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ORDERS GO FORTH TO SEIZE VERA CRUZ

Several Million Rounds of Ammunition and 200 Field Pieces Consigned to Huerta Will Be Held Up

Americans are Leaving Various Parts of Mexico on Advice

Lodge Opens Debate in Senate On the Resolution to Back Up President—His Substitute Severely Attacked by Senators. Large Shipment of Arms For Huerta Will Be Seized After They Are Unloaded—Admiral Fletcher Has Broad Powers—May Take City of Vera Cruz.

resolutions carries with it armed intervention. "The consequences of armed intervention are in many respects precisely the same as war. But they present a task less capable of speedy completion; less fertile in speedy glory of victories won and may bring a long period of the exercise of what would be police power in a foreign country, involving vast expenditures; great loss of life perhaps, and after months and possibly years, possibly only the satisfaction of feeling that we had brought back peace, and order and liberty to a distracted country."

After reviewing the Tampico incident Senator Lodge declared: "There is no doubt in my mind that that incident at Tampico constituted an insult to the American flag and the American uniform. No nation can allow such an insult to pass unnoted. It is its duty to seek proper atonement and reparation. The form of such atonement is universally recognized. It is a salute to the flag of the offended nation. But that salute is a governmental action. All party lines disappear in the demand for amends for such an insult, and we all stand behind the president's demand for atonement."

The cabinet meeting broke up while the senate debate continued and Secretary Tamm and some of the cabinet members hurried to the senate chamber to hear the speeches. "Nothing new in the situation," was the way Postmaster General Burleson put it. Senator Lodge resented any imputations that the republicans were lacking in proper regard for the honor of the flag.

"But we must also think of that which the flag covers—the citizens of the United States," he said. "One hundred and fifty American citizens have perished on Mexican soil. I cannot, in demanding atonement of the insult at Tampico overlook these outrages. I cannot pass these murders silently without saying that, here is a greater wrong, to be atoned and shall not be repeated."

"I cannot be put in a position where I appear to pick and choose between the factions that today tear Mexico asunder. I can not join in any resolution which puts the United States in the position of preferring one murderer and cut throat above another murderer and cut throat."

"I have no desire to criticize President Wilson for his failure to recognize General Huerta. He no doubt succeeded on grounds appearing to him as sufficient. I condemn as strongly as I can the methods of treachery and bloodshed by which General Huerta reached his present position. But the fact that I condemn his methods does not lead me to put myself in a position which by distortion of the acts which we take here or of the words which we utter here would put me behind Villa, Villa, who began life as a hired assassin, and whose pathway has been marked with bloodshed, rapine, plunder, and by unnamable crimes which are a disgrace to the country in which we live."

"It is for that reason that the minority committee on foreign relations has presented the substitute for the preamble of the resolution," asserted Senator Lodge. "Not one sentence can be denied. Each is a melancholy truth."

THREE WOMEN SENTENCED TO DEATH.

By Associated Press. Trinidad, Colo., April 20.—Three women and a number of children possibly ten, were smothered to death in the fire that swept the Ludlow tent colony last night, according to a statement given out at union headquarters. The party had refuge in cave. The statement is confirmed at the military camp at Ludlow.

TERRIFIC BATTLE IN COLORADO STRIKE ZONE

By Associated Press. Trinidad, Colo., April 21.—Thirteen persons were believed to be dead but the number of wounded was unknown when day dawned on the Ludlow battlefield where yesterday 100 militiamen and deputy sheriffs fought a battle with strikers. Renewal of the conflict was expected momentarily. The militiamen were reinforced during the forenoon.

The Ludlow colony presented a scene of death and desolation today. Soldiers declared quantities of ammunition were exploded by the breeze that swept the colony during the night. Yesterday's battle centered about the big trestle of the Colorado & Southern Railroad and several dead were said to be lying along the tracks behind which the strikers took refuge.

WILSON PAINTING PRESENTED TO SUPREME COURT

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., April 21.—The oil painting of the late Joseph Harvey Wilson, of Charlotte, was presented to the supreme court today with fitting ceremony, being the gift from George E. Wilson, of Charlotte, son of the deceased and his sister, Mrs. Charles E. Johnson, of this city. It was a distinguished company that gathered for the ceremony. The presentation address was by Hon. Frank I. Osborne, who portrayed eloquently the personality and career of Mr. Wilson.

NATIONALS ORDERED OUT.

By Associated Press. Washington, April 21.—Charge of O'Shaughnessy at the direction of the state department had advised the foreign diplomatic body in Mexico City to have their nationals leave Mexico.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for North Carolina: Fair tonight, possibly light frost in low places in central and west portions; Wednesday, fair, warmer in interior. Moderate northeasterly winds on the coast.

CAPT. BERRY FOUND GUILTY OF NEGLIGENCE

By Associated Press. Washington, April 21.—Captain Osmyrn Berry of the Merchants' and Miners' jacket Nantuxet which rammed and sunk the Old Dominion liner Monroe with a loss of 41 lives of the Virginia capes in January, has been found guilty of negligence and his license has been revoked.

NINE KILLED BY GAS EXPLOSION

By Associated Press. Maoun, Sask., April 21.—Investigation into the cause of the gas explosion which wrecked a local hotel yesterday, killing nine persons who were in the dining room was begun today. So suddenly did the floors and walls of the dining room collapse and sink into the basement that few persons in the room escaped death or injury. Most of those who perished were pinned beneath the debris and burned almost beyond recognition. It is believed the seven persons injured will recover.

MORE POSTMASTERS.

By Associated Press. Washington, April 21.—The president today nominated these postmasters: Georgia—Nellie B. Brimberry, Albany; W. M. McElroy, Norcross; Johnnie B. Roddenberry, Thomasville. North Carolina—O. G. Nicholson, Maxton; N. R. Polk, Clayton.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS READY TO FIGHT.

By Associated Press. New York, April 21.—New York University students cheered Dean Stoddard for several minutes yesterday when he said that he knew "all the students of the University stood ready to give their lives for the country if needed in its defense."

The Mississippi Sails.

By Associated Press. Pensacola, Fla., April 21.—The battleship Mississippi with six hundred marines aboard sailed this morning for Vera Cruz. The warship also carried four aviators with their hydro-aeroplanes.

BAILEY WILL COMMAND FIRST BODY OF TROOPS

By Associated Press. Washington, April 21.—Brigadier General Charles J. Bailey will command the first body of troops if any are sent to Mexico. He will leave for Texas City within a day or two to organize an expedition.

MAHONEY DID NOT WANT A LAWYER.

By Associated Press. New York, April 21.—Michael P. Mahoney, who attempted to shoot Mayor Mitchell last week and wounded Corporation Counsel Frank L. Polk was arraigned today to plead to an indictment charging him with attempted murder in the first degree. "I don't want any lawyer," the prisoner insisted, but Judge Mauque assigned counsel.

Many Mexicans Think National Honor at Stake

NEWS WAS GREETED WITH CHEERS

Chicago, April 21.—News that the house had passed the resolution authorizing President Wilson to use armed forces to compel respect to the Stars and Stripes was greeted with cheers by throngs in Chicago theatres and cafes last night. In one theatre the news from Washington was flashed on a screen as the orchestra began to play "The Star Spangled Banner." The music was drowned by cheers.

TROOPS READY TO BOARD TRANSPORT.

Galveston, Texas, April 21.—Troops of the fifth brigade, United States army, under command of Col. Daniel Corman, were ready today to go on board the four army transports here at a moment's notice. The brigade, which is composed of the fourth, seventh, nineteenth and twenty-eighth infantry, will be reinforced by the south cavalry, one battery of the fourth field artillery, company E, engineers; company D, signal corps, and an ambulance corps. The full brigade numbers approximately 4,700 officers and men.

BRYAN TO CONFER WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS

By Associated Press. Washington, April 21.—Secretary Bryan asked the foreign ministers to confer with him at 2:30 p. m. it was generally accepted that he would advise them of the Mexican situation in detail.

BLANQUET SAYS MEXICAN RESERVES MAY BE CALLED

By Associated Press. Mexico City, April 21.—General Aureliano Blanquet, the Mexican minister of war, asked today whether the reserves would be called to the colors, replied: "In due time, if it should become necessary, they will be so called, as will every citizen in Mexico."

Rebel Sympathizers Think Wilson's Policy an Affront to The Mexican Nation and Should Be Met By A United People—Carranza Will Continue Revolution Regardless of International Complications.

Consul Fletcher is Urging Americans to Quietly Quit The Country—Many Are Leaving—Grave Trouble is Feared—What Will Rebels Do?—A Conference With Federals is Reported.

WILL WARRING ELEMENTS UNITE?

By Associated Press. Laredo, Texas, April 21.—It was authoritatively reported here today that two federal officers from the Nuevo Laredo garrison, bearing a flag of truce, went down the river yesterday to parley with rebel officers. Consolidation of rebels and federals against the United States was said to be their object.

Refugees Reach El Paso.

El Paso, Texas, April 21.—Six Americans, eight Germans and nine Frenchmen and women arrived here today from Chihuahua. The Americans confirmed the statement that they were instructed to leave by American Consul Fletcher.

Attitude of Rebels.

They said Mexicans in Chihuahua believed the rebels would be unable to remain out of the Huerta-Washington complication and added that rebel leaders feel compelled to accept the view that the blockading of Tampico and Vera Cruz would be a national matter affecting the honor of every Mexican regardless of political affiliations.

Carranza Assists.

Letcher, they said, was endeavoring to get the Americans out without attracting undue attention and his efforts in this direction were being assisted by General Carranza. Villa and Carranza Confer.

A Grave View Taken.

In the cafes, clubs and other gathering places Mexican citizens, practically all of whom are rebel sympathizers, said openly that President Wilson's course was an affront to the Mexican nation and that a common enemy must be met by a united country.

Meanwhile there was no definite announcement of policy by Carranza. The Americans reported, adding that it seemed to be his purpose, by silence to imply the truth of reports that he would continue with the revolution regardless of foreign complications. This they said in view of the excited talk in the cafes and elsewhere derived nobody.