

PRESIDENT AUTHORIZED TO ACT; MEXICAN PORTS WILL BE SEIZED

TAMPICO AND VERA CRUZ WILL BE IN HANDS OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN NEXT 48 HOURS, ACCORDING TO PLANS

No Orders Issued to Army or Navy Last Night, but Conference at White House makes Necessary Plans for the Landing of Marines and Bluejackets at These Ports to Seize and Hold Customhouses Upuroarious Cheers Greet President

RESOLUTION GIVING PRESIDENT AUTHORITY PASSED BY HOUSE

Senate, However, Blocks Immediate Action by Holding Up Resolution. Prepares Substitute Resolution for Consideration Today

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Action by the army and navy of the United States to force Huerta to salute the American flag was held up early today through opposition in the senate to the form of the joint resolution approving President Wilson's purposes, as it passed the house last night.

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.

Substitute Resolution. In a spectacular midnight session the senate discussed the house resolution briefly. Senators objected to individualizing Huerta, and a substitute resolution was agreed upon by the foreign relations committee giving the president broad authority to deal with indignities of the United States in Mexico.

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 powers in the same sense as a declaration of blockade or other preliminaries to war.

U. S. WILL ACT. WASHINGTON, April 20.—In forty-eight hours, possibly less, the United States government will have taken possession of the Mexican customs houses at Tampico and Vera Cruz.

Senator Lodge presented a substitute for the preamble of the resolution reported by the committee which he will seek to have adopted tomorrow.

territory have become intolerable. "That the self respect and dignity of the United States and the duty to protect its citizens and its international rights, require that such a course be followed in Mexico by our government as to compel respect and observance of its rights."

The joint resolution passed by the house and which was before the senate at a late hour tonight, read as follows: "A joint resolution justifying the employment of the armed forces of the United States in enforcing certain demands against Victoriano Huerta."

Members of the house went to bed instead of waiting for the senate to reconvene. Crowds thronged the senate galleries and corridors.

At executive quarters there was a let-up in the late hours. Clerks were on duty for emergencies, but no movements were announced.

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CLYDE C. CLEMENT PLACED ON TRIAL; MURDER CHARGED

Young Man Pleads "Not Guilty" When Arraigned in Court.

WILL BE PLACED ON TRIAL THURSDAY

Girl Who is Co-Defendant With Clement Waives Arraignment.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., April 20.—Clyde C. Clement, the college boy who has been in jail here since February 5, jointly charged with Miss Fleda Pendleton, a girl telegrapher, with the murder of a two-month-old baby found drowned, is not yet ready for trial.

Frequently swallowing and moistening his lips but otherwise showing no signs of nervous tension the youth, son of Robert C. Clement, a prosperous North Carolina planter, stood in the prisoner's dock for five minutes this afternoon and heard the clerk of court read in formal old English the solemn charge that he did away with Virginia Virl Pendleton "against the peace and dignity of the State."

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CURTAIN RISES ON FIRST ACT IN MEXICAN WAR DRAMA WHEN PRESIDENT READS HIS MESSAGE

Packed House and Galleries Assemble to Hear the "Democratic War President" Ask Congress for the support of the Army and Navy in Forcing Huerta to Salute the American Flag as Ordered

OPPOSITION TO SANITARIUM AT MOUNT PLEASANT

Several Meetings Held Yesterday by Leading Business Men.

RESORT SECTION TO BE PROTECTED

Indications Last Night That Affair Will be Amicably Adjusted.

A united front in opposition to the proposed sanitarium on the Mount Pleasant property was shown yesterday at morning and afternoon meetings of some of Asheville's most prominent business men.

Not only that, but steps will be taken to bring the matter before the state legislature in order that this section of Asheville may be protected in the future from similar invasions.

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PROLONGED CHEERS GREET THE ENTRANCE OF THE PRESIDENT

Does not Ask Declaration of War but Authority to Deal With an Outlaw and Usurper Congress Gives Him Authority

(Editorial Correspondence.)

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The house tonight by a vote of 337 to 37 voted to end the period of watchful but fruitless waiting which has characterized the government's Mexican policy, and went on record as sustaining the president in his determination to enforce reparation from Victoriano Huerta and his adherents for repeated insults to the United States flag and the United States government.

stood Champ Clark, who only two or three weeks ago found himself arrayed against his chief in the latter's program touching the Panama tolls question.

The result of the vote was greeted with loud cheers. The senate at 9:30 met to receive the resolution from the house.

Introduces Wilson. The speaker finally rapped for order and the silence of the dead fell on the house as Speaker Clark stepped forward and said: "Gentlemen of the senate and house, I present to you the president of the United States with a special message."

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MEXICAN SECTION OF EL PASO BEING PATROLLED BY AMERICAN TROOPS

"Little Chihuahua" Being Guarded Against Any Outbreak.

CONFERENCE HELD

EL PASO, TEXAS, April 20.—"Little Chihuahua," as the Mexican section of this city is known, and where sixty per cent. of the inhabitants of the city reside, is being patrolled tonight by United States cavalrymen and infantrymen.

This and other precautionary measures were determined on late today at a conference between Mayor Kelly and Colonel C. A. P. Hatfield, commanding the troops at Fort Bliss.

HUERTA GUARANTEES SAFETY OF FOREIGNERS REMAINING IN MEXICO

Americans Included, According to His Statement Dictated Yesterday.

"NO FLAG ON BOAT"

MEXICO CITY, April 20.—"General Huerta offers all guarantees to foreigners, Americans included, who may remain in Mexico, and he will improve this opportunity to show the world that his government and Mexico are moral and civilized."

This statement President Huerta dictated to THE ASSOCIATED PRESS today. He continued: "I desire to make it plain to the American people that, according to the official report from the commander at Port Tampico received by the Mexican government there was no flag in the boat which landed and whose crew was detained. I fear that President Wilson has been misinformed on this point and that he will inform the American congress that the boat carried the flag."

LAW UPHOLD.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The right of states to regulate insurance rates was settled today by the Supreme court upholding as constitutional the Kansas fire insurance law of 1909.

FOURTEEN HOUR BATTLE BETWEEN STRIKERS AND NATIONAL GUARDSMEN

Leader of Strikers Finally Killed and Tent Colony Burned.

CITIZENS ARMED

TRINIDAD, Colo., April 20.—A fourteen hour battle between striking coal miners and members of the Colorado national guard in the Ludlow district today culminated late tonight in the killing of Louis Tikas, leader of the Greek strikers and the destruction of the Ludlow tent colony by fire.

After an all day battle armed strikers and small detachments of state troops, the Ludlow district tonight practically was isolated. All telephone wires were down and telegraph service was limited to one railroad wire.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair Tuesday; Wednesday fair, warmer interior.

BIG BLAZE AT PEORIA.

PEORIA, Ill., April 20.—Fire early tonight swept over three blocks, destroying the cattle feeding barns and a block of baled hay.

House Packed.

Never had a "curtain raiser" a setting of more thrilling interest. All galleries of the house were packed to overflowing; the atmosphere was tense with suppressed excitement which found vent in the remarkable demonstration of patriotic enthusiasm that greeted President Wilson as he entered the chamber through the central doors on the south side.

House Packed.

After Oscar Underwood had made a brief request that the foreign relations committee, to which the president's message was referred, meet at once and that it report as quickly as possible, such being the desire of the president, the house resumed its routine business.

President Justified.

One hour and twenty minutes after President Wilson had finished reading his message to the joint session of congress the foreign relations committee presented its resolution wherein it stated in effect that the president is justified in the employment of the armed forces of the United States to enforce demands of reparation at the hands of Huerta for insults offered the United States. Throughout the interval the galleries had remained packed; none had left his or her seat to be taken by some of the unfortunate filling the outside corridors.