

MILITIA FIRST TO BE CALLED TO FLAG

War Department Tells Senator Poindexter Organizations Have Preference.

MANY OFFERS RECEIVED

Frank P. Tibbett Asks Assurance That Volunteer Cavalry Will Be Accepted—Applicants Told to Consult Governors.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 23.—In event the Government decides to call for volunteers for service against Mexico, preference will be given to the organized militia of the several states, according to an explanation made by the War Department today to Senator Poindexter, and until the militia is exhausted steps will not generally be taken looking to the recruiting of independent volunteers.

It is proposed, however, to recruit all volunteer regiments to their full strength and where members of the militia do not care to enlist in the Federal service or are rejected for any reason, preference will be given to Spanish War veterans in filling vacancies and favorable records in Philippines will count in favor of those desiring service against Mexico.

Senator Poindexter today laid before the War Department a telegram from Frank P. Tibbett, of Portland, advising that Lieutenant Hennessey, United States Cavalry, is trying to raise a regiment of volunteer cavalry in the Northwest and says he would like assurance that the service of the regiment would be accepted by the Government if plans are successful.

SHIP "CORNER" SOUGHT

BICKERS OPTION FOREIGN CRAFT FOR NAVAL AUXILIARIES.

Coastwise Traffic Removed From Tehuantepec to Panama Routes to Avoid Possible Mexican Blockade.

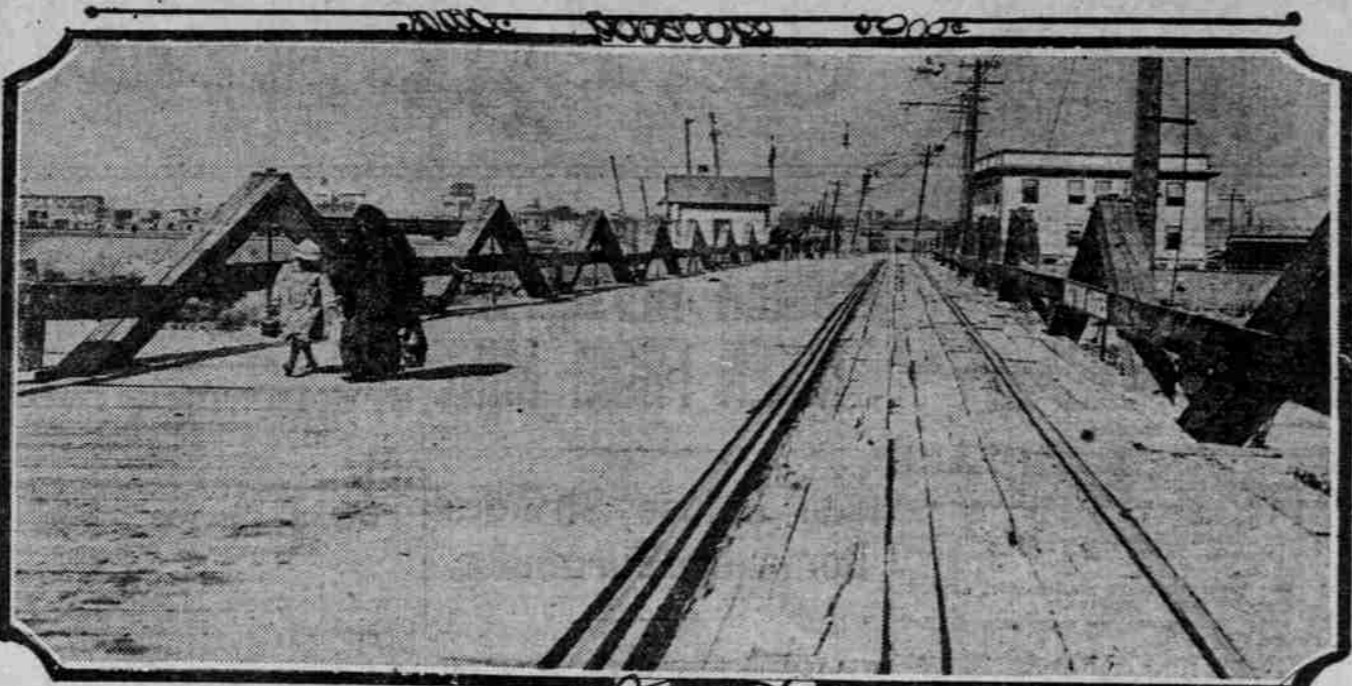
WASHINGTON, April 23.—Many offers of merchant ships for use as naval auxiliaries are being received by the War Department. Entering shipbrokers in the larger foreign ports have been obtaining options on craft that appear to be suitable for American Naval use and are forwarding these to the Navy Department in order to obtain their commissions if sales of charters are effected.

ST. LOUIS, April 23.—"I am all right" was the text of a cablegram received here today from Arnold Shanklin, United States Consul-General at Mexico City. The cablegram was addressed to Robert E. Tompkinson, brother-in-law of Mr. Shanklin. The message was dated Thursday.

UNITED STATES DEALING WITH HUERTA IN TERRITORY HE CONTROLS, WILSON'S REPLY TO CARRANZA'S STATEMENT

WASHINGTON, April 23.—President Wilson today issued the following comment on the Carranza statement: "I wish to reiterate with the greatest earnestness the desire and intention of this Government to respect in every possible way the sovereignty and independence of the people of Mexico."

SCENES ON MEXICAN BORDER, WHERE NEXT HOSTILITIES SEEM NOT UNLIKELY



VILLA IS FRIENDLY

Rebel Leader Would Have No War With United States.

VISIT MADE TO BORDER

Huerta Called "Little Drunkard" and Americans Are Chided for Taking Him Seriously—Gift Sent General Scott.

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Carranza "will drag us into an unequal war with dignity but which until today we desired to avoid," did not mean that Carranza at last did desire war.

"Not at all," Pasqueira replied. "It couldn't mean that because I knew that my chief wants peace."

For a time it was believed that the translation might be at fault and that Carranza's Spanish really meant "but to this very day we desire to avoid," but a careful examination of the original showed that the translation was correct. It was made by Samuel Belden, Pasqueira and Carothers in consultation. They carefully weighed the meaning of every word and phrase.

CRUISER ST. LOUIS DISPATCHED

Mazatlan to Be Destination, With Stop at San Diego.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 23.—Orders were received at the Puget Sound Navy Yard tonight for the cruiser St. Louis to sail immediately for Mazatlan, Mex., via San Diego. The St. Louis will leave at 8 o'clock tomorrow.

ARMY RECRUITS BEGIN DRILLS

Several Hundred Apply at Chicago to Join Navy.

CHICAGO, April 23.—Nearly 800 recruits for the Regular Army were sent from here today in several squads bound for St. Louis, where they will receive instructions at Jefferson Barracks. There were several hundred applications at naval recruiting stations.

MRS. OLDS' WILL IS FILED

Estate of \$20,000 Left to Husband by Mutual Instrument.

Cooks Olds was disposed of by her by a mutual will made with her husband, William P. Olds, to whom all of her property is left. The estate is valued at approximately \$20,000, consisting of two lots in Holiday Addition, \$996 in cash and some personal effects. The mutual will was made by Mr. and Mrs. Olds in 1911, providing that the sur-



ABOVE—FAMOUS INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE BETWEEN EL PASO AND JUAREZ. BELOW—AMERICAN SOLDIERS SEARCHING MEXICANS FOR ARMS.

Water is in danger. Mexican Plot to Poison San Diego's Supply Reported.

DAM ALSO IS THREATENED

Warlike Preparations Made by California National Guard—Options Taken on Mules and Typhoid Vaccine Is Ordered.

TAX RECEIPTS \$3,993,952

Multnomah County Collections to April 1 Reported by Treasurer.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Total: \$3,993,952.16

Box Car Thieves Plead Guilty.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 23.—(Special.)—Bert Knight and Horace Grant, who were recently arrested in Seattle by a special agent of the Northern Pacific on a charge of stealing two boxes of shoes from a freight car in this city, yesterday pleaded guilty to grand larceny in the Lewis County Superior Court and each was sentenced by Judge Rice to a term of one year in the state reformatory.

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has under consideration the establishment of National Guard recruiting offices to bring all companies up to war strength. Requests were made of Army officers at San Francisco to detail several sergeants to instruct militiamen in the handling of machine guns.

The meeting is to be held in St. Louis was called by Governor Major today, Saturday.



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