

HOLDING AMERICANS AS HOSTAGES

Early Arrival U. S. Troops Will Save The Citizens Is The Opinion Expressed

Refugees Taken From Train En Route to Vera Cruz From Mexico City And Held In Event Of An American Attack On Mexico City.

ARIZONA OFFERS 6,000 CITIZENS FOR WAR

Huerta Too Weak to Oppose This Country is Opinion Of U. S. Charge O'Shaughnessy--Thinks He Will Resign Presidency--Japan Is Neutral.

CHESTER SAILS

The scout cruiser Chester with three hundred and fifty blue jackets aboard, sailed this afternoon from the League Island navy yard, Philadelphia for Tampico. Orders have been issued to mobilize four thousand troops at Pensacola, Fla., for transportation to the war centers in Mexico.

IRISH DENIAL

Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan this afternoon denied emphatically that he had any intention of relinquishing his position as head of the President's cabinet. Rumors to this effect were broadcasted all over the country in Friday's dispatches.

ARIZONA STATE EAGER

Senator Ambrose of Arizona, in this afternoon urging Secretary of War Garrison to arm six thousand citizens of the State of Arizona for war. The senator stated that there was 1,500 Krag rifles and over one quarter of a million cartridges at Fort Huachuca. The secretary so far has delayed the authority for the State of Arizona troops to use them.

RECRUIT OFFICES OPENED

Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels today ordered all the commanders of the American vessels in Mexican waters to receive American refugees.

Although no seventy-two hour ultimatum has been given by the administration, it is nevertheless understood that this country will rest on its oars for a day or two before any aggressive action is taken.

The marine corps have opened new recruiting stations throughout the entire country.

HUERTA TOO WEAK

Refugees arriving this afternoon at Vera Cruz from Mexico City, state that Huerta plans to take all Americans in that city as prisoners and hold them as hostages in case that the United States forces attack on his capital.

HUERTA MAY RESIGN

American Charge O'Shaughnessy says in an interview that General Huerta is too weak to oppose the United States and that it is his opinion that he will soon resign his office.

THE WAR OBY

A dispatch from El Paso says that "Death to the Yanks" is the war cry. The northern Mexico refugees train has been repeatedly menaced by Mexican mobs.

JAPAN NEUTRAL

The Premier of Japan stated this afternoon according to cables, that his government would maintain a neutral policy between the United States and Mexico.

The final passage of the volunteer bill in Congress has paved the way for calling out and speedily mobilizing any number of volunteers which President Wilson may deem necessary for Mexican service.

HOLDING AMERICANS

A dispatch received from Vera Cruz this afternoon to the capital states that every interior city of

Mexico is holding the Americans as hostages.

The members of the American embassy, which fled Mexico City last night are expressing the opinion that only the early arrival of the American troops will save the imprisoned Americans.

MEXICANS REFUSE REQUEST

At every railroad station the Americans are besieging the O'Shaughnessy train for permission to occupy it with the fleeing party. The Mexican escort has so far flatly refused the request. In many places hostages were taken off the trains en route to Vera Cruz and will be held by the Mexicans in case the American troops attack Mexico City.

HOUSES TO BE SEARCHED

When the American Charge, Nelson O'Shaughnessy, left Mexico City, President Huerta has ordered that all the American homes in that city be searched for arms, etc.

Leaders in both the Senate and House of Representatives are ready to pass a fifty million dollar appropriation bill. It is stated upon authority that at this time this government will not establish a stamp act just yet.

NO FUNDS NEEDED

President Wilson has told Chairman Fitzgerald, of the House Committee on appropriations, who called at the White House to ascertain if any war funds were needed, that no appropriation was needed just at the present time. In discussing the general situation with his many callers the President explained that no aggressive act to aggravate the status of affairs would be taken by the American government.

MAY BE EXECUTED

Seven Americans, prisoners of Mexican soldiers, are now being held at Cardoba on the line of the Mexican railway between Vera Cruz and Mexico City. Four of these are threatened with execution in the report, which is said to be authentic. They were taken from the train on the Vera Cruz-Isthmus Line at Tlaxiaco. Three other Americans and an Englishman were seized. The belief that the Mexicans intend to execute four of the prisoners was gained by a conversation from soldiers who captured them.

BIG ARMED CAMP

While troop ships were loading for Mexican ports, the rebel garrison at Juarez and the American troops in this city spent a peaceful though watchful night within a stone's throw of each other.

El Paso was an armed camp, largely for the reassuring effect of the troops on the more nervous citizens. Cannons were posted on the high lands of the city at the water reservoir; two battalions of infantry with a machine gun platoon, Battery C of the Sixth Artillery with three-inch field pieces and two squadrons of cavalry kept watch.

Most of the force camped in the railroad yards at East El Paso, across from a sparsely settled part of Juarez, ready in case of emergency, while the cavalry patrolled the town.

General Villa arose early yesterday and last night told George C. Carothers, special agent of the State Department, that "nobody could drag him into a war with the United States." This Mr. Carothers reported to the State Department.

As the statement was official it was displaced by reports of an opposite character, one of which by Carranza's confidential agent here, was to the effect that the note was the result of the fullest exchange of views between the two leaders.

Refugees, grimly intent on getting at the truth of the situation, heard the contradictions patiently and then abandoned the problem, dubbing it "diplomacy."

Mearwhile sight of the revolution has nearly been lost in the glare of the international attraction, although reports indicate that it is being carried forward with some vigor. Fighting at Monterey was reported, and General Natero even admitted a repulse north of Nacatocas.

U. S. MAKES REPLY

After a conference at the State Department with Secretary Bryan, representatives of the constitutionalists here late yesterday telegraphed General Carranza, advising that he maintain a neutral attitude toward the United States in its difficulty with the Huerta government.

The message to General Carranza was said, contained what virtually was the reply of the United States to his note of several days ago, protesting against the occupation of Vera Cruz.

The constitutionalists in the conference were assured that no offensive movement from Vera Cruz was contemplated by the United States, and that as soon as reparations and amends could be forced from the Huerta faction the customs house in that city would be turned back to authorities duly constituted to receive it.

ARMY SAILS

The fifth brigade sailed at 4:30 from Galveston yesterday afternoon barely twenty-four hours after the order for their movement was received. The three torpedo boats are leading the way.

AMERICANS WARNED

Tampico, Mex., April 25.—There was great apprehension here yesterday shortly after an order had been issued advising all the American residents in Tampico and vicinity to leave the country.

Immediately the scout cruiser Chester cleared for action and steamed seaward down the river.

The gunboat Dolphin also cleared for action and followed her. Both vessels noisily saluted the British cruiser Hermione as they passed. A little later the Des Moines steamed away with her gun crews standing ready at the guns.

The disappearance of the protect (Continued on Page Four.)

It's Restful in Washington Park.

FINE LOT OF COUNTRY HAMS AT 35c. per pound. E. K. WILLIS. 4-22-14

A FISHING SCENE ON ST. JOHNS RIVER AT JACKSONVILLE



Jacksonville, Fla., March.—Inquiries have been received here from prospective visitors to the Confederate reunion in May concerning the opportunities for fishing during reunion week. No better opportunity is offered anywhere in the south, as the accompanying illustration indicates. A popular outing is for ten or twelve men to go to the jetties, near the mouth of the St. Johns river, hire a boat and anchor it, fishing from the boat. Every species of fish known to southern seas is caught there in the greatest abundance.

RECTOR TO PREACH ON EDUCATION

At St. Peter's Episcopal church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, the rector, Rev. Nathaniel Harding, will deliver a sermon on education, being the fourth sermon of the series delivered by the respective pastors of the city. There will be evening prayer with sermon at 8 o'clock. Sunday school meets at 3 p. m., E. K. Willis, Jr., superintendent. Good music. All are welcome.

SERVICE OF INTEREST ON TOMORROW

At the First Presbyterian church tomorrow services of interest are promised. Services will be held at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. H. B. Searight. Sunday school meets promptly at 9:30 o'clock, C. M. Brown, Jr., superintendent. The subject of the morning sermon will be: "The Ideal Church," and the theme for the evening hour will be: "Death the Door to Life Eternal." Good music. Seats free. Strangers, and visitors are cordially invited to all the services.

MOVED TO CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Wright have moved from the rooms occupied by them in the Washington Collegiate Institute building since its erection, and have taken up their residence at the home of Mr. S. J. Merziman, corner of Harvey and East Main streets, where they will welcome calls from their many friends in the Park, as well as from those in town. Mr. Wright, as recently announced in this paper, resigned two weeks ago from his position as head of the Commercial Department at the Institute, and is moving into town on account of the onerous character of his work as public stenographer. His friends will be glad to learn that the baby has now entirely recovered from his attack of the measles.

IN THE CITY

The many friends of Mr. Frank H. Short are glad to see him in the city today. He is spending the week end with his family.

WANTED—CARRIER BOY AT once. Apply DAILY NEWS office.

TEMPERANCE RALLY HERE SUNDAY AFT.

Tomorrow afternoon in the New Theater there is to be a temperance rally, at which our Rev. R. L. Davis, secretary of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League will make the principal address. The following program has been arranged by the committee in charge:

- Rev. E. M. Snipes, master of ceremonies.
- Hymn, "Bring Him Home."
- Hymn, "Other Refuge."
- Prayer, Rev. R. V. Hope.
- Hymn, "Better Days Are Coming."
- Introduction of speaker, Rev. R. L. Davis.
- Address, Rev. R. L. Davis, secretary N. C. Anti-Saloon League.
- Quartet, "The Old Song."
- Collection.
- Temperance Doxology.
- Benediction, Rev. H. B. Searight.

CHURCH AND THE DEVIL HIS THEME

All strangers in the city are cordially invited to attend the services at the Christian church tomorrow morning and evening at the usual hours. The subject of the pastor, Rev. R. V. Hope for 11 a. m. will be: "The Church and the Devil." Sunday school meets promptly at 10 o'clock and the subject of the lesson will be: "The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin." Superintendent W. O. Ellis desires a full attendance of the pupils. The pastor will fill his pulpit at the evening hour as usual. Good music, polite and attentive ushers.

FROM RALEIGH

Colonel Wiley C. Rodman, the head of the Second North Carolina Infantry, returned last night from Raleigh, where he went on professional business. Colonel Rodman states that in his opinion the North Carolina militia will be called out for duty in Mexico shortly unless affairs take a turn not now contemplated.

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

REV. R. L. DAVIS AT M. E. CHURCH SUNDAY 11 A. M.

Rev. R. L. Davis, secretary of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League will be the speaker at the First Methodist church tomorrow morning at the 11 o'clock service. At night the pastor, Rev. E. M. Snipes will preach an educational sermon, being the last of the series for the present year. Good music will be furnished by the choir at both services. Sunday school, E. R. Nixon, superintendent, meets at 9:45 o'clock. All strangers in the city will receive a cordial greeting.

NEXT WEEK PROGRAMME OF INTEREST

Tomorrow promises to be a very interesting day at the First Baptist church, of which Rev. R. L. Gay is the popular pastor. At 11 o'clock the pastor will speak from the topic: "Preservation of Character." At the evening hour, Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League will preach. The choir has arranged a very attractive musical program for both services. The general public has a cordial invitation to be present.

Cases Tried Before Mayor City Court

Several cases were tried before Mayor Kulger at the City Hall this morning. Those disposed of were as follows:

- Joe Cherry, colored, violating the transfer ordinance. Attached with the cost.
- Joe Martin, colored, violating city ordinance. Attached with the cost.
- John Hardy, violating city ordinance. Attached with the cost.
- Benjamin Griffin, drunk and disorderly; \$5 and cost.
- William Clark, speeding automobile; fined \$2 and cost.
- C. E. Wiley, drunk; \$5 and cost.

SLICED BACON SOC. POUND sliced beef 45c. pound; bologna sausage 15c. pound. E. K. WILLIS. 4-22-14

MRS. HOYT IS HOSTESS TO BOOK CLUB

Mrs. John K. Hoyt was hostess to the members of the O. Henry Club, Thursday afternoon from 4:30 to 6 o'clock, at her home in Bridge street.

In the absence of the president Miss L. T. Rodman, the meeting was most competently presided over by Mrs. H. W. Carter, the vice-president.

After the roll call, and all business transacted, a most interesting paper on the life and works of one of our most noted American authors, Oliver Wendell Holmes, was charmingly read by Miss Laughinghouse, the paper having been carefully prepared by Mrs. C. H. Richardson, who was absent on account of illness. Mrs. W. A. Blount read a selection in her attractive way, after the literary program was completed. Mrs. Hoyt served a delicious salad course.

The meeting with Mrs. Hoyt was a most pleasant one, as is always the case, when one is entertained in her honor, by so gracious a hostess. The next meeting will be held next Thursday, the 30th, with Mrs. G. T. Leach.

LITTLE TOTS ENJOY THE AT HOME

Yesterday afternoon from 4 to 6 Misses Evelyn Augusta and Anna Herring, the bright and winsome daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Fenner T. Phillips, were at home to their many playmates and friends at their home on West Second street. The occasion was the celebration of Miss Evelyn's tenth natal day and Miss Anna was also honored as April is also the month of her birth. The little hostesses were graciousness itself and made every one of their numerous guests feel perfectly at home. The feature of the occasion was a delightful egg hunt, which was entered into with enthusiasm and friendly rivalry. Following the many games delicious ice cream and cake were served and the little tots repaired to their homes carrying with them every wish for many happy and joyous returns for both Miss Evelyn and Anna. All had a jolly good time. Those invited were: Edna Earle Gibbs, Jack Ross, Lyndal Ross, Mary Walters, Mary Bell McIlhenry, Lonnie Squires, Ella Gaylord, Lucille Dall, George Dall, Alleen Rumley, Hilda Armstrong, Sam Johnston, Theima Leggett, Edward Long, Mayo, Elizabeth Nixon, Lottie Dall Ross, Bonner Ross, Mary Ross, Amanda Ross, Ottis Winfield, Jr., Sallie Bright, Lou Glenn Cox, Margaret Corzins, Ben Taylor, George Taylor, Effie Taylor, Lana Taylor, Ruth Mayo, Lucy R. Mayo, Elizabeth Mayo, Alice White, Louise Proctor, Ruby Ecklin.

VISITORS TODAY

Among the welcome visitors to the city today are: Mrs. D. W. Blount, Belhaven, S. H. Gray, Jessama; W. A. Buys, Belhaven; H. D. Stillely; Blount Creek; L. M. Scott, Blount's Creek.

WIFE MURDERER TO HANG

Ewardsville, Ill., April 24.—Nikola Gavrilovich, of St. Louis, was today to be hanged at the Madison county jail for the murder of his wife in a quarrel, which followed her refusal to give him \$150, the amount he spent in bringing her to America. He stabbed her seven times.

Children Love Washington Park

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