

# RIOTERS ATTACK U.S. CONSULATE AT MEXICO CITY

### Eight Hundred Americans Still in Capital at Mercy of Dictator, Who Is Encouraging Attacks by Rioters and Forbidding Police Protection—American Quarter Abandoned.

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VERA CRUZ, Mexico, April 24.—Eight hundred Americans were still in Mexico City today at the mercy of the dictator, General Huerta. Anti-American demonstrations were going on continually.

Blind with anger, Huerta instructed the police and soldiers not to molest the mobs which rioted in front of the American club, tore the coat of arms from the door of the United States consulate and stoned and insulted Americans who were brave enough to appear in the streets.

The American club has been abandoned. After its abandonment it was looted.

The American Hotel is deserted.

**Anti-American Riots**  
Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy announced he was going to Vera Cruz but really it was his intention to go secretly to Manzanillo, on the west coast.

Since Tuesday, when Vera Cruz was taken, Americans in the capital have carried their lives in their hands.

As men worked tirelessly at the embassy, preparing rifles and machine guns, the brave women of the American colony encouraged them constantly. No one showed a sign of fear.

Mrs. O'Shaughnessy was ill from nervousness but she served tea at the embassy to the men and women who were preparing to defend themselves against the expected attack of the infuriated Mexicans. Most of the time she was prostrate on a couch but she showed the utmost bravery in the encouragement she gave to her husband and the others.

**Dependent Upon Carden**  
I arrived in Vera Cruz with 150 men, women and children from the American, German and English colonies in Mexico City. Another train was due to leave the capital at 7 this morning.

Those remaining there are dependent on Sir Lionel Carden, the British minister, now under orders transferring him to Rio de Janeiro. He is doing everything possible to protect Americans and his plan when our party left was to distribute them among the various embassies.

Wednesday evening the 60 Americans who arrived today left Mexico City on what really was the British refugee train. The men, women and children left behind were then hiding in their homes, trusting to Carden to protect them.

Tuesday night every man in the American colony, including the correspondents, went to the embassy and prepared 275 rifles and two machine guns. These were brought from the basement, tested and found ready for use.

**Huerta Retaliates**  
Every interview Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy had with Huerta increased the dictator's blind rage. When I last saw O'Shaughnessy he was unspcakably worried.

The last report we had before

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## MOUNT VESUVIUS AND MOUNT ETNA IN ERUPTION TODAY

HOMER, April 24.—Mount Vesuvius and Mount Etna burst into simultaneous activity today. Both were shaken by violent tremblings and began pouring out lava. There was no immediate danger.

## STREET SCENES IN CITY OF MEXICO, WHERE RIOTERS ARE ATTACKING AMERICANS SEEKING PROTECTION FOREIGN EMBASSIES



CALLE DE LONDRES, PRINCIPAL STREET IN THE AMERICAN COLONY



RESIDENCES IN MEXICO CITY NEAR THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY WHERE AMERICANS ARE CONCENTRATED FOR DEFENSE.

## MEDIATION NOT CONSIDERED BY UNITED STATES

### Secretary Bryan Pronounces Report of Foreign Offers Without Foundation—Villa's Friendly Declaration Pleases Washington—More Troops on Border Wanted.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Foreign mediation between the United States and Mexico will not be considered for a moment.

This was made clear here this afternoon by Secretary of State Bryan. He characterized as "absolutely without foundation" London dispatches that Sir Arthur Cecil Spring Rice, the British ambassador at Washington, already had started negotiations toward mediation.

Bryan said it would be impossible to have any power act as mediator and doubted that they would even tender friendly offices because America does not recognize Huerta, never has and never will.

Bryan also said that no reply had yet been sent to General Carranza, the Mexican constitutionalist chief, but admitted that important steps to this end were being taken.

Bryan added that he was much pleased with the interview given out in Juarez late yesterday by General Villa. He said it was encouraging evidence of the attitude of constitutionalist leaders.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels also expressed pleasure over General Villa's declaration.

"I have always felt that the constitutionalists were animated by the same spirit that marked the following of the late President Madero," said Daniels. "They are resolved to secure a constitutional government. Despite their excesses and mistakes, most of them are patriotic. And the American people must sympathize with any man struggling for a voice in the government of his country."

The war department was delayed today with demands for more troops on the border.

## MONITOR CHEYENNE ANCHORS AT ENSENADA

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 24.—The monitor Cheyenne, which sailed from this port last night for Ensenada, capital of Lower California, had not arrived there at 8 o'clock this morning, according to the government wireless station at Point Loma. She sailed upon receiving word that anti-American riots had broken out. "Have taken refuge in consulate; situation critical; please send warships at once," was the word telegraphed by United States Consul Claude Guyant. Telegraph wires were cut in the night.

## MILITIAMEN BATTLING WITH ARMED STRIKERS

### Two Conflicts in Progress Between Coal Miners and State Troops—Strikers in Possession of Machine Guns and High Power Rifles—Lock Officials in Mines.

TRINIDAD, Colo., April 24.—Militiamen and strikers are engaged in a fierce battle today a few miles above Aguilar, 15 miles south of Walsenburg, according to messages received here this afternoon. No details were given. It was believed here that the strikers were engaging the troops from Denver.

The bodies of 12 children, two women and a striker, victims of the Ludlow battle, were buried today.

### Battling Near Rouse

DENVER, Colo., April 24.—A report reached Governor Cannon's office here at noon today that 500 militiamen, commanded by Adjutant General John Chase, were battling with armed strikers at Rouse, two miles from Monson, Colo., a station on the Colorado and Southern railroad. Simultaneously with the Rouse message came another from Ludlow which said heavy firing could be heard from that town.

The strikers, according to reports here, unloaded a number of machine guns at Rouse last night. General Chase's troops detained at Monson at 7 o'clock this morning and started to march overland.

It was presumed they met the strikers about an hour later.

The Denver Typographical Union last night adopted a resolution giving the strikers \$500 with which to buy arms and ammunition.

### Seize Two Trains

Latest reports at the state house were that strikers had seized two passenger trains at Bunker Hill, a station on the Colorado and Southern railroad. Confirmation was unavailable.

A Colorado and Southern dispatcher reported hearing that General Chase had sent a strong detachment of soldiers toward Empire to rescue J. W. Stipe and 2 strikebreakers and guard imprisoned in the Empire mine. The mine mouth was reported sealed and strikers surrounded the pit to prevent the escape of the imprisoned men.

## HUERTA RESIGNS TO TAKE ARMY'S COMMAND

LAREDO, Tex., April 24.—That General Huerta has resigned in favor of Foreign Minister Rojas and will take personal command of the army was asserted today by District Judge Gonzales of Nuevo Laredo. He said he had received the news in a telegram from Mexico City.

## ABANDONMENT OF U. S. CONSULATES ORDERED TODAY

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Abandonment of all United States consulates in Mexico was ordered this afternoon by the state department.

This was in addition to the closing of the Mexico City embassy. In Mexico City, Brazil was in charge of American interests. Elsewhere they will be turned over to French consuls except in a few places where France is unrepresented, and at Vera Cruz and Acapulco. At these latter places Brazil will act. England undertook to see to American affairs at Frontera, La Paz, Ensenada and Manzanillo.

Their consulates being closed, Secretary Bryan authorized the consuls to leave Mexico with their staffs whenever their judgment dictated. It was said several would remain.

## THREE QUAKES SHAKE CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 24.—Three distinct earthquake shocks were felt in Sacramento in rapid succession, early today, the first shake occurring at 12:35 a. m., followed in rapid order by two more shocks. The oscillations in all three shakes 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 rocked 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 so severe at Portola 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.

## MEDFORD EXPECTED TO FURNISH CAVALRY TROOPS FOR WAR

PORTLAND, Ore., April 24.—Medford, Klamath Falls, Pendleton, and Baker are each expected to organize cavalry troops for the regiment being gotten together by Lieutenant Hennessey, U. S. A., on orders of Governor West, and of which the chief executive has announced his determination to become a member. Medford may possibly furnish two or more troops. Lieutenant Hennessey announced today that only fearless riders are wanted.

## REPORTED JAPAN TO SEND FLEET TO CALIFORNIA

BERLIN, April 24.—Wild reports that Japan intended to take advantage of the Mexican situation and send a formidable fleet to California were widely circulated here today. These reports, together with adverse advices of the conviction of Emperor Francis Joseph, caused a serious panic on the Bourse. Canadian Pacific dropped five points, and South American shipping stocks fell off as much as 11 points.

It was also reported that President Wilson planned to recall Ambassador Gerard to act in an advisory capacity because of his knowledge of the Mexican republic. Gerard said he knew nothing of any such plan.

## TWO AMERICANS STABBED IN STREET OF MEXICO CITY

LONDON, April 24.—Two Americans were stabbed in the streets of Mexico City today, the American flag was trampled on and conditions here were extremely critical here today, according to a newspaper dispatch received here today.

"The British," the dispatch said, "have compounded a strong guard around their legation and foreigners are congregating there."

"All foreigners are wearing British flags in their buttonholes."

"Huerta has issued a proclamation calling all factions to the colors and granting amnesty for united resistance against America."

"The proclamation was received with the greatest enthusiasm."

## FIVE MEXICANS KILLED AT LAREDO

LAREDO, April 24.—Five Mexicans were killed in the Nueve de Laredo skirmish.

Only the American soldiers' sharp fire saved the international railroad bridge from being burned, and it was here that the fatalities occurred.

Immediately after the fight three trainloads of federal troops left for the southward, presumably in response to the orders for the concentration of the northern forces at Saltillo.

There were no disorders in Laredo. The town is guarded by American regulars beside a company of rangers.

## GENERAL MAAS PLANS ASSAULT ON VERA CRUZ

### Huerta Officer in Command When City Was Seized Threatens Attack Upon Capturers—Americans Are Warned to Spend Night on Board Ships in Harbors.

(By Bernard Roeker.)  
VERA CRUZ, Mex., 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 fight.

**Camped 15 Miles Inland**  
Fifteen miles inland they camped and Maas resumed command. Since then he has been reformed and today it was learned he was at Soledad with 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 Mexicans 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 ships in the harbor.

He offered no explanation, but the general belief was that he expected another battle.

**Order a Surprise**  
His suggestion came, too, as a surprise, the hotels and cafes having been thronged last night, the street cars running as usual and women and children venturing out again. A resumption of the city's normal life was just what the American authorities wanted, and all felt sure Admiral Fletcher would not have taken a step calculated to prevent it if he had not had urgent reasons.

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 dead have been embalmed and will be sent north shortly.

## SONORA, MEXICANS FAVOR AMERICANS

DOUGLAS, Ariz., April 24.—Pro-American sentiment was evident today among the Mexican constitutionalists at Agua Prieta, opposite Douglas. It is not believed here that the constitutionalists will join Huerta against the United States, despite Carranza's recent declaration.

"The abominable crime which the traitor and assassin, Huerta, has just committed against the Mexican nation in deliberately provoking foreign invasion cannot be given a name from the pages of civilized history," reads the reply of the constitutionalist General Obregon to the appeal of the Huertista commander, Telles, at Guaymas, to join against the common foe.

## ARMY STAFF PLANS TO ELIMINATE REBELS THROUGH STARVATION

WASHINGTON, April 24.—"Whether the rebels in northern Mexico remain neutral or not makes very little difference," said a member of the general staff today. "Five minutes after war exists between the United States and Mexico they will be annihilated. We can cut off their food supply and starve them into submission without firing a gun."

## MEXICAN FEDERAL FIRE NUEVO LAREDO

LAREDO, Tex., April 24.—The Mexican federal garrison at Nuevo Laredo, across the Rio Grande from here, set the town on fire today, then evacuated it and retreated from the American border.