

AMERICANS SHELLING VERA CRUZ

200 MEXICANS DEAD; 4 AMERICANS KILLED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

War Resolution Passed By Senate and House Signed by President Wilson This Afternoon. Mexican Representative Will Ask For Passports Tomorrow.

TAMPICO HAS BEEN CAPTURED

Assassination of American Representative is Emphatically Denied By Officials. Fears For Women Are Still Entertained.

It is reported that Tampico has been captured. This report so far has been denied by Secretary of State W. J. Bryan. The secretary states that so far he has received no official announcement confirming this rumor.

President Woodrow Wilson attacked his signature to the war resolution passed by the Senate and House this afternoon at 5:05 o'clock.

The Mexican Charge Algeo will ask for his passport tomorrow. After his departure the affairs of his country will be left in the hands of the French ambassador.

The dispatches state that the Stars and Stripes are now floating proudly over the Mexican soil, as Americans have taken possession of the cable office and consulate at Vera Cruz. First blood has been spilled and in consequence Mexico must answer. The United States Senate debates action while Americans die on the battlefield. Washington and the entire country is shocked at the turn of affairs.

Four dead and twenty wounded of America's manhood means that this country must avenge or take a back seat. Admiral Badger and his fleet of war dogs are now on the scene. Developments are looked for within the next few hours.

This city, within common of the whole country, is anxiously awaiting news from the front. If it is war then North Carolina will not be in the background; if it is peace then this State will be the first to declare it.

FIRST VICTIMS OF MEXICAN WAR

Information received at the cable office here confirms the Washington report that United States marines have seized the cable office and customs house in Vera Cruz, and that four marines were killed and twenty wounded.

It was reported from Vera Cruz that official notification had gone to Washington from American Consul W. Canada.

Those killed were Coxswain Shoemaker, Corporal Hagerty and Seaman Poulsett, all of the battleship Florida. The name of the fourth man could not be learned.

The wounded include: C. L. Leahy, U. Schwarz, C. D. Cameron, J. F. Pless, seaman of the Florida; Electrician Gelsburn, of the Florida; and D. D. McKellan, private, second marine regiment from the transport Prairie.

More than 200 Mexicans were killed at Vera Cruz in the fighting that followed the landing of the United States sailors and marines, according to information received at the cable office here.

ASSASSINATION DENIED

The House of Representatives has agreed to the Senate resolution. Their acquiescence was by acclamation, showing conclusively that Congress is in thorough accord with the administration. The fact is notorious that but few Republicans cast their vote in opposition.

The American forces last night proceeded to occupy the portions of

Vera Cruz, not already taken last night.

It is stated that the German consignment of ammunition to the Mexican government will be used by the United States forces against Huerta.

Secretaries Bryan and Daniels deny emphatically the report current that George O'Shaughnessy, the American representative, had been assassinated.

President Wilson arose this morning early after spending a restless night at the White House. He went at once to the executive office and called at once for Mexican news. Secretaries Bryan and Daniels are said to be on a verge of collapse.

FOUR KILLED;

TWENTY WOUNDED.

Admiral Fletcher reports to the Navy Department that on yesterday in face of adverse winds he succeeded in landing marines and sailors from the battleships Utah, Florida and Prairie and seized the custom house. The admiral further reports that the Mexicans did not make any opposition to the landing of the marines, subsequently, however, they opened fire with rifles and artillery after the custom house had been seized. The Prairie is now engaged in shelling the Mexicans out of their position.

FEARS FOR WOMEN.

Admiral Badger and Consul General Canada this afternoon reported to the Navy Department at Washington that four thousand marines had been landed at Vera Cruz under the protection of the American fleet which arrived today under command of Admiral Badger. Grave concern is expressed for the American women now within the firing line.

The authorities at Washington have received information that the custom house at Vera Cruz is still safe due to the shelling of the town.

BOMBARDING VERA CRUZ.

A train load of American refugees bound from Mexico City to Vera Cruz have not arrived, and grave concern is expressed for their safety.

United States warships began shelling the City of Vera Cruz at dawn today after a refusal of the Mexicans to refuse their firing. Great damage was done in consequence in the southwestern part of that city.

Admiral Badger of the North Atlantic fleet has requested the cooperation of the natives in obtaining order.

The American fleet under the command of Admiral Badger is now engaged in bombarding the City of Vera Cruz.

Desultory firing from the house-tops and streets by the Mexicans caused the killing of four Americans and wounding twenty.

LINER IS CHARTERED.

Secretary Daniels yesterday chartered the liner Moro Castle at New York to carry to Mexican waters the regiment of marines ordered assembled at Philadelphia.

Major General Barnett, commanding the marine corps, has ordered another regiment of marines to be assembled at Philadelphia for Mexican service. They will be drawn

from Atlantic coast cities, including Norfolk.

Colonel Mahoney, commanding the marine barracks at the Norfolk navy yard here, said yesterday afternoon that he had received orders to send three hundred men to Philadelphia at once.

The battalion will leave here Wednesday morning and will upon their arrival at the League Island navy yard, immediately embark on a transport for Vera Cruz.

ORDER MORE SHIPS

Orders were received at the Philadelphia navy yard yesterday for the scout cruiser Salem to sail for Tampico. Commandant Benson of the navy yard said the cruiser would get away on Sunday. The Salem will carry 354 men. It is one of the fastest boats in the navy.

Workmen and seamen began loading provisions on the battleship Ohio and the cruiser Tennessee. It was said the Ohio would be the next vessel ordered to Mexican waters.

MORE BATTLESHIPS GOING.

Activity at the Charlestown navy yard which began yesterday with the receipt of orders to prepare the battleships Virginia, Nebraska and Georgia for service in Mexican waters continued today. The Georgia left dry dock today and took on a quantity of ammunition.

The Virginia also received a supply of ammunition after her bunkers had been filled with coal.

THE MISSISSIPPI SAILS.

The battleship Mississippi with six hundred marines aboard sailed yesterday from Pensacola for Vera Cruz. The warship also carried four aviators with their hydro-aeroplanes.

The tender Dixie departed last night for the Mexican port.

FRANCE WELCOMES ACTION BY UNITED STATES.

Paris, April 22.—The French foreign office, although no official announcement has been made of its attitude toward the Mexican situation is understood to regard the action of the United States with a feeling of relief.

The French government has long been embarrassed by the difficulty of protecting adequately French interests in Mexico and considers that the phase now beginning must end in constitutional order and peace.

DELAY SERIOUS

High administration officials said that while no blockade could be ordered to keep foreign vessels from landing cargoes without a declaration of war, prompt occupation of Vera Cruz by marines could prevent any munitions of war being rushed to the Mexican capital.

"Every minute of delay by Congress counts," said White House officials. It was intimated that Rear Admiral Fletcher might be instructed to take some action sometime today, even should prolonged debate delay adoption of a joint resolution.

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It's Recital in Washington Park.

FINE LOT OF COUNTRY HAMS AT 25c. per pound. E. K. WILLIS, 4-22-14

A STRETCH OF GOOD ROAD AT JACKSONVILLE



Jacksonville, Fla., March.—Jacksonville and Duval county have a greater number of miles of good streets and roads than any other city and county of like population in the south. The streets of Jacksonville are modern, well paved thoroughfares over which it will be a pleasure for the veterans and maids and sponsors to parade during the reunion in May, while out in the suburbs and throughout the county, miles of good roads will be found where automobiles may be driven at high speed. There are many picturesque spots along these roads, among palms, liveoak and holly and a profusion of flowers. Jacksonville and Duval county are alive to the benefit of good streets and roads.

CAPTAIN IS GRATEFUL TO CITIZENS

Several weeks ago the gas boat Lucille, Captain C. C. Silverthorn in command, laden with a full cargo of beans, corn, etc., sank at the wharf in this city, sustaining a loss of about \$800. As Washington citizens always do, they at once responded to the call for aid of the unfortunate captain and the consequence was that the amount of \$148.25 was subscribed for his relief. Capt. Silverthorn is more than grateful to the citizens for their kindness and thoughtfulness. He has been running to this port from Hyde county for a number of years bringing valuable cargoes so the citizens appreciating his worth and too, wishing to aid those in distress, willingly subscribed the above amount.

A list of those making donations were: F. G. Paul & Bro., \$10; P. P. Maxwell, \$5; J. A. Tucker, \$5; M. C. Cutler, \$2; D. R. Cutler, \$5; Powell & Ellsworth, \$5; A. J. Cox, \$5; R. H. Hudson, \$10; F. E. Mayo, \$2.50; G. A. Phillips, \$2.50; Swindell & Fulford, \$5; Crystal Ice Co., \$5; McKeel-Richardson Hardware Co., \$5; Harris Hardware Company, \$5; Greek Cafe, \$2.50; W. C. Mallison & Son, \$5; J. K. Hoyt, \$2.50; Jefferson Furnitures-Company, \$5; Harrison & Phillips, \$5; Walter Credle & Co., \$5; Pamlico Chemical Company, \$5; A. R. Styron & Co., \$2; S. R. Fowle & Son, \$10; Southern Furnitures Co., \$2.50; J. F. Buckman & Son, \$2.50; O. Rumley, \$5; J. B. Bragaw, Jr., \$5; Spencer Bros., \$5; E. Peterson Company, \$5; Pegram-Watson Hardware Company, \$5; Russ Bros., \$2.50; H. B. Stille, \$5; F. A. Lilly, \$5; A. T. Windley, \$5; W. C. Dudley, \$1; W. R. Willis, \$1; F. T. Phillips, \$1; Bowers-Lewis Co., \$1; George Gantous, \$5; cash, \$1; W. J. Rhodes, \$1; J. E. Adams, \$5; cash, \$5; Lewis & Callais, \$1; Dick Nichols, \$1; J. H. Howerlin, \$1.

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GRANULATED SUGAR 4 1-2 PER pound in 25 lb lots or more; small quantities at 5c. per pound. E. K. WILLIS, 4-22-14

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CHOIRS ARE REQUESTED TO REHEARSE

On Sunday evening, May 3 in the Public School Auditorium the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the public schools will be delivered and superintendent C. M. Campbell has requested that the music for this occasion be furnished by all the choirs of the city containing about fifty voices. In consequence of this, all the respective church choirs are requested to meet at the First Methodist church this evening immediately after prayer meeting for rehearsal. All those who are expected to take part are urged to be present on time. The hour of meeting is 8:45 o'clock.

MRS. ROPER'S GUESTS. Mrs. B. J. Draper and daughter, Rosa, of Bath, N. C., are the guests of Mrs. and Mrs. E. L. Roper at their home on East Main street.

FOX RIVER BUTTER, PRINTS OR 1lb. 50c. per pound and fresh eggs 15c dozen at E. K. WILLIS, 4-22-14

Supt. Privett Explains the Supervisor's Office

PEERLESS CO. DELIGHT THE AUDIENCE

That the Peerless Comedy Company is by far the best tabloid that has been at the New Theater this season was demonstrated last night by the applause they received through their performance of "Childhood Days." It showed the versatility of the different members of the company and with the special scenery, wardrobe, musical numbers, etc., was a hit from start to finish. The harmony singing was a feature of the show, the numbers getting the most applause were, "You Broke My Heart to Pass the Time Away," "I'm On My Way to Mandalay," "Celebrating Time in Tennessee." Tonight there will be an entire change of program as advertised as this clever company changes their program nightly. On Friday night in addition to the regular show the management has arranged a new stunt, "Surprise Night" with fifty presents absolutely free, including a thirty two piece china set, Rogers silverware and fifty-five other useful present, not considering the fun that goes with it. The management has also made arrangements with the Postal Telegraph Company to get the latest war bulletins, which will be announced each night from the stage immediately after the first performance. The usual high class pictures will precede the show.

Criticism Origin of Misunderstanding Duties and Purpose

Says New Office is Necessary to the Schools of County. No One Will Question Its Benefits to be Derived Therefore. New Office is Imperative Says the Superintendent.

I notice there has been some criticism of the action of the Board of Education at its last meeting in providing for an assistant supervisor for the rural school next year. Feeling sure that the predominant sentiment of the people of the county is in favor of progress, I am inclined to regard this criticism as having originated in a misunderstanding of the duties and purpose of this supervisor, and I take advantage of this opportunity to set the public mind right on this occasion; for as I said in the beginning, so long as I have anything to do with education in Beaufort county, or with any other phase of the county's public life, nothing shall be done behind closed doors. I stand ready at all times to go before the people with my reasons for whatever I advocate.

By employing a supervisor the board has not created a new office, as some seem to think. She will work under the direction of your superintendent, and will do a work that no superintendent has done or can ever be able to do. All supervision to be effective must be done in the spirit of co-operation. The great majority of our teachers are women and, while they are glad to cooperate with the superintendent in every way that will help them in their work, yet by virtue of the differences in their natures they think about educational problems in their own peculiar way. No one will question the benefits to come from a consideration of these problems with a woman of broad training and experience, such as the assistant supervisor will be. One who has had experience in school work knows that this fact alone would justify the employment of a competent woman to do this work.

But this is only one phase of the question. We must not lose sight of the fact that any system of city schools would be considered incomplete did it not have its supervising principal, whose duty it is to advise with the teachers and help them with their problems. The superintendent can do part of this work, but other things claim his attention to such an extent that it is impossible for him to look after this detail work. Now if this supervisor is a necessary adjunct to a city school, where the children and teachers are housed in one building does it not look reasonable that a superintendent with over eight hundred square miles of territory under his charge, needs some one to help in his work. Since coming into the office as superintendent the first of February I have spent the greater part of my time visiting the schools, and notwithstanding the fact that I have travelled most of the time with an automobile, there are a few schools that I have been unable to reach. My visits to each school are on an average not over an hour long. In that time can probably size up the situation in a general way, but I can not stay long enough to be of much help to the teacher. I do not believe you will find a more earnest, conscientious set of teachers anywhere in the State than in Beaufort county, but a great many of them are young and inexperienced, which is no fault of theirs, but with the right kind of supervision will develop into good teachers, and your child gets the benefits.

I have not yet mapped out all the details of the work of the supervisor, but I wish to state in a general way in this article the lines along which most of her activities will be directed. Ten schools well distributed over the county will be selected by the Superintendent.

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PICTURE OF LITTLE TOT IN MAGAZINE

The May issue of the Woman's Home Companion contains a picture of one of Washington's bright and interesting little citizens, Haughton Randolph, the 2 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Justus F. Randolph, who in October last won one of the first prizes at the State Fair at Raleigh, N. C., in the Better Babies Contest. At the time he was declared one of the winners Haughton was only 2 years old. The picture of the little fellow is an excellent one. The Companion is a great promoter of spreading the gospel of child hygiene by the Better Babies Contest, when literature on the care of the child is given the parents. This magazine takes great pleasure in giving space to the pictures of those children who are a sample of that type, which stands for a better race through Better Babies.

PRAYER MEETING.

There will be prayer meeting services in all the different churches of this city this evening at the usual hour, 8 o'clock, to which the general public has a cordial invitation to be present.

BAPTISM TONIGHT.

Mrs. J. D. Waters, wife of Rev. J. D. Waters, pastor of the Christian church, Belhaven, N. C., who were married here Monday evening, will be baptized at the Christian church this evening immediately after prayer meeting, by the pastor, Rev. R. V. Hope. The public invited.

W. C. T. U. MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at the home of Mrs. O. B. Carmalt tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. All the members are urged to be present, as the union will have the pleasure of entertaining Mrs. Goodnow and also hearing her speak.

SLICED BACON SOC. FOUND sliced beef, 45c. pound; Bologna sausage 15c. pound. E. K. WILLIS, 4-22-14