

MEXICANS SEIZE AND ROB AMERICAN BOAT

Washington Considers Situation Grave; Trouble Likely.

VERA CRUZ AFFAIR CITED

President Believed to Have Changed in Attitude and Carranza Is Called on to Explain.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—The most serious of the recently growing list of attacks on Americans in Mexico came to light today.

A boatload of American sailors from the U. S. S. Cheyenne was held up in the Temeal river, July 6, within nine miles of Tampico, and the sailors robbed. The American flag was flying from the boat.

Closely resembling the attacks on American sailors which led to the occupation of Vera Cruz in 1914, the state department did not hesitate to regard it as a grave affair and has taken prompt representations to the Carranza government and Tampico authorities.

Although the sailors were fishing, they were on official duty bringing in food for their ship and the American flag flying from the boat denoted it was on official business.

Navy Department Delays Report.
A preliminary report of the attack reaching the navy department July 7 did not go to the state department until today. No explanation was made for the delay. Today Secretary Daniels asked for a fuller report.

The incident is regarded as most serious and charges with possibility because the Carranza forces are in full control of the Tampico district and because it comes as the climax to a long series of recent attacks on Americans, all of which have been made the subject of increasingly urgent representations to the Carranza government.

Since President Wilson returned from the peace conference he has turned his attention a great deal to the Mexican situation. Various reports have been circulated in Washington that the American government's policy had undergone a change, but there has been no official indication or announcement.

Troops Get New Orders.
It is known that the American troops along the border have a new set of orders, which was issued in the prompt manner in which they crossed into Juarez and cleaned up the fighting there when it menaced El Paso. The extent to which this military establishment in Mexico has not been fully disclosed, but there are evidences that the government is taking measures to be prepared for any eventualities into which it may be forced.

It was an incident at Tampico in 1914 which brought on the occupation of Vera Cruz when a boat from one of Admiral Mayo's ships was detained, a paymaster was arrested and jailed and at other times messengers from the ships were menaced ashore.

General Huerta refused to apologize and salute the American flag and the occupation of Vera Cruz followed.

Officials see in the incident of July 6 the making of a more serious situation.

NOGALES, Ariz., July 19.—Twenty-seven were killed during a fight Thursday morning between bandits and the garrison at Nogaes, Sonora, south of here on the Southern Pacific de Mexico railroad, according to American and British assessments which arrived today. They said the attacking band was composed of "Bronco" Yaqui Indians.

Twenty-seven Killed in Skirmish.
The attacking force was reported to have numbered 500, while the town was defended by 40 federal troops, composed largely of Yaqui Indians. Of the killed, 14 were defenders of the town and 11 of the attacking force.

After repulsing the attack with two machine guns from behind breastworks the town's defenders pursued the band and another engagement occurred two miles from Nogaes.

American and British mining men who visited the scene of the fight said they found empty cartridge shells used by the attacking force, all new and of American manufacture.

UNITED DEMOCRATS HOPE

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England. It required one day and two nights to repair this breach and restore Senator Hitchcock to party leadership in accordance with the new programme of conciliation.

Senator Handles Complaints.
The country has heard of only one tenth part of the Chamberlain fight on government inefficiency and war abuses. The part of which the country heard was that which appeared in the press by reason of some public action of Senator Chamberlain in or out of the senate, or because of some attack by the president or the secretary of war on the Oregon senator. There is much more to it than that.

Senator Chamberlain has been taking up directly with the war department and other departments of the government scores of individual complaints of soldiers and soldiers' relatives and has demanded a reply without any consideration for the fact that he was dealing with men of his own political party. He learned long ago that the only method of getting results from this administration was to "treat 'em rough" and that is just what he has been doing.

Grievances Found to Be Just.
Complaints have come to Senator Chamberlain from soldiers and their kin in every state, and he has sifted their complaints to the point of establishing that they were just in almost every instance. Recently he has forced the treasury department to furnish him with a detailed report regarding liberty bonds sold to numerous soldiers for which pay was deducted from the soldiers' compensation and no delivery made. Many of these complaints came from Oregon.

All of these little complaints have nettled the departments, not only because of the trouble to them in looking up records, but because it was revealed unmistakably that Chamberlain, by taking the side of the soldier against the government, was building up a powerful political military machine which he would soon be justly entitled to speak of as "my army."

Meeting Brings Speculation.
The president's invitation to Senator Chamberlain last Wednesday was, therefore, under the surface something more than a personal invitation to the senator; it was a bid to the Chamberlain army.

It is, therefore, safe to speculate that there will be much talk about Senator Chamberlain for a place in the national ticket next year coming from administration sources, as well as from friends and admirers. There will be the difference, however, that from the administration side the proffer will be the vice-presidency and not first place. All leads to further speculation as to next year's national democratic ticket. Democrats do not conceal their un-

business about finding a suitable candidate for president. In the first place they would like to have the uncertainty removed as to whether Wilson will or will not seek a third term. With him out of the way, the next question is, What will McAdoo do?

The fact is not overlooked that while the president's son-in-law, William Gibbs McAdoo, abdicated as secretary of the treasury and director-general of the railroads in a critical hour, he has never renounced his assumed right of succession. One day he is not regarded as a candidate and then he runs away somewhere and makes a speech about how the democratic party won the war, or says something else that hurts the White House ambitions.

And then the mixing-picture folk are getting nervous, because should McAdoo fail to get into the race a grave economic question might confront them. This question is: What are we to do with all these thousands of yards of film of the president's son-in-law being headed around Universal City bedecked in sombrero and chaps, or curling his toes in the sand at Santa Barbara, or mayhap signing his name to liberty bonds as head of the treasury department? With McAdoo out of the race all this motion-picture publicity will have but little value as salvage.

But more disconcerting still is this comment from Senator Chamberlain in the request of President Wilson yesterday that the full rank of general be given both to Pershing and Peyton C. March, chief of staff.

Senator to Resume Fight.
"I think it is unfortunate that General Pershing's name should be linked with others in a movement to make permanent the rank held by our officers during the war," said Senator Chamberlain. "I am afraid I will resist in General Pershing's failure to get what is due him."

With that comment Senator Chamberlain declared that he was going ahead with his fight to overthrow the present system of military injustice and to secure justice for Lieutenant Colonel Samuel T. Ansell, who was reduced in rank for crying out against the same evil. General March has been one of the chief obstructionists of the military reform movement. Senator Chamberlain has succeeded in having his bill for court-martial reform referred to a sub-committee of the senate military affairs committee, accompanying this bill is a bill for the repeal of a declaration of success with this earnest declaration.

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PRISONERS "WATCH STEP"
Governor's Order Regarding Rule Violations Shows Results.

SALEM, Or., July 19.—(Special.)—The order issued recently by Governor O'cott providing that persons whose penitentiary paroles are revoked because of the commission of crime or attempt to escape, must serve their maximum sentence, has had a beneficial effect at the institution, according to a statement issued by Warden Steiner today.

Copies of the governor's order have been distributed among the convicts by Parole Officer Compton, and already an improvement has been detected in the conduct of many of the men incarcerated in the prison. The tightening of discipline at the penitentiary, coupled with the warden's policy of fair dealing with prisoners, will place the institution on the highest plane in its history.

DIAMOND FOUND IN RUBBISH
\$500 Stud Lost From Shirt During Process at Laundry.

LEWISTON, Idaho, July 19.—(Special.)—When Dan L. Boise convicts (him) to the laundry last week, he failed to remove from the front of a shirt a \$500 diamond stud. The shirt was returned, neatly ironed and folded, and the stud, when Mr. Boise discovered the loss of his precious gem, he hastened to the laundry and in-

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Forestry Chief at Grants Pass Says Road Will Not Be Surpassed by Any in America.

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