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AMERICANS AND FOREIGNERS IN VERA CRUZ ORDERED TO LEAVE

Preliminary Action Taken Today Preparatory to Americans Seizing City.

AMERICANS AND OTHERS REQUESTED TO LEAVE

United States Commander Prepared for Decisive Action—May Come Soon.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
VERA CRUZ, April 20.—Commander Hughes, chief of staff of the Atlantic fleet, called on General Gustavo Maas, commander of the Mexican Federal troops at Vera Cruz, and on the commander of the port and instructed them to order all American vessels out of the harbor. All American and other foreign women have been asked by Consul Canada to take refuge on the vessels now in the harbor, preferably on board the steamer Mexico of the Ward line and the Esperanza, which have been chartered by the United States Navy. Commander Hughes then went on board the Spanish and American warships anchored off this port and informed their commanders of his action. American Consul Canada here is making arrangements to have foreigners in the city taken aboard the merchant vessels should the occasion arise to require it.

REBEL LEADERS WILL AID U. S.

Sec. Bryan Expects Co-operation of Generals Carranza and Villa.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—The attitude of General Carranza and General Villa, Secretary Bryan said, he considered very favorable and he did not expect any complications from that phase of the situation.

REBEL LEADERS CONFER.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
JUAREZ, April 20.—A conference between Carranza and Villa, considered of great moment by the rebels, began at Chihuahua today. It is generally understood among rebel officials that they will take no part in opposing the United States over the Tampico incident unless rebel territory is invaded.

FURNISH FUNDS FOR CAMPAIGN

Senator Chamberlain Introduces Bill Providing \$50,000,000 for War Purposes.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—A bill to appropriate \$50,000,000 to be expended by President Wilson is introduced by Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Military Affairs committee, to which the bill was referred. The Chamberlain resolution provides that the President be authorized to expend in his discretion for national defense and for every other purpose contained therein the sum of fifty million dollars. This sum is identical with the bill passed before the war with Spain.

WILL AID IN MEXICO.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
PORTLAND, Ore., April 20.—Company F, engineer corps, departed from Vancouver barracks for Gilroy, Calif. The order was made before the Mexican situation became acute, but it is expected that the corps will be included in any extensive troop movements.

WILL JOIN FLEET.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
PENSACOLA, Fla., April 20.—Orders were received today directing the flotilla of twenty torpedo boat destroyers here to put to sea this afternoon, meeting Admiral Badger's fleet in the Gulf and accompanying it to Tampico.

AWAIT ORDERS FROM WILSON

Washington All Expectancy This Morning Over Crisis—Congress Ready.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—The Mexican crisis awaited President Wilson's presentation of the situation to Congress. The House and Senate leaders were early at the White House to learn details of the President's plans so they might prepare the necessary resolutions putting Congress squarely behind the President and giving him full authority to act. While the President's plans were not fully disclosed this morning, it was conceded that he would ask Congress to authorize what are known in international law as "measures short of war," which, while not being a declaration of war on the part of the United States might be so construed by Huerta.

Secretary Bryan left an early conference with President Wilson, saying that the situation was unchanged and that nothing but a complete breakdown by Huerta could stop the Washington government's plan of action.

WILSON BACK TO WORK EARLY

President Smiles in Answer to Ovation at Washington Depot This Morning.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—President Wilson returned to the capital at 7:45 o'clock and was driven at once to the White House for a conference with officials and a cabinet meeting. As the President and Mrs. Wilson passed through the station early travelers gave Wilson an enthusiastic demonstration which the President acknowledged with a smile.

TROOPS READY TO SAIL SOUTH

Fifth Brigade, Numbering 2500 Men, Prepared to Start for Vera Cruz.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
HOUSTON, Tex., April 20.—The second division of the United States army, here on a practice march, began today hurried movements back to Texas City and Galveston, on orders received from Washington. The plan is to have the Fifth Brigade, numbering about 2500 men, ready for sailing to Vera Cruz by Tuesday morning in case a troop movement should be ordered.

GENERAL WOOD WILL COMMAND

Secretary Garrison Announces Major General Will Have Charge of U. S. Troops.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—Secretary Garrison announced that in the event of hostilities, Major General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, would command the American forces. The joint Army and Navy Board, headed by Admiral Dewey, held their first session in many months. They discussed plans for the co-operation of the army and navy.

QUIET IN VERA CRUZ.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
VERA CRUZ, April 20.—This city continues very quiet in spite of the situation.

UNITED STATES FORCED TO BEGIN WAR IN OLD MEXICO

President Wilson Delivers Special Message to Joint Session of Congress Explaining Why Decisive Action Must Be Taken There.

SAYS HUERTA HAS SINGLED OUT THE UNITED STATES FOR MANY INDIGNITIES

No Formal Declaration of War, But Action Amounts to the Same Thing Except for Technical Points—Wilson's Speech Lauded by Congress and Action Taken.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—President Wilson late today called a conference with the Secretaries of State, War and Navy for 8 o'clock tonight at the White House. He cancelled a trip to New York tonight to address the annual luncheon of the members of the Associated Press there tomorrow.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—At 3 o'clock sharp this afternoon President Wilson delivered a special message to a joint session of Congress, asking for approval to use the armed forces of the United States in such ways and to such an extent as may be necessary to obtain from General Huerta and his adherents the fullest recognition of the rights and dignity of the United States.

President Wilson finished reading his address at 3:12 and left the chamber amid a roar of applause and cheers.

President Wilson said, in part: "It is my duty to call to your attention a situation which has arisen in our dealings with General Huerta at Mexico City, which calls for action, and to ask your advice and co-operation in acting on it."

President Wilson then retold the story of the arrest of the marines at Vera Cruz and continued:

"Huerta urged that orders had been issued that no one be allowed to land. Our naval commanders should not have been notified of any such prohibition, and even if they had been, the only justifiable course open to the local authorities would have been to request the paymaster and his crew to withdraw and to lodge a protest with the commanding officer and his fleet. Admiral Mayo regarded the arrest as so serious an affront that he was not satisfied with the apologies offered and demanded a salute to the flag. The incident is regarded as a trivial one, but unfortunately it was not an isolated case. A series of incidents have occurred which cannot but create the impression that representatives of Huerta were willing to go out of their way to show a disregard for the dignity and rights of this government and felt perfectly safe in doing what they pleased, making free to show in many ways their contempt."

The President then repeated the story of the arrest of an orderly at Vera Cruz and the holding up of official dispatches.

"I have heard of no complaints of other governments of similar treatment. The manifest danger of such a situation was that such offenses might grow from bad to worse. I therefore felt it my duty to sustain Mayo in his demand for a salute. Such a salute Huerta refused and I come to ask your approval and support in the course I now propose to pursue."

"If an armed conflict," President Wilson concluded, "should unhappily come as a result of his attitude of personal resentment, we should be firing only on Huerta and those who adhere to him, and our object would be only to restore to the people of this distracted republic an opportunity to set up again their own government. I come to ask your approval that I should use armed forces in such ways as are necessary to obtain from Huerta the fullest recognition of the rights and dignity of the United States. There can be in what we do no thought of aggression or selfish aggrandizement."

PRESIDENT WILSON SAYS ONLY ACTION IS TO DEPOSE HUERTA

Announces That United States Is Not for War but Merely to Enable People There to Re-establish Independence.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—The following is a portion of President Wilson's talk to the Washington correspondents on the Mexican situation at the White House: "I want to say to you gentlemen, do not get the impression that there is about to be war between the United States and Mexico. That is not the outlook at present at all. In the first place in no conceivable circumstances will we fight the people of Mexico. We are their friends and want to help them in every way we can to recover their rights and their government and their laws. It is only an issue between this government and a person calling himself the Provisional President of Mexico. I have no enthusiasm for war, but I have enthusiasm for justice and the dignity of the United States."

MEXICO CITY GIVEN WARNING OF IMPENDING WAR TODAY

HUERTA'S LAST ANSWER GIVEN

Says American Boat at Tampico Flew No Flag—Says Sufficient Apology Made.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—Huerta has refused to accept President Wilson's demand for a salute to the American flag. In his refusal late tonight he countered with new conditions. U. S. officials said that these would not be accepted and the program of reprisals would be carried out.

WERE FLYING FLAGS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—In retelling the story of the arrest of the marines at Tampico, President Wilson before Congress today laid stress on the assertion that American flags were flying at both the stern and stem of the boat in which they came ashore.

SEND MORE SHIPS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—The battleships Virginia, Nebraska and Georgia were ordered to sail Friday from Boston to Tampico.

VOLUNTEER BILL PASSED TODAY

Senate Enacts Measure Providing for Taking Militia Into Regular Army.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—The Senate passed the volunteer army bill for taking into the regular service the militia regiments in time of war. The bill had already passed the house.

CHARTER MORE TRANSPORTS.

U. S. Navy Department Gets Leases and Options on Many Vessels.
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—The Navy Department today chartered the Ward liner Mexico, now in Mexican Gulf waters. The War Department took options on several vessels to be used as transports.

CLOSE SCHOOL FOR SMALLPOX

Wife and Three Children of Prof. Hunt Ill at Cooston—Cases in North Bend.

F. A. Golden, school supervisor, went to Cooston today to visit the school there and found it closed. Prof. M. L. Hunt's wife and three children were taken ill with smallpox. Owing to the possibility of the disease being spread, the school will be kept closed for a time. During the past week, smallpox, which was thought to have been practically eradicated, has broken out again and threatens to become bad unless stringent steps are taken to cope with it. So far the only cases reported are at North Bend and Cooston.

DUFFY WINS MARATHON

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
BOSTON, April 20.—James Duffy of Hamilton, Ontario, won the Marathon race here today.

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Concentrate your advertising in the newspaper that reaches the people you want to talk to. Ammunition costs money. The Times saves money to advertisers.

Americans and Others There Surprised by Developments of Last Few Days.

MANY LEAVE AT ONCE FOR COAST POINTS

Others Stay in Huerta Capital—Papers There Uphold Huerta's Stand.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
MEXICO CITY, April 20.—News of the diplomatic deadlock on the Tampico incident and the resultant action by the United States, when published in the morning papers, came as a distinct surprise to the Americans here, as nothing heretofore has been printed. The newspapers devoted themselves to a brief comment on the statement given out by Foreign Minister Rojas, devoting themselves to expressions of approval of the attitude of Huerta. El Imparcial says: "A people, like a man, should prefer death to dishonor." Many Americans are hurrying to the coast from the capital. Some, however, say they will remain, believing that they will not be interested.

TROOPS GET READY

Orders Issued for Oregon Soldiers to be Prepared.

FORT STEVENS, Ore., April 20.

Orders were issued here today for all coast defense commands to prepare for possible orders to leave at once for Mexico.

TALK OF PORT BOND ISSUES

More Money Needed to Finish Channel to Bar—Want Port to Own Dredge.

There is talk of an effort being made to float another Port of Coos Bay bond issue to complete the project of deepening and widening the channel to the bar. Nothing definite has been done so far except some talk of the matter.

The amount needed for completing the channel project is not exactly known but it is pointed out that many other harbor improvements that should be made are now needed and if a bond issue is to be floated, it should be adequate for all purposes.

There has been considerable discussion about the matter and many have expressed themselves against another bond issue except that it be for building a dredge to be owned and operated by the Port of Coos Bay. Judging from current talk, there is a very strong feeling that the port should have its own dredge.

S. H. Hedges of the Puget Sound Bridge and Dredge Company arrived here overland last night to look after matters. He said that he was very well pleased with the work that the Seattle had done here and that it had done better than they had anticipated.

He stated that the dredge had its best months and that it probably would not again anywhere near equal the work done last month.

He estimated that there was sufficient of the bond funds left to operate the dredge two months or so yet.

UNION LABOR BATTLE BEGUN

Colorado Militiamen Trying to Oust 300 Strikers Near Hastings Today.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
DENVER, Colo., April 20.—Reports have been received at the office of Adjutant General Chase stating that a sharp battle is in progress in the hills between Berwind and Hastings. The encounter was the result of the attempt of forty-five militiamen to drive out the 300 strikers gathered in the hills.