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4 AMERICANS KILLED; 20 WOUNDED

VERA CRUZ IS TAKEN

American Troops Take Mexican Port After a Battle With Federals---Stubborn Resistance of Federals Looks Like War---Old Glory Now Waves Over Customs House At Vera Cruz.

Washington, April 21.—Marines and bluejackets of the American navy today took the customs house and a large section of Vera Cruz with a loss of four killed and 20 wounded. The loss of the Mexican garrison was not officially known here tonight, but was estimated at 200 killed. This was the first step in the program of reprisal by the United States against the Huerta government for the arrest of American bluejackets at Tampico and other offenses against the rights and dignity of the United States.

It was the first clash between forces of the United States and Mexico since revolution broke out in the southern republic in 1910, and gave the Washington government a Mexican problem.

Fletcher Sounds Warning.

Though fighting had not ceased at a late hour tonight, Rear Admiral Fletcher had warned the federal commander that he would use the big guns of the American fleet if his man did not stop firing. The American forces had orders to fire only to defend themselves. The United States intends to take no offensive steps for the present. The salute to the flag which Huerta refused will not be satisfactory reparation. It is understood a declaration of apology as well as a salute and a guarantee that the rights and dignity of the United States will be respected can alone cause a withdrawal of the American forces.

While American marines and

bluejackets were fighting the senate debated the whole Mexican situation before crowded galleries. The joint resolution that passed the house supporting the President's proposal to use the army and navy to obtain reparation was being debated in the senate at midnight with prospect of an all night session. Many Republican senators wanted the resolution broadened to authorize steps to obtain reparation for all offenses committed against Americans in Mexico.

No Quarrel With Mexican People.

The administration senators fought this as tantamount to a declaration of war, saying the United States had no quarrel with the Mexican people but with the Huerta government controlling a small portion of it.

The President went ahead on the authority of the executive, in accordance with precedent he believed an emergency existed. He gave Rear Admiral Fletcher authority to seize the Vera Cruz customs house to prevent the landing there today by a German merchant vessel of a big consignment of arms and ammunition for the Huerta government.

Secretary Bryan conferred with the German ambassador, Count Von Bernstorff, and it is believed the influence of the German government will be interposed to prevent the consignment from landing elsewhere in Mexico and complicating the situation. The ship carries 15,000,000 rounds of ammunition and 200 rapid fire guns and thousands of rifles.

Mr. Rosco Gann, who has been confined to his room with pneumonia, is able to be out again, we are glad to say.

Miss Berchie Dunlap spent Tuesday night with Miss Bessie Martin.

DANCING KID.

Revival Meetings At Methodist Church.

A series of revival meetings were started at the M. E. church here Sunday night, being conducted by Pastor T. J. Folger, and his sermons are strong and earnest. Rev. Mr. Houck, of Sparta, who was to have assisted in the meetings, has so far been detained at his home on account of the illness of his wife. A message from Mr. Houck yesterday stated that his wife was better and that he would probably arrive here in a day or two.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Moore, of Moore's Springs, visited Danbury today.

DEATHS AT MEADOWS

Mrs. Walter Jones and the Infant Of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mabe Pass Away.

HORSE CRIPPLED

On the Much-Discussed Bad Road—Various Other News and Personal Items.

Meadows, April 21.—Mrs. A. S. Stewart is critically ill with apoplexy, but is a little improved since Saturday, when she was stricken.

Born unto Mr. and Mrs. Watt Tuttle, a son.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mabe died last week of membranous croup, and was buried at Clear Spring.

Mrs. Walter Jones died last Wednesday of tuberculosis and was laid to rest Thursday at Bethel. She leaves a husband and four children, a mother and a father and one brother and sister to mourn their loss.

The little daughter of Mrs. Rosa Covington, who has been ill with pneumonia, is much better, we are glad to know.

Mr. Jona Johnson is very low with pneumonia this week.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Watt Wall, who has been quite ill with pneumonia, is recovering.

Mrs. Joe Coleman, who has been confined to her home for some time with a bad throat trouble, is out again.

Mr. J. W. Morefield got a fine horse crippled on the bad road leading from Walnut Cove to Meadows last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leff Mabe visited Mrs. Mabe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Glidewell, Saturday, returning home Sunday.

Mrs. Sallie Matthews, who has been suffering with pleurisy and other diseases for some time, is improving some.

Sandy Ridge.

Sandy Ridge, April 20.—Quite a crowd attended preaching at Oak Ridge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Dunlap and Mr. Jesse East spent Saturday night at Mr. W. T. Ward's.

Among those who visited at Mr. E. K. Vernon's Saturday night were Miss Ella and Ruth Wall, Lillian Dodson; Messrs. James, Tommie, Everett and Parker Hawkins, Tommie Steele, Ott, Pete, Sam and Albert Wall, Herbert and Robert Carter, Jess East, Ed Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wilson. All seemed to enjoy themselves fine.

Rev. Charlie Wall filed his regular appointment at Delta Sunday.

Mr. Wallace Hawkins, who has been quite ill for several days, is very much improved, we are glad to note.

Rev. D. A. Oakley will preach at Delta Tuesday night April 28. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

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WALNUT COVE LETTER

Annual Commencement of Walnut Cove High School Will Start April 26.

CONTRACT TO BE LET

April 22nd For A New Warehouse In Walnut Cove—Other Personal Items of Interest From The Busy Town.

Walnut Cove, April 21.—The annual sermon for the Walnut Cove State High School commencement will be preached on Sunday, April 23th, by Rev. W. H. Willis, of Mt. Airy, at the Baptist church here at eleven o'clock a. m., while the annual address will be delivered by Dr. T. C. Amic, of Elon College, on Tuesday, April 28th, at 11 o'clock a. m. The full programme has not been arranged yet.

Messrs. C. M. Jones, J. M. Taylor and J. C. Hutcherson, who are the building committee, will let out the contract on Wednesday, April 22nd, for building the new warehouse here. The building will be 80x200 feet, which is the same size of the Stokes County Warehouse and will be completed by August first.

Rev. Mr. Willey, of Mayodan, filled his regular appointment at Christ Episcopal church here last Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, preaching to a large congregation.

Mrs. J. Wesley Morefield and daughters, Misses Jettie and Bessie, spent the week-end in Greensboro.

Mrs. W. S. Vaughn and daughter, Miss Jessie, spent the day Saturday in Winston-Salem shopping.

Miss Myrtle Samuel, who has been attending a business College in Roanoke, Va., came in town Saturday night and is now spending a few days as the guest of her sister, Mrs. O. N. Petree, on Summit Ave.

Mrs. J. H. Fulton spent the day in Greensboro last Friday to see her sister, Mrs. S. W. Gentry, of Mt. Airy, who is in St. Leo's Hospital for an operation for appendicitis, but was improving nicely, which her many friends will be glad to learn.

Miss Bernice Woodruff spent a few days last week in Greensboro as the guest of her sister, Miss Bettie Woodruff, who is a student at the Normal College there.

Misses Maud Cramer, of Elizabeth City, and Mae Dalton, of Winston-Salem, have been the delightful guests of Miss Annie Kate Jones at her home in Stokesburg for the past week.

Mr. A. W. Davis made a business trip to places in Virginia last week.

Several of our town people left in a machine Monday for Greensboro for the ball game, but the machine broke down on the way and the young ladies came back on the train while the young men kept on their way, but not in the machine.

Mr. Gaston Carroll, of Wins-

BIRTHDAY DINNER

Given Mrs. M. D. Turpin ---Wade H. Boyles and Barges Boyles III--Other News.

King Route 2, April 22.—The farmers are very busy hauling fertilizer.

Rev. Mr. Hellard of Winston-Salem preached an interesting sermon to a large crowd at Mt. Olive church last Sunday.

Mr. S. K. Anderson went to Mt. Airy last week and bought a load of pigs.

Mr. C. T. Darnell has traded for a fine pair of mules and bought him a new buggy.

Messrs. G. W. Smith and R. L. Boyles spent Easter Monday at East Bend.

Messrs. Wade H. Boyles and Barges Boyles are reported on the sick list at this writing.

Born unto Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dorsett, a girl.

There was a surprise birthday dinner given at Mr. M. D. Turpin's last Monday in honor of Mrs. Turpin, who is sixty-one years of age. Mrs. Turpin was very busy preparing her dinner and the first she knew of it was about eleven o'clock when about 135 of her relatives and friends drove up to her home. The table was sixty feet long and was filled with everything imaginable good to eat. Rev. H. P. Mickey called the crowd together and returned thanks and wished Mrs. Turpin many more happy birthdays.

SCRIBBLER.

Among the citizens in attendance at the meeting of the County Commissioners today were Messrs. J. H. Matthews, J. A. Neal, Milton Southern, James Lawson, Dr. J. W. Neal, Wesley Mabe, Louis Hicks, Will Southern, Ollie Hicks, James Chapman, J. D. Young, R. L. Coleman, J. J. Stephens, John Carroll, R. P. Glidewell, J. W. Morefield, Isaac Hill, Watt Wall, Joe Hicks, Eldridge Hicks, J. C. Wall, Joseph Coleman, Ben Smith, Robert Neal, I. G. Ross and others.

Mrs. J. T. Smith returned today from a visit to her brother in Ashe county.

ton, was in town Sunday enroute to Mt. Airy on a business trip. Messrs. Carl and Watson Joyce and sister, Miss Lillie, spent the day in Greensboro Sunday. They made a successful trip in Mr. Joyce's new machine.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hedgecock went to Greensboro Saturday to visit Mr. Nat Hedgecock's family.

Miss Ruth Hairston, of Cooleme, is spending a few days at Sauratown this week.

Messrs. G. W. Naff and W. H. Young, traveling salesmen from Roanoke, Va., were in town Monday.

Mr. J. T. Plott of Statesville is in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fair and Misses Sallie Fulton and Bessie McPherson spent the day, Tuesday in Winston.

NO ACTION TAKEN

At Meeting Of Board Of Commissioners In Danbury Today.

TO MEET AGAIN MAY 4

Will Again Take Up Meadows Township Road Matter On First Monday In May—Two Of Meadows Road Commissioners Fail To Attend The Meeting Here.

At a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held here today, for the purpose of conferring with the Meadows Township road commissioners in regard to the improvement of the public road in Meadows township between J. I. Blackburn's and Meadows postoffice, the County Commissioners failed to take any action in the matter on account of the fact that two of the Meadows road commissioners were not in attendance at the meeting. The road commissioners had been asked to meet with the County Commissioners, but it is not known why they failed to be present.

The Board of Commissioners made an order that the road commissioners of Meadows township be again notified to meet with them on the first Monday in May, at which time the County Commissioners hope to make some satisfactory adjustment of the matter if the Meadows commissioners attend the meeting.

Quite a large number of the citizens of Meadows township were in attendance at the meeting and urged that something be done to give them the road. Mr. John W. Kurfess, of Germantown, addressed the Board in opposition to the building of the road—or at least until some other roads in the township can be built. There was quite a lively discussion of the matter throughout the meeting.

Program of Commencement For King High School.

King, April 19.—Rev. Fred J. Jones, State Evangelist of the Christian church in North Carolina, will preach at Galatia Christian church on Monday night, May 4th, at 7:30 o'clock. He was formerly State Evangelist of the Christian church of Illinois, devoting a greater part of his life to this work and for establishing the cause of Christ. He invites all Christian people of all denominations to come and hear him. The church extends a hearty welcome to all.

GALATIA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
J. F. NEWSOM, Sec.

Germantown High School Commencement Starts.

Mr. W. G. Petree left today to attend the annual commencement of the Germantown High School, which will start tonight.