

AMERICANS ARE AT HUERTA'S MERCY IN MEXICAN CAPITAL

Lives Depend on Whim of One Whose Authority Rests on Treachery.

DICTATOR FIRES ON MOBS

Federal Leader Inflames Minds of People to Attack Americans' Property in Capital.

Vera Cruz, April 25.—Dictator Huerta is willing to be whipped by the United States. He has chosen that course rather than fall before his own countrymen. He wants to go down in a sea of blood as the defender of Mexico. After nearly a year spent in the Mexican capital, I can state that this is the opinion of all who have seen Huerta almost daily, have observed his habits, know his temperament and his feeling toward the American government. He would stop at nothing to save his own life, or at least cause the Mexican people to believe that his shell of a government is real. Drunk, Huerta has ordered the execution of friends who for a moment opposed him. Sober, he has repented.

Eight hundred Americans are now in Mexico City at the mercy of this stolid, cruel Indian who has built up a semblance of government through treachery, cunning and bloodshed. The sacrifice of 800 lives to appease his wild rage would mean no more to him than one. Spartan-like himself in the face of certain destruction, he is prepared to take terrible vengeance before he falls.

For World Will Him.

The possibility that the American troops may now beat the hordes of Villa, from the north, and the bandits of Zapata, from the south, into Mexico City, means that Huerta and the men who have stood by him in his astonishing career will be saved from unrepentable death.

Before the Tampico incident Huerta was defeated and overwhelmed by his own people, the revolutionists. The fall of the capital was not far distant. With his army at the mercy of the deserting him, he read the story of his military weakness became generally known. Huerta knew that within a short time it would be useless for him to expect support from his army in the capital. He might have found a small body of men willing to stand by him to the death, but his end would have been ignominious under such circumstances.

We Wanted War.

It was merely a choice with the dictator whether he would be crushed by the constitutionalists or an outside power of far superior strength. He chose the latter. The opportunity in regard to the Tampico incident was brought on by his desire to have Americans take a hand in the crisis. The same iron power which kept the news of the fall of Torreon from the people has also stifled word of descriptions in the south and the general military weakness.

The tide which Huerta coolly calculated would carry him out as a martyr has set in. He has inflamed the populace against Americans. They have trampled the flag in the dust and torn the coat of arms from the door of the consulate. They have acclaimed the dictator. His hand is poised now. No earthly power may know whether he will strike a final blow before he finally falls.

AMERICAN IN U. S. EMBASSY AT MEXICO CITY DEFIES MOB

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left in the city were keeping of the streets. Just as the train pulled out a report was received saying that the bandit Zapata and his men were coming. It was stated that the brutal, barbarous Zapatistas landed at Vera Cruz, have been arrested and is held as a hostage in Puebla.

Burns said that the Huerta soldiers searched the train three times before it was allowed to leave the capital and that every passenger had to be identified. It was reported that Huerta had

ARMY CHIEFS IN CHARGE OF MILITARY FORCES



Top, left to right—Major General Leonard Wood, Major General William W. Wotherspoon, chief of staff. Bottom, left to right—Brigadier General A. L. Mills, chief of division of militia affairs; Brigadier General Erasmus M. Weaver.

reached an agreement with Zapata by which, in exchange for their support, Huerta would permit the Zapatistas to loot American stores and homes for two hours.

The American Club Fired.

The American club in Mexico City has been fired three times by mobs since Thursday. It was learned here today from refugees who arrived on the train from the capital. Up to 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, when the train left, no Americans had been injured but anti-American demonstrations were constantly in progress and one American grocery had been burned.

It Was Still Impossible.

It was still impossible this afternoon to learn more of the hundreds of Americans who are held as hostages along the railroad between Vera Cruz and the capital. An appeal to General Maas to release the prisoners is being made, but it is doubtful if this will bring any result. Huerta, the "supreme" power, has ordered that Americans shall not leave the interior and that their orders be rescinded there is little likelihood of the prisoners being released.

To prevent a repetition of last night's sniping, Rear Admiral Fletcher has ordered that all Mexicans tonight shall be armed in Vera Cruz tonight shall be immediately executed.

Emergency Is Criticized.

London correspondents have cabled their papers that if the English had conducted the occupation of Vera Cruz many Mexican snipers would have been hanged in the plaza. The Americans are guilty of criminal indulgence and leniency, the English correspondents declared, in failing to take drastic action toward protecting the marines and bluejackets from the constant sniping of the Mexicans.

John Phillips, who arrived on the train from Mexico City today, told John McPhail, his wife and baby. McPhail told the soldiers that Mrs. Phillips was his wife and that Phillips was his secretary. The baby has smallpox, but distracted parents induced McPhail to pretend it was his child and save it. An English family gave up a statement to the Phillips train going under way so that they could be isolated with the child.

Mrs. Albert Simons, an American woman who escaped from the capital after harrowing experiences, fainted at the point of transfer. She had walked a mile along the upturn tracks under a British flag, accompanied by American soldiers of whom she was afraid. Several British men picked her up and carried her to the train on which the refugees came to Vera Cruz.

Americans Wave Union Jack.

"The goones all along the way were most pathetic," said Phillips. "At many stations we saw Americans waving British flags. They tried to get on the train and begged and pleaded for help. But we could do nothing for them. American women, holding up their babies to arouse sympathy, begged pitifully. It was a heart-rending sight."

"All along the way we heard tales of suffering. We were told that three American refugees were taken from a train Thursday and executed."

"The credit for as many Americans escaping as so far reached here is due to Sir Lionel Carden. He has been the big figure in aiding the Americans. The capital is in the hands of a bloodthirsty mob. The embassy offers no protection to Americans now, of course, and they are practically at the mercy of Huerta's murderers. Most of the Huerta soldiers are cut-throats and criminals, impressed from prisons."

Americans Cheer British.

Each refugee train brings new reports of the aid given Americans by the British.

The Americans in Vera Cruz tonight were wildly demonstrative whenever the British Union Jack appeared. The British jockies were cheered on the streets by civilians and American marines and bluejackets.

Everywhere could be heard the sentiment that blood is thicker than water. The British is standing by his American brother in this crisis in a fashion that cannot be forgotten. There is the most intense feeling on both sides.

Louis L'Antin, the hero of the United States embassy in Mexico City, was born in Paris, France. He was naturalized in this country in 1897 and took up newspaper reporting in Texas. Finally acquiring a paper in Laredo, which he ran for five years. He was admitted to the bar in that Texas city, and after practicing a few years took his present position as legal adviser to the embassy at Mexico City in 1901.

GOVERNOR PROPOSES TO RAISE REGIMENT IF TROOPS ARE CALLED

Executive Would Form Cavalry Fighting Force and Go as a Lieutenant-Colonel.

IDEA GAINING APPROVAL

Troop A of Portland, Would Form Basis on Which Regiment Would Be Built, It Is Said.

In case of a call for state troops Governor West proposes to form a regiment of cavalry—a regiment of trained riders on stocky, sturdy, Oregon horse flesh. He will go as lieutenant-colonel. Lieutenant P. J. Hennessey, U. S. A., commandant of cadets at Oregon Agricultural college, is to be the regiment's colonel.

Oregon is believed to offer ideal material for a cavalry regiment. The state is full of men who were born to the saddle and have flesh of the cavalry sort. Over east of the mountains everybody rides from childhood; they are hardened and accustomed to the saddle.

The idea is meeting with great enthusiasm all through the state. Troop A is already established in Portland and would form the basis on which to build a regiment. Centers like Pendleton, Klamath Falls and Medford would be looked to for a troop each and other troops would be recruited in other parts of the state.

Men Are Well Fitted.

Men who have ridden after cattle or over the trails of the state day after day are to be found in all parts of the state outside of Portland. They know how to ride and shoot and with drill under experienced officers would soon be turned into creditable soldiers.

Twelve troops would constitute the regiment which would number in all about 1200 men. No trouble is anticipated in the securing of mounts, although the governor has requested that all men who have horses turn them in for use in the regiment. Colonel William Hanley, candidate for the United States senate on the Progressive ticket, who is now in Portland, stated yesterday that Hanley county would be able to furnish a goodly number of the horses needed.

Lieutenant Hennessey, who will command the Oregon cavalry, is an officer of the regular cavalry who is at present assigned to duty at Corvallis. He enlisted in the army in 1898 and has risen to his present position from the ranks. He has been at O. A. C. about a year.

Letters Written to Mayors.

Under the rules of the service, Lieutenant Hennessey would be colonel of the regiment as its organizer and would be in the field with the regiment. He is now at Corvallis. He has written to the mayors of the principal cities of the state, enclosing blanks and asking for names of those who wish to form a troop of the proposed regiment. Under the new volunteer cavalry the field officers of a regiment are to be appointed by the president.

Lieutenant Hennessey is particularly anxious to get in touch with men who have had previous cavalry service and who wish to enlist in case of war. He desires to know in advance as far as possible how many experienced men he can rely upon and especially to get a line on farriers, horsehoofers, bakers and cooks. He should be addressed care of Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis.

It is quite probable that the students and cadets of the O. A. C. will form one troop of the proposed regiment. The annual inspection by a member of the general staff is scheduled for May 8 and they are in excellent shape for immediate service.

Wedding at Freewater.

Freewater, Or., April 25.—An event of the week was the wedding Wednesday at noon of Miss Euphrosena Hermon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hermon of the east side to John Nooli, a farmer of Union county, and a brother of Rev. Father Nooli of the Freewater Catholic church. The couple was attended by Miss Hilda Hermon, and Walter Hermon, brother and sister of the bride, and Rev. Father Nooli performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Nooli will reside near La Grande.

Discussion at Fairview.

Fairview, Or., April 25.—"Are Any of Our Laws Unfair to the Farmer?" will be discussed at the regular meeting of Fairview grange May 2. All interested are invited to attend and take part in the discussion. Mrs. J. W. Townsend will have charge of the open lecture hour.

Eastern Lewis Growing.

Chehalis, Wash., April 25.—The post-office of "Aglure" has been established in the eastern part of Lewis county. This is the second postoffice to be established in that section of the county within the past six months. Alta Vista is the name of the first post-office established.

Few Companies Left at Frisco

Almost Clean Sweep of Regulars About Bay Region; Six Companies of Coast Artillery Left in Charge.

San Francisco, April 25.—It was a clean sweep of military men that the war department made at San Francisco in furtherance of its plan of campaign in Mexico. In many years the fighting strength of the posts on San Francisco bay have not been so greatly reduced. Of the regular army there remains but a dozen companies of coast artillery. Two of these are in charge of the Presidio, where they fill but a tiny section of the extensive barracks. The others are divided among the several forts on both sides of the Golden Gate.

Operate Upon Composer

London, April 25.—The condition of Victor Herbert, the composer, who was operated upon for appendicitis today, is considered favorable.

Comedy at Russellville.

Russellville members of Russellville grange will present the comedy "Her Gloves" in the grange hall on the Base Line road, opposite Russellville schoolhouse, next Saturday.

Yacht to Rescue Americans in Mexico

Oil Magnate Doheny Orders Special Train and Yacht to Carry Out 130 Employees from Danger Zone.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 25.—To provide protection for his employees and property in the vicinity of Tampico, E. L. Doheny, the Mexican oil magnate, has ordered a special train to make a fast trip from Los Angeles to Aransas Pass, the first port on the gulf of Mexico north of the Mexican line. The train, arriving there Monday, will meet Mr. Doheny's private yacht, the "Wakiva," which is bringing 130 employees of Mr. Doheny's oil company away from the danger zone about Tampico.

Addresses of Ships Of Pacific Fleet

Vessels of the United States Navy in Pacific Waters Now Located as far South as Manzanilla.

San Francisco, April 25.—Postmaster Fay announced today the following addresses for the United States war ships now in Pacific waters: Albany, San Diego, Glacier, San Francisco; Lawrence, Sausalito; Maryland, Mazatlan, Mexico; Paul Jones, Mazatlan, Mexico; Perry, Mazatlan, Mexico; Stewart, Mazatlan, Mexico; Truxtun, Mazatlan, Mexico; Whipple, Mazatlan, Mexico; South Dakota, Mazatlan, Mexico.

VERA CRUZ OFFICERS WILL NOT RESUME OFFICE, SAYS BADGER

Navel Commander Wires Department that Citizens May Unite to Secure Order.

AMERICAN REFUGEES SAIL

British Naval Officers Assist in Aiding Americans on Homeward Voyage.

Washington, D. C., April 25.—The navy department tonight received from Admiral Badger the following telegram, dated 5 p. m., April 25:

"Last night's firing desultory and continued for considerable period. One private slightly wounded in forearm. Admiral Fletcher continues offers to have influential citizens unite and arrange for conduct of municipal affairs by people themselves. Quite certain that the former officials will not resume office under present conditions, but possibly citizens' committee can be formed to influence city's affairs along lines of law and order and create confidence among inhabitants. Meeting of this kind will be held this afternoon. Question of food and water still giving anxiety, but up to present time no actual distress. Seems probable, however, that ultimately government will have to ration poorer classes of inhabitants. Custom house opened and vessels ready to discharge, but much difficulty experienced in obtaining labor."

Refugees Sail for Home.

"American Hawaiian steamers reported sailed from Puerto, Mexico, 10 a. m. Saturday for Vera Cruz with about 200 refugees. Will transfer to steamer Mexico and as soon as reasonably filled that vessel will proceed to New Orleans and land refugees and return."

"Jason and Paulding now at Tuxpan collecting refugees. Rear Admiral Craddock and commanding officers of British ships Hermoine at Tampico and Berwick at Puerto have been untiring in efforts to collect and forward American refugees. These services have been of greatest value. Further offers of continuation of this kindly efforts still being made."

Blackmar Circle Meets.

Sellwood, April 25.—Blackmar circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., will meet at Wail's hall next Wednesday morning.

Oregon Wood Goes In Speaker's Gavel

Manzanita From Ashland Sent Representative Hawley to be Included in the Gavel for Champ Clark.

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.)—Washington, April 25.—Representative Hawley received today by parcel post squared pieces of manzanita of beautiful color from Ashland. The committee on agriculture plans giving the speaker a gavel made of wood from the various states represented by its members. Hawley was asked to procure the manzanita.

Pensions Granted.

Washington, April 25.—Jemima Grigsby, Portland; Jane A. Holloway, Eugene, granted pensions of \$12 a month.

Returns to Kodiak.

Chehalis, Wash., April 25.—M. D. Snodgrass, who had charge of the Gal-lowsay cattle at the experiment station at Kodiak island, off Alaska, previous to the volcanic eruption on that island, and who had been stationed near Chehalis for the past year with about 50 head of the cattle, left Chehalis Thursday for Alaska with seeds and other necessities for again starting agricultural work at Kodiak.

New Factory for Sellwood.

Sellwood, April 25.—Jugs, flower pots and similar articles will be made in the pottery factory just established in the old steel works building at Marion avenue and East Ninth street.

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