

AMERICAN FORCES READY FOR ATTACK OF GENERAL MAAS

Mexicans Near Vera Cruz Are Guarding Roads into Mexico City.

GUNS OF FLEET ARE TRAINED ON HILLS

Huerta Hoped for Invasion of U. S. Troops to Unite Factions.

Vera Cruz, May 4.—Five thousand Mexican federalists were encamped 29 miles from Vera Cruz today, guarding both routes to Mexico City.

In case of a federal attack on Vera Cruz, General Funston could muster a force of 7,000 men, including marines and bluejackets.

The flags on all American and foreign warships were lowered to half mast as the Montana sailed last night with the bodies of the American marines and bluejackets killed in the occupation of Vera Cruz.

Huerta Ready to Fly. That opposition to the dictator has reached a point among the people of his capital where he is personally in serious danger was known positively.

According to reliable information today matters here have reached a pass at which the president realizes that his position reached a pass at which the president realizes that his position is hopeless.

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With this end in view it was the consensus of opinion among the best judges that he would force an engagement as speedily as possible.

The news also leaked out from Mexico City that Foreign Minister Rojas resigned Friday night because Archbishop Mora, who had undertaken to persuade the dictator to retire, had failed in his mission.

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Reports that the president's health is breaking and that he is on the verge of collapse are untrue. He is active, alert and in close touch with developments. In his habits he has made no change.

Officials here are reticent concerning medication. "Any proposal," said Minister of the Interior Alcocer, "received through the proper channels will be considered and decided on its merits."

It was learned today that the rebel chieftains Lechuga and Cabanzo have surrendered to President Huerta.

No further details had been received today of the loss of the Pacific Railway company's steamship Luella, which, according to a dispatch from Mazatlan last night, had been blown up there by a mine planted in the harbor for American war vessels.

Howard Ready to Fire. San Diego, Cal., May 4.—The following wireless message from Charles H. Raymond, United Press correspondent with the Pacific fleet in Mexican waters, was sent here today by the cruiser California.

"The pier at Manzanillo has been burned. Refugees are leaving that port by hundreds. Local papers state that Admiral Howard will give 48 hours notice before opening fire.

COLORADO LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER STRIKE

Special Session Called to Provide Funds for Militia in Coal Fields.

IMPEACHMENT OF AMMONS NOT THOUGHT POSSIBLE

Mine Owners Threaten to Prosecute Labor Leaders on Murder Charge.

Denver, Colo., May 4.—The state legislature met here at noon today in special session to consider an appropriation to provide funds to meet the deficit caused by maintaining militiamen in the strike-bound coal fields.

It was also practically certain that resolution would be introduced providing for the impeachment of Governor Ammons, but the chief executive was confident it would fail.

J. H. Slattey, a conservative democrat, was unanimously elected speaker of the house to succeed Onias Skinner, who resigned to accept a federal position.

Governor Ammons then recited strike conditions and asked for an appropriation of \$700,000 to pay the expenses of the militia sent into the strike districts.

May Prefer Murder Charge. Mine operators threatened today to prosecute John White, president; Frank Hayes, vice-president; John Lawson, John McLennan and other international and district leaders of the United Mine Workers of America on a charge of murder or conspiracy to murder in connection with the fatalities at Forbes, where seven mine guards were slain, and at Walsburg, where Major P. P. Lester was killed.

The Ludlow horror was certain of a thorough overhauling by the legislature. The finding of the military board which investigated the tragedy was still a state wide sensation today.

The board, indeed, blamed the Greeks among the strikers' colony for starting the battle, but for the militia's conduct subsequently it recommended the court-martialing of every officer and enlisted man who took part in the fight.

It found that, after the first tent took fire, the militiamen and mine guards deliberately spread the conflagration by pouring oil upon the flames and upon other tents. It was charged that the state's forces also looted the tents.

Poured Oil on Flames. The board declared that, at the opening of the battle, the militiamen trained a machine gun among the tents, poured a volley upon them and that the first tent was set on fire by the conflagration of this cannonade.

The Denver News published today statistics showing that 99 per cent of a troop's members were employed by the mine owners.

Lindelfelt himself, the military board discovered, had been in Colorado only five months. It was brought out also that his troop had never elected officers and had never held a drill.

Finally, it was found that the militia shot Tikas and two other strikers who had been made prisoners.

join forces with the federalists against the Americans. "The South Dakota is at Acapulco, the Maryland at Manzanillo and the California here."

The exact position of the cruiser California, which sent the message, was not known here. Operators at the wireless station said they believed the cruiser was at Guzmanas.

Other messages received here today, however, indicated that she might be at Mazatlan, several hundred miles further south.

Federal Refugees Transferred. El Paso, Texas, May 4.—Heavily guarded by troops of the 20th United States infantry, 800 of the Mexican federal prisoners held here since they were driven across the border by General Villa entrained today for Fort Wingoate. It took 47 coaches to accommodate them and their guards.

Following the sullen faced federalists, who marched from their barred wire enclosure to the train waiting them on a siding, came a procession of weeping Mexican women, burdened with pots and pans and generally accompanied by children clinging to their skirts.

General Covarranza having refused positively to agree to an armistice between the constitutionalists and Huertistas pending negotiations, agent George Carothers of the state department, has cancelled his proposed trip to Chihuahua City.

DEBATE ON TOLLS QUESTION OPENED IN SENATE TODAY

Both Factions Confident of Victory and Argument Will Be Lengthy.

NO FINAL VOTE IS EXPECTED FOR WEEKS

Senator Townsend of Michigan Takes a Rap at Present War Policy.

Washington, May 4.—With both factions confident of victory the debate on the legislation providing for the repeal of the exemption clause in the Panama canal tolls set started in the senate today.

It was not expected that a final vote will be reached for several weeks. Indications were today that the debate would be long and bitter.

"I will not vote my government guilty of perfidy and dishonor, in order to obtain the approval of the selfish shipping interests of a foreign nation," declared Senator Townsend of Michigan at the conclusion of a speech against the tolls exemption repeal bill in the senate this afternoon.

In the course of his speech he paid attention to President Wilson's Mexican policy.

"Out of our Mexican relations no possible credit or honor can come to our country," he said. "The war now raging between Huerta and the United States will be recorded in history as having originated in an unjustifiable state cause."

Popes Flung at Mexico. "Was it Cato, the Roman orator, who had such a hatred of Carthage that he closed every speech with the words: 'Carthage must be destroyed'?" Our president assumed a similar attitude toward Huerta.

"If, in the course of this debate, the president had been too severely criticized and if he shall hereafter be improperly arraigned, he cannot justly complain. He should at least have taken the congress into his confidence and presented the real reasons which were evidently sufficient to effect a change in him.

"It is impossible that the shorter Panama route will not have the effect of cheapening transportation or bettering the facilities, or both between the middle west and the Pacific coast. I do not expect a great reduction in individual rates because of the Panama canal influence, but the aggregate benefit will be great, much greater than the aggregate of remitted tolls on domestic shipping."

Townsend discussed at length the history of the canal negotiations and attempted to show that the exemption of the coast wise ships from tolls did not constitute a violation of its letter or spirit.

FORESTERS END CONVENTION.

Short talks by timber owners at the luncheon given Saturday at the Marion hotel closed the convention of foresters that was in session in the state house Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

Plans for the coming summer's work were discussed at the session Saturday morning. There were 33 men in attendance at the convention.

The number was made up from employees at the state office, men of the fire patrol associations and government foresters.

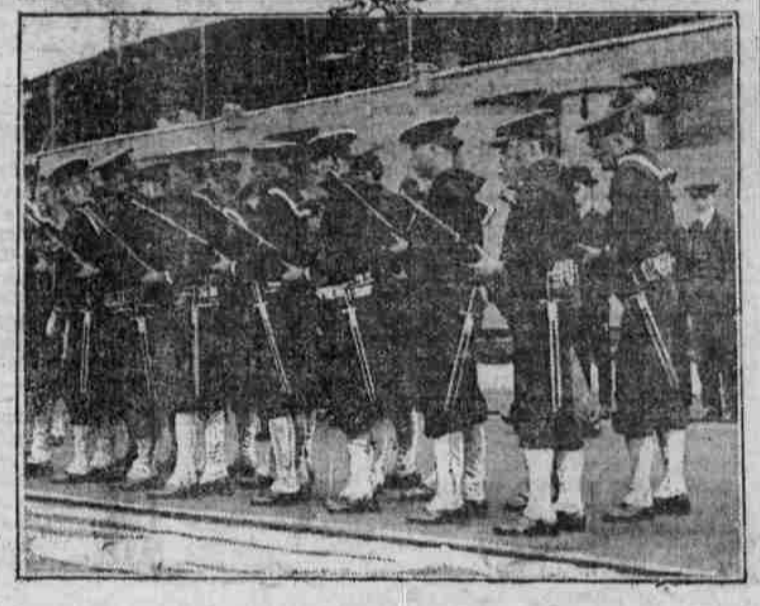
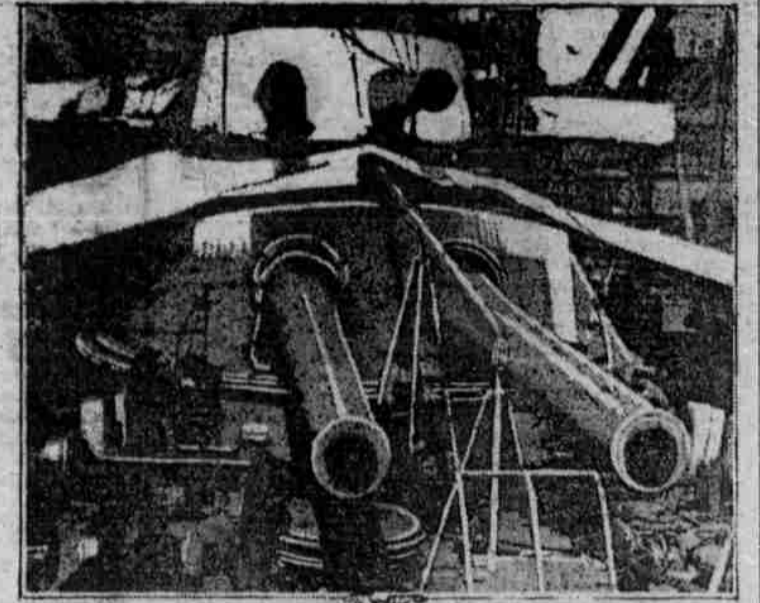
Talks were made by W. J. Linsley, Nelson E. McDuff, T. H. Spurgeon, Earl Mealey, John McDonald, M. L. Erickson and T. A. Elliott.

\$3,000,000 BANKING FIRM HAS CLOSED ITS DOORS

Philadelphia, May 4.—With liabilities exceeding \$3,000,000, the firm of Cramp, Mitchell & Co., bankers and brokers, closed its doors here today.

The firm has been in difficulty for some time as a result of severe losses on underwriting operations. An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was granted today by the United States circuit court here.

Guns of Battleship Utah Trained Upon Sand Hills Sheltering Maas' Troops



A group of marines on board the battleship here shown are drawn up with their arms and receiving instructions preparatory to landing. The other picture shows the great guns of the battleship Utah.

Bloodless Duel Satisfies Rivals

TWO ROUNDS REQUIRED TO SETTLE QUESTION OF HONOR—RECONCILIATION FOLLOWS.

Paris, May 4.—Rinace Minister Joseph Caillaux and Fernand L'Alhier fought a bloodless duel today in the Park de Princess.

As the challenged combatant, d'Alhier chose pistols. The duelists were placed 25 paces apart and fired two shots each; Caillaux both times into the air and d'Alhier's both times into the ground.

The two were rival candidates for seats in the chamber of deputies at the recent election, and Caillaux, who was elected, accused d'Alhier of insulting him in a campaign poster.

SEEKS AID FROM WEST

RESIDENT OF NEWBERG SAYS TOO MUCH BOOZE IS BEING SHIPPED INTO THAT CITY.

Governor West has received a letter from a gentleman in Newberg complaining that the drug stores there are selling spirituous liquors at a great rate. He gives in detail the amounts of liquor shipped in and says he got the figures from the S. P. books.

BASEBALL TODAY.

Table listing baseball games for National, American, and Federal leagues.

JUDGE SUSTAINS ORDER

INJUNCTION AGAINST INTERCHANGE OF TELEPHONE SERVICE IS DENIED.

Portland, May 4.—The state railroad commission's order for an interchange of telephone service between the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company and the Home Telephone company in the Oregon and Benson hotels, Portland, was held lawful and the injunction to restrain it was denied.

MALE STENOGRAPHERS AND TYPEWRITERS IN DEMAND

The United States civil service commission announces that while it has no difficulty in securing sufficient female stenographers and typewriters to meet the needs of the departments at Washington, the supply of male eligibles has not been equal to the demand.

EDGES EXPECTS TO REACH ALASKA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Washington, May 4.—"We expect to reach Alaska as soon as possible—that's about all there is to say as yet," was the statement here today of William Edes, newly-appointed member of the Alaska engineering commission, which will have charge of the location of government railroads in the northern territory.

STEAMER REPORTED AFIRE

Tulafas, N. S., May 4.—Wireless dispatches received here this afternoon stated an unidentified steamer was burning off Sable Island.

WATERFRONT MAY BE SCENE OF LABOR WAR IN PORTLAND

Shippers Contend that Organized Labor Delays Development of Port.

STRIKE SITUATION REMAINS UNCHANGED

No Attempt Made to Unload Cargoes of Steamers Navajo and Bear.

Portland, Or., May 4.—Contending that organized labor is interfering with the development of the port, its shipping, the city's industrial activity and business in general, the Employers' association of Portland is today planning retaliation against the waterfront federation because of the organization of a freight checkers' union, in affiliation with the longshoremen.

It is estimated that the association will begin a campaign to establish the open shop policy on Portland's waterfront with the backing of the lumber manufacturers, the grain, flour and feed shippers and a large number of industries of miscellaneous character.

W. C. Francis, secretary-manager of the Employers' association of Portland, and secretary of the Federation of Pacific Coast Employers' admitted today that meetings are being held by representatives of the various industries to perfect plans for action.

That Portland was on the brink of an industrial upheaval seemed assured. It was known that the waterfront federation would combat vigorously any attempt to inaugurate an open shop policy in Portland's shipping industries.

In the meantime the situation in the strike declared by the longshoremen last week against the American Hawaiian Steamship company and San Francisco and Portland Steamship company for refusing to recognize the freight checkers' union remained unchanged. No effort was made today to work the cargoes of either the steamer Navajo, of the former company, or the steamer Bear, of the latter.

The decision not to attempt to remove the cargoes of the two steamers was reached late yesterday after hostile demonstrations by friends and sympathizers of the longshoremen.

WILL HEAR CANDIDATES BAKER ORGANIZES CLUBS

ENTRIES IN GUBERNATORIAL RACE TO EXPLAIN PLATFORMS AT ARMORY TONIGHT.

Eight candidates for the republican nomination for governor will be heard tonight at the armory at a meeting held under the auspices of the Salem Republican club as part of its program of education of the voters as to the issues and candidates before the people.

The candidates who are scheduled to appear this evening and tell of their platforms are A. M. Crawford, attorney general; James Withycombe, of the Oregon Agricultural college; William A. Carter, of Portland; George C. Brownell, of Oregon City; Charles A. Johns, of Portland; Gus Moser, of Portland; Judge Grant B. Dimick, of Oregon City, and ex-governor T. T. Geer.

It is the purpose of the meeting to give each republican candidate a chance to give a short outline of his political views and a statement of his platform and what he would do should the gubernatorial chair. About 20 minutes will be allowed each speaker.

In addition to the program of speeches, Mrs. Hallie Parrish Hinges, Oregon's nightingale, whose reputation for song is as extensive as the borders of the state, will sing "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America."

DIGGS' TRIAL RESUMED.

San Francisco, May 4.—The trial of Maury I. Diggs, former state architect, charged with criminally attacking Miss Ida Pearring, was resumed here today before Superior Judge Cabanis.

The principal witness at the morning session was David F. Lesler. He swore that he worked for the Pearring family for years and knew it to be a fact that Ida May Pearring was born in San Jose March 9, 1896.

The Weather section with a cartoon character and text describing weather conditions in Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Lewis spent Sunday with their son Clifford, in Corvallis, who is in the mercantile business in the little college town.

Whatever else is not done, keep that Alaska steamship line going and well supported.