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WEATHER: Cloudy tonight. Warmer tonight and Saturday.

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U. S. S. LOUISIANA BLOWN UP; REPORT

American Embassy at Mexico City Is Burned Rumor In Washington

United States Will "Mark Time" For Next 72-Hours to Give Americans Time to Leave Mexico and For Forces to Mobilize at Vera Cruz and Along Border.

"DEATH TO THE YANKEES" THE MEXICANS CRY

Trample the American Flag and Attack and Stone Consulate in Mexico City. Coat of Arms Torn From the Door. Villa's Stand a Relief to Administration Officials.

REPORT DISCREDITED.

It is rumored in Washington this afternoon that the battleship Louisiana attached to the North Atlantic fleet has been blown up in the harbor of Vera Cruz, but the Navy Department discredits the report. The Louisiana was built at Newport News, Va., in 1902, and is 16,000 tons displacement. She carries 52 officers and 901 men. She is 450 feet long and 76 feet beam.

The administration's program is now to "mark time" for the next 72 hours, so as to give all Americans time to get out of Mexico and also the American forces time to mobilize at Vera Cruz and along the Mexican border.

VILLA'S STATEMENT A RELIEF.

General Villa will not make war on the United States. This statement gave great relief to President Wilson, Secretary Bryan and John Lind this afternoon. General Villa, the head of the rebel military forces in talking to G. C. Carothers, special agent of the State Department, stated that he positively declined to be dragged into war with the United States. "All Europe would laugh at us if we went into a war with you. They would say that little drunken Huerta had drawn them into a tangle at last," Villa said that he was not consulted in the drafting of the Carranza note, transmitted to Secretary Bryan. "Honest," stated the rebel leader, "I hope the Americans bottle up Vera Cruz so tight they can't even get water into it. The American admiral is doing something it would have taken us a long time to accomplish, if we could have done so at all."

It is given out that the policy of this government will be to wait at least 72 hours before any aggressive action is taken in Mexico.

The American Red Cross Society today is receiving contributions.

They were fired on at Vera Cruz through a misunderstanding.

AMERICAN FLAG TRAMPLED.

The Mexico City police joined with students and citizens today crying "Down with the Gringos," "Death to Yankees." Men and women trampled and danced on the American flag and the mob threatened to storm the American club house.

The State Department this afternoon chartered the steamer Monterey at Havana to proceed at once to Vera Cruz and take off the refugees there. Land forces will leave Galveston tonight. They will be conveyed by the first torpedo boat division.

DIAS IN MEXICO REPORT.

It is reported that Porfirio Diaz, former president of Mexico, has returned to Mexico City incognito, and will take up arms against the United States.

Secretary of War Garrison this afternoon stated there was no embargo on arms. Without it the Spanish war veterans will open a recruiting office in Washington.

MAY ORDER N. C. TROOPS.

It is believed in Washington city that within the next few hours or-

ders will be sent to the governors of the states for aid of the militia. It is believed that Governor Craig of North Carolina will be asked for North Carolina troops shortly. Hundreds of letters from patriotic North Carolinians have been sent to Washington asking to be allowed to enlist.

AMERICANS IN DANGER
After a thrilling trip from Mexico City to Vera Cruz, during which the train was held up by Federal troops, hissed at and insulted 150 Americans, British and German refugees arrived at Vera Cruz this morning.

There are still 800 Americans in Mexico City, and they are reported to be in the gravest danger. During the past three days serious anti-American demonstrations have occurred. The American consulate has been attacked and stoned and the coat of arms torn from the door.

At Vera Cruz airplanes flying over the city and the surrounding country is now a possibility, as the battleship Mississippi is expected hourly with a full aeroplane corps aboard.

General Maas' troops are still reported to be fifteen miles outside of Vera Cruz and an attack on the city is expected. The American officers do not place much credence to the report, as they do not believe such an attempt will be made until Gen. Maas is reinforced by troops from Mexico City.

Vera Cruz was comparatively quiet all during last night, but occasional "sniping" continued. Marines and bluejackets from the American warships are kept busy making arrests and raiding houses. Refugees from Serrana have left for Galveston.

The total number of Americans killed are fourteen and eight wounded. The wounded are now aboard the hospital ship Solace.

Four hundred rebel troops from Chihuahua arrived at Juarez yesterday, bringing the strength of the local garrison to 960 men.

Two hundred more of Villa's personal escort will arrive with their chief this evening.

REBELS AND FEDERALS CONFERRING.

Hostilities between Mexican federal and constitutionalists, fighting for Monterey, have ceased, according to reports, and leaders of the two armies conferred under a flag of truce on the situation between the United States and Mexico.

TO GUARD BORDER.

All available troops at Fort San Houston were ordered out for border patrol service late yesterday. Battery B goes to El Paso and cavalry troops to Eagle Pass, Laredo and Brownsville.

Orders to this effect were issued by General Tasker H. Bliss in response to appeals received from the citizens living in the border towns.

As a result the garrison at the post here, consisting of 800 troops, is completely depleted.

FOREIGNERS FLEEING TO UNITED STATES.

Foreigners are reported flocking to railroads in Mexico on their way to the United States. There were seventy or more refugees on this morning's train from Shihuahua and the special carrying American Consul, Hamm, of Durango, and a large body of foreigners was due here last night.

General Carranza's reply to Secretary Bryan caused greater excitement at El Paso than did the taking of Vera Cruz, for it was interpreted to mean war between Mexico and the United States.

VILLA INFLUENCED CARRANZA'S REPLY.

Villa, it is understood, was influential in shaping Carranza's reply. The conqueror of Torreon, with fifteen thousand victory-fused veterans, according to reports from Chihuahua, declared he could land 12,000 men in El Paso in forty-eight hours, and that it might be wise to teach the "gringos" a lesson on the spot.

SPECIAL SERVICE FLEET.

Secretary Daniels late yesterday issued orders for a special service squadron on the east coast of Mexico.

Rear Admiral Winslow will command it. The squadron will consist of the battleships New York and Texas and armored cruisers Washington and Montana and other vessels adapted for inshore work.

TRY TO BLOW UP BORDER BRIDGE.

At one o'clock yesterday afternoon the rebel junta at El Paso denied that troops were moving to Juarez from Chihuahua. They said the report was probably due to the fact that Villa left for Juarez to visit Mrs. Villa.

Eagle Pass, Tex., April 24.—After destroying machinery in railroads shops, blowing up railroad switches and removing instruments from the telegraph office in Piedras Negras, Mex., opposite Eagle Pass, Tex., early yesterday, a party of Mexican Federalists was prevented from blowing up the Mexican end of the international bridge when the American border patrol arrived.

REBELS ENTRAIN FOR BORDER.

Four Mexican troop trains and one train loaded with horses and ammunition were said to have left Chihuahua last night for Juarez, across the river, from here. The forces, it is said, are commanded by General Toribio Ortega. The news was telephoned to Colonel Hatfield, commanding at Fort Bliss, and he has sent the information with a request for instructions to the War Department.

At Juarez every effort was made to conceal news of the trains. The bare facts as given, however, came from an apparently authentic source.

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It's Restful in Washington Park.

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



Senor Don Rafael Iglesias has been elected president of the republic of Costa Rica. He is the father of ten lively children, here shown grouped about their father and mother.

HOSPITAL IS STILL BUSY AS OF YORE

The Washington Hospital is still taxed to its utmost with patients. This morning some of the patients recently operated upon were discharged, and they returned to their homes. Deputy Marshal W. M. Cooper, who two weeks ago underwent an operation for appendicitis, is out today greeting his many friends. He returned to his home at Old Ford this afternoon.

Children Love Washington Park.

Mrs. Goodnow delights her audience.

MRS. GOODNOW DELIGHTS HER AUDIENCE

Mrs. Goodnow, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, delivered a very instructive and delightful talk at the First Baptist church last evening, which was heard attentively and interestingly by a good audience. Mrs. Goodnow entertained her hearers from start to finish and what she had to say is destined to accomplish much good for her cause in Washington. Yesterday afternoon at the regular meeting of the W. C. T. U., at the home of Mrs. O. B. Carmalt on Respass street, Mrs. Goodnow made a short but interesting talk to the members of the Union. While in the city she was the guest of Mrs. J. W. Dalley and Mrs. S. P. Willis. Mrs. Goodnow left this morning on the early train for Greenville, where she is billed to speak.

MRS. BAUGHAM HOME.

Mrs. Mary P. Baugham has returned from Lexington, Va., where she attended the annual inspection by the government of the cadets at this well-known institution of learning. Her son, William E. Baugham is a student there. She enjoyed her visit immensely.

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

LOCAL HIGHS VS NEW BERN HERE TUES.

Great and Exciting Contest Is Looked For at Fleming Park—J. Weston Will Be On The Mound For Locals.

The baseball fans who saw the High School boys play in the Raleigh game here Easter Monday, will be glad to hear that New Bern is scheduled to play the High School team on next Tuesday, April 28. It was by the sheerest luck that the boys lost to New Bern last Tuesday, the game being a see-saw contest until the seventh when New Bern succeeded in scoring four runs. Washington, however, has as good a team as any High school in Eastern North Carolina, and barring the balloon ascension in New Bern, have shown up very creditably.

Jim Weston will probably be in the box for the locals, while MacSorley, New Bern's star twirler, will contest with him for mound honors. Washington has not only a splendid fielding team, but also been swatting the sphere with a vim. The same can be said of New Bern.

Putting two and two together then, we may arrive at the obvious deduction that there will be something doing when the two teams contest here next Tuesday. At least it will be worth a quarter—the price of admission—because it's baseball weather and because everyone naturally likes to see a game in which two teams are evenly matched.

THE GAME WILL BE CALLED PROMPTLY AT 4 O'CLOCK, FLEMING PARK.

FINE RESIDENCE.

Mr. J. V. Harper is back from an extensive tour of Hyde county. At Swan Quarter, N. C., Mr. Harper placed copper wiring gutters to the residence of Mr. C. B. Easley, of Brooklyn, N. Y. He states that this home will compare with any in Eastern Carolina. To quote Mr. Harper: the home is a thing of beauty. Mr. Harper says that in all his experience as a tinner he has never placed nicer material on any building.

FORMER RESIDENT HERE.

Mr. L. H. Padgett, of Rocky Mount, N. C., for years a resident of Washington, is in the city today shaking hands with his many friends.

VESEVIUS ACTIVE.

(Special to The Daily News.) Rome, Italy, April 24.—Mount Vesuvius and Mount Etna are reported to be both active today. The inhabitants residing in their vicinity are apprehensive as to the outcome.

FOX RIVER BUTTER, PHINTS OR TUB, 35c. per pound and fresh eggs 15c dozen at E. K. WILLIS. 4-22-14

ENTERTAINS AT HER HOME WASH. PARK

Mrs. H. McMullen Hostess In Honor of Misses Eragaw and Fagan Yesterday Afternoon From 4 to 6

Yesterday afternoon from four to six Mrs. Harry McMullen was the gracious hostess at her lovely home at Washington Park in honor of Miss Katie Blount Eragaw, one of the June brides, and Miss Katherine Fagan, of Denver, Col., the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Bridgman. During the receiving hours more than one hundred and fifty called to pay their respects to the hostess and to meet the honor guests.

The home of Mrs. McMullen, within itself attractive and inviting, was made doubly so by the decorations in which spring flowers predominated.

Mingling amid the fragrance of narcissus, butter cups, pansies and dogwood was Washington's beauty, making the scene one of extreme loveliness. Yellow and white was the color scheme. Purple iris resting in cut glass vases of different designs and shapes were the cynosure of the callers.

No social function of the season was more thoroughly enjoyed and no hostess in Washington proved more hospitable than Mrs. McMullen.

The guests were received at the main entrance by Mesdames E. G. Mallison and Caleb Bell and were ushered into the spacious drawing room, where the hostess assisted by her guests of honor, Miss Eragaw and Miss Fagan and Mesdames H. P. Bridgman, W. P. Baugham and William Ellison received. Here good cheer and merriment reigned supreme, as it did throughout the entire afternoon.

Mesdames George Hackney and Claude Carrow did the honors in the lovely tea room. Misses May Belle, Small, Katherine Small, Mary Clyde Hassel and Isabel Carter served the refreshments consisting of iced tea, sandwiches of various kinds and crystallized fruit.

The cake and cream was served in yellow and white, carrying out the color scheme, predominating so attractively and beautifully throughout the home.

The decorations were gorgeous and lavish, making a scene bringing forth admiration and praise.

This is the first time Mrs. McMullen has been at home since her residence in Washington Park, and as was expected by her large number of callers was a conspicuous success.

DR. CALDWELL WILL PREACH THE SERMON

President of Atlantic Christian College Accepts Invitation of Supt. C. M. Campbell. Fortunate Selection.

Rev. J. D. Caldwell, D. D., president of the Atlantic Christian College, of Wilson, N. C., is to deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Washington Public Schools at the auditorium Sunday evening, May 3. Dr. Caldwell's acceptance was received by Superintendent C. M. Campbell last night.

All the choirs of the respective churches in the city will furnish the music and are now rehearsing. All the different churches of the city will close on Sunday evening for this occasion, and the outlook is that a large crowd will be present.

Dr. Caldwell is one of the first pulpit orators in North Carolina, and the news of his acceptance will be hailed with pleasure by the entire city. A full program for the evening will be announced later.

PRESENTS TO BE GIVEN AT NEW THEATRE

As has been advertised all week tonight in addition to the regular performance there will be surprise night. There will be fifty presents and not considering the laughs that go with it.

This is the first time a stunt like this has ever been offered in this city, and will, no doubt draw a large crowd. Tonight's show is a big musical screen, entitled "A Day at the Races," intermingled with up to date songs and closing with an original opera. The Peerless Company have made a solid hit with the theater goers of Washington and (as the Leopard Spots are booked to play here tomorrow night), this will be their last night, so a packed house will probably be in attendance. Two up to date pictures will precede the first performance as usual and immediately after the first performance the prizes will be given away.

RARE TREAT FOR CITIZENS SAT. NIGHT

The managers of the New Theater are to be commended on the fact that they have regardless of expense and trouble, tried to provide the people of the city of Washington with first class amusement at a reasonable price.

On Saturday, April 25, they have secured Thomas Dixon's great play, "The Leopard's Spots," which has been playing to crowded houses through the South for thirty-three weeks and was only prevented from playing here earlier in the season by the flood, which made it necessary for the management to secure another date on the return trip of the company. The management guarantees this company to be the same that has been playing all the large cities of the South, Raleigh, Charlotte, Nashville, Birmingham, Atlanta, Dallas, Fort Worth, Galveston and San Antonio, at exactly the same prices that are charged at the New Theater.

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