

HUERTA REFUSES SALUTE; WAR MEASURES RUSHED

No Formal Declaration Will Be Made, But Respect to Flag Enforced.

Washington, D. C., April 19.—General Victoriana Huerta, provisional President of Mexico, flatly refused tonight to accede to the unconditional demand of the United States that he salute the American flag. Congress will be asked by President Wilson tomorrow for authority to use armed force to uphold the honor and dignity of the nation.

Negotiations with Huerta over the demand for a salute in preparation for the arrest of American sailors at Tampico on April 10 came to a close tonight at 6 p. m., the last hour given by President Wilson for a favorable response from the dictator.

The final word of Huerta to Charge O'Shaughnessy was a refusal to comply unless the United States would guarantee in writing that his salute be returned.

President Wilson at midnight was on his way to Washington from White Sulphur Springs, preparing to read a message to congress in joint session as early as could be arranged. In the meantime American war fleets were moving down both coasts on their way to Mexican waters to carry out the President's plans for reprisal.

The crisis thus reached does not mean that there will be a formal declaration of war, because the United States could not declare war against a government which it does not recognize. President Wilson will seek authority, however, to send the armed forces into Mexico to seize the ports of Tampico and Vera Cruz and the railroad trestle leading from Vera Cruz toward Mexico City.

The President expected that a cabinet meeting be called for 10:30 Monday, when the final arrangements for the blockade of Mexican ports and other steps in the President's program will be deliberated. The breach that finally has come with Mexico will make it impossible, it was declared on high authority, for the United States to protect foreigners in the republic further, and foreign governments have been notified of the situation in this regard.

The President, it was asserted, not only would ask congress for authority to use the armed forces to uphold the honor of the nation, but also for an appropriation, a deficiency already having been created because of the expensive naval operations in anticipation of Huerta's defiance of this government.

The President probably will ask further that the senate pass the volunteer act, which already has passed the house, providing for pressing into regular service the militia regiments in various states.

In preparation for the crisis that must be met Senator Shively, chairman of the foreign relations committee, and Wood, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, called meetings of these committees. Representative Flood, who is on his honeymoon, telephoned from New York that he would return at once.

Many Cities Successful In Scent-the-Fly Campaigns

University of Oregon, Eugene.—Reports of successes achieved in other states in anti-fly campaigns continue to come to Dr. Clifton F. Hodge, professor of social biology at the State university. A recent letter from Elizabeth Cook, food inspector of Salt Lake City, says:

"Nearly 100,000 flies were caught and brought in here last Saturday. Our picture shows are running slides, newspapers are helping, even the big packing houses are giving bounties for flies caught in their vicinity. I prepared the propaganda for the campaign and presented it to the commercial club in March. The club took hold with great enthusiasm and prepared 30,000 booklets. It has furnished the traps, which the children buy for 15 cents and sell for 25 cents. The stable window trap is made by boys in the manual training departments, and the net fly catchers in the domestic science departments of the schools. We feel very grateful to you and to Dr. Jean Dawson for your encouragement, and for the system with which you have carried out your campaign. Ours is planned along the same lines."

Rebels Not To Join Huerta.

Agua Prieta.—"No matter what comes of the Tampico incidents, the constitutionalists cannot afford to join Huerta," declared Francisco Elias, president of the Sonora war and land tax committee and spokesman for constitutionalists along the border in this vicinity. "In my opinion Huerta is taking this stand because he has announced in the belief that the people will flock to his standard when he proclaims himself a patriotic martyr standing alone against the allied United States and constitutional forces," he said.

Adipose Vexes Edison.

West Orange, N. J.—Thomas A. Edison, Mrs. Edison, Miss Madeline Edison and Theodore and Charles Edison returned to their home, Llewellyn Park, after a stay of six weeks at the Edison winter place in Fort Meyer, Fla.

Mr. Edison, several pounds heavier than when he left, said of one of his friends as he greeted him at the station in Newark:

"A vacation is a lazy thing and keeps a fellow down so much that he has to put on weight whether he wants to or not."

Two Airships Hurried.

Washington, D. C., April 19.—Orders were sent late tonight by Secretary Daniels for the sending of two hydroplanes with the torpedo-boat flotilla from Pensacola, Fla.

Mexicans Cannot See Wherein Flag Is Insulted

Vera Cruz, Mex.—The Mexican foreign minister, Senor Portillo y Rojas, has transmitted to the American charge d'Affaires, Nelson O'Shaughnessy, a note dealing with the arrest of the assistant paymaster and a detachment of bluejackets from the United States gunboat Dolphin at Tampico, and the demand of Admiral Mayo that the American flag be saluted.

In effect the note says that the Mexican government cannot see wherein the Federals have inflicted any insult on the American nation; that ordering the army to salute the American flag would be an admission that the United States is exercising undue influence over this country's free action, and that President Huerta is disposed to uphold the honor and sovereignty of Mexico at any cost.

TOLD TO SEIZE CUSTOM HOUSE

Washington, April 21.—Orders were sent to Rear Admiral Fletcher early today to seize the custom house at Vera Cruz in time to prevent a large shipment of arms for Huerta, about to be landed there, from being transported to Mexico City.

The order did not stipulate that Admiral Fletcher should take the part, but simply left it to his discretion, as when best to prevent Huerta from getting several million rounds of ammunition and 200 field guns from the German steamer Ypiranga, about to arrive.

Many officials declared they believed Huerta had been playing for time merely to get in the large shipment of arms which Admiral Fletcher has been ordered to cut off. As there is no blockade, the American forces cannot seize the munitions until after they have been landed.

Administration officials pointed out that the President had ample authority for his action without the approval of congress and that immediate action was imperative. Momentarily officials expected dispatches from the admiral announcing that he had taken the custom house and possibly the city.

High administration officials said that while no blockade could be ordered to keep foreign vessels from landing cargoes without a declaration of war, prompt occupation of Vera Cruz by marines could prevent any munitions of war from being rushed to the Mexican capital.

Not Looking for Trouble, But Ready," Says Chief

Portland, Or., April 19.—"We're not looking for trouble, but we're ready for anything," said Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, chatting democratically on Mexican war conditions, naval preparedness and numerous other things at the Union Depot.

The secretary, on his way from San Francisco to Seattle and the Bremerton navy yard, obligingly hopped off the Shasta Limited when a newspaper camera man asked him to pose for a picture. He strolled bareheaded up the station platform during the Shasta's half-hour wait here.

"The navy is prepared," said Mr. Roosevelt, who has been detailed by his superior, Secretary Daniels, to take personal charge of the naval situation on the Pacific Coast. "In 15 to 20 days all the vessels of the reserve fleet now at Bremerton, including the armored cruisers South Dakota and West Virginia, could be made ready for sea service, if need be, to supplement the vessels already in commission."

"These two vessels carry 800 men each. About the only difficulty in the way of putting them into commission at once is lack of men. Because they are on reserve, they are manned only by skeleton crews of about 200 men each."

Holdups Tackle Car of Athletes.

Seattle.—One passenger was shot and two highwaymen were severely beaten when they attempted to hold up a Tacoma-bound interurban train near Riverton station, eight miles south of Seattle. The robbers were captured and brought to a hospital in Seattle. A terrible beating was given to the two highwaymen. "Pug" Bennett, a Vancouver ball player; D. E. A. Scott, of Tacoma, and William Tomlinson, of Seattle, disarmed them. The car was badly bespattered with blood as a result of the struggle to subdue them.

Brother Shoots Brother.

Houghton, Mich.—Victor Maki, 30, met his brother, John, 23, at Palmsdale after a separation of seven years, and instead of fraternal greetings they quarreled and Victor shot John to death. John upbraided Victor for intemperance and the older brother fired a shot through the ceiling, saying:

"The same to you if you don't shut up."

John bared his breast, according to witnesses, and exclaimed: "Go ahead." Victor shot the younger through the heart.

173 Given Up As Lost.

St. Johns, N. F.—After two weeks' search for the missing sealer Southern Cross, the steamer Kyle has returned to port. The Southern Cross, with her crew of 173 men has been finally given up as lost.

Fruit Outlook Bright In Hood River District

Hood River.—With the lower valley apple district bursting into bloom two weeks ahead of last year, experts are busy forming estimates of the crop of this fall. While the estimates are indefinite, all agree that the tonnage will be far in excess of the approximate 800,000 boxes of the past year. The crop of the year will be between 1,000,000 and 1,500,000 boxes.

"All indications are good," says H. F. Davidson, president of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors, who has left for Spokane with Wilmer Sieg, distributor sales manager, to lay plans for the marketing of fruit crops of the year. "From the orchards that I have

seen we are going to have a reverse of conditions of last year, when the Newtown and Pippins were light bearers. The Newtowns will be heavy this year, while the Spitzenbergs will produce less heavily. The heavy rains of recent date will cut down the pears and cherries."

The rains have been succeeded by brilliant sunshine with a light breeze, which is excellent weather for pollenization.

The strawberry crop will move early this year. Mr. Davidson says that the distributors expect to ship Kennebec strawberries by May 1, while local fruit will be moving by the middle of the month.

Railroad Work Rushed On New Coos Bay Line

Marshfield.—Work on the Coos Bay end of the Willamette-Pacific is progressing rapidly. There are six camps between Sand Point, the approach to the bridge to be built across the bay, and Black Creek, the southern portal of the 4300-foot tunnel through Wind Creek mountain.

Hauser & Hausner, contractors, who sublet the 17 miles between the points named, have 600 men employed on the job.

The sand fill and grade are completed for a distance of 24 miles from Coos Bay. This fill borders the sand hill country and is a water level grade all the distance, and will continue so for several miles northward.

The activity has caused a big increase in traffic between the bay and the inlet to the Ten-Mile section.

Pacific Highway Camp On Summit of Siskiyou

Ashland.—A main camp at Steinman, with branches at Siskiyou and Coles, is headquarters for work on the Pacific Highway in this vicinity. The summit at Siskiyou will be the highest elevation on the line. More than 100 men are now on the job and this number is being daily increased.

J. W. Sweeney, the Portland contractor, is present in person supervising operations. He also is reported as a bidder on the first unit of the highway traversing California territory, that section extending from the Oregon border to Hornbrook. The station at Steinman being virtually on the line of the highway makes it very convenient for persons visiting the scene of operations as well as handy for the shipping of supplies and machinery.

States Cannot Regulate Correspondence Schools

Salem.—Attorney General Crawford, in an opinion held that the state law providing that correspondence schools must maintain resident schools, was unconstitutional. Mr. Crawford said that the United States Supreme court and several state supreme courts had held that, inasmuch as correspondence schools were engaged in interstate business, they came within the purview of the interstate commerce laws.

While he thought the state law a good one, in that it was intended to protect the residents of the state from dishonest correspondence schools, he said it was plain that the state could not pass laws regulating them.

Old Pioneer Sandstone Quarries to Be Reopened

Newport.—After a lapse of 16 years, the sandstone quarries of Pioneer, Lincoln county, which furnished stone for the Call building and postoffice at San Francisco, besides numerous other buildings, will resume operations.

The McCann Cut Stone company, of Portland, has bought 20 acres near Pioneer from James Bell, of that place, and will begin operations at once. Lincoln county has given the company a franchise to erect buildings and to load its product on trains on condition that the firm expend \$5000 within 18 months. F. J. McCann said that \$25,000 would be invested.

War On Fly Declared.

Monmouth.—As the result of the work of the Women's Civic Improvement club, in conjunction with the city council, the appearance of Monmouth has been notably improved. "Clean-up Day" was observed recently, when streets, yards, alleys and vacant lots were gone over and thoroughly cleaned.

The civic club also has taken an active part in the war on the housefly, and is one of the six cities of the valley joining in the movement. A study of the city charter now takes up the meetings each Friday afternoon.

Land Decision Awaited.

Foster.—The 70 homesteaders in township 12 south, range 4 east, 25 miles above here, are awaiting the action of the General Land commission at Washington regarding their right to file on their homesteads. On December 22 last the "12-4" settlers made "application for filings" on their claims, and on January 9 they were notified by the Portland land office that their efforts to file had been rejected by those officers. The entrymen were then allowed 30 days in which to appeal to the General Land commission.

Ashland Gets Mining Congress.

Ashland.—The annual meeting of the Southern Oregon and Northern California Mining congress will be held in Ashland this year, but at a later date than usual. At a meeting of the executive committee held in this city it was decided to hold the congress some time during the Chautauqua period in July, the exact date to be announced later. In the meantime this suggestion has been referred to President Luse, of Etna Mills, Siskiyou county, and other California officials, for approval. Last year it met at Redding.

Cannery Work to Begin.

Cottage Grove.—With all but \$100 of the necessary stock subscribed, the promoters of the proposed cannery, at meeting, voted to commence work at once and have the institution ready to handle this year's crop.

New Lead Pipe Industry Established in Portland

Portland.—Another new industry for the Pacific Northwest formally opened its doors to the public Friday afternoon when representatives of the commercial and business organizations witnessed what is said to be the first pouring of lead pipe in this city. Heretofore lead pipes have been shipped here from San Francisco, Denver and the East.

The Northwestern Lead & Machine Company located at 311-13 Front street, acted as hosts. Employees have been at work for several weeks installing the heavy presses required in the making of lead pipes.

John P. Lund, secretary-treasurer of the new company, was located for 15 years in Denver, where he manufactured lead pipes. A few months ago he visited the Coast, looking for a location, and after an investigation of the various cities he decided to build the plant in Portland.

285 BOYS ENROLLED IN PIG-RAISING CONTESTS

In a letter to O. M. Plummer, secretary-treasurer of the Portland Union Stockyards company and member of the Portland school board, State Superintendent of Schools Churchill says:

"Up to the present time 285 boys of Oregon schools have enrolled for the pig-feeding contest, and this means they have already begun to feed the pigs."

Similar work is being carried on in Washington, Idaho and Montana as a practical means of promoting the agricultural and industrial education among school children.

Finds New Gold Mine in Josephine County Hills

Portland.—County Treasurer Lewis has received news from his son, Wade V. Lewis, that he, with his partner, V. C. McKinney, have found gold in paying quantities on their quartz claim, a mile and a half from Holland, Josephine county. Treasurer Lewis said that his prospect, after prospecting through the hills of the Southern Oregon county, had located on a claim only a short distance from where he had prospected more than 25 years ago.

The prospectors have just recently completed tunnel work on the Lone Laurel claim. After running 66 feet one of the ledges was struck at a 40-foot depth, the vein proving to be wider and the ore better than that on the surface. Mining men who have been in to see the property declare the prospects to be favorable for a successful quartz mine.

There are five different quartz veins on the ground, varying in width from 18 inches to two feet, the ore averaging about \$20 a ton in free gold.

Students Visit Mills.

Oregon City.—A number of the upper classmen of the school of commerce of the Oregon Agricultural college, with John A. Bevel, dean of the school, and several members of the faculty were in Oregon City recently and were taken through the paper and woolen mills. The trip is an annual affair for the students. Last year they made a trip to Portland, and this year to Salem and Oregon City. The trip was made as guests of the Oregon City Commercial club, O. E. Freytag, of the publicity department, escorting.

Medford Backs Ashland.

Ashland.—A dozen Medford business men met a like number of Ashland citizens in the local Commercial club rooms, the gathering representing a taxpayers' committee. Incident to a discussion of tax methods and plans for equalizing assessments throughout the county, the visitors indorsed the Ashland opposition to the routing of the Pacific Highway through the Billings property in this locality. In the meantime the County court is reticent concerning further action in the matter.

New Plant to Employ 200.

Portland.—The Western Coeage company is contemplating the construction of a new plant just south of the public drydock at St. Johns, but no definite plans as yet have been outlined for the work. The company has applied to the Port of Portland commission for the use of a dredge to make a fill of from 200,000 to 260,000 yards on its property. Nearly 200 men will be employed at the ultimate plan.

Union Plans Three Days' Fair.

La Grande.—At a meeting of the Union County Fair board it was decided to hold a three-day fair this year, the date set for September 22 to 24, inclusive. J. A. Russell was re-elected president; Albert Hunter, of Island City, temporary secretary. These, with N. K. West, J. A. Woodell, W. R. Ledbetter, Claude Mackey and J. W. Bush, were elected directors.

Crops Look Good.

Lebanon.—The farmers are working overtime on account of favorable weather and all sown grain is looking fine, and the fruit crop promises to be the best in many years. Peaches are a full month in advance, and prunes are past the period when frost can damage them.



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Wally felt his head whirl, and failed to note the chapter's cry of surprise and see the paling of her cheeks. "Covington is coming! Don't you understand?" he shouted. After all, the gods were not deaf! Good old Culver, who had never failed him, was coming as a deliverer.

Even in the face of his extraordinary outburst the attention of the beholders was drawn to Lawrence Glass, who caused the porch to shake beneath his feet; who galloped to his employer, and seizing him by the hands, capered about like a hippopotamus.

"I told you 'Allah' was some guy," he wheezed. "When does Covington arrive?"

Wally reread the message. "It says 'noon Friday.' Why, that's today! He's here now!"

"'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah! Covington!' bellowed the trainer, and Mrs. Keap sank to a seat with a stifled moan.

"Why all the 'Oh' joy! Oh rapture! stuff!" questioned Berkeley Fresno.

"As Socrates, the Henlock Kid, would put it, 'Snatched from the shadow of the grave,'" quoth Glass, then paused abruptly. "Say, you don't think nothin' could happen to him on the way over from the depot?"

"I'm so sorry we didn't know in time to meet him, lamented Miss Chapin.

"And I could have run over to the railroad to bid him welcome," laughed Speed. "Twenty miles would do me good."

Still Bill and Willie approached the gallery curiously, and in subdued tones inquired:

"What's the matter, Mr. Speed?"

"You ain't been summoned away?" Willie stared questioningly upward.

"No, no! My running partner is on his way here, that's all."

"Running partner?"

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"We think it's a bluff, and we'd like to call him."

"Do so, by all means!" cried the excited athlete. "Come on, let's all talk to him!"

The entire party, with the exception of Mrs. Keap, trooped down from the porch and followed the foreman out toward the sheds, where, in the midst of a crowd of ranchhands, a burly, loud-mouthed Texan was discoursing.

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Gabby Gallagher seemed a fitting leader for such a desperate crew as that of the Centipede, for he was the

hardest-looking citizen the easterners had beheld thus far. He was thickset, and burned to the color of a ripe olive; his long, drooping mustaches, tobacco-stained at the center, were bleached at the extremities to a hempen hue. His bristly hair was cut short, and stood aggressively erect upon a bullet head, his clothes were soiled and greasy beneath a gray coating of dust.

A pair of alert, lead-blue eyes and a certain facility of movement belied the draw that marked his nativity. He removed his hat and bowed at sight of Miss Chapin.

"Good evenin', Miss Jean!" said he. "I hope I find y'all well."

"Quite well, Gallagher. And you?"

"To'able, thank you."

"These are my friends from the east."

The Centipede foreman ran his eyes coldly over Jean's companions until they rested upon Speed, where they remained. He shifted a lump in his cheek, spat dexterously, and directed his remark at the Yale man.

"I rode over to see if y'all would like to lay a little mo' in this yere foot race. I allow you are the unknown?"

Speed nodded, and Stover took occasion to remark:

"Them's our inclinations, but 'e've about gone our limit."

"I don't blame you none," said Gallagher, allowing his gaze to rove slowly from top to toe of the eastern lad. "No, I can't blame you none whatever. But I'm terrible grieved at their tidin's. Though we Centipede punchers has ever considered y'all a cheap an' sooty-ridden outfit, we gives you credit for belin' game, till now. We spot for a second time, and regarded Stover scornfully.

A murmur ran through the cowboys. "We are game," retorted Stover, "and for your own good don't allow no belief to the contrary to become a superstition."

"Don't let a Centipede bluff you!" exclaimed Speed. "Cover anything they offer—give 'em odds. Anything you don't want, I'll take, pay or play, money at the tape. We can't lose."

"I got no more money," said Carara, removing his handsome bespangled hat, "but I bet my sombrero. 'E's worth two hundred pesos."

Murphy, the Swede, followed quickly.

"Aye ban' send my vages home to may ole' moder, but aye skalk hat you some."

"Haven't you boys risked enough already?" ventured Miss Chapin. "Remember, it will go pretty hard with the losers."

"Harder the better," came a voice. "I'll don't have to bet, jest because I'm h'yar," glibbed Gallagher.

"God! I wish I was rich!" exclaimed Willie.

But Miss Chapin protested. "You are two months overdrawn, all of you. My brother won't advance you any more."

"Then my man, Lawrence, will take what they can't cover," offered Speed.

"That's right! Clean 'em good, brothers," croaked the trainer. "If you'll step over to the bunkhouse, Gabby, we'll dig up some personal perquisites and family belongings." Stover nodded toward his men's quarters, and Gallagher grinned joyously.

"That shore listens like a band from where I set. We aim to annex the wages, hopes, and personal ambitions of y'all, along with your talkin'-machine."

"Excuse me," Willie pushed his way forward. "How's she gettin' along?"

"Fine!"

"You mule-skinners ain't broke her?"

"No; we plays her every evenin'." The little man shifted his eyes, then allowed himself to inquire, as if regarding the habits of some dear departed friend:

"Have you chose any favorite records?"

"We all has our pick. Speakin' coarsely, I'm stuck on that baggage coach song of Mrs. Moore's. Clean 'em good, 'em good."

"Mo'ray!" Willie corrected. "M-o-r-a! Heleney Mo-ray is the lady's name."

"Mebbe so. Our foot-runner likes that Injun war-dance best of all." Carara smiled at Cloudy, who nodded, as if pleased by the compliment. Then it was that the Flying Heart spokesman made an inquiry in hushed, hesitating tones.

"How do you like 'The Holy City'?"

—he removed his hat, as did those back of him. "As sung by Madam-sella Melby?"

"Rotten!" Gallagher said promptly. "That's a bum, for fair."

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