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DETAILS OF TODAY'S HAPPENINGS AT VERA CRUZ

Americans Drive Mexicans Out of Vera Cruz—Admiral Badger's Fleet Reaches Vera Cruz—Secretary of Embassy O'Shaughnessy May Be Killed—Huerta Asks Japan and Germany to Aid Him—President Signs War Resolution—Marines Landing at Tampico—Pope Pius Asks Huerta to Surrender.

MEXICAN COMMANDER FLEES TO SAFETY, DESERTING HIS SOLDIERS; WARSHIPS BOMBARD THE FORTS

TODAY'S ATTACK STARTED AT DAYBREAK — MEXICANS START CANNONADE

Marines in Yesterday's Fight Reinforced by Arrivals From Tampico and Badger's Fleet Effect a Landing, and the Ships Keep Up a Fire. Marines Form in the City's Square in the Afternoon.

- VERA CRUZ, April 22.—Admiral Fletcher is the hero of the hour. He met the emergency readily and effectively. Thrown upon his initiative yesterday when congress failed to give Wilson authority, he never hesitated. Americans were in complete control right after noon, following hot street fighting. The city is assuming a peaceful aspect. Scores of prisoners are being sent to the ships. The warships are blackened from the powder fired. So far as known no Americans were killed in today's engagement. Two marines were reported wounded. The Mexican loss is hard to estimate. It may reach 200.

VERA CRUZ, April 22.—The American forces took Vera Cruz this afternoon, driving all the Mexican forces from the city. General Maas, commander of the federals, deserted his army and fled. After the Mexicans started firing at daybreak, marines from Badger's fleet were sent ashore to reinforce those in the fray, and the ships became active. Right after noon, while the guns from the gunboats Chester and Prairie threw five-inch shells over and

into the city, three thousand American marines and bluejackets formed in the center of the city, and kept up a rapid fire that caused the enemy to be routed.

The fleet's gunners demolished the naval academy and the arsenal. None of the non-combatants were injured, as they were safe at the depot during the fighting.

During the fighting the mayor of the city visited Consul Canada under a flag of truce, but nothing was accomplished.

The marines started a house-to-house search for "snipers." The Mexicans who resisted were chiefly an unorganized rabble of peons. Few upper class Mexicans appeared.

The city was shaken under the deafening rattle of the cannon and rifles. The peons scuttled, terror-stricken before the marines.

The American force moved in perfect order until order to form into small squads and search the houses. The chase over rooftops then started.

Mexicans in the second story of the naval academy fired at one of these squads, wounding two marines. The academy was then destroyed by the Yankee shells.

American Consul Canada at Vera Cruz made the following report today to President Wilson:

"Firing was started by the Mexicans at daybreak today. Our ships immediately began to shell the southern end of the city.

"A large force of bluejackets and marines from Admiral Badger's fleet, which arrived during the night, landed before daybreak this morning, and are supporting Fletcher's men, who landed yesterday and were in the first attack.

"Major Butler and his command of marines from Tampico are also ashore now. The American forces, which commenced their general land attack at 5 o'clock, are now operating under the guns of the warships.

"The Florida, Utah, Arkansas, Vermont, South Carolina, New Hampshire and Prairie came in close to put their guns into action.

"I have caused to be widely circulated a proclamation by Fletcher re-

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VOLUNTEER CALL IS HEARD HERE; 500 MEN WANTED

WILL ASSEMBLE AT COURTHOUSE SATURDAY

Call That Is Issued Also Asks for Automobile Owners to Place Their Machines in Service to Transport the Volunteers to and From the Scene of Their Activity on the County Roads.

WANTED—500 men, and all the automobiles needed to carry them, to work Saturday on the Modoc Point road.

Saturday is "Good Roads Day" all over the state, and in all parts of Oregon citizens are going to make a general movement for bettering their highways. In nearly every case, this is to be done by volunteer work on the roads that day.

Klamath county's roads, though, are already in first class condition, so there will be no need of this kind of work around Klamath Falls. There is one place that could be bettered a great deal, though, and that is Modoc Point, on the Fort Klamath road. This roadway is cut along the face of the hill, and is rather narrow. In addition to this, the road is often blocked by stones rolling from the hill.

"We contemplate improving this piece of road next year by widening and cutting off the points," said County Judge Will S. Worden and Commissioner John Hagelstein this afternoon. "Since there are many places there where now it is impossible for teams to pass.

"As is customary in this type of work, the expense will be large. Since this will some time become part of a state highway, we have decided to make a call for volunteers to labor on this great Good Roads Day for the betterment of highways.

"We therefore, as a county court, hereby issue a call for 500 volunteers from the city of Klamath Falls, each man to supply his own lunch and either pick or shovel, to repair Modoc Point on that day, arriving there at 8 o'clock. (Continued on page 4)

Two Views of Federal Troops



Here are the types of soldiers Uncle Sam's bluejackets and marines are routing, and whose loyalty is attested by the fact that their commander, General Maas, deserted them entirely, leaving them to scatter. Above is a troop of Federal cavalry. In the lower picture is shown a battery of artillery.

MARINES AT TAMPICO

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Secretary of State Bryan this afternoon admitted that marines have been landed at Tampico. Fighting is expected there momentarily.

Further than this, he would not discuss the matter. "Yes, I think they reached Tampico, but you had better ask the navy department," Bryan told the report-

ers. "I won't discuss that," was his reply as to whether there was resistance.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—"If the army moves to Mexico it will be to get Huerta dead or alive," according to a high army official. The army is not expected to move until Huerta formally declares war.

Walter Broadsword, Bonanza's hardware merchant prince, arrived in town just at noon today with a load of Bonanza's society matrons—Mrs. Bert Childers, Mrs. Gene Childers and Mrs. Art Langell. Ernest Hamaker was also in the crowd.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church will meet at the home of Mrs. C. V. Fisher tomorrow afternoon at 2:30. At this time final arrangements will be made for the May Festival, and all members are urged to be present.

WAR RESOLUTION PASSES CONGRESS TODAY; IS SIGNED

WILSON ASKS HALF A MILLION FOR PEOPLE

Report That Bryan is Resigning is Denied at Washington—Congressmen Are Exhausted by All Night Session—The Mexican Ambassador at Washington Says He Will Demand Passports Soon.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—The senate, at 3:20 this morning passed a resolution justifying President Wilson in the use of the armed forces in Mexico.

The same was passed unchanged at 11:28 by the house of representatives. It was signed immediately by President Wilson.

This afternoon Wilson read a special message to congress, asking half a million appropriation to bring the Americans home from Panama.

The senate adjourned as soon as the message was read. The members are worn out after last night's session.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Secretary Tumulty today denied the report that Bryan had resigned from the cabinet over the bloodshed at Vera Cruz.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Mexican Charge d'Affaires Algara today announced he would demand his passports before midnight tomorrow.

HUERTA SEEKS TO SECURE AID FROM GERMANY AND JAPS

JAPAN SENDS "NOTHING STIRRING" ANSWER

It is Not Believed That the Powers Will Take Any Hand in the Affair, But Bryan is Seeing That All the Details Are Reported to the Various Foreign Offices—Wilson is Still Hopeful.

TOKIO, April 22.—Japan will remain neutral in the present American-Mexican trouble. This announcement was made today by the foreign office.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Reports are already in the possession of the state department, indicating that Huerta has appealed to Germany and Japan for aid.

The situation is considered most grave, and this is the opinion also of the rebel junta here.

President Wilson hopes to prevent a general war. Other officials, however, are pessimistic, and believe it will be necessary for the United States to conquer all of Mexico before the affair is settled.

Secretary Bryan is personally keeping the powers advised. It is not expected that any other nation will interfere, but no chances are being taken.

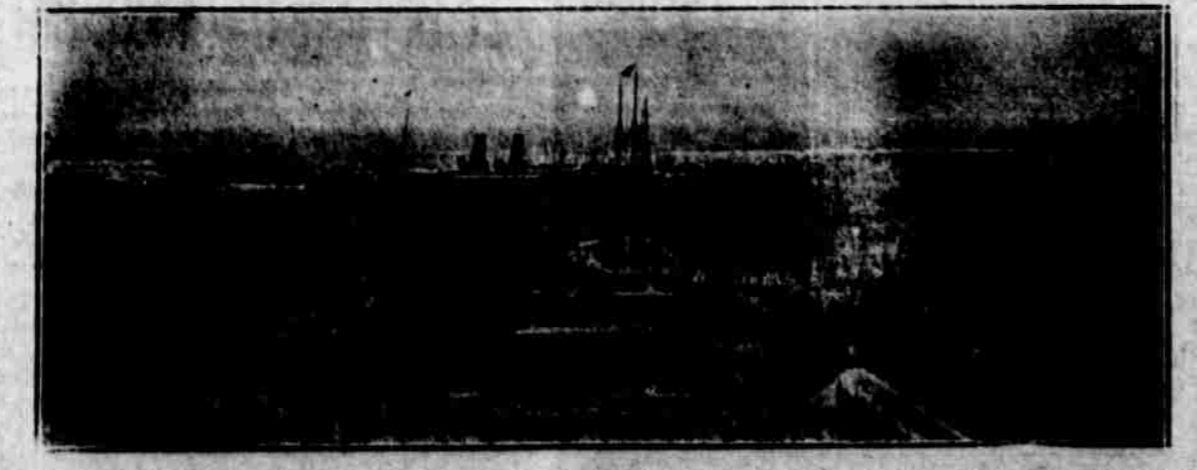
Strength of Atlantic Fleet Given in Detail

Rear-Admiral Charles J. Badger will have under his command when the mobilization of the Atlantic fleet off Vera Cruz and Tampico is complete, nineteen great battleships in four divisions, each consisting of three or four battleships of the first class and numerous auxiliaries under the command of an admiral. The tonnage, equipment in men, armament and commanders are as follows: Arkansas—Thirty-three guns, 26,000 tons, 28,000 horsepower, four screws, 12 12-inch guns, secondary battery, 21 5-inch, 4 3-inch field pieces, 8 machine guns, 1,100 men; temporary flagship of fleet and flagship of Rear Admiral Charles J. Badger. Captain, Roy C. Smith. Florida—Twenty-six guns, 21,828 tons, 28,000 horsepower, four screws, 10 12-inch, secondary battery, 16 5-inch, 4 3-inch field pieces, 8 machine guns; 1,000 men, flagship of fleet; Admiral Fletcher. Captain, William R. Rush. Louisiana—Twenty-four guns, 16,000 tons, 16,500 horsepower, 4 12-inch, intermediate battery, 8 8-inch, secondary battery, 12 5-inch, 4 3-inch field pieces, 6 machine guns; 900 men; flagship of Admiral Clifford J. Bouch. Virginia—Twenty-four guns, 14,948 tons, 19,000 horsepower, 4 12-inch, intermediate battery, 8 8-inch, secondary battery, 12 5-inch, 4 3-inch field pieces, 6 machine guns, 900 men; flagship of Admiral Frank A. Beatty. Captain, John C. Leonard. Connecticut—Twenty-four guns, 16,000 tons, 16,500 horsepower, 4 12-inch, intermediate battery, 8 8-inch, 4 3-inch field pieces; secondary battery, 12 5-inch, 6 machine guns; 900 men; flagship of Rear Admiral Henry T. Mayo. Captain, John J. Knapp. Utah—Twenty-six guns, 21,820 tons, 28,000 horsepower; 10 12-inch, secondary battery, 16 5-inch, 4 3-inch field pieces, 8 machine guns; 950 men. Captain, John H. Gibbons. Michigan—Twenty-four guns, 16,000 tons, 16,000 horsepower, 8 12-inch, secondary battery, 16 5-inch, 4 3-inch field pieces, 6 machine guns; 850 men. Captain, Albert P. Niblack. New Hampshire—Twenty-four guns, 16,000 tons, 16,500 horsepower, 8 12-inch, secondary battery, 16 5-inch, 4 3-inch field pieces, 6 machine guns; 900 men. (Continued on page 4)

O'Shaughnessy Is Not Heard of; May Be Killed

GALVESTON, April 22.—Francis attempts by commercial houses to confirm or deny the reports that Nelson O'Shaughnessy, American Charge d'Affaires at Mexico City, was killed, have been of no avail. Other unconfirmed rumors state that Consul General Shanklin is also dead. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Secretary Bryan today stated that there has been no communication with Mexico City since yesterday morning. The secretary also admits that he has heard nothing from O'Shaughnessy since Monday. The belief that he was assassinated is growing. CHICAGO, April 22.—The News today states that Pope Pius cabled the apostolic delegate in Mexico, asking him to urge Huerta to yield and prevent further bloodshed.

Harbor at Vera Cruz, Scene of Fighting



This photograph was taken from the customs house, looking out over the harbor, which is an inlet from the Gulf of Campeche. Vera Cruz is the seaport to which Mexico City is tributary for its imports, etc., and the blockading will have a serious effect upon the Mexican capital.