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Capture of Mexican City After Two Days' Fight Presents Vivid Picture.

VALOR OF OUR BLUEJACKETS

Warships Shelled Buildings in Which Mexican "Snipers" Had Taken Refuge—Natives Surprised at Courtesy of American Troops.

Vera Cruz, Mexico, April 24.—Twelve Americans were killed and thirty wounded before the city of Vera Cruz came into the undisputed possession of the American invading forces after a two-day fight. Although the Mexicans suffered more severely, the number of their casualties has not been ascertained. The best estimates obtained by Capt. William R. Rush of the battleship Florida indicated that in the engagements of Tuesday and Wednesday their dead numbered about one hundred and fifty. No person knows how many Mexicans fell wounded, as many of them were taken away and hidden by friends.

In the streets about the plaza Wednesday afternoon lay fifteen or twenty bodies, a majority of them attired in citizen's clothing. Some of the men evidently had been dead since the engagement Tuesday and the tropical heat made their immediate disposal imperative. One of the first orders given after the town had been captured was to bury the Mexican dead in a trench at the sea end of one of the streets leading from the plaza.

Scores Are Taken Prisoners. When the city was taken the order was given to advance carefully and search every building for men bearing arms. Scores of prisoners were taken, the majority of them protesting volubly—many hysterically—that they were not guilty of any unkindness toward the Americans. Accustomed as the Mexicans are to seeing their own contending forces shoot immediately all prisoners taken, the captured men could not but believe that they would receive no less drastic treatment at the hands of the Americans. The guns found in houses were thrown by the marines and bluejackets from the upper balconies to the pavement below.

The most spirited action was the taking of the naval academy. Aside from that fight, no definite, organized opposition was encountered by the Americans. A hot fire was poured from the naval college, but a few well directed shots from the cruisers Chester, San Francisco and Prairie tore gaping holes in the stone walls and silenced the rifle fire of the Mexicans inside. The bluejackets then were enabled to proceed with the task they had in hand.

Escape From Flight Cut Off. Despite the shelling it had received Tuesday, a squad of soldiers continued to give considerable trouble to the Americans from the battered Benito Juarez tower. After they had been silenced and removed from the tower it was discovered that the soldiers had continued fighting for lack of ability to do anything else. The shells from the warships Tuesday had torn away the stairway in the tower and the men had been compelled to remain in it.

Appeal From Aged Mexican. Coincident with the orders for the general advance of the Americans an aged, white-haired Mexican, carrying the white flag of truce, came down a street from the center of the city. He carried a letter to the chief of police, the only authority he hoped to reach, and desired Consul Granada to read it. It was an urgent appeal to the chief of police to call off the snipers and prevent the bombardment he believed would follow if they continued their execution.

Even before the messenger had climbed the stairs into the consul's office Capt. Rush was informed of the contents of the note he bore and immediately sounded "cease firing" and "halt." But it was too late. The action had been begun all along the line and it was not considered wise to attempt further measures to stop it. The commanders ordered their men forward at double quick, which they carried out with a vigor that afterward gave them the city.

Evidences of War. Blood-bespattered sidewalks, broken windows and bullet-scarred walls gave the plaza a gruesome aspect. Within the Diligencia hotel there were forty Americans, most of them women, who had been there since the commencement of hostilities. When the square was taken they were immediately notified that they might go on the Spanish cruiser Carlos V. outside the breakwater in order to give the Prairie room to fire her guns. The Spanish commander refused, saying that he dared not maneuver his boat in so small a space at night. He also declared that he needed to take on a supply of fresh water. Admiral Fletcher insisted yesterday that his order be carried out, and the Carlos V. moved outside just before the attack on the center of the city began.

At 10:08 Wednesday morning the Americans were in undisputed possession of all the city except the southwest quarter, in which the barracks are situated, and a few outlying districts. At noon they had taken

the barracks. When the city prison, which faces the main plaza, was captured, Lieutenant-Commander Buchanan of the Florida made an inspection tour through it. There was great surprise among the Mexicans who had gathered there that the prisoners were not released. They had been accustomed to seeing the victor always release prisoners and then impress them all into his army.

Chief of Police Captured. Chief of Police Antonio Villa Vincencio was taken prisoner by the Americans shortly after they had occupied the main plaza of the city. It was suggested to him that he continue in his official capacity to direct the city's protective system. He took the question under advisement. Had the frightened mayor made up his mind to accede to Admiral Fletcher's suggestion, which was made through Consul Canada, the Mexicans might have been spared the humiliation of being forced from their positions and undoubtedly a number of lives would not have been sacrificed.

When Admiral Fletcher directed that battalions of bluejackets and marines be landed from Rear Admiral Badger's ships before dawn and be drawn up in the plaza before the railroad station, thence to proceed to take the entire town, he acted only after warning and after 15 shells from the Prairie's three-inch guns had been thrown into the steel framework of the new market, which faces Market place. A persistent but scattered fire came from rifles in the market during all the early hours of the morning, and Admiral Badger's men landed to the accompaniment of rifle bullets over their heads.

Uniforms Dyed With Rust. When the rush started Admiral Badger's bluejackets, clad in orange-colored clothing, made for them on the trip down by dyeing white uniforms with iron rust, moved in close column formation up the water front, past the market and across the front of the naval college, a long, three-story structure built of adobe and having a tile roof. The column moved steadily forward until the first company had passed beyond the college and the remainder were covering the whole front close against the wall.

Suddenly a spatter of rifle firing broke out. Flashes from the rifles were plainly visible in the upper window of the college and along the roofs. The jackies stood their ground pluckily. Some of them huddled close to the wall to avoid the rain of steel-jacketed bullets from above, while others dashed across a small open space directly in front of the building. These bluejackets dropped on their stomachs and lifted their rifles high to get a range on the windows above. Finally the American officers hustled their men either forward or backward until they were in the shelter of nearby buildings.

Men in Front Undaunted. The jackies in front held their places, however, and the Prairie sent shell after shell from her three-inch battery into the windows of the college; huge columns of red dust leaped upward as each shot went home. The Chester also joined in, and with a roar her six-inch shells tore great gaps in the roof of the college. Far to the right of the harbor the mine ship San Francisco opened with her five-inch guns, and, taking the front of the college, shot out window after window, planting the shells with the precision of target practice.

After 15 minutes of firing the Prairie and the San Francisco ceased and the column of jackies formed again and pushed ahead, deploying around the front of the college. A few shots were directed at them, but none came from the college. The Chester continued hurling shells into any building in which snipers lurked and also far out into the suburbs.

The jackies went ahead without faltering, spreading out through the water-front sections, seizing the highest buildings and organizing squads of guards at street intersections.

The fire along the front gradually slackened and then died out, but the Chester sent a few shots into the hills before ceasing. The Hancock, with 700 marines on board, and the battleship Michigan arrived too late to participate in the fighting.

Wounded and prisoners were taken aboard the Prairie until the arrival of the Solace, about noon.

Vera Cruz Thoroughly Cowed. Conditions in Vera Cruz began to take on a normal aspect Thursday. Some of the restaurants were opened and a considerable part of the native population began to appear in the streets inspecting the damage done. There were no expressions of good will for the Americans, but there was no apparent antagonism. The Mexicans here seem thoroughly cowed and appear to accept with passiveness the presence of the foreign forces.

SENATORS OFFER TO ENLIST

Fall, New Mexico, and Shepard, Texas, Tender Services.

Washington.—Senators Fall of New Mexico and Shepard of Texas have written the president offering their services in the operations against Mexico. Senator Weeks of Massachusetts already had volunteered.

Senator Fall wrote that he was ready to resign from the senate and go to the front.

Senator Williams of Mississippi, who made a speech in the senate Tuesday opposing war with Mexico, had written to the president asking that his son, Robert Webb Williams, be appointed a second lieutenant in the volunteer service.

All offers have been sent to the war department.

STATE IS PAYING OFF DEBT

North Carolina's Debt During 30 Years Has Decreased From \$11.02 to \$3.36 Per Capita.

Washington.—Preliminary figures from the forthcoming bulletin pertaining to national and state indebtedness and funds and investments have been given out by Director W. J. Harris, of the bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. The bulletin carries information for the state of North Carolina, as well as for the other states and the United States. The data were compiled under the supervision of Mr. John Lee Coulter, expert special agent in charge of the inquiry on wealth, debt and taxation.

An inspection of the tables for North Carolina in the bulletin soon to be issued shows that only biennial reports were obtainable for the details of the indebtedness during the earlier and latter part of the period covered. The bond issue fell from \$7,703,000 in 1890 to \$6,361,000 in 1896, but increased steadily thereafter until it reached \$7,533,000 in 1912. No special debt obligations to public trust funds were reported. The floating debt varied from year to year but was too small to have any appreciable effect upon the total debt until 1910, when it increased from \$49,000 to \$144,000, and in 1912 reached the maximum, \$255,000.

In the case of funds and investments the securities remained practically unchanged, increasing only \$162,000 during the entire period discussed. The cash fluctuated constantly, but shows a general increase from \$163,000 in 1890 to \$291,000 in 1912.

Although the debt of the state increased from 1890 to 1912, the population increased sufficiently to reduce the per capita indebtedness.

In 1880 the total debt of North Carolina at the close of the fiscal year, November 30, was \$15,422,000; in 1890 it was \$7,709,000; in 1896 it fell to \$6,362,000; and in 1912 amounted to \$8,058,000. The population of the state increased from 1,400,000 in 1880 to 2,276,000 in 1912, which, combined with the decrease in the state debt during the 30-year period, reduced the per capita debt from \$11.02 in 1880 to \$3.36 in 1912.

Will Honor Stonewall Jackson, Charlotte.—Among the places to be decorated for the twentieth of May, one of the most unique and beautiful pieces of work will be the manner in which the home of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson on West Trade street is to be draped. Besides almost covering the front of the house with Confederate colors, bunting and flags, there will be directly in the center of the front a large life size portrait of General "Stonewall" Jackson with draperies of the Confederate colors and a number of stars and bars surrounding the canvass. The portrait will be full life-sized and of striking appearance, large enough to attract attention for blocks.

Among First Injured.

Gastonia.—A message from the war department to D. S. Smith of Bessemer City, brought him the intelligence that his son, Platt Smith, was wounded in the fight between the United States marines, and the Huerta forces in Vera Cruz. It was stated that he was shot in the breast and seriously wounded. Young Smith was on the battleship New Jersey. He had been in the navy only a little more than a year and was here on a furlough only six or eight weeks ago. His family and friends are anxiously awaiting further news regarding his condition.

Foreign Laborers Quit Work.

Gastonia.—The gang of about 30 Italian laborers, who have been here for the past two or three months digging ditches for the gas mains, have taken their departure. Some trouble with the contractor under whom they were working in regard to their pay led to a strike, which is said to have resulted in their being discharged. The contract for laying the eight or 10 miles of gas pipe yet to be put down has been awarded by the Gaston City Gas Company to Contractor W. O. Pratt.

Tell War Story to Daniels.

Kinston.—George W. Bible, a veteran newspaper man, went to the national capital to relate to Secretary of the Navy Daniels, the story of the death of Mr. Daniels' father which, curiously enough, occurred in a naval engagement.

Mecklenburg Corn Boys Organize.

Charlotte.—Boys from all parts of the county, Boys' Corn Club, gathered here recently to form a permanent organization under the direction of county Farm Demonstration Agent R. W. Graeber and to hear an address on methods of corn production by Mr. T. E. Browne, extension agent for farm demonstration work in North Carolina, with offices at the A. & M. College, at Raleigh. At the permanent organization J. Livy Hood, of Sharon township, was elected president and G. Alexander Sec. Treas.

To Give Bridge 100-Foot Draw.

Wilmington.—As a result of a hearing before Maj. H. W. Stickle, United States Engineer in charge of this district, he will recommend to the War Department that it order a 100-foot draw for Hilton bridge to replace the present clearance of 58 feet. It is not likely that there will be opposition to the proposed change. The bridge was recently damaged by being struck by a large steamer and it was thought best to widen the draw since some improvements had to be made.

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