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## AMERICAN TROOPS LAND AT VERA CRUZ

### SENATE DELAYS ACTION WHILE SUPPLIES COME

While Opponents of President Wilson in Congress Quibble Over Words Huerta Gets Krupp Guns.

### AMMUNITION LANDED BY GERMANS AT VERA CRUZ

Two Hundred Rapidfire Guns, 2,000,000 Rounds Shot Are Received.

Washington, April 21.—While the senate held up the resolution supporting his policy in Mexico, President Wilson fumed with impatience today. His impatience was natural. Either already in the custom house at Vera Cruz or about to be unloaded there, he had learned, were 200 Krupp machine guns of the latest model and 2,000,000 rounds of ammunition ordered in Germany by President Huerta for the special purpose of defending the Vera Cruz-Mexico City railroad.

To gain control of this railroad will be one of the United States forces' first tasks in Mexico. Unless they presently seize the German arms and ammunition shipment it is certain that it will be used against themselves.

Needs Congress' Sanction. Yet the president hesitated at ordering the seizure without congressional approval of his course. In fact, assuming the shipment to be still on board a German ship, a seizure was out of the question under international law without the presidential declaration of a blockade and, again, the executive wanted the lawmakers to sanction him before he declared a blockade.

There were rumors, indeed, that Admiral Fletcher actually had made the seizure, but of this there was no confirmation and in official circles the reports were not believed.

The resolution of approval of the president's course had already been so amended in the senate as to make it appear that the administration's quarrel is with the Huerta government rather than with Huerta himself. In this form it was expected it would be adopted, but it will be necessary for it to go back to the house.

Reference to Huerta Delays. In addressing congress somewhat as if the Mexican dispute were a personal one between himself and President Huerta it was the prototypical opinion that President Wilson made a mistake, and that this was what had caused the delay.

The view grew more general as the day advanced, that the army would campaign in a Mexican campaign, though President Wilson's said it would not. The war department had received word from every state that the militia establishment was ready to take the field.

Not only was there every prospect that Vera Cruz and Tampico would soon be occupied by forces of United States marines, but the ports of the coast towns were about to be seized, and troops, it was said, would shortly take possession of points along the border.

American refugees were pouring into Vera Cruz from Mexico City. President Huerta announced he would protect them, but there was much fear for their safety, nevertheless. Even for those in the northern territory, under rebel control, there was considerable anxiety.

### AMERICANS IN DANGER ON MEXICAN BORDER, PROTECTION IS ASKED

Telegrams Received by Secretary Garrison From Two Towns Ask for Troops.

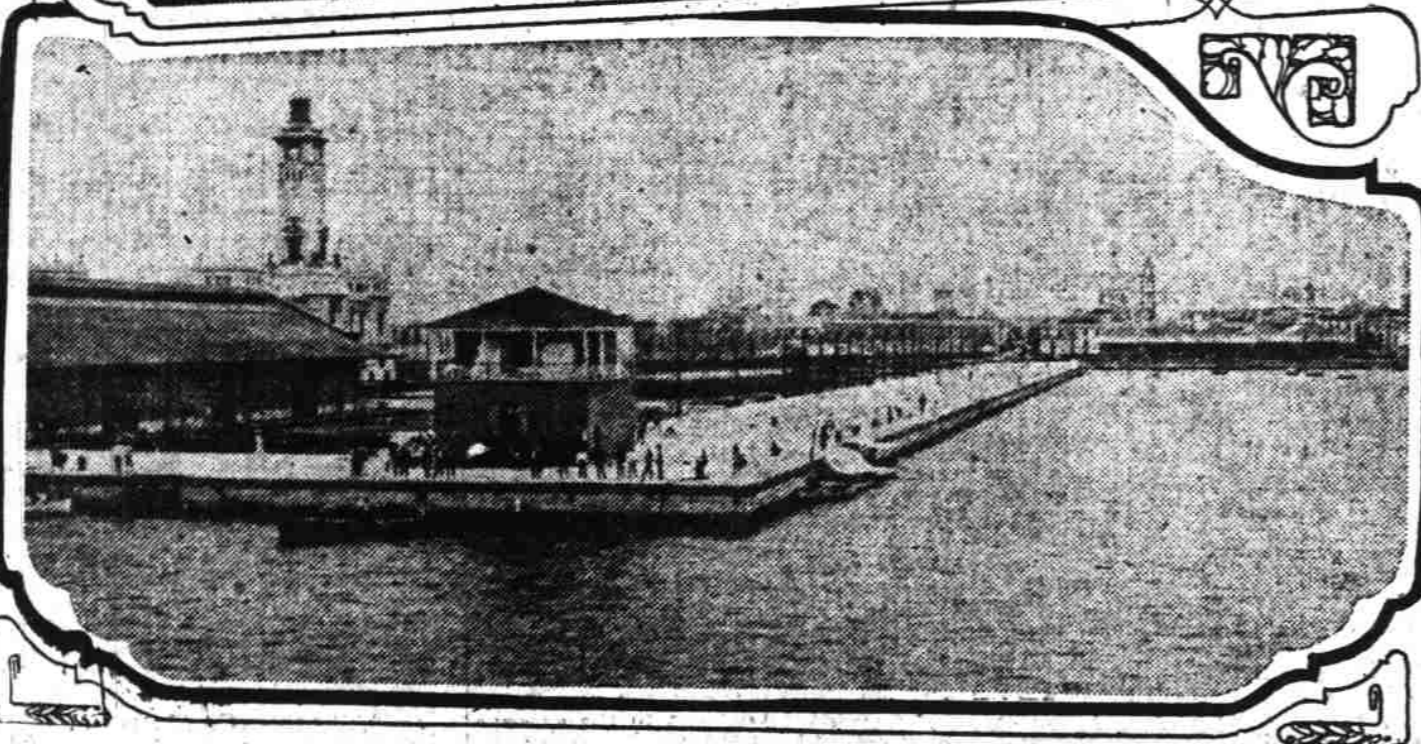
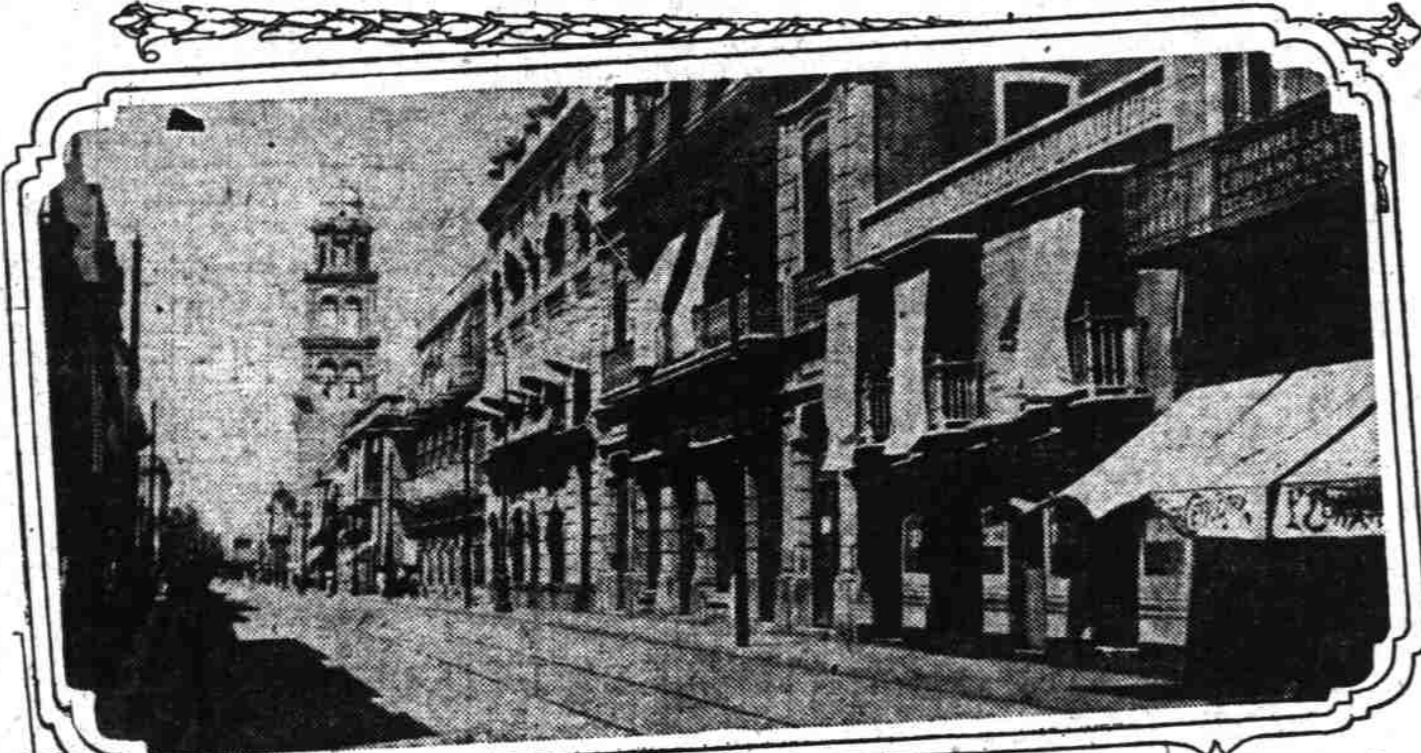
Washington, April 21.—Fears were expressed in official circles today that inhabitants of American towns on the Mexican border were in danger. Secretary of War Garrison admitted that from two towns telegrams had been received saying murder and rapine were apprehended. General Bliss was instructed to furnish military protection if necessary.

Calixco Fears Mexicans. Calixco, Cal., April 21.—Residents of Calixco are waiting feverishly today for the arrival from Monterey, Cal., of a troop of cavalry.

At Mexicali, opposite this border point, 350 Mexican regulars are encamped. Calixco is unprotected, and in the event of drastic action by congress in the Mexican situation it is feared here that the Mexicans will raid this town.

Ranchers from the vicinity of Shapers Heading, where headgates are located that control the water supply for 300,000 acres of land and thousands of ranches, reported that Mexican troops are encamped close by. The destruction of the headgates would cause a loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

### VIEWS OF THE MEXICAN SEAPORT CITY OF VERA CRUZ



Top—Independencia avenue. Bottom—Landing pier, Port of Vera Cruz.

### GUARD OFFICERS LAY PLANS TO GET MEN IN FIELD PROMPTLY

Gen. Finzer Visits Salem for Consultation With Government; Companies Recruited.

Believing that the war department may at any moment order the Oregon National Guard into active service in Mexico, Adjutant General W. E. Finzer and Colonel C. H. Martin, commander of the Third Infantry, O. N. G., hurried to Salem this morning where they conferred with Governor West in connection with preparations for getting the militiamen into the field at the earliest possible moment in case the expected orders are received.

Colonel Martin said he looks for instructions any time. A quiet order has been issued to the various companies of the infantry to recruit to full war strength, which is 108 men to the company. At the present the Third Infantry numbers 320 men and officers, but when recruited to full strength, it will total approximately 1500 men and officers.

New Volunteer Law Pleases. Both Colonel Martin and General Finzer were high in their praise of the new volunteer law passed by congress last night. They said the measure takes the army out of politics and makes it possible to standardize the various state military organizations.

Under the new law, they said, the militia can go into active service with the same officers and organization as exist at the time an order comes. Hereafter, militia officers had no assurance that they would be retained as officers when their regiments were called into active service.

General Finzer stated that the visit to the capitol this morning was only for the purpose of holding a general conference of the situation with the governor and he denied that any secret orders to prepare for mobilization had been received.

Although it is confidently expected that the guard will be called out, the ordinary routine of the National Guard officers had not been interrupted.

Prepare for Encampment. Yesterday General Finzer, accompanied by Adjutant General L. B. Patch of the Idaho National Guard, Colonel Martin, Captain McLoughlin, U. S. A., inspector and instructor of the guard, and W. E. Skinner, traffic manager of the S. P. & S., paid a visit to the west end of Clatsop county looking for a site for the annual encampment of the Oregon and Idaho national guardsmen.

If the present plans materialize the encampment will be held in July, and will continue for about three weeks. The officers said that the encampment probably would be held at some point on the beach. It is planned that approximately 3000 troops participate in the encampment, including the guardsmen, a regiment of U. S. regulars from Vancouver barracks, a cavalry troop, the ambulance corps and a company of field artillery.

The guardsmen would make the trip by train from Portland and the regulars would march from the barracks via Necanicum valley.

### WRANGLING CONTINUES IN SENATE OVER WAY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PRESIDENT TO USE FORCE SHALL BE WORDED; HASTE IS OPPOSED

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge Opens the Debate, Saying It Would Have Been Unwise for Wilson to Have Gone Ahead on His Own Initiative in Mexican Matter.

Washington, April 21.—The debate in the senate today on the resolution empowering President Wilson to use the armed forces of the United States against General Huerta was opened by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge. He defined the powers of the president and congress, adding:

"In a situation of the highest seriousness, such as now confronts congress, it is well to remember that the responsibility of the senate is greater than that of any other branch of the government. When the president lays before congress a controversy with a foreign nation and comes to the branch of the government in whose hands rests peace or war, he comes to us. I think he has a right to do so. With congress in session it would have been unwise for him to proceed further than he already has gone without the sanction of congress."

Refer to Spanish War. Lodge asserted that it took congress longer to pass the Spanish war declaration than was planned in the case of the present resolution. Senator La Follette asserted that the question of declaring war with Spain was debated seven days before the resolution was finally passed. He said practically the entire force of Democrats fought against the resolution declaring war with Spain.

"Whether the word 'authorized' or 'justified' is used, the result is the same," continued Senator Lodge. "I take it that there will be no declaration of war. We recognize no government in Mexico against which to declare war."

"The resolution," said Lodge, "does not carry any war declaration, but it does provide for intervention in force. The consequences would be precisely the same. Passage of the resolution would bring heavy loss of life, a long period during which Mexico would have to be policed by this government, and vast expense."

"The events at Tampico," added Lodge, "undoubtedly constituted insults to the American flag and uniform. No nation desiring to retain its self respect can suffer such an insult to pass unnoticed. It is our duty to seek vengeance in seeking vengeance, party lines will vanish and we will stand behind the president."

"But what about those who have perished in Mexico and whose deaths have gone unnoticed? I cannot consent, in this crisis, to pass silently by the wrongs done these."

Lodge announced that he would support the American flag and uniform. He said himself that he believed he could accomplish it, and no doubt existed that he is the dictator's closest personal friend and most trusted adviser.

Government officials here said they did not see how Huerta could yield now, however, without causing a popular uprising.

Recruiting Office Having Busy Day. War News Has Enlivening Effect on Enlisting Business; Ex-Soldiers Making Inquiries.

The war news has had an enlivening effect on the enlisting business in the United States marine corps. This morning at the office at Third and Alder streets, headquarters for the states of Oregon and Washington, five men applied and three were accepted. Putting these men through the tests kept the recruiting force busy most of the morning. The day's business was the largest the office has experienced in a long time.

According to army recruiting officers, many men who were formerly members of the regular army are asking if they can join the regulars with a chance of getting out of the service after the war is over.

They are being informed of the army regulation made during the Spanish war and still supposedly in force, to the effect that men who enter the army during and just previous to the war for active service may be mustered out of service immediately after the conflict is over. More than half of the regular army during the Spanish-American war were mustered out in this way, local ex-war regulars say.

### GARDEN TO ASK HUERTA TO LET PEACE PREVAIL

British Minister to Mexico and Closest Friend of Mexican Dictator Will Try to Avoid War With U. S.

### BELIEVES HIS MISSION CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED

Americans in Mexico City Are Promised Protection by Huerta.

Mexico City, April 21.—Americans here were anxiously awaiting today news from Washington regarding the action taken by congress in response to President Wilson's message. It was generally believed that congress would invest President Wilson with full authority to act.

The diplomatic corps, except American Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy, conferred here last night with Foreign Minister Portillo Y. Rojas. President Huerta was not present.

Sir Lionel Carden, recently appointed British minister at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was expected to reach Mexico City during the day. Diplomats hoped he would persuade Huerta to yield to the United States, but there is very little chance of him receding from his present belligerent stand.

President Huerta has assured the American transportation committee that if war came he will give Americans here all possible aid.

Carden in New Role. Washington, April 21.—Sir Lionel Carden, Great Britain's ex-minister to Mexico, was figuring today in an entirely new role.

Throughout all the long period of strained relations between the United States and Mexico, Sir Lionel Carden was considered one of the most dangerous intriguers in Mexico City against President Wilson's policy.

In fact, it was generally understood it was because his activities threatened ill feeling between the United States and England that he was transferred to Rio de Janeiro while in London recently.

Yet, stopping off at Vera Cruz, on his way to his new post, he was on his way to Mexico City today to urge President Huerta to salute the American flag. He said himself that he believed he could accomplish it, and no doubt existed that he is the dictator's closest personal friend and most trusted adviser.

Government officials here said they did not see how Huerta could yield now, however, without causing a popular uprising.

### Missionary Killed By Lion in Africa

Khartoum, Egyptian Sudan, April 21.—The Rev. W. T. Tidrick, of the American Presbyterian Mission in the Sudan, died here today from wounds inflicted on him by a lion.

### FLETCHER IS ORDERED TO SEE THAT ARMS DO NOT REACH HUERTA

Delicate Task Assigned Admiral at Vera Cruz; Must Use His Discretion.

### Congress Delays Action.

From a source close to the president this expression was secured:

"Because congress has not acted, the president has been unable to enforce a blockade. Therefore, Admiral Fletcher must act on his own initiative. If it is true, as we believe, that the German shipment of arms on its way to General Huerta has not yet reached Vera Cruz, Fletcher will not be compelled to act at all."

"If, however, the shipment has arrived, Fletcher must decide for himself when it will be necessary for him to occupy the Vera Cruz custom house to prevent the arms and ammunition from passing inland."

"Fletcher has been instructed not to seize Vera Cruz or the custom house, but to prevent arms and ammunition from reaching Huerta. To accomplish this it may be necessary for him to seize the custom house."

The board of strategy assured the president that if more arms reach Mexico City, the United States troops in work will be rendered infinitely more difficult. Fletcher, accordingly, has been made responsible for preventing arms from reaching Huerta.

Can Seize From Custom House. The American commander cannot act, the blockade not yet being in force, until the shipment is unloaded. To seize it from a German ship at an unblockaded port would be contrary to international law.

He can seize it from the custom house, however, or he can seize the boat in which Admiral Paymaster Kopp and his men went ashore from the United States gunboat Dolphin at the time of their arrest in Tampico.

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At the navy department it was not denied that this attitude was galling officialdom greatly.

### Suggestion of Lie Angers Naval Men

Washington, April 21.—Navy officials were in savage humor today over the repeated assertions from Mexico City that no flag was flying over the boat in which Admiral Paymaster Kopp and his men went ashore from the United States gunboat Dolphin at the time of their arrest in Tampico.

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### BLOCKADE TO BE ORDERED BY U. S. OF VERA CRUZ; MARINES TO HEAD OFF ARMS FOR HUERTA

Foreign Representatives to Be Notified of Intention of U. S. to Begin Blockade of Vera Cruz; Additional Warships, Marines and Regular Troops Are Being Hurried to Increase American Forces There and Tampico.

### SHIPMENT OF RAPIDFIRE GUNS FOR FEDERALS LEADS TO DRASTIC ACTION BY FLETCHER'S ORDER

All Foreigners as Well as Americans Are Advised to Quit Mexico City by Secretary Bryan in Conference With European Representatives.

Washington, April 21.—Senator Shively announced to the upper house of congress this afternoon that American troops had occupied Vera Cruz without firing a shot. He said he did not speak with entire positiveness, but that such was his information.

Congressmen's delay in adopting the resolution approving the chief executive's Mexican course upset this plan, however. The resolution was under consideration in the senate, no blockade was in effect and the arms and ammunition were expected momentarily.

International law did not permit their seizure from the German ship which brought them until a blockade was established.

Two Courses Open. In this situation two courses were open. Admiral Fletcher might seize the custom house, so that when the shipment was landed he would receive it, or he might wait until it was landed and then seize it and the custom house.

It was evident that he must act on his own initiative. Accordingly a wireless message was flashed to him to the general effect:

"Use your own judgment." It seemed clear that the admiral's judgment dictated an immediate landing.

Blockade Is Ordered. From a high administration source it was learned that Secretary Bryan expected to notify the powers in the course of the afternoon that, at the end of the 24 hour period following his notification, a blockade would be put in effect.

As early as could be ascertained the intention was to serve this notice whether or not congress had in the meantime endorsed the president's policy. For the declaration of a blockade and such other steps as he desires to take.

Admiral Badger Expects to Reach Mexican Port by 8 o'Clock Tomorrow Morning.

### BATTLESHIP FLEET IS INCREASING SPEED TO REACH TAMPICO SOON

On Board the Battleship Arkansas, by Wireless, April 21.—Admiral Badger said today he expected the Arkansas leading his battleship squadron, to reach Tampico at 8 a. m. Wednesday. The squadron was increasing its speed. Drilling and rifle practice were going on steadily.

### FIFTH BRIGADE TO GO TO TAMPICO AT ONCE; FUNSTON COMMANDS

Troops at Galveston Ordered Transported to Mexico Immediately; Others on Way.

Houston, Texas, April 21.—General Funston, commanding at Texas City, was ordered today to embark the fifth brigade immediately from Galveston for Tampico. The brigade includes the Fourth, Seventeenth and Nineteenth regiments. Other forces ordered to embark were the Sixth cavalry, Third field artillery, Company D of the signal corps, the Second battalion of engineers except Company F and ambulance company No. 3. Funston recommended that the aviation squadron at San Diego be brought immediately to Texas City.

Transports Need Men. Galveston, Texas, April 21.—Three hundred cooks and waiters were sought today for transports, for immediate service. Marine engineers also were in demand.

### MOTORCYCLES

With summer and good weather close at hand many people are thinking of buying motorcycles. If you are one of them you will do well to look over this list:

- 1913 7 Excelsior..... \$150.00
- Thor, 3 1/2 h. p..... 80.00
- 3 Thor, 4 machines, each..... 85.00
- 1913 R. S. Twin, fully equipped..... 120.00
- 1913 Yale, equipped..... 100.00
- 1913 Harley-Davidson, tandem..... 125.00
- 4 h. p. Indian..... 90.00
- 4 h. p. Twin Thor, new tires..... 75.00
- Harley-Davidson, single belt drive..... 75.00
- 1913 Harley-Davidson..... 125.00
- Twin Excelsior, tandem..... 125.00
- 1910 Harley-Davidson..... 42.50
- Twin Excelsior, fully equipped..... 125.00

These are a few of the items which appeared in the Motorcycle column in yesterday's (Sunday's) Journal Want Ads. If you intend to buy a motorcycle you had better read the rest of the list.

