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VERA CRUZ PLACED UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Mexican City Officers Hagggle Over Forms and Show Themselves Powerless To Control Affairs and Restore Order, So Rear Admiral Fletcher Puts Place Under Entire Military Control—Fears Felt For Safety of Americans Held Prisoners—All Mexicans in Vera Cruz Are Disarmed To Stop Firing at Americans

(By The Associated Press.) Vera Cruz, April 26.—Vera Cruz tonight is under martial law. Rear Admiral Frank Fletcher, commanding the American naval forces on shore today issued a proclamation to this effect, and the last opportunity Mexicans had for handling their own affairs in Vera Cruz under their own laws, disappeared.

Quibbling Is Stopped. Admiral Fletcher and his staff determined there should be no more quibbling with the Mexican officials regarding the form of government, and until further notice residents of this port will live and be judged by military law. The word has gone forth that disorder and unruliness in any form shall receive swift and severe punishment. This proclamation makes Rear Admiral Fletcher absolute ruler ashore.

Others believed the martial law proclamation will open the way for more of the city and Federal employes to return and co-operate in restoring the local government functions. Mexicans point out that these men now will be in a position to explain to their friends and the existing government at the capital that under martial law they felt obliged to return to their work.

Citizens Are Disarmed. An order that all arms be turned in by residents by noon today brought to the headquarters of the provost marshal bushels of small arms and stacks of rifles.

STORY OF TERRORS TOLD BY REFUGEES FLEEING TAMPICO

Americans in Tampico Were Rescued From Mobs By German Sailors—One Woman Walked Two Miles, Carrying Two-Days-Old Baby, Fleeing From Crazy Mexicans—Boats Feared to Fly the Stars and Stripes

Washington, D. C., April 26.—United States Consul General Philip C. Hanna, at Monterey, reported to Secretary Bryan tonight that he had been humiliated and placed in jail by Mexican Federal officials on April 22, and left behind the bars until released two days later by the Constitutionalists, when they captured the city.

Galveston, Texas, April 26.—The battleship Connecticut and torpedo boat convoy Dixie came into port today, bringing the last of the American refugees from Tampico and nearby districts. There may be five or six Americans still in Tampico, but they would not leave, said Captain John J. Knapp, of the Connecticut, just after the battleship dropped anchor. There are four hundred and ninety refugees on the Connecticut and 378 refugees on the Dixie. On board the steamship Esperanza that came in from Tampico last night there were three hundred and seventy-seven Americans who had fled from Mexico. There are about 1,100 American refugees held here in quarantine on the ships but their release is expected either tomorrow or Tuesday. The story of the anti-American riot in Tampico last Tuesday night, when German officers

HUERTA WILL NEGOTIATE SAYS UNOFFICIAL DISPATCH

Spanish Ambassador Says Usurper Will Permit South American Diplomats to Act as Intermediaries in the Trouble—This Does Not Mean Huerta Will Accept Proposition of United States, Which Will Probably Demand His Entire Elimination.

Washington, D. C., April 26.—Spanish Ambassador Riano announced late tonight that he had received private advices from Mexico City stating that General Huerta had accepted the offer of Argentina, Brazil, and Chile to use their good offices to bring about an amicable settlement of the difficulty between the United States and Mexico.

This afternoon, though unofficial, was accepted as authentic by the Ambassador, who expects to be prepared to place General Huerta's formal acceptance before the representatives of the three South American countries tomorrow.

Washington, D. C., April 26.—Hope for peace—yet no slackening in preparations for war—was the spirit of today's developments in the Mexican crisis.

President Wilson, hopeful, though not confident, that war may be averted through the efforts of Argentina, Brazil and Chile, conferred with Secretary Garrison, approving orders for the joint jurisdiction of the army and navy over Vera Cruz and vicinity when Brigadier-General Funston, who will be in command there, arrives tomorrow to reinforce Admiral Fletcher's forces.

Tension Is Relieved. Tension over the one phase of the situation which may at any moment upset peace plans—the safety of Americans in Mexico City and other interior points—was partially relieved by the announcement of Secretary Bryan that, through the British Embassy here, the Huerta officials and Admiral Fletcher had arranged for the safe departure of Americans from the Mexican capital and the free exodus of Americans from Vera Cruz.

British Official Aids. Thomas B. Hohler, first secretary of the British legation in Mexico City, taking a trainload of Mexicans from Vera Cruz to Mexico City, informed General Huerta that the American forces were not restraining Mexicans from leaving there and was assured that Americans consequently would be allowed to leave the capital as they pleased. Admiral Fletcher's declaration of martial law at Vera Cruz was approved by officials here, who realize his difficulties with house-top sharpshooters and concealed enemies. While extreme measures will be taken to enforce order in Vera Cruz no further steps of aggression will be taken while peace plans are being considered.

DANGER TO AMERICANS IN MEXICO INCREASES

Many More Added To Those Arrested and Thrown Into Prison For Probable Execution By Brigandish Soldiers of Huerta—Populace Inflamed By False Newspaper Stories

Vera Cruz, April 26.—Circulars threatening American business houses are being distributed in the streets of Mexico City. The hand bills call on the populace to destroy the concerns listed. Some of the American stores whose names appeared in the circulars already have been looted. Another list being distributed is that of Mexicans managing some of the American stores.

Print Imaginary Stories. Newspapers are publishing stories that the American forces at Vera Cruz are killing women.

Other stories printed by the newspapers say that France, Germany, Great Britain and Spain have declared war against the United States, and that American battleships have sunk several ships flying the flags of those nations. Mexicans also are told that the Mexican army has invaded the United States and that the negroes in the Southern States have risen and are assisting the Mexicans.

Bankers Under Arrest. It is reported here that K. M. Van Zandt, the president and all the trustees and officers of the American Club of Mexico City are under arrest as are all officials of the Mercantile Banking Company and the Mexican City Banking Company. The officers of the banking institutions were arrested because of their refusal to contribute money to the Mexican government. The American grocery was looted and the American Club was burned. Three other American stores were looted. Government Encouraged. The American grocery was looted and the American Club was burned. Three other American stores were looted. Government Encouraged. The American grocery was looted and the American Club was burned. Three other American stores were looted.

A WORD TO THE WISE GET BUSY RIGHT NOW

Do Not Wait For Larger Offers of Extra Votes, For None Larger Will Be Made

A FAYETTEVILLE COMPANY READY Notifies Colonel Rodman That More Than Enough Men Have Volunteered

In response to a telegram from W. C. Rodman, of Washington, D. C., colonel of the Second Regiment of North Carolina troops, the militia company of Fayetteville last night held a meeting for the purpose of recruiting the required minimum of men for the company, which was fifty-eight. More than twice that number were present, and practically every man in the company volunteered his services, and announced that he was ready and willing to go to the front when the orders are issued.

The following telegram was sent back to Colonel Rodman: "Orders received. Company assembled. Can report with men required. Awaiting your further orders."

No orders had been issued to any company in the State calling them out for service, not has Adjutant-General Young received any orders whatever from the War Department at Washington City. However, in order to have his companies ready for the field, General Young yesterday wired his colonels to notify their captains to have all the companies recruited at least at fifty-eight men, which is the minimum number required in any company. The highest number of men in any company is one hundred and eight.

The Fayetteville company had more than the minimum number of men, and the maximum strength of the company.

POTATO BUGS FEARED. They Have Attacked Tender Plants. Warsaw, April 26.—Considerable anxiety is being expressed by the farmers of this section on account of the potato bugs attacking their crops so early in their growth, while the weather is so favorable. The potato bugs, which are the minute insects known throughout this section as the "green" and "black" bugs, are now beginning to appear in large numbers. The farmers are beginning to realize that the bugs are beginning to appear in large numbers. The farmers are beginning to realize that the bugs are beginning to appear in large numbers.

FIRE AT WARSAW. Two Story Dwelling Burned, With a Loss of \$2,000.

Warsaw, April 26.—A fire of unknown origin completely destroyed a two-story residence valued at \$2,000 belonging to James Fumell, of Bowden, here tonight, and but for the timely work of the fire department several other residences would also have been destroyed. A family named Williamson, who resided in the residence left home about six o'clock to visit friends in another part of the town, and the fire broke out while they were away, and beyond control before it was discovered. A house adjoining, and belonging to L. P. Best caught under the shingles, and a small damage was done before the fire department discovered it. This blaze was quickly extinguished though. The destroyed residence was partially covered by insurance, but there was none on the furnishings.

TO ASSIST IN REVIVAL. Rev. J. T. McCracken, pastor of Central Methodist church, will leave today for South Rocky Mount, where he goes to assist in a revival meeting which began yesterday. Mr. McCracken will be out of the city for about ten days, and will not be able to fill his pulpit service Sunday. He has arranged for preachers to hold his services, and there will be exercises both morning and night as usual.

VETERAN TENDERS SERVICES. Those Who Fought Spaniards Willing to Tackle Mexicans.

Asheville, April 26.—Provisional Division Commander John A. Guffey, in command of the camps of the Spanish-American war veterans in this State, today tendered the services of the veterans of the last war to the government for action in Mexico.

NOMINATION BALLOT

To enter the Contest, fill out the Coupon and send to the Contest Department. Each contestant is entitled to one nomination good for 1000 VOTES. I hereby nominate MR. MRS. OR MISS Street No. District No. Postoffice State Signed Address Date. Only one nomination will be credited to each contestant. Under no circumstances will the nomination name be divulged.

Our President

Editorial by Mr. William Allen White in the Emporia (Kansas) Gazette: How well he seems to have managed it—this whole sordid business of going to war; how fair he has been; how patient, how dignified, how infinitely gentle and kind. No bluster, no threats, no sicker of anticipation; no licking of the nation's chops—just a simple, bold, brave, soft-hearted, hard-headed man. It is sad enough to go into war of any kind at any time; but it is less sad to go knowing that every honorable means has been taken to keep away from war. And this consolation President Wilson has given us by his wise, forbearing, Christian attitude before the provocation of a foe, mad and desperate and foolish. The good God, who knows all and watches over all, and sees all, and directs all, was in our hearts before we knew, when as a nation we chose this great, sordid war to lead us.