

MAAS THREATENS TO RETURN AND ATTEMPT TO REGAIN VERA CRUZ

He and His Forces Are 15 Miles Inland; Americans Sleep on Battleships.

PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN

Admiral Fletcher's Orders Come as Surprise, City Having Almost Resumed Normal Activities.

By Bernard Rucker.

Vera Cruz, Mexico, April 24.—General Maas was threatening to attack Vera Cruz today.

Maas was in military command here when the American forces landed. He and his family left at once by rail and his men followed him after last Tuesday's short flight.

Fifteen miles inland they camped and Maas resumed command. Since then he has been reinforced and today it is reported that he is in command of an army of about 1800 men. It was expected the aeroplane brought on the battleship Mississippi would be used to secure information concerning his operations.

Major Butler and Captain Rush, who are in direct charge of the military forces here were taking all needed precautions to give the city a warm reception if they attempt to recapture the city. Admiral Fletcher also advised Americans here to leave the hotels and spend their nights on board ship in the harbor.

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The American officers have commandeered all automobiles in the city to move the marines about. Surgeons on the hospital ship Solace said they thought none of the wounded would die and that only three of them were seriously hurt.

The dent had been embarked and will be sent north shortly.

Recruiting Station Here Is Inspected

Lieutenant Colonel Haines Stops Here on Way Back to San Francisco From Bremerton; Five Men Enlist.

Lieutenant Colonel Henry C. Haines of the United States Marine Corps, stationed at San Francisco, is here today inspecting the recruiting station on his way back from Bremerton. He accompanied Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt, who is still at Bremerton looking after the manning of the reserve fleet that is expected to sail from here soon for Mexican waters. He leaves tonight for San Francisco.

Five men enlisted in the marine corps today and were immediately sent to San Francisco for preliminary training and probable immediate assignment to vessels sailing for the south. Four men were sent from the naval recruiting station today. They were gathered here from various parts of Oregon and Washington. These men are being sent to Bremerton to build up the skeleton crews now manning vessels.

Colonel Gantenbein Forming Regiment

Selection of Field Officers Announced; Men Are Recommended for Appointment to the Positions.

Confident that the United States will call for volunteers, Colonel C. U. Gantenbein is going ahead with plans to organize a regiment of coast artillery. He has announced his selection of field officers for the proposed regiment. These men, he explained, could not be appointed by himself but would be recommended.

Colonel Gantenbein served with distinction in the Philippines during the

Spanish-American war, and would head the proposed regiment. He suggested the following officers: Lieutenant colonel, William E. Finzer; C. E. McDonnell, major, first battalion; Gordon Voorhies, major second battalion; Cleland McLaughlin, major third battalion. All have seen active service.

Under the new voluntary military bill, recently passed by congress and which will be signed soon by the president, the president is given power to appoint officers of volunteer regiments and that not more than four shall be appointed from the regular army.

"I do not doubt but that the government will call for volunteers," said Colonel Gantenbein, "and the first to be called will be the men who have been in former companies asking authority to organize companies. I am sure that we could have a regiment of volunteers organized in a very short time after, if a call is issued."

Express Company May Carry Shells

Superintendent Finds Law That Permits Transportation of Explosives Only in Time of War.

Olympia, Wash., April 24.—Superintendent Benoit of the Great Northern Express company, here from St. Paul, has wired the company agent at Fort Stevens that the company would handle a shipment of 25,000 pounds of three inch shells from Fort Stevens to Fort Breckenridge, southern California. Interstate commerce regulations prohibit the transportation of explosives by express, but Benoit discovered a law permitting such shipment in time of war. The Fort Stevens agent had refused the shipment.

It is reported that the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway Co. refuses to move the shells from Fort Stevens for the express company. Both traffic and operating departments of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway Co. denied any knowledge of any negotiations for the movement of government shells from Fort Stevens. It was said the only possible objection the company could have would be the handling of explosives in a freight car. A spokesman for the company said that had not been made an issue, because no efforts had been made to have the munitions transported.

Regiment of Miners Offered Government

Message Sent by Portland Prospector to President Asks Chief Executive to Sanction Organization Mountaineers.

President Wilson has been asked to sanction the organization in Portland of a regiment of prospectors and miners to take the field in Mexico. The organization is composed of prospectors who are accustomed to the outdoor life, and their ability to give good account of themselves, either in field or mountain, under any and all circumstances, is their chief claim for recognition.

D. H. ("Bob") Robinson, the leader of the movement, sent the following message to President Wilson last Wednesday:

"Woodrow Wilson, President: 'I wish to organize a regiment of prospectors and miners for duty in Mexico. Brave men, insured to hardships, know how to take care of themselves, combining qualities of unexcelled powder men, sappers and miners, immediately available. Unflinching devotion to flag and country.'"

Mr. Robinson says he can rally a regiment of men of this kind, which would prove of great value in actual warfare. Oregon is said to contain scores of these hardy men, who are willing and anxious to go to the front.

Twenty-first Ready For Order to Front

Equipment Packed and Enlisted Men Are Kept at Quarters to Be Ready to Go on Moment's Notice.

Vancouver, Wash., April 24.—The streets of Vancouver were devoid of soldiers this morning. All of the enlisted men have been kept in quarters, as word is expected at any moment ordering the Twenty-first infantry to the Mexican border. While no word has been received, yet all necessary preparations have been made and within an hour after transportation has been provided the troops will be on the way.

Orders were issued by the commander of the volunteer companies stationed here, instructing the men to pack all personal belongings they may wish to take with them in case they are ordered to the front. The company equipment has already been prepared for shipment, and can be loaded on short notice.

Chamberlain Hopes To Get Action

Oregon Senator Takes Matter of Changing Artillery to Infantry Direct to Secretary of War Garrison.

Salem, Or., April 24.—Governor West received a message from Senator Chamberlain today saying the senator had taken the matter of getting the eight companies of coast artillery in this state changed to infantry service up direct with Secretary of War Garrison, and would get results. In case he didn't succeed, Senator Chamberlain said he thought the change would be possible under the new volunteer bill when enacted by congress.

BELIEVES ARMY CAN EASILY REACH CITY OF MEXICO

In the opinion of J. L. Sterrett of the Sterrett-Obert company, the troops will not be very difficult for the United States troops to reach the City of Mexico from Vera Cruz should it be necessary for them to go there.

Mr. Sterrett spent a number of years in Mexico in connection with the packing industry. It is three years since he was there. He says that the city of about 30,000 people is situated on a beautiful crescent shaped harbor easy of access. The city is located on a plain about five feet above sea level. The climate is very hot and from 10 o'clock in the morning until 4 in the afternoon there is a general cessation of business. It is about 200 miles from the City of Mexico with which it is connected by two railway lines. One is the Mexican railroad, broad gauge, which runs by way of Cordoba. The other is the Inter-Colonial road, narrow gauge, which goes by way of Jalapa. While the country is rough and mountainous, communication could be easily maintained by American troops in the view of Mr. Sterrett.

Joint Labor Day Crusade Planned

Delegations From Laidlaw and Deschutes Will Turn Out in Central Oregon to Do Good Work.

Enthusiasts of the towns of Laidlaw and Deschutes in central Oregon will hold a joint highway labor crusade tomorrow, according to notice received at the Commercial club today.

The towns are four miles apart and the delegations from each will get busy on the connecting highway, meeting for a common lunch at the half way point. The women will provide the eatables.

Don C. Prentiss will represent the Commercial club at a road meeting to be held at Metzger, on the Oregon Electric, tomorrow. The citizens of the town have proclaimed a legal holiday to work on the road and at noon the laborers will return to town for the lunch which will be provided by the Women's Civic league.

The Lane County Road Builders' club of Eugene will hold carnival tomorrow with work on adjacent highways.

Many other cities and towns are sending information of their proposed activities.

P. R., L. & P. Co. Officers Reelected

Announcement Is Made by Franklin T. Griffith, President of the Street Car Company.

All the old officers of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company have been reelected by the directors, according to announcement today of President Franklin T. Griffith. The stockholders' annual meeting, held during the recent visit of C. M. Clark, chairman of the board of directors, resulted in selection of a new board, though personnel is unchanged, save for one member.

The directorate is now composed of C. M. Clark, J. C. Ainsworth, W. M. Ladd, T. E. Wilcox, C. F. Swigert, F. L. Fuller, F. Y. Holman, Oden Mills, R. W. Clark, Frederick Strauss, H. L. Clark, C. N. Huggins and Franklin T. Griffith. E. W. Clark takes the place of A. C. Bedford, who resigned.

The officers are: President, Mr. Griffith; vice-president, F. L. Fuller; vice-president, H. L. Clark; vice-president, E. W. Clark; treasurer, C. N. Huggins; secretary, G. L. Estabrook; general manager, F. W. Hill.

"The executive committee is composed of C. M. Clark, E. W. Clark, Oden Mills, Frederick Strauss and T. E. Wilcox. It is reported that the committee by E. W. Clark. Most of the stockholders were represented by proxy in the meeting because few were able to attend personally. About 850 stockholders reside in almost every part of the city."

Child Run Over And Killed by Dray

The four-year-old son of F. Miller, of Union avenue, was run over and killed by a dray belonging to Crater & Driscoll, at the corner of Union avenue and East Pine street, this noon. Alex R. Barclay was driving the dray.

HELD TO THE GRAND JURY

Will G. Cuthbert, a photographer, was held to the grand jury yesterday by District Judge Bell on a charge of obtaining 35 cents in false pretenses from Mrs. E. M. Hecht. Cuthbert is alleged to have secured the money on a contract by which he agreed to furnish Mrs. Hecht with a photographic album at holiday season's price, 1912. He is said to have left the state later, and was arrested by Deputy Constables McCullough and Druhot when he returned.

BOY DROWNS IN SLOUGH

The nine-year-old son of Ed Hensley, of 1314 Union avenue, fell off the bank of a slough at East Third and Belmont streets, while playing this afternoon, and drowned. Efforts were made to resuscitate him.

Three Ask Freedom

Oregon City, Or., April 24.—Three wives appeared in the circuit court of Clackamas county yesterday asking for divorces from their husbands, all on alleged cruelty charges. The cases are Mona E. Kennedy vs. John Edgar Kennedy, Jessie E. Chin vs. John L. Crim and Cora A. Willard vs. Harry J. Willard.

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Cave-In Kills Two

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MANY OFFER SERVICES

Elgin Man Asks a Commission for His Son in the Cavalry—Portlanders Would Be in Commissary.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, April 24.—Replying to Governor West's telegram saying "The artillery corps boys were led to believe in the event of war they would undoubtedly be permitted to go to the front as infantry," and that there is bitter disappointment, Senator Chamberlain wired that the war department denies ever making such a promise but that he will submit the whole matter to the secretary of war. He suggests the volunteer bill, which has been agreed to by both houses, may help the situation.

Applications for a chance to serve with the colors continue to come in. Senator Chamberlain has received a message from Judge W. N. Gatens, John Manning and others of Portland, asking appointment in the volunteer cavalry for C. W. Nicholson, a Spanish war veteran of Oregon, who has seen service in Mexico, offering services of a regiment of volunteers "in the front ranks."

John Y. Richardson, of Portland, seeks a commission in the quartermaster, pay or commissary corps, and E. B. Morlock, Elgin, asks a commission in the cavalry for his son, A. Lee Morlock.

A number of farmers have expressed a willingness to visit the market on the opening day and in the meantime others may be induced to attend.

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With nearly all of the grand lodge officers present and an attendance of local and out of town Knights, numbering about 500, the formal dedication of the new temple of Laurel Lodge No. 7, Knights of Pythias of this city, will be held tomorrow night. Delegates from Portland, Salem, Eugene, Corvallis, Lebanon, Brownsville, Seio and other places are coming. The Portland Knights will come in a special car and the Corvallis contingent will come in a special train.

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Earthquakes Shake California Towns

Three Shocks Felt Throughout Central Part of State and Extend as Far East as Nevada.

Sacramento, Cal., April 24.—Three distinct shocks were felt in Sacramento in rapid succession early today, the first shock occurring at 12:35 a. m., followed in rapid order by two more shocks. The oscillations in all three shocks were from southeast to northwest. The shocks commenced at a point near Gerlach, Nev., and continued to Berkeley. The disturbances were distinctly felt in Sacramento, many tall buildings rocking considerably. Guests at many uptown hotels rushed to the streets in their night clothing.

Lodging houses were emptied of their guests in rapid order. Stockton also received a shaking up but no damage was done. The shocks were as severe at Portland that the people of the town thought two western Pacific trains passing through the town had collided.

Marysville, Oroville and Chico all reported severe quakes but no damage.

Astoria Needs 3 Story Building

Senator Chamberlain Will Introduce Bill Calling for Expenditure of Quarter Million Dollars for Structure.

Washington, April 24.—The secretary of the treasury informs Senator Chamberlain that information gathered from the department requiring room in the federal building at Astoria indicates that a three story building having 8000 feet of ground area will be necessary. The cost of such a building, of brick faced and fire proof throughout, will be \$250,000. Senator Chamberlain will introduce a bill providing for the erection of such a building on the present site.

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Twohy Case Taken Under Advisement

Court Asked to Enjoin From Use Check Block Attachment Used on Construction Cars.

Following the arguments yesterday, Federal Judge C. E. Wolverton took under advisement the case brought against Twohy Bros. company, the Northwestern Building company and Elbert C. Chandler, charging infringement.

The court is asked to enjoin the two companies from the use of a check block attachment, a contrivance used on construction cars, and to pay damages to Joseph A. McConnell and Clayton T. Eald for patent infringement.

McConnell testified that he had been granted a patent on the device in January of 1908. He said one-fourth interest in the right had been sold to Eald and that the defendants had made and sold the attachment illegally.

Mrs. Jones Asks to Be Free Again

Oregon City, Or., April 24.—That Mabel P. Jones told his wife that he married her to keep house for him and to raise his children for him, Mrs. Jones today asked the court to let her be free again.

Mrs. Jones further alleges that her husband has a jealous and bad disposition and that on one occasion at choir practice he got so drunk that he had to be taken home by a neighbor. She said she had been married in Portland June 4, 1913.

Getting Produce For Public Market

Vancouver, Wash., April 24.—M. B. Sanderson, a representative of the Albina Business Men's association, has been connected with the B. P. Youmans garage, has received the appointment of game warden for Clarke county to fill the vacancy caused by the death of P. O. Hilstrom. Mr. Hoff, prior to moving to Vancouver, was one of the prosperous farmers at Sara and is well known throughout Clarke county. The appointment