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UNITED STATES TROOPS TODAY COMPLETELY OCCUPY VERA CRUZ

Consul Canada Wires That Americans Control Mexican Seaport.
NO NON-COMBATANTS WOUNDED IN CAPTURE
Over 2500 Additional Marines Sent Ashore—Mexicans Lead Attacks.
TO TAKE ONLY VERA CRUZ NOW

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Secretary Daniels said today that no orders had been given to seize Tampico and that Admiral Badger's instructions were not sufficiently broad to take the customs house there unless an emergency arose.
It became apparent in the White House conference that the United States will sit tight at Vera Cruz and no further steps will be taken at this time.

FACTS ABOUT VERA CRUZ.
Population, about 35,000
193 miles east of capital of Mexico.
Has splendid harbor.
Has finest hospital in Mexico.
Location is unhealthy.
Is known as the "City of the Dead."

FIRING CEASES
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—The White House gave out the following: "Dispatches from Vera Cruz at 1:10 announced that the American forces are in complete possession of that city, that these apparently were no fatalities among American and foreign non-combatants and firings had ceased except for an occasional picket shot."

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—The American forces are in complete control of Vera Cruz. No non-combatants were injured in the fighting. This word was received in a dispatch from Consul Canada this afternoon.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—American operations in Mexico at Vera Cruz took on a renewed aspect when Admiral Badger landed his marines and proceeded to take the entire city.

VERA CRUZ, April 22.—At a conference on board the battleship Arkansas, Badger and Fletcher this morning decided on a complete investment of Vera Cruz. Badger organized a landing force of 2700 marines and bluejackets and before break all these had been sent ashore.

The street lighting system failed last night. Much of the fighting was at long range and no attempt was made to approach the center of the city where some determined Mexicans still occupied positions. At dawn several bodies were in the streets beyond the American lines.
The efforts of Fletcher last night to find some one who exercised authority over the Mexicans and to suggest that he call off his men in the interests of humanity were unsuccessful. The rear admiral hesitated to open fire with shells on the city, at the presence of riflemen hidden behind the copings of the flat roofed buildings, which formed capital shelter for the sharpshooters, made the use of artillery almost imperative to prevent sacrificing the lives of our Americans.
Of the twenty-one Americans who were wounded yesterday, four are seriously hurt.

General Maas, commander of thearrison at Vera Cruz, left the city in a carriage at noon yesterday, half an hour after the first boat load of marines landed. He has not been seen nor heard from since.
It is stated that the Mexican troops were turned loose as soon as was seen that the Americans were about to land and were told to act as they saw fit. Some of the Mexican troops obtained a considerable supply of intoxicants by looting the stores and as a result many of them were in a condition that made them equally dangerous to natives and foreigners.
Colonel Cerrillo was one of the few officers who remained with the Mexican troops. He was wounded in the arm early in the fighting.
The Mexican troops had one 75 millimeter gun which they placed in position at the corner of Esteban

TROOPS REACH CITY CENTER

Consul Canada Wires Last Report from Vera Cruz—Many Refugees Arrive.

SEND MORE SHIPS TO MEXICAN COAST
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Secretary Daniels late today decided to reinforce the fleet on the Gulf of Mexico by sending two additional battleships from the Atlantic reserve fleet. The names will be decided tonight.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—The following was received from Consul Canada at noon: "Have sent messengers to all hotel keepers to re-open their establishments which will be given full protection. The custom houses and warehouses were on fire, but now the blaze is extinguished. Two sections of a train carrying American refugees from Mexico City arrived before the fighting commenced yesterday. A third section is on the way, but has not been heard from. Our forces are now well in the center of the city."
Morales and Main streets.

For the present, it was declared on high authority that the forces at Vera Cruz will hold the city to convince Huerta that this government means business and no action will be taken at Tampico unless there are retaliatory actions on the part of Huerta.
No advancement further than Vera Cruz on the part of the United States forces, it was made plain, would be undertaken unless some overt act on the part of Huerta and his followers precipitated further trouble.

FEW SHOTS FIRED
VERA CRUZ, April 22.—There was only desultory firing during the night. Occasional shots were fired from roofs of houses in the outskirts of the city, but no further casualties were reported.

150 MEXICANS KILLED
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Consul Canada reported to the State Department that there were 150 Mexicans killed and wounded yesterday at Vera Cruz.

BEGAN EARLY ADVANCE
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—American forces commenced an advance to take the entire city at eight o'clock under the guns of war vessels, according to a report from Consul Canada.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF CAPTURE OF VERA CRUZ
April 21.—The first blood of the Mexican war has been spilled. Sec. Daniels made public the following message received from Rear Admiral Fletcher at six p. m.
"Tuesday in face of the approaching Norther, landed marines and sailors from the battleships Utah, Florida and Prairie and seized the customs house.
"Mexican forces did not oppose the landing, but opened fire with rifle and artillery after our seizure of the customs house. The Prairie shelling Mexicans of their positions. Desultory firing from house to house, and streets. Hold customs house and section of the city in the vicinity of the wharves and consulate.
"Casualties, four dead and twenty wounded."

NO PLANS FOR MEXICO MARCH

Leader Underwood Says Wilson Has Not Prepared for Land Attack in Mexico.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Majority Leader Underwood announced he did not expect the House to act on any bill appropriating money for war purposes in Mexico at present. "We have plenty of money now, unless the President expects to march to Mexico City. As far as I know the President has no such intention."

CONGRESS PASSES RESOLUTION TO SUSTAIN PRESIDENT WILSON

Senate Remained in Session Until 3 O'clock This Morning—House Unanimous for Mexican Action.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Speaker Clark signed the joint resolution justifying the President to use armed forces in Mexico at 12:03.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—President Wilson signed the resolution at 2:05. Only his family were present.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—The Senate at 3:21 o'clock this morning by a vote of 72 to 13 adopted the "administration" resolution declaring that "the President is justified in the employment of an armed force of the United States to

enforce his demand for unequivocal amends for the affronts and indignities committed against the United States in Mexico." All the negative votes were cast by the Republicans.
The Senate by a vote of 47 to 35 rejected the substitute resolution proposed by Senator Lodge.

House Acts Quickly.
The House concurred in the substitute resolution justifying the President in the use of an armed force in Mexico. There was no debate and the viva voce vote was almost unanimous.

The House recessed at 10:30 until noon to allow time for the engrossment of the resolution. It will be signed at that time by Speaker Clark and go immediately to the White House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Senator Clark, president of the protem part of Senate, signed the resolution after it had been engrossed and it was sent to the White House for the President's approval.

HUERTA MAN TO LEAVE U. S.

Minister Algara Reported to Be Packing His Goods at Washington Today.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Empty dry goods boxes were delivered at the Mexican embassy shortly before noon, but despite these apparent preparations for departure, Minister Algara stated he had not yet received an order to ask for his passports.

TO BRING DEAD HOME QUICKLY

Navy Department Will Have Bodies Brought Home for Burial in United States.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—The Navy Department is arranging to bring to the United States the bodies of the sailors and marines killed at Vera Cruz and either forward them to relatives or make final interment in the National Cemetery. All expenses will be borne by the United States.

CAPT. DOLLAR WANTS HONOR

Plans to Send First Merchant Vessel with Lumber Through the Panama Canal.

Coo's County may send part or all of the first cargo of lumber through the Panama Canal. Captain Robert Dollar, now in charge of the operations of the Johnson lumber mills on the Coquille, is arranging to have the honor of sending the first merchant vessel through the big canal.
On arrival from the Asiatic coast next month the Robert Dollar, named in honor of Capt. Robert Dollar will take on the first cargo of a shipment of 25,000,000 feet of lumber to Atlantic ports by way of the Panama Canal. The initial cargo will be 5,000,000 feet.

MEXICAN LEADERS ANGRY
VERA CRUZ, April 21.—Rear Admiral Fletcher landed marines from warships at Vera Cruz. There was fighting and Consul Canada called upon General Maas and the Mayor to assist Americans in restoring and maintaining order. Maas refused. None of the American refugees were injured. Those killed were a coxswain, Corporal and two privates.

MORE SHIPS THERE.
Battleship Minnesota and Transport Hancock Now at Vera Cruz.
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Admiral Badger has reported the arrival at Vera Cruz of the battleship Minnesota and the naval transport Hancock with marines from New Orleans. These ships had stopped at Tampico and were ordered to proceed to Vera Cruz.

GENERAL WOOD READY TO GO

Relieved Today by Major General Witherspoon So He Can Go to Front.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Major General William W. Witherspoon assumed his duties as chief of staff of the army, succeeding Major General Wood. Wood has been selected to be commander-in-chief of the army in the event it is sent to Mexico.

WILSON SORRY ABOUT DEATHS

President Deeply Regrets Loss of Life in Taking of Vera Cruz.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—"I'm sorry, terribly sorry," were President Wilson's first words when the news of the loss of life in taking Vera Cruz reached him. Today the President was sad and disheartened. As he walked slowly to his office through the White House his head was bowed and his face a study in deep feeling and gravity.

BADGER PLANS FLEET MOVES

American Naval Commander Sends Torpedo Flotilla to Tampico Today.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Rear Admiral Badger reported to the Navy Department that he had ordered the torpedo flotilla from Vera Cruz to Tampico to reinforce the Des Moines in that port, which was left alone when the other vessels were withdrawn to Vera Cruz.

GERMAN SHIP IS SENT BACK

United States Decides to Return Huerta's Ammunition To Manufacturers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Disposition of guns and ammunition in cargo of the German vessel Ypiranga, which was held at Vera Cruz when Fletcher took the port, was arranged for at a conference between Bryan and the German Ambassador. The vessel will return the cargo to former owners in Germany, although Huerta paid in advance for the ammunition.

MEXICAN FEDERALS VACATE TOWNS ALONG UNITED STATES BORDER

WORRIED ABOUT O'SHAUGHNESSY

NO Word Received at Washington from U. S. Representative Since Monday.

O'SHAUGHNESSY SAFE
GALVESTON, April 22.—Communication was established late this afternoon with Mexico City. Charge O'Shaughnessy is safe and the city is quiet. A train leaves this afternoon for Vera Cruz with foreigners and will be escorted by Federals.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Secretary Bryan, going to the White House at 1:15, said he had received no word from Charge O'Shaughnessy since Monday. He was worried.

MEXICO CITY CUT OFF
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Consul Canada this afternoon reported that so far he has been unable to establish communication with American embassy at Mexico City. He said a house to house search was being made through Vera Cruz and many arrests of armed Mexicans are being made.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Huerta has requested the United States to withdraw Charge O'Shaughnessy from Mexico City. This is stated on good authority, although it is not official.

RUMOR BRYAN IS TO QUIT

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Secretary Tumulty denied emphatically today as wholly unfounded the reports that any member of the cabinet contemplates resigning. The statement was issued in connection with the report that Bryan was about to resign.

MORE KILLED IN COLORADO

Five More Reported Shot in Labor Troubles Near Trinidad—Details Lacking.

TRINIDAD, Colo., April 22.—A report at the office of the Victor American Fuel Company from Supt. Snodgrass said that two men had been killed early today in Delagua camp and that three guards were reported killed in the hills above the canyon. The firing ceased at 8:15. Snodgrass reported that the state troops who came from Ludlow and Hastings in steel cars took to the hills and fired several volleys. No information is available as to the casualties among the attackers. According to the mine company representatives the attacking party appeared in the hills north of camp. Several of those in the Ludlow battle were brought to Trinidad today. Eleven more are dead, two women and nine children, having been located.

Mine on Fire
TRINIDAD, April 22.—The tippie of the Empire mine has been set on fire and strikers captured the Southwestern mine. It was reported that President Sipple of the mine and his wife and five miners with their families had taken refuge in the Southwestern mine. All saloons in Trinidad were closed today.

UP IN CONGRESS
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Labor troubles in the coal fields of Southern Colorado and the clash between strikers and militia at Ludlow called forth comment in both houses of Congress today. Senator Thomas on the floor of the Senate, announced that Governor Ammons, who is now in Washington, would start for Denver today to take charge of the situation.

Troops Leave Piedras Negras and Will Concentrate at Saltillo.

FEAR INVASION BY AMERICAN TROOPS

Recruiting Offices Are Opened Wild Scenes Follow Fall of Vera Cruz.

EAGLE PASS, April 22.—Piedras Negras, opposite here, was evacuated by the Federal garrison today after a night of wild excitement. This morning over 2000 refugees came to the American side for protection. General Guajardo's forces are now camped at Fuentes, three miles south of Piedras Negras, awaiting trains to transport them to Saltillo.
All the Federal forces have been ordered by General Maas to concentrate at Saltillo "to repel the American invasion." Last night when the people of Piedras Negras learned that the Americans had occupied Vera Cruz a dozen recruiting offices were opened and arms issued to volunteer companies. Over 1200 volunteers, it was said, enlisted.

SCARED ALONG BORDER.
Many Small Towns Ask for Protection Against Marauders.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—The War Department received hundreds of requests today from small towns along the border where no troops are stationed asking for protection from attacks which they feared might result from the spread of the news that Vera Cruz had been captured. It was said, however, that no orders were issued.

RED CROSS READY.
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—A meeting of the executive committee of the American Red Cross will be held here late today for the purpose of preparing for emergencies.

ARMED FORCE NOW IN MEXICO

Strength of Huerta Problematical—U. S. Has Big Force There.

The fighting strength of Mexico is uncertain, being badly demoralized by the numerous revolutions during the last few years. According to the last estimate prior to the present revolution, its standing army was said to be 31,000 with 80,000 in the reserves. Its navy is poor, its ships being old vessels, some being bought off from other nations that had cast them off. It has five first class cruisers and two destroyers with 1200 men. The Mexican army uses the mauser rifle and the U. S. the modern Springfield.

U. S. Force There.
Officials of the Navy Department said there were now in Mexican waters or enroute by east and west coast 17,950 sailors, 3970 marines and 855 officers. Of this number 14,170 sail on, 2990 marines and 700 officers are in the Gulf of Mexico, while off Pacific Mexican ports or enroute there are 3530 sailors, 980 marines and 140 officers. The United States also has a large force along the Mexican line. The force includes:
At Vera Cruz—Two battleships, 1820 sailors, 120 marines; Prairie 260 sailors, 500 marines.
At Tampico—Two battleships, 1820 sailors, 120 marines; Des Moines, 240 sailors; Chester, 300 sailors, 200 marines; Delphin, 180 sailors; San Francisco, 400 sailors; Solace (hospital ship); Hancock (transport) 950 marines.

With Admiral Badger which arrived last night eight battleships, 7280 sailors, 500 marines; Tacoma, 240 sailors; Nashville, 180 sailors.
Enroute from Pensacola to Tampico—Birmingham, 300 sailors; Dixie repair ship; 14 destroyers, 1150 sailors; Dixie will carry two hydro-aeroplanes with extra motors and pontoons.
Battleship Mississippi at Pensacola awaiting orders will carry 500 marines.

On Mexican Pacific coast—Raleigh, 350 sailors; New Orleans, 350 sailors; Annapolis, 150 sailors; York town, 180 sailors; California, 900 sailors, 60 marines; supply ship Glacier.
Enroute to Mexican Pacific Coast—Battleship South Dakota and Collier Jupiter, 800 marines; Cleveland, 350 sailors; Chattanooga, 350 sailors; Maryland, 900 sailors, 60 marines.

At San Diego—Five destroyers, 250 sailors and 15 officers.