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PRESIDENT WILSON PREPARES FOR PROBABLE MEXICAN WAR

Confers With Congressional Leaders to be Ready for Emergency Moves

TAMPICO AND VERA CRUZ LIKELY TO BE SEIZED

Wilson Says He Stands for Peace, But Cannot Ignore Present Circumstances

BATTLESHIPS SAIL

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—In gray warpaint, the battleships Arkansas, Vermont, New Hampshire and New Jersey and the dispatch boat Yankton sailed for Mexico at full speed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—

While the fighting ships of the Atlantic fleet are turning their prows toward Tampico to enforce President Wilson's demand on Huerta for a public salute to the American flag, Senators and Representatives were summoned to the White House to be informed of all the phases of the situation, that Congress might be prepared for further steps.

Acting Chairman Shively, of the Senate foreign relations committee; Senator Lodge, ranking Republican member of the committee; Chairman Flood, of the House foreign affairs committee and Representative Cooper, ranking Republican member of that committee, had an hour's conference with the President, at which Wilson outlined the details of the historic Tampico incident.

The following is the official statement issued as representing the views of the administration in considering the present situation.

"The Tampico incident must not be thought of as a mere military or naval matter. It is a matter of national honor and dignity. For some time past the de facto government of Mexico has seemed to think mere apologies sufficient when the rights of American citizens or the dignity of the United States government is involved and apparently made no attempt at either separation or effective correction of serious infractions of its civil and military officers. Immediately after the incident at Tampico an order from a United States ship at Vera Cruz, who had been ashore for ship mail, and who was in uniform and had an official mail bag on his back, was arrested and put in jail.

"The most serious of all was that officials in charge of the telegraph office in Mexico City presumed to withhold an official dispatch of the United States government to its embassy at Mexico City."

View of Senators. Senator Lodge said he was in accord with what the President had done. Senator Shively was emphatic in declaring his opinion that the United States is bluffing. "There is no first class power in the world," said Shively, "from which the United States would have withstood what it has patiently withstood from poor, unprovoked, divided and embroiled Mexico. It is like the case of a poodle dog snapping at a patient New Foundland dog who must eventually set and teach his tormentor a lesson."

GET BUSY ON WEST COAST

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—Late today Secretary Daniels ordered the cruiser Cleveland, now at San Francisco, to steam to Mazatlan at once. The cruiser Chattanooga is expected to follow in a few days. There are no developments as to army orders and it was said that troop movements were not discussed at the President's conference with congressmen.

A naval demonstration on the Pacific coast of Mexico has been ordered. The navy department so announced late today.

SHIP AT VERA CRUZ

VERA CRUZ, April 15.—The Ward Rner Esperanza began today loading freight taken on board by orders of the United States. She is to proceed to Galveston.

PACIFIC FLEET WILL JOIN IN

Collier Jupiter Ordered to Take Cargo of Coal to Mazatlan, Mexico, Today

VALLEJO, Cal., April 15.—Orders have been received for the collier Jupiter, now at California City, to load with coal and proceed at once to Mazatlan, Mexico. She will carry fuel for the Pacific fleet.

The cruiser Pittsburg, transport Buffalo, cruisers Maryland, Cleveland and Chattanooga and the colliers Jupiter and Saturn were ordered to prepare for immediate departure. The torpedo flotilla, with a tender, at San Pedro, California, has been ordered to stand by ready for immediate departure.

SEALING SHIP MAY BE LOST

Report That Small Vessel and Crew From Newfoundland Was Lost in Storm

ST. JOHNS, N. F., April 15.—The fear that the Kite, a small sealing steamer, had met disaster, was increased today when the steamer Eagle reported by wireless of sighting wreckage, but was unable to pick up the wreckage again on account of the storm. The Eagle has a crew of sixty-five.

HUNTERS HELD BY GRAND JURY

Curry County Men Who Shot Companions Charged With Manslaughter

GOLD BEACH, Or., April 15.—Judge Coke adjourned the April term of circuit court last evening after receiving the final report of the grand jury. The grand jury reported indictments for manslaughter against Mr. Meyer, who is charged with having shot a rancher of the Chetco section for a deer, and also against Mr. Eggers, who recently killed a miner in the Sixes country before the grand jury by District Attorney Meredith, who holds that the killing of hunters is something more than an accident. Judge Coke fixed the bail in each case at \$200 and it is doubtful if either will be able to furnish it.

Their trials were set for August 10, when the next regular term of circuit court will be held here.

Cooly Case Continued. The grand jury heard part of the witnesses in the case of Riley Cooley, who was arrested and brought back from California a few months ago for the murder of Van Pelt here fifteen years ago. Stephen A. Doyle, the special detective who worked up the case against Cooley and J. W. Higgins, the Spokane banker, yesterday wired District Attorney Meredith that they could not attend this term of court. In consequence the grand jury continued the hearing until the August term of court when the same grand jury will resume the investigation of it.

Liquor Case. An indictment was also brought charging Tony Canonica with furnishing liquor to a minor. This is a very serious case. Canonica is a ranchman who is claimed to be a ranchman here for his personal use. Judge Coke and Reporter Loud started for home this morning, the equity cases on the calendar having all been disposed of.

CARDEN TO BRAZIL. LONDON, April 15.—The appointment of Sir Lionel Carden as British Minister to Brazil is officially announced. He will proceed direct to Rio de Janeiro from Mexico City, to where he is now on his way.

MEXICAN REBELS WIN BIG VICTORY

Defeat Federals With Loss of 2800 Killed or Wounded Near Torreon—Rebel Loss Only 650.

ULTIMATUM TO HUERTA.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—Huerta will salute the American flag or the Atlantic fleet will seize Vera Cruz and Tampico. What happens afterwards depends on Huerta. That is President Wilson's determination and the leaders of Congress with whom he conferred all agreed that there was ample precedent for such action.

JUAREZ, April 15.—The defeat of the combined Federal forces Monday at San Pedro, with Federal losses estimated at 2800 killed and wounded and 700 prisoners, and a rebel loss of 650 killed and wounded, it was pointed out, was really the culmination of the battle of Torreon which began March 21.

The officials gave the dispatch to the hands of the Charge d'Affaires of the United States only on his personal and emphatic demand, he having in the meantime learned through other channels that the dispatch had been sent him. It is significant that untoward events such as these have not occurred where the representatives of other governments are concerned. Necessarily it made the impression that the United States had been singled out for these manifestations of ill will and contempt.

General Velasco, after his retreat, was much stronger and more dangerous than before, for at San Pedro he had with him the columns of Generals Demoure, Argumwodo, Campa, Ruz, Hidalgo and Maas, a total of 12000 or 14000 troops.

While desultory fighting began almost as soon as the Federals left Torreon, General Villa gives the duration of the battle proper as six days, culminating with the flight of the Federals last Monday.

The Federals are reported to have retired eastward in the direction of Saltillo and Monterey. The Federals destroyed the market building, hotel and property of the late President, Francisco Madero, before retiring.

TRANSPORT SAILS TODAY.

NEW ORLEANS, April 15.—The transport Hancock, with 950 marines aboard, sailed from here to join the battleship fleet that will concentrate near Tampico.

PANAMA CANAL TOLL BILL HEARING ON BEFORE SENATE

REBELS AGREE TO BRYAN PLAN

Secretary of State Says General Carranza Will Consider Complaints

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—Secretary Bryan announced that he had received assurances from General Carranza that representations on behalf of foreigners in Mexico on the request of representatives of foreign governments accredited to the United States would be given attention.

"It is anticipated that no further question will be raised in this connection," said Bryan.

FOUR KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

Two Others Seriously Hurt at Georgetown, Texas, When Train Hits Car

GEORGETOWN, Tex., April 15.—Four men were killed and two seriously injured when a passenger train crashed into the auto in which they were driving.

MILLIONAIRE WHITE SLAVER

J. Parker Whitney, of San Francisco, Pleads Guilty—Is Fined \$2500

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—J. Parker Whitney, millionaire clubman, pleaded guilty to the charge of white slavery brought against him by Genevieve Hannan and was fined \$2500 in the United States District Court.

WOMAN'S TALK STAYS SLAYER

Awakens to Find Insane Man With Bloody Axe Standing Over—Latter Escapes

MISS HARTY Sanmis awoke this morning to find a man with a bloody axe standing by her bed. She recognized Frank Fowler, a young farm hand, as the slayer of her brother. "I just killed your brother," he said, "and now I am going to kill you."

"I have always been kind to you, Frank," pleaded the woman, "and you have no reason for harming us."

"That's right," answered Fowler, and he walked out of the house, leaving the axe. The woman went upstairs and found her brother's body. The police are now seeking Fowler, who is believed to be insane.

TWO SAILORS TAKEN.

Mexican Officers Arrested Bluejackets Off Small Boat. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—A new fact brought out at the White House conference was that the two American bluejackets arrested at Tampico actually were taken from the Dolphin's boat.

THE KINNEY TERMS ARE FAVORED

North Bend City Council Willing to Accept Back Taxes Without Penalty

E. L. Bryson, attorney for Receiver Virgil E. Watters of the Kinney properties, appeared before the North Bend city council at a meeting last evening and submitted a proposition from the receiver and creditors of the Kinney properties, offering a cash settlement of the taxes which are now some four years delinquent, if the penalty and interest were dropped. The proposition was accepted by the council and will be put before the county court when it meets on April 20. The taxes involve about \$30,000 and the penalty and interest would make the amount total close to \$60,000.

Attorney Bryson outlined the matter briefly, stating the history of the Kinney entanglement and the concessions that were being granted by all parties concerned in the settlement of the Kinney property, pointing to it as one of the greatest hindrances to the development of North Bend and Marshfield. He further stated that there was some question as to the title which the city of North Bend held on the property as being in the city of North Bend, stating that he thought that the election under which the Kinney properties were included in North Bend was irregular, but the position of the receiver was to settle the matter by compromise, stating that if all questionable matters in the Kinney estate were litigated it would take years to settle the matter.

The plan of the receiver is to issue first lien certificates against the properties for the taxes, which will be passed on by the county court and Judge Harris at Eugene, and with the funds derived from these notes, pay the taxes on the Kinney properties.

Fred Hollister said that he could arrange for the disposition of the issue with some outside bank and said that the disposal would not be a hard matter as the receiver's certificates will have priority over other

CLAIMS AGAINST THE KINNEY PROPERTIES.

Mayor Simpson said he thought the council should grant the request of the receiver and help straighten the matter out. Councilman Falkenstein said that he favored the reduction in the disposal of the penalty and interest. The motion was passed by the council, with the exception of Hollister, who did not vote.

Improve Sutherlin. H. Perkins appeared before the council and asked that he be allowed to do his own grading on Sutherlin St. He was informed after much discussion that the city would not prevent him from making his own improvements, but would not authorize him to do so, as he would be laying the city liable if any damages resulted from his improvements.

Bridges and Wharves. The city wharf at North Bend was also ordered repaired in places, and Mayor Simpson was authorized by the council to supervise all necessary repairs which will not exceed \$325.00.

A recommendation was read from City Engineer Andrews in which he advised that the Virginia street bridge should be closed as it was unsafe, some of the piling and stringers having fallen away and decayed. The bridge was ordered closed by the Council.

Claim for Damages. Claiming that the city of North Bend was responsible for the loss of his horse, E. L. Gruber filed a claim for \$100 with the city through his attorney, A. E. Warren, claiming negligence in allowing an open cesspool in the city streets. He was engaged in running a scraper and the horse walked into the cesspool and could not be removed. The matter was referred to City Attorney Derbyshire. He said he thought the city was responsible.

The city recorder was ordered to purchase an adding machine, the price of which will not exceed \$175. for use in his office.

The safe that has been in the city hall will be moved to the Recorder's office also, in order that a place of safe keeping may be made for the docket of city liens.

COXEY'S ARMY IS SMALL ONE

Only Thirty-five Men in First Band of Unemployed to March to Washington

MASSILLON, Ohio, April 15.—The first organized band of "General" Coxe's second army of the commonwealth, marching on Washington, arrived here. There were thirty-five men.

SUE LOCAL COMPANIES

North Bend Lumber Co. and Iroquois Coal Company Attack-d. SALEM, Ore., April 13.—Corporation Commissioner Watson has requested that suits be brought against the following corporations which have not paid their annual license fees, and which will be sued for back license fees. Each is subject to a penalty of \$100: North Bend Lumber Company, North Bend; Iroquois Coal Company, Marshfield.

Times Want ads bring results.

NATION WIDE PROHIBITION

Representative Hobson Says It Would Stop "Debauching Youth" of Country

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—Nation-wide prohibition was urged before the House Judiciary Committee Representative Hobson providing for a constitutional amendment. Hobson said that Congress can give the people of the various states the right to pass on the matter. He said the amendment would prevent the "debauching of youth."

SERVICES AT AUGUSTA.

Georgians Honor Victim of Titanic Disaster Today. AUGUSTA, Ga., April 15.—Simple but impressive exercises attended the dedication of the Butt Memorial Bridge, erected as a tribute to the late Archibald Willingham Butt, aide to former Presidents Roosevelt and Taft, who perished on the Titanic. Taft participated in the services.

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Former Secretary Strauss Appears Before Committee About Exemptions

SAYS ROOSEVELT IS FOR ARBITRATING IT Says That Exemption Would Not Benefit Consumers—About Exemption

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—The repeal of the Panama Canal tolls exemption was supported before the Senate Canals committee by former Secretary of Commerce and Labor Oscar S. Strauss. He discussed the treaty situation, adding that a strong nation could afford to correct mistakes.

Former President Roosevelt, Mr. Strauss said, believed that the exemption of coastwise shipping did not violate the treaty obligations, but thought the question should be submitted to arbitration. Strauss contended that the exemption would not profit the consumers.

Former Secretary Strauss appears before committee about exemptions. Says Roosevelt is for arbitrating it. Says that exemption would not benefit consumers about exemption.

GIVE CARLTON VAIL'S PLACE

Western Union Directors Elect New President of Company Today

NEW YORK, April 15.—The directors of the Western Union elected Newcomb Carlton president in place of Theodore N. Vall.

CHECK RAISER AT COQUILLE

James Osborne, Aged 17, Makes \$3 Read \$30 And Is Caught

COQUILLE, Or., April 15.—James Osborne, aged 17, has been bound over to the grand jury by Justice Stanley on the charge of raising a \$3 check to \$30. The check was issued by A. J. Radbaugh. Osborne says he will be eighteen next week or otherwise his case would have to be handled in Juvenile Court. He got about \$20 worth of goods and \$10 cash when he cashed the check.

Shooting at McKinley. Mark Brown, a young son of Alvin Brown, of McKinley, was badly wounded by Gordon Sheppard while hunting. They went out together, became separated and later Sheppard saw something move and thought it was a deer. He fired and the bullet went through Brown's arm. It is only a flesh wound.

TULSA SCENE OF SHOOTING

STATE MILITIA FIRE OVER RACING HORSES TO STOP RACE TRACK GAMBLING—THREATEN TO KILL HORSES.

TULSA, Okla., April 15.—The state militia, acting under orders from Governor Crace, to prevent gambling at the Tulsa race track, fired a volley over the heads of the riders as they came down the stretch in the first race. No one was injured, but the race was broken up. Adjutant General Canton stated that if another race is attempted, he would order the soldiers to kill the horses on the tracks.

MILLIONAIRE IS BETTER.

Vincent Astor Recovering from Severe Attack of Pneumonia. NEW YORK, April 15.—Vincent threatened with pneumonia, had a restful night and was much improved today, his physicians announced. He is at the country home of his fiancée, Miss Helen Dinsmore Huntington.