

## WILSON ORDERS LANDING MARINES

### Seize Custom House And 2,000,000 Shells Are Admiral's Orders

LATER 4:30 P. M.

It is semi-officially announced that marines have invaded Vera Cruz and seized Custom House and confiscated two million rounds of ammunition and 250 field guns from German arm for Mexican government. Secretary Daniels withholds official news pending the passage of war resolution.

British Ambassador Sir Bryan has announced the receipt of a message from British representative in Mexico, warning all foreigners to leave Mexico. Bryan held diplomatic conference this afternoon with ambassadors of all the powers considering the policy of protecting foreigners. There was a secret cabinet meeting this afternoon. Senator Work introduced in Senate a substitute for war resolution providing for Huerta's proposition in the interest of peace. Vice-President Marshall cleared the galleries of Senate on account of uproar of spectators for first time since Civil war.

#### AMERICAN OCCUPATION

President Wilson has ordered Admiral Fletcher at Vera Cruz to land marines and seize a shipment of two million shells from a German concern to the Mexican government, which means American occupation of Vera Cruz and also the seizure of the Custom House.

Secretary of Navy Josephus Daniels has clamped the lid on the Navy Department and the officers are forbidden to give out news. All movements of the navy from now on will be secret. Nothing will be announced without Secretary Daniels' permission.

Admiral Badger, of the North Atlantic fleet now en route to Mexico and who with his fleet is expected to arrive some time tomorrow, has been warned by wireless to beware of mines planted at Tampico.

In forty-eight hours, possibly less, the United States government will take possession of the Mexican customs houses at Tampico and Vera Cruz.

Detailed plans to land marines at these two important coast towns were completed at a conference at the White House, between President Wilson, Secretaries Bryan, Garrison and Daniels, Major General Wood and Rear Admirals Fluke and Blair, and John Lind.

"No orders to the army and navy will be issued," was the announcement made after the conference, action temporarily being deferred until Congress acts on the joint resolution approving the President's purpose of using the armed forces of the United States to enforce its demands against General Huerta, growing out of the arrest at Tampico of American bluejackets.

The resolution passed the House last night by a vote of 337 to 37, after a spirited debate.

For several hours it was considered by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The House adjourned until 10 o'clock today and President Wilson, worn out, retired after hearing that the House had adopted the resolution.

At 12:35 o'clock the Senate recessed until 12 noon today, under an agreement to consider the resolution at that time.

Persons who were in touch with the President, said the steps which would be taken by the United States "short of war" were of a nature which would not require formal notification to the powers in the same sense as a declaration of blockade or other preliminaries to war. Foreign governments will be kept informed of developments, however.

The debate in the House brought out the fact that, while the American navy probably would blockade Mexico off from commerce with the United States, it would not interfere with the passage to and fro of foreign vessels, though cargoes discharged on the shore might be held at the customs houses.

#### MESSAGE IN HEAD

At 8 o'clock yesterday President Wilson delivered his address to Congress asking approval to "use the armed forces of the United States in such ways and to such extent as may be necessary to obtain from General Huerta and his adherents the fullest recognition of the rights and dignity of the United States."

The message follows:

Members of the Congress:

I have the duty to call your attention to a situation which has arisen in Mexico with General Victoriano

stung out, and might be stung out with impunity, for slights and affronts in retaliation for its refusal to recognize the pretensions of General Huerta to be regarded as the constitutional provisional president of the republic of Mexico.

**APOLOGIES NOT SUFFICIENT.**

"The manifest danger of such a situation was that such offenses might grow from bad to worse until something happened of so gross and intolerable a sort as to lead directly and inevitably to armed conflict. It was necessary that the apologies of General Huerta and his representatives should go much further, that they should be such as to attract the attention of the whole population to their significance, and such as to impress upon General Huerta himself perfectly safe in doing what they pleased, making free to show in many ways their irritation and contempt."

**MAIL ORDERLY ARRESTED.**

"After a few days after the incident..."

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### T. DIXON JR. LEADING MAN IN COMPANY

An unique feature in connection with the production of The Leopard's Spots at the New Theater, Saturday, April 25, is the fact that Thomas Dixon, Jr., the youngest son of the famous author of the Leopard's Spots and The Clansman, is playing the leading role.

Mr. Dixon is a graduate of Princeton University and incidentally the youngest leading man on the stage. Judging from reviews of critics all through the South he has mastered the art of acting and possesses the mental and physical equipment to become one of the greatest actors.

### NEWLY WEDS GIVEN BOWL DRY RICE

One of the clever waitresses at Hotel Louise this morning hit upon quite a novel way in which to announce to the diners at the breakfast table there was a bride and groom present in the room. As stated elsewhere in today's paper, the Rev. J. D. Waters, and Miss Cornelia Marcuson, of Belhaven, were married in the Christian church last evening, and after the wedding, repaired to the hotel where they are now guests. When the bride and groom were assigned their places in the dining room this morning Mrs. Waters ordered hot breakfast and when it arrived, lo and behold, it was simply a bowl filled with dry rice. Of course, astonishment depicted itself upon the countenances of the newly weds and several in the room were noticed to smile. The happy groom whispered to his good wife to keep mum, as he would fix things. Running his hand in his pocket he extracted a silver dollar and secreted it carefully in the bottom of the bowl. Whether the waitress got the dollar, is not known, but doubtless she did, for usually in such cases woman's curiosity must seek the foundation of things.

#### MEETS WITH MRS. HOYT.

The O'Henry Book Club meets with Mrs. John Keata Hoyt, at her home, corner of Bridge and Second streets, Thursday afternoon, at 4:30 o'clock. All members are cordially invited to be present.

#### GREETING OLD FRIENDS.

Ex-Lieutenant Governor Francis D. Winston and the new district attorney for the Eastern district of North Carolina, is here today greeting his many friends. The governor is in the city for the purpose of presenting the docket for the government in the U. S. Court, which convened this morning with his honor, Judge H. G. Connor, presiding.

### NEW CHIEFS OF UNITED STATES ARMY



On April 22 Maj. Gen. William W. Wotherspoon (right) becomes chief of staff of the United States Army, succeeding Major General Wood. At the same time Brig. Gen. Hugh L. Scott (left), at present commanding the second brigade of cavalry at El Paso, Tex., will be called to Washington to be General Wotherspoon's assistant.

### First Annual Meet Northeast Division Public High Schools

(Special to The News.)

Greenville, N. C., April 20.—The first annual meet of the northeast division of Public High Schools, which was held in Greenville at East Carolina Teachers Training School, was a great success. It was an occasion of great significance. There are thirty-seven high schools in the division, many of which were represented in some of the various contests.

In the preliminary contests, held in the morning, ten boys entered for places in the public declamation contest and nine girls for the recitation contest. Those chosen for the public contests in the evening were:

- Declamation: Thad A. Euro, Gatesville; Ohed Santello, Aulander; R. S. Underwood, Mt. Pleasant; Le Roy Anderson, Williamston. Of the nine girls, who entered the preliminary contest, the following were chosen for the public contest: Misses Gladys Early, Aulander; Leah Grant, Rich Square; Elice Respasp, Pantego; Daisy Manning, Williamston, Mr. Thad Euro, Gatesville, won the declamation medal and Miss Elsie Respasp, Pantego, won the medal in the recitation contest. In the spelling match, Dewey Topping, of Pantego, won the medal for the best spelling and Miss Ruth Freeman, of Mars Hill, was given a Webster's College Dictionary, for the second best speller.

A large audience from Greenville was present at the contest which took place in the auditorium of the East Carolina Teachers Training School.

President Wright of East Carolina Teachers Training School, presided and Mr. Jerome, secretary of the district, announced contestants. President Wright and Mayor James made talks expressing their appreciation of the event of the day, their pride of being the most of the first occasion of the kind in this part of the State and extending a gracious and cordial welcome to the young people.

Mr. H. H. McLean, chairman, in behalf of the committee, expressed his appreciation for the genuine old time Southern hospitality extended to them by the people of Greenville, and the Training School. Mr. McLean was formerly a principal of the Washington High School.

The High School girls were entertained by the Training School, and the boys in the homes of the people of Greenville.

The High School committee having the meet in charge, was composed of H. H. McLean, Farmville, chairman; J. T. Jerome, Williamston, secretary; L. L. Hargrave, Battleboro; E. A. Thompson, Gatesville; J. B. Thorne, Aulander. The local committee was composed of Mr. Herbert E. Austin, Misses Sallie Joyner Davis and Miriam McPadgen, and

all of the faculty of the Training school.

**AUTO AND  
TRANSFER GO  
TOGETHER**

This morning between 10 and 11 o'clock a collision between the auto, mobile of Dr. S. T. Nicholson and a city transfer on Main street caused some excitement. Fortunately no one was hurt, only the damage to the transfer was the outcome. Dr. Nicholson attempted to turn his auto and in doing so the transfer and machine went together. The rear right wheel of the transfer was smashed.

H's Restful in Washington Park.

### U. S. COURT IN SESSION SHORT TIME

District Court Convened Here This Morning With Judge H. G. Connor Presiding. No Criminal Cases Tried.

The April term of the United States Court for the Eastern district of North Carolina convened in the United States Court House here this morning at 11 o'clock with his honor, Judge H. G. Connor, of Wilson, N. C., presiding. District Attorney F. D. Winston, of Windsor, N. C., represented the government. The session lasted only a few hours, as there were no criminal cases on the docket for trial and no jury was summoned. The business of the court was taken up in hearing several motions.

### DELIVERED SERMON TO BATH SCHOOL

Rev. J. C. Caldwell, president of the Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N. C., spent Sunday evening and part of yesterday in the city en route to his home from Bath, N. C., where on last Sunday morning he delivered the commencement sermon before the Graded School of that town. The sermon was delivered in the Methodist church. On Sunday evening Dr. Caldwell preached in the Christian church, this city, to a large and appreciative audience. Dr. Caldwell ranks among the first pulpits orators of the State and his coming to Washington is always hailed with pleasure.

### CHILDHOOD DAYS BILL FOR TONIGHT

The "Peerless Minstrels" at the New Theatre last night exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine for the performance was in every way one to please and captivate. The high record they have attained elsewhere was admirably sustained in their opening production for the week. Nothing but the highest praise is heard today on the streets of the "Peerless Minstrels," all of which is justly deserved. They measured up to the standard and far beyond it—in that—the act is clean; nothing said or done to offend or wound. The jokes are catchy, the songs good, the acting first-class. Seven people compose the cast; all of whom are artists in their line of work. The company will give an entire change of program each night and this evening will present "Childhood Days," a roaring musical comedy which bids fair to be witnessed by a large house again as was the case last evening. In addition to the vaudeville act the management as usual will present up-to-date motion pictures. The New Theatre tonight ought to be a mecca for pleasure seekers.

#### NOTICE.

There will be a convention of the Democrats of Beaufort county in the Court House, on Saturday, May 23, at 11 o'clock. This convention is for the purpose of sending Delegates to the State and District Conventions.

By order Democratic Executive Committee, Beaufort county.

LINDSAY C. WARREN,  
Chairman.

### MARRIAGE LAST NIGHT A SURPRISE

Rev. J. D. Waters and Miss Cornelia Marcuson, Both of Belhaven Married at Christian Church by Rev. R. V. Hope

Rev. J. D. Waters, pastor of the Christian church, Belhaven, N. C., and Miss Cornelia Marcuson of the same town, but formerly of Richmond, Va., were united in marriage at the Christian church, this city, last evening at 8:30 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. Robert V. Hope, the lifelong friend and schoolmate of the groom in the presence of only a few friends.

The wedding was somewhat of a surprise to the friends of the couple here, and, too, in Belhaven, as Mr. Waters and Miss Marcuson took the train at Belhaven yesterday bound for Washington without acquainting their friends there as to their intentions. The bride and groom are now stopping at the Hotel Louise and expect to be here until Thursday, when they will return to Belhaven, their future home.

The bride is one of Belhaven's popular young ladies and since her residence there has endeared herself to a large number. The groom, Rev. J. D. Waters, is well and favorably known in Washington, as he was pastor of the Christian church here from 1899 to 1902. For one year he was State Evangelist for his church. Resigning this position he entered the Kentucky University, graduating from the Biblical department in 1906. For three years he did pastoral work in Kentucky and then accepted a call to the Christian church, Harrisburg, Pa. From Harrisburg he returned to North Carolina, and has been pastor of the Christian church at Belhaven, where his congregation is now engaged in erecting a \$15,000 church. Both the bride and groom have the best wishes of their hosts of friends, for every happiness, in which this paper gladly joins.

### PASTOR GAY CORRECTS A NOTICE

Mr. Editor:

Allow me space to make a correction of an impression I produced Sunday morning by an announcement. In announcing the lecture at the Baptist church for Thursday night by the State secretary of the W. C. T. U., I insisted that all ladies attend, producing the impression that it was a meeting for ladies only. This, I learn, is a mistake, that it will be a meeting for the general public, both men and women. My impression was received from a talk with the president of the society who was sufficiently Pauline in her theology to believe that women should not speak before mixed audiences, a view which, if adopted by all our women, would be a blessing to the world. This good since informed me that my impression was wrong as to this meeting.

REV. R. L. GAY,  
Pastor First Baptist Church.

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#### IS CONVALESCENT.

The many friends of Miss Mamie Cooper will be pleased to learn that she is convalescing from her illness of several weeks past.

#### BACK FROM GREENVILLE.

Mrs. W. J. Rhodes and son, Ronald, who have been visiting her sister, Mrs. William R. Jones, in Greenville, N. C., returned home yesterday afternoon.