

## VILLA READY TO DASH ACROSS BORDER

### Mexicans Charge Algara Was Given Passports By Sect'y Bryan Today

All Diplomatic Relations With Huerta Have Been Severed. Situation More Delicate today Says J. Barrett After Conference With Bryan and Lind.

### REFUGEES NOW BOUND FOR GALVESTON

General Wood Leaves For Border Within 24-Hours. Badger Ordered to Seize Long Bridges on Railroads Going to Mexico City.

**HANDED HIS PASSPORTS.**  
The following wire from J. F. Taylor to the Daily News proves of interest:  
Washington, D. C., April 23.—Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the American charge at Mexico City, has been handed his passports. The total number of Americans killed in the battle yesterday were twelve and fifty wounded. The indications are this morning that Huerta and Carranza will get together. President Huerta is arranging, it is stated, to raise four hundred thousand troops for the war. Vera Cruz is now completely under control of the American forces.  
The Mexican representative at Washington, D. C., Charge Algara, it is expected, will leave the American capital shortly.

**MAY CAPTURE EL PASO.**  
Senator Fall announced in the United States Senate this afternoon that he was in receipt of a telegram stating that General Villa with five thousand troops were ready to dash across the international bridge for the purpose of capturing the City of El Paso.

**SITUATION DELICATE.**  
J. Barrett, after a conference this afternoon with Secretary Bryan, John Lind and the Mexican representative Algara, stated that the Mexican situation today was twice as delicate as it was yesterday.

**ALGARA TO LEAVE.**  
Secretary Bryan announced at noon that he will give the Mexican representative Algara his passports. Algara says that he will leave Washington. Senator Shively, of the Foreign relations committee of the Senate, says that Carranza's note will not change nor alter the American affirmative policy. The Senate is now expediting a half million dollar bill for the purpose of aiding all Americans to leave Mexico.

**REFUGEES LEAVING.**  
According to a navy report there are two thousand refugees from Vera Cruz, Tampico, and Tuxpan, on their way to Galveston, Texas. General Wood, late chief of the United States Army, expects to leave for the border within the next twenty-four hours.

**RELATIONS SEVERED.**  
This country has severed all diplomatic relations with President Huerta. Charge Algara has been notified that he will receive his passports this afternoon. Algara called upon the State Department early today and stated that he had been directed by his government to ask for his passports.

Secretary Daniels has wired the Brooklyn navy yard for the purpose of ascertaining the very earliest moment when the new dreadnaughts, Texas and New York, can be placed in commission.

**TRUCK IS VIOLATED.**  
A dispatch from Admiral Badger states that a flag of truce at Vera Cruz has been reportedly violated by the Mexican Federalists. The city is now under control. The handing of the passports to O'Shaughnessy by President Huerta is regarded in Washington City as a most sensational development in the present situation for it is believed to mean a forecast of a declaration of war on the part of Huerta.

**CRISIS GRAVE.**  
The gravest crisis has arisen since the Mexican trouble began. Last night after midnight President Wil-

son and Secretary Bryan were awakened and held a hurried conference with the cabinet and high army officials. The army and navy are now awaiting the next move of Carranza.

**BRITISH CHECK AMERICANS.**  
The paymaster of the British cruiser Benet, Albert W. Kimber, was wounded yesterday on board his ship by a "sniper" ashore at Vera Cruz. When the American blue-jackets proceeded to land yesterday they were cheered heartily by the British bluejackets who crowded the bows of their ships.

**PRESIDENT WEEPS.**  
Secretary of Navy Daniels has ordered Admiral Badger of the North Atlantic fleet to seize the two long bridges on the railroad connecting with Mexico City. With these bridges in full possession of the American forces, it is stated that communication can not be cut off by the Mexicans, if such was their intention.  
Secretaries Bryan and Daniels held a long conference with President Wilson this morning and all the late dispatches were gone over and discussed. When the fact of Mayor Marten's death was told to the President he wept.

**CARRANZA'S NOTE SURPRISE.**  
When the President read the note of General Carranza, in which he declared that the seizure of Vera Cruz by the American forces was a violation of the national sovereignty of Mexico and inviting the United States to suspend hostile operations and withdraw its forces, was a shock to the chief executive. Carranza also suggests that the constitutional government should receive demands for reparations of offenses committed by Huerta.

**REBEL CHIEFS SILENT.**  
Douglas, Ariz., April 23.—Constitutionalist leaders here refuse to talk for publication concerning developments at Vera Cruz.  
"I do not feel at liberty to express myself until General Carranza has issued a statement," was the way Francisco S. Elias Sonora, border spokesman for the constitutionalists. (Continued on Page Four.)

**IT'S RESTFUL IN WASHINGTON PARK.**  
FINE LOT OF COUNTRY HAMS AT 23c. per pound. E. K. WILLIS. 4-23-14c

**ARREST OF MARINES A PLOT.**  
That General Huerta deliberately planned the arrest of American blue-jackets at Tampico and other offenses against the United States with a view to bringing on armed intervention and uniting all the Mexican factions behind him was the substance of a letter received by a high government official yesterday from an authoritative source in Mexico City.

**HADGER ORDERS FLOTILLA TO TAMPICO.**  
Rear Admiral Badger reported yesterday that he had ordered the torpedo flotilla from Vera Cruz to Tampico to reinforce the Des Moines, which was left there when the other vessels were withdrawn to Vera Cruz.

**FEAR FOR SAFETY OF AMERICANS.**  
Grave fears are felt here for the safety of hundreds of Americans, including many women and children in the oil camps at Topolis and other river points and interior camps.  
All these Americans are said to be unarmed and defenseless against attacks of either Federalists or insurgents.

**HUERTA NOT TO GET GUNS.**  
Disposition of the guns and ammunition on the German vessel Ypanga, held up at Vera Cruz when Admiral Fletcher took the port, was arranged between Secretary Bryan and the German ambassador.  
The captain of the vessel being unable to secure clearance papers at Vera Cruz will return the cargo to its former owners in Germany, although Huerta had paid in advance for the munitions.

**GRANULATED SUGAR 4 1-2 PER POUND IN 25 lb lots or more; smaller quantities at 5c. per pound. E. K. WILLIS. 4-23-14c**

### OXFORD RELAY TEAM INVADES AMERICA



Four of the best runners of Oxford university, England, have sailed for America to compete with the University of Pennsylvania in a relay race of four miles. In this photograph the Englishmen, from left to right, are: A. N. S. Jackson, G. M. Sproule, D. N. Gausson and N. S. Taylor.

**WILL SUBMIT BIDS WITHIN TEN DAYS**

Gilbert C. White, of Charlotte, N. C., consulting engineer for the City of Washington, arrived here last evening via the Norfolk Southern. Mr. White is here for the purpose of looking over the plans and specifications for the contemplated improvements to the water and electric plants and also the installing of sewers.  
Mr. White states that bids will be submitted to the different contractors within the next ten days at the outside.

**GREAT SHOW WILL APPEAR HERE SAT.**

The Leopards Spots, the latest play from the pen of Thomas Dixon, author of the Clansman, will be presented at the New Theater on Saturday evening, April 25. This play is now in its thirty-third week of unqualified success and bids fair to run into the late spring. Mr. Dixon has a capable cast of actors who have been together since the Leopard's Spots opened their tour at the New Wells Theater, Norfolk, Sept. 15, 1913.  
Those who desire to see a good play acted by an excellent cast should not miss this opportunity. The cast and production is guaranteed to be the same that has played all the large cities of the South.

**PRESIDENT WILSON AS FAN.**  
Washington, D. C., April 23.—President Wilson will toss the first ball to Pitcher Ray Collins at American League Park this afternoon, when the Washington team plays its first game on the home grounds with the Boston Americans. President Minor, of the Senators, has given President Wilson Pass Book No. 1 for this season.

**BEAUFORT COUNTY BOY ABOARD THE FLAGSHIP**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT BEGINS.**  
Atlantic City, N. J., April 23.—The annual spring golf tournament of the Atlantic City Country Club began today, and eighteen holes qualification rounds will be played by all entering. The first and second rounds of match play will take place tomorrow, and the third and final rounds on Saturday. All rounds will consist of eighteen holes.

**CHILDREN LOVE WASHINGTON PARK.**

### RESOLUTION GIVING FULL AUTHORITY TO PRESIDENT WILSON BY CONGRESS.

The following is the resolution adopted by Congress bestowing upon the President the fullest authority in dealing with the Mexican situation:  
In view of the facts presented by the President of the United States in his address delivered in Congress in joint session on the 20th day of April, 1914, in regard to certain affronts and indignities committed against the United States in Mexico, be it,  
Resolved, That the President is justified in the employment of the armed forces of the United States to enforce his demands for unequivocal amends for the affronts and indignities committed against the United States; be it further,  
Resolved, That the United States disclaims any hostility to the Mexican people or any purpose to make war upon them.

**LECTURE AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH 8 P.M.**

A rare treat awaits all those who contemplate attending the First Baptist church this evening. Mrs. Goodnow will lecture under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and no doubt a large number will be present. This afternoon at the home of Mrs. O. B. Car-malt, Mrs. Goodnow made a short, but interesting talk to the union. At the meeting this evening the general public has a cordial invitation to be present.

**BEAUFORT COUNTY BOY ABOARD THE FLAGSHIP**  
William Chapin, son of the late Dr. A. B. Chapin and brother of Mr. John W. Chapin, Aurora, N. C., is on Rear Admiral Badger's flagship, the Arkansas, now in Mexican waters, serving his country as Beaufort county citizen always do.

**INDIANA NEEDS DOCTORS.**  
Indianapolis, Ind., April 23.—The city health board will hold examinations today and tomorrow for applicants for appointments as internes at the city hospital and city dispensary for the year beginning July 1. There will not be enough graduated from Indiana medical colleges this year to fill the positions.

**BOXING NOTES.**  
New York, April 23.—Jim Coffey, the "Dublin Giant," will tackle Fireman Jim Flynn here tonight.  
Hudson, Wis., April 23.—Ad Walgast is matched to box Johnny Tillman here tonight. The hand which was feared would keep Ad out of the game until June is entirely well, and so sure is he of its good strength, Ad has signed for another scrap on the 28th.

**FOX RIVER BUTTER, PRINTS OR TAB, 35c. per pound and fresh eggs 15c. dozen at E. K. WILLIS. 4-23-14c**

### ANOTHER STORY TO BE ADDED TO LOUISE WITHIN 90 DAYS

Contract Let Yesterday For Improvements. Will Have Eighty Guest Rooms. Latest Devices Will Be Installed

Decided improvements are to be made to the Hotel Louise and the prospects are that within the next 90 days Washington will have one of the most modern and up to date hotels in this section of North Carolina.

The contract for the improvements was let yesterday by the owner, Mr. M. T. Archbell, to Mr. S. F. Fowler, of Rocky Mount, N. C., who is to begin work just as soon as the material can be placed. Mr. F. K. Thompson drew the plans, which are attractive and inviting.

For sometime the question of improving the Louise has been seriously considered, due to the fact that the hotel accommodations here have been totally inadequate. It will be gratifying to know that tangible steps are now under way.

Another story is to be added which will make a four-story building. This will increase the capacity of the hotel to eighty rooms. The additional story means that twenty rooms will be added, seventeen of which will be equipped with private baths. This will make the hotel provided with thirty rooms which have private baths and fifty with hot and cold running water.

An electric elevator will be installed, which means quite a convenience to the guests. A private telephone exchange is to be installed from the office connecting with each guest room. This exchange will also have direct connection with both the city and long distance telephone exchanges.

The lobby and entrance to the Louise is to be remodeled in such a manner as to allow more space, light and ventilation, and the entire building throughout will be renovated, refurbished and made to offer conveniences and comforts equal to those hotels in towns much larger than Washington.

Washington needs more hotel accommodations and the proprietor and management realizing this fact are determined to place this growing town on the map with its sister towns so far as hotel accommodations are concerned. The improvements to the Louise will be completed by September 1, if not earlier.

Mr. T. P. Bland, of Rocky Mount, is the proprietor of the Louise, and Mr. J. A. Tucker, manager. Under their supervision and guidance this well known hotel sustains a most enviable reputation throughout North Carolina.

**PAY POLL TAX.**  
Unless the citizens of the county pay their poll tax by Friday week, being May 1, they will be debarred from voting in the next election. Those who have not paid their tax should see to it that it is done at once.

**HERE TODAY.**  
Mrs. Warren Godley, of Yemassee, N. C., was among the welcome visitors to Washington today.

**KNIGHTS OF TEMPLARS IN STATE MEETING.**  
San Francisco, Cal., April 23.—The annual convocation of the Grand Knights of Templars of California will convene in this city today. More than 50 state commanderies, representing 8,000 members, will participate.

**Sliced Bacon 80c. Pound sliced beef 45c. pound; Bologna sausage 15c. pound. E. K. WILLIS.**