

WASHINGTON HOPES; GOES PREPARING

Peace Prospect Regarded as Better, but Army and Navy Plans Are Perfected.

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Danger to Americans in Interior Regarded as Chief Element of Uncertainty in Negotiations for Peace.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Hope for peace—yet no slackening in preparation for war—was the spirit of Sunday's day's developments in the Mexican crisis.

President Wilson, hopeful, although not confident, that war may be averted, through the efforts of Argentina, Brazil and Chile, conferred with Secretary Garrison, approving orders for the joint co-operation of Army and Navy over Vera Cruz and vicinity when Brigadier-General Funston, who will be in command there, arrives to reinforce Admiral Fletcher's forces of marines and bluejackets.

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Tension of the one phase of the situation which may upset peace plans—the safety of Americans in Mexico City and other interior points—was partly relieved by the announcement of Secretary Bryan that through the British Embassy the Huerta officials and Admiral Fletcher had arranged for the safe departure of Americans from the capital and the free exodus of Mexicans from Vera Cruz. Thomas E. Kohler, first secretary of the British Legation, taking a trainload of Mexicans from Vera Cruz to Mexico City, informed General Huerta that the American forces were in no way restraining Mexicans from leaving there and was assured that Americans would be allowed to leave as they pleased.

Martial Law Order Approved

Admiral Fletcher's declaration of martial law at Vera Cruz is approved by officials here, who realize his difficulties with house-to-house sharpshooters.

The Brazilian Ambassador and the Ministers from Mexico and the United States have been delegated to solve the Mexican problem by diplomacy, were in conference most of the day.

Secretary Bryan visited at his home by the peace envoys. Reports from the coasts of Mexico from Admirals Badger and Howard, respectively, have been received, and the American forces were in no way restraining Mexicans from leaving there and was assured that Americans would be allowed to leave as they pleased.

Admiral Badger cabled that communication between Vera Cruz and Mexico City was irregular; that an outpost of Mexican federalists eight miles away refused to permit linemen to repair the cable. The cable was reported repaired later. Secretary Bryan requested the Brazilian embassy to endeavor through its legation in Mexico City, which is in charge of American interests in Mexico, to obtain the release of some 30 American refugees reported by American Consul Canada as having been taken from a train at Aguas Calientes, north of Mexico City, and held by soldiers.

Guaymas Not Captured

Admiral Howard, who is at Mazatlan, reported to the Navy Department, denying a rumor that Guaymas had been taken by American forces. He said the Guaymas, Yorktown and other vessels were there, but he saw no signs of trouble. He reported also that the steamer Glacier had sailed with 38 Americans, the ship's stores, and Guaymas had left Guaymas for Manzanillo with refugees and that the German government had chartered the Mexican steamer Mazatlan to transport Secretary Daniels said later all seemed quiet on the West Coast. He has given orders that the care of refugees shall be considered of first importance in the movement of ships in the Pacific.

Discussing Rear-Admiral Fletcher's Declaration of Martial Law

Secretary Daniels said every effort had been made to restore order under civil authorities. "The President and I," Mr. Daniels said, "have every confidence in Admiral Fletcher's judgment. We feel that before declaring martial law he had exhausted every other means of keeping order."

Guns Refused Arizona Governor

The War Department refused to give Governor Hunt, of Arizona, guns with which to arm the citizens, and telegraphed the Governor that the brigade of infantry due in Arizona yesterday from the coast would suffice for border guards.

While beginning of peace parleys did not affect the activities of the War and Navy Departments in planning for any eventualities which might result, yet it did introduce a hopeful feeling. Administration officials here said they would not listen to any peace proposals at present, but there was a unanimity of feeling among them that the period of negotiation would be hastened by a saver for Americans desperately trying to reach points of safety.

The joint action of the governments of Brazil, Argentina and Chile, it was learned yesterday, had its inception on the occupation by the United States of Vera Cruz, which of the nations initiated the proceedings was not disclosed. The paramount fact, it is pointed out, is that their action was entirely voluntary.

2100 REFUGEES BACK HOME

Mexicans at Tampico Cry "Death to Gringos." "Viva Huerta."

GALVESTON, April 27.—Refugees from Mexico arriving Sunday on the Dixie brought fresh stories of sudden flight, of privation and insult to the American flag. Many of the refugees were nearly destitute, with children in their arms.

Dr. P. G. Opperman, formerly of Cleveland, O., a Dixie refugee, said he escaped violence at Mexican hands in Tampico Tuesday, after the Vera Cruz fight news was posted, by passing himself off as a German. A Sessions, of Florence, S. C., a Dixie passenger, said he brought 21 women and children down the Pascoo River to Tampico Tuesday from Topila, an oil camp, until the Mexican gunboat Vera Cruz stopped him and sent him back with threats. He retired and returned, flying a German flag, when he was allowed to pass.

When the excitement of Mexicans at Tampico over the fighting at Vera Cruz was so high that the raising of an American flag imperiled her home, Mrs. Dr. Samuel Holt Hodgson, of Scottsboro, Ala., raised a Confederate flag.

Leo Fleischman, a Tampico business man for many years, saved about one-tenth of his money, in the form of checks, by stowing them into a gunny-sack with his books and papers and \$8 in cash Wednesday and running to the German boat with the sack over his shoulder.

Many passengers on the Esperanza, the Dixie and other ships were unable today to notify their relatives of their safe arrival because they did not have the price of a telegram.

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According to the statements of the officers and the records recruiting is going on satisfactorily. More than 1000 are now enlisted. When General Huerta refused to salute less than eight days ago there were only 700 in the Third Infantry. Recruits have been accepted at the rate of almost 50 a day. A large number in addition have placed their names on the waiting list with the arrangement that they will respond when the call of war comes. It is estimated by the officers that the full war strength of 1500 could be met within 24 hours from the time war is declared and that many would have to be turned away.

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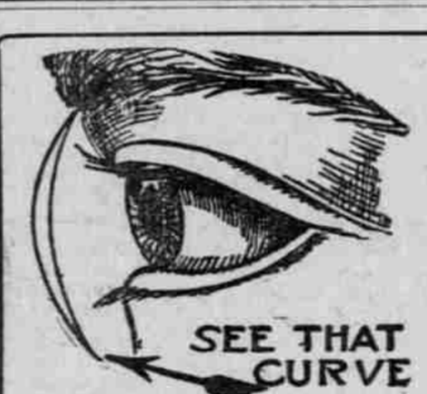
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