BATTLESHIPS TO MEXICO.

Virtually Entire Atlantic Fleet Goes to Tampico to Force Respect of the Stars and Stripes.

Vera Cruz, April 14.—The Mexican foreign minister, Senor Portillo y Rojas, has transmitted to the American Chargé, 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 Rear Admiral Mayo that the American flag be saluted.

In effect the note says that the Mexican government cannot see wherein it has violated international law, the federal made a blood and insult on the American nation, that its ordering the army and navy to salute the American flag and the American government would be an admission that the United States is entitled to make such a demand. The note concludes by saying that the Mexican government is willing to submit the whole question to the Hague Court of Arbitration.

[illegible] Atlantic Fleet [illegible] with the dreadnaught [illegible] have been [illegible] in readiness to sail for Mexican waters.

[illegible] Navy.

[illegible] Tampico.

[illegible] Huerta [illegible] Tampico and the [illegible] Tampico [illegible] Navy.

While the navy moved on the Atlantic [illegible] Huerta [illegible] Tampico [illegible] Huerta [illegible] Tampico [illegible] Huerta [illegible] Tampico