It was my privilege to serve with the plain private for 15 years and they never shirked duty."

DR. BUSHNELL IS HONORED

Oregon Man Chosen to Give Main Talk at Berkeley Conference.

Dr. C. J. Bushnell, president of Pacific University, left last night for Berkeley, Cal., where he is booked to deliver an address Friday afternoon and evening before the western conference of the American Religious Educational Association.

In the afternoon he will lecture on "Methods of Developing Moral Leadership in Our Colleges," and in the evening on "Today's Need of Moral Leadership in Our Colleges."

Dr. Bushnell is listed for a great number of commencement addresses in Oregon and Washington. During this school year he has delivered more than 100 lectures.

FRUIT SAVED BY CHANGE

Danger of Frost at Walla Walla Thought Over for Present.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 22.—(Special.)—For the second time this week a sudden rise in temperature saved the fruit crop. With frost predicted last night, it was feared that considerable damage would be done, since it was the second frosty night. Late at night it clouded and the temperature started up, the lowest being 46 degrees.

Danger of frost damage to the fruit is not at least for the present, in the opinion of Weather Observer Garrett. North of Walla Walla County some frost damage was done. Injury in Walla Walla County is widely scattered, it is said.

RIVER ROAD BIDS OPENED

Belief Is That Clatsop County Tender Will Be Rejected.

ASTORIA, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—Bids were opened by the County Court and the officials of the State Highway Commission today for clearing, grading and ditching the portion of the Columbia Highway from Astoria to the county line, near Westport, a distance of approximately 28 miles. The specifications called for clearing to a width of 60 feet, grading 24 feet wide and putting in the necessary culverts and ditches.

Judging from the rates charged for some of the specific items, there is reason to believe all bids will be rejected.

RECALL HITS WALDPOR

Councilman Baker Faces Charges of Undue Favoritism.

NEWPORT, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—Waldport will tomorrow vote upon the recall of Frank L. Baker, one of the City Councilmen, upon charges of favoritism.

Charges have been made in the petition for the recall that he voted to issue a saloon license to J. W. Foster, of Portland, as against Henry Bobell, a native of Waldport. Foster is said to have offered a bonus of \$100 on a license valued at \$400. The recall petition was circulated by the City Marshal.

Pioneer, 80, Still Preaches.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., April 22.—(Special.)—"Grandpa" Bales, of London, now 85 years old and well known as a pioneer preacher of the Williamette Valley, delivered an able and interesting sermon at Liberty Sunday. He still retains a vigorous mentality and seems to have lost none of the ability of younger years.

Act by Huerta Ignored.

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ALL MEXICO IS WRONGED, SAYS REBEL LEADER

United States' Invasion of Vera Cruz Not Justified, Declares Carranza.

MESSAGE SENT TO WILSON

Entire Country Drawn Into War Is Formal Interpretation of Seizure.

EVACUATION OF PORT INVITED

Huerta's Right to Receive Demand for Redress Denied.

"COME TO ME" IS SPIRIT.

Constitutionalist Chief Holding Huerta Culpit and Usurper, Proposes America Cease "Hostilities" and Negotiate Peace.

CHIHUAHUA, April 22.—Replying to a telegram from Secretary Bryan at Washington, General Carranza telegraphed today that the United States is not justified in occupying Mexican territory.

"The invasion," says the letter, "will drag us (Mexico) into an unequal war with dignity, but which until today we desired to avoid."

Official Translation Made. The official translation of the text of the letter follows: "United States Consul J. C. Carothers: 'In answer to the message of Mr. Secretary of State Bryan, which was communicated to me through you, please transmit to the said Mr. Bryan the following note addressed to Mr. President Wilson:'

"Awaiting the action of the American Senate on your Excellency's message directed to said body caused by the lamentable incident which occurred between a crew in a whaleboat of the cruiser Dolphin and the soldiers of the usurper, Huerta, certain acts of hostility have been executed by the naval forces under command of Admiral Fletcher at the Port of Vera Cruz and in the face of this violation of national sovereignty, which the constitutional government did not expect from a government which had reiterated its desire to maintain peace with the Mexican people, I comply with the duty of elevated patriotism in directing this note to you with a view to exhausting all honorable means before two friendly nations sever the pacific relations that still unite them."

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SKYLINE OF VERA CRUZ FROM HARBOR

VIEW ALONG WATERFRONT OF MEXICAN CITY CAPTURED BY AMERICAN FORCES.