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TWELVE UNITED STATES SOLDIERS ARE KILLED

ACTUAL FIGHTING BETWEEN FORCES OF UNCLE SAM AND MEXICO, SITUATION SERIOUS

Twelve United States Soldiers Killed and Thirty Wounded so Far in Engagements With Mexicans—About 200 Mexicans Slain—Rear Admiral Fletcher Takes Complete Charge of Vera Cruz—President Wilson Says no Offensive Steps Will be Taken at Present Against Territories Held by Constitutionals—No Startling Developments To-Day.

Special To The Gazette.
WASHINGTON, April 24, 1:25 p. m.—President Wilson says that the United States will not take offensive steps against the Mexican territories now controlled by the Constitutionals at present. Washington officials are busy making preparations for withstanding further attacks on Vera Cruz.

Bulletin 11:10 A. M.
Riotous mobs thronged the streets of Mexico City last night and the condition of American citizens there is said to be critical. As late as 2 o'clock this morning gangs tramped the streets singing Mexican anthems, trampling the Stars and Stripes under foot and shouting "Death to Americans."

FIRST FIRING TUESDAY.

Marines and bluejackets of the American Navy Tuesday took the customs house and a large section of Vera Cruz with a loss of four killed and 20 wounded. The loss of the Mexican garrison was not officially known here tonight, but was estimated at 200 killed. This was the first step in the program of reprisal by the United States against the Huerta Government for the arrest of American bluejackets at Tampico and other offenses "against the rights and dignity of the United States."

At 3:21 o'clock Wednesday morning the Senate by a vote of 72 to 13 passed the Administration resolution bill declaring that "the President is justified in the employment of the armed forces of the United States to enforce his demands for unequivocal amends for the affronts and indignities committed against the United States in Mexico."

The resolution, disclaimed on the part of the United States any hostilities toward the Mexican people or any intention to make war against them.

SIX KILLED, 30 WOUNDED.
A dispatch from Vera Cruz, sent out Wednesday night and appearing in yesterday morning's papers, says:

Six Americans killed and about 30 wounded marked the complete investment of Vera Cruz at noon today by the United States forces. This morning Mexican sharpshooters on the roofs put up a stubborn resistance. There was one brisk action, guns of the Prairie and Chester assisting in silencing a heavy fire from the naval college. Shells from the Prairie finally shattered its walls. The number of Mexicans killed yesterday is estimated at 150 with many wounded. The Mexican loss today is not known, but is thought to be heavy.

PROCLAMATION IN VERA CRUZ.

Vera Cruz, April 23.—The first proclamation issued in this city by Americans since the war between the United States and Mexico ended in 1848, was posted today and read with interest by the Mexican inhabitants.

The proclamation was issued by Rear Admiral Fletcher addressed to the "People of Vera Cruz" and read:

"To the People of Vera Cruz:
The naval forces of the United States that are under my command have occupied temporarily the city of Vera Cruz to supervise the public administration on account of the disturbed conditions which at present prevail in Mexico.

"All employees of the municipality of this port are invited to continue in the discharge of their offices as they have done up to the present.

"The military authorities will not intervene in civil and administrative affairs so long as good order and peace in the town are not impaired.

"All peaceful citizens may confidently continue in their usual occupations certain that they will be protected.

"The commander signing gives assurances that there will be no interference with the civil authorities, except in case of absolute necessity and guided always by the observance of the law and order.

"The taxes due and the use of them will continue being made in the same form as up to the present time and in conformity with law.

"Rear Admiral F. F. Fletcher."
The proclamation was printed in Spanish and posted throughout the town.

NOT WAR, SAYS WILSON.

Washington, April 23.—President Wilson told the Washington correspondents today that so far as his

authority was concerned the United States was not in a state of war with Mexico.
The President said that while Charge O'Shaughnessy had been given his passports and Charge Algora had been granted his in returning, such a step, while always preceding war, did not always result in war.

Mr. Wilson explained that the American Government was taken somewhat by surprise when Mr. O'Shaughnessy was given his passports and therefore no arrangements yet had been made for taking over by other foreign Governments of American interests in Mexico. The President referred to the crisis as very serious and said he thought it was his duty in discussing it at present to confine himself to facts, not revealing what several steps of policy would be taken in the future, as it was not desirable that every one should know them.

No notification up to tonight had gone to the Powers of any intentions of the American Government, communication being confined solely to facts as they have occurred. Referring to the statement made in answer to the note of General Carranza the President said he intended it as a clarification or re-statement of his position that there was no quarrel with the Mexican people as a whole. When asked if it was a warning to Carranza that if he sided with Huerta, the United States would continue to enforce its demands for reparation from the United Mexican forces, the President smiling declined to interpret it.

An Associated Press dispatch sent out from Washington last night says:

Admiral Badger tonight reported to the Navy Department that three more men had been killed and 25 wounded in the fighting at Vera Cruz.

Secretary Daniels tonight gave the news in this statement:
"Admiral Badger wires tonight that he landed the battalion from the Minnesota, Michigan, South Carolina, yesterday afternoon and that the landing forces now ashore totals about 5,400 men. The Minnesota, Chester, Prairie and San Francisco are lying in the inner harbor."

"Admiral Badger reports that as a result of desultory firing which continued about the city last night and this morning three more sailors were killed and about 52 wounded.

"The landing party now occupies all the city and outposts have been stationed on the sandhills in the rear who have been engaged in constructing defensive works.

"Admiral Badger in command on shore, is making every effort to induce Mexican municipal authorities to resume their duties and take up the early administration of the city. He reports negotiations fairly successful.

"All work in the city is still stopped and no business is being transacted. The public service utilities have stopped because the employees refuse to run the eventual risk to themselves of resuming employment.

"Very little food supply has been coming into the city and it is thought that in a few days the question of feeding the people of the city will become paramount and that it is possible the United States will be called on to furnish food. The water supply is causing anxiety.

"The Mexican forces are disposed along the railroad and while Admiral Badger reports the rumor that they are preparing to attack, he adds that it is doubted that this is true, and expresses his belief that any attack can be successfully resisted.

"The tugs Patapasco and Patuxent arrived today at 11 a. m. The Nashville arrived at the same time but proceeded down the coast later."

The addresses and next of kin of the Americans killed and wounded today at Vera Cruz were announced by the Navy Department late tonight in a revised list as follows:

Dead:
Dennis J. Lane, seaman, New York.

E. H. Frohlichstein, ordinary seaman, 456 Consti street, Mobile, Ala. next of kin, John Frohlichstein, same address.

Elsie C. Fisher, ordinary seaman, Hayes, Miss., next of kin, father, J. D. Fisher, same address.

Wounded:
George J. Soden, gunner's mate, Warren, Mich.

Fred H. Fridth, ordinary seaman, W. O. Keas, chief turret captain, Hillsdale, Mich.

R. E. Lee, ordinary seaman, New York City.

Edward Carlwater, Burlington, Iowa.

R. O. Jans, 907 Iowa avenue, Muscatine, Iowa.

Walter L. Hawk, boatswain's mate, first class, St. Louis, Mich.

T. A. Biskup, boatswain's mate, Winona, Minn.

J. L. Harris, seaman, Tracey City, Tenn.

Claude C. Wilcox, ordinary seaman, Irving, Mich.
S. J. Everett, 2331 St. Cloud St., New Orleans.
Henry P. Nagorowski, private U. S. M. C., Baltimore.
Ensign Paul Augustus Stevens, Crisfield, Md.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

—Mr. Grover C. Moss went to Shelby Tuesday.

—Read the half-page real estate advertisement on page six.

—Mr. T. R. E. Oates, of Bessemer City, route two, was in the city on business Wednesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. K'Lapp returned Monday from a visit to relatives in Charlotte and Monroe.

—Mrs. S. A. Kindley went to Concord this morning to be the guest of Miss Jenn Coltrane for the day.

—Mr. Erwin Robinson, of Rock Hill, S. C., is the guest of Mr. J. P. Saunders and family.

—Misses Florence Clemmer and Daisy Coker were visitors to Charlotte last Friday.

—Mr. R. T. Hinson, of Lincolnton, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Jennings. Mr. Hinson is a brother of Mrs. Jennings.

—Miss Bettie Campbell and Mrs. Howard Campbell, of Bethel, were among Wednesday's shoppers in the city.

—Mrs. Minnie Holland Curry has been the guest since Monday of Mrs. H. M. Eddleman at her home on West Main avenue.

—Read the advertisement of Joyce's studio on page three today. Free photos of babies will be given on Friday of next week only.

—Miss Ida May Hinson, of Lincolnton, spent Wednesday in the city as the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. O. Jennings.

—Postmaster E. Grant Pasour returned Wednesday from a two weeks trip to New York and other Northern cities.

—Mr. W. Y. Warren moved yesterday from West Third avenue to the house on South Marietta street which he recently purchased from Mr. O. M. Boyd.

—Mrs. B. H. Winget and Mrs. G. C. Killian were guests last Saturday and Sunday at a family reunion of the Fisher family held at the home of Mrs. Winget's brother, Mr. J. C. Fisher, in Pineville.

—Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Shuford will be glad to learn that their little daughter Helen, who has been quite ill for the past two weeks, is reported as being considerably better today.

—Mr. Benjamin Lewis and Miss Dovie Bookout, both of East Gastonia, were united in marriage Wednesday evening by Squire Thomas H. White at his residence on East Main avenue.

—Mr. and Mrs. Andrew E. Moore, Messrs. J. H. Separk, J. L. Gray and L. F. Groves will leave tomorrow night for New York to attend the annual meeting of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association.

Free to all—the reading room of the Gastonia Public Library upstairs in Y. M. C. A. building. Use it.

BELMONT BUDGET.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BELMONT, April 24.—Mr. A. J. Sanders, of the Belmont Drug Co., is at the Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte where he was operated on Tuesday for appendicitis. Mr. Sanders was stricken Monday night with an acute attack. His many friends in and around Belmont hope for him a speedy recovery. His condition this morning is somewhat improved and with no complications he will be up in two weeks.

The operetta "Cinderella" to be presented tonight by the fourth and fifth grades of the local schools is attracting much interest and a large crowd will doubtless witness the entertainment. The fact that the children are being trained by Mrs. F. P. Hall is enough to say that the performance will be of a high standard.

Rev. W. S. Lacy, pastor of the Presbyterian church, has accepted an invitation to preach the baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class of the Southern Presbyterian College and Conservatory of Music at Red Springs on Sunday, May 17. Mr. Lacy will leave shortly afterward for Kansas City to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church, as a commissioner from Kings Mountain Presbytery.

The Belmont High School second team defeated a similar team from Gastonia Wednesday in a good fast game of baseball by the score of 5 to 4. The game was clean and interesting and was anybody's till the last of the ninth. Gullick and Abernethy for Belmont and Abernethy and Morris for Gastonia were the batteries. The features were the fielding of Forbes and hitting of Mauney for Belmont and the fielding of Paysoux and Hanna for Gastonia.

The girls' basket ball team of the local high school defeated the team from the Charlotte high school yesterday by the score of 25 to 20. An enthusiastic crowd of rooters from Charlotte accompanied the team who came to Mt. Holly and were conveyed thence to Belmont in autos through the courtesy of Messrs. Frank Hall and Floyd Gullick.

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MORE BIG REALTY DEALS

VALUABLE PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS

Messrs. Hahn and Summerrow Buy Half of Warren Property Adjoining Realty Building—Mr. G. W. Ragan Buys Valuable Vacant Lot on Main Avenue from Mr. Rush Torrence—A Number of Other Interesting Real Estate Deals Made During the Past Few Days.

A real estate deal of unusual interest has just been concluded by which Messrs. E. N. Hahn and T. E. Summerrow have bought from Messrs. J. Lee Robinson and J. O. White the western half of the vacant Warren property on West Main avenue lying between the Realty building and the G. W. Ragan office buildings. The property just purchased by Messrs. Hahn and Summerrow has a frontage of 50 feet on Main avenue and runs back 110 feet, and the purchase price was \$12,000. Their purchase covers exactly one-half of the 100 foot frontage which changed hands only a few weeks ago at a price of \$22,000. The deal was made through G. E. Hathcock, real estate agent. The plans of the purchasers with reference to the property are not known.

Another especially desirable piece of Main avenue property has also just changed hands. Mr. G. W. Ragan having purchased from Mr. Rush Torrence the vacant lot fronting 45 feet on Main avenue, with a depth of 110 feet, lying between the Jenkins block and the residence property occupied by Capt. C. M. Nolen. This lot lies practically opposite the handsome new block of business buildings only recently completed by Mr. Ragan. Though the purchase price of this property is not given out, it is known to have brought a good price, as its location is excellent for business purposes.

Mrs. Rebecca C. Bryan has sold her residence property on West Long avenue, adjoining the Colonial Hotel and the residence of Mr. J. M. Shuford, to Miss Bessie Thomason, formerly of Gastonia, but now living in Hickory.

Mr. J. W. Timberlake has sold to Dr. T. C. Quikle a vacant lot 75 by 175 feet on South street adjoining Dr. Quikle's residence. All of the above transactions were made through Mr. G. E. Hathcock, real estate agent.

Mr. P. W. Garland has recently sold his residence property on South York street to Mr. R. A. Caldwell, whose property it adjoins, and has purchased the B. S. Kassel residence at 516 South York street which formerly belonged to City Clerk John R. Rankin.

Mr. J. B. Beal has sold to Mr. James Pearson the house and lot on South Marietta street occupied by Dr. A. Stovall and family. Mr. Beal is building a new five-room house on the adjoining lot which will be occupied by Dr. Stovall when completed.

Mr. A. C. Jones has sold to Mrs. R. E. Johnson a lot 66 by 180 feet at the corner of Oakland street and Second avenue. The consideration was \$2,000.

R. G. Rankin has bought from J. Frank McArver five acres just south of the city adjoining Mr. McArver's residence.

Give Lot to U. D. C.

Messrs. J. White Ware, A. C. Little and C. L. Chandler, whose Oakwood Park property in West Gastonia is to be sold at auction tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, have given a lot to the Gastonia Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. This lot is 71 by 190 feet, is No. 74 on the map of the tract and will be sold in due course of the sale tomorrow and the entire proceeds donated to the chapter. Members of the chapter are advertising the above fact in a special campaign this afternoon and feel confident that the lot will be bid in at a handsome price.

Debate at Linwood.

On next Monday evening, April 27th, there will be a public debate in the chapel of Linwood College by the young ladies of the Adelphean and Calathenian literary societies. The query for discussion will be "Resolved that Linwood College should be co-educational." On the next Monday evening, May 4th, an operetta will be given by the students of the college.

Gastonia and Shelby high school baseball teams are playing this afternoon at Loray park, the game having been called at 3:30 o'clock.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB WITH MRS. EDDLEMAN.

At her home on West Main avenue Tuesday afternoon Mrs. H. M. Eddleman was hostess to the members of the Tuesday Afternoon Club and a few invited guests. After a pleasant social hour delicious refreshments were served, and the occasion was greatly enjoyed by all present.

TO ATTEND GRAND OPERA IN ATLANTA.
A party of Gastonia ladies will leave next Monday morning on No. 37 for Atlanta to attend the series of grand opera concerts to be given in that city beginning Monday night and closing Saturday afternoon and night. In the party will be Misses Lucy Boye, Mary Torrence, Clara Armstrong, Johanna Adams, Hattie Howell, Jane Morris, Carrie Morris, Margaret Morris and Lillian Atkins. They will remain through the entire series of concerts.

DISTRICT MEETING AT SHELBY YESTERDAY.
The district meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy held yesterday at Shelby was attended by about 75 delegates from the five chapters in the district, Charlotte, Lincolnton, Shelby, Kings Mountain and Gastonia. The Gastonia delegates who attended were Mrs. S. A. Kindley, Mrs. J. P. Thomson, Mrs. H. M. Eddleman, Mrs. L. P. Wetzel, Miss Lowry Shuford, Mrs. W. T. Rankin, Mrs. W. J. Clifford and Mrs. S. A. Robinson. Mrs. E. H. Reid, of Lincolnton, the district president, presided and Mrs. C. R. Hoey delivered the address of welcome. After the business session a beautifully appointed luncheon was served, and this was followed by an automobile ride around the city of Shelby. The next meeting will be held with Gastonia Chapter in the spring of 1915.

TO PRESENT INDIAN PAGEANT.
Preliminary arrangements are going forward with the view of giving a big spectacular production of the popular and instructive Indian opera and pageant, "Powhatan," with local talent of Gastonia. "Powhatan" has for its principal theme the capture of John Smith by the Indians and his rescue by Powhatan, the beautiful Indian princess, the favorite daughter of the famous chieftain, Powhatan. The representation is to utilize about 150 persons in the choruses of Indian maids, warriors, papooses, Indian feather girls, arrow girls, little braves and squaws, of the tribe of Powhatan.

The idealistic notion of the red men, such as exploited by the Fenimore Cooper works, prevails and the whole production of this beautiful and unique offering is one of artistic merit and worthy the support of all good citizens, as in the direction of cultivating a taste for the beautiful. The full cast of characters and entire personnel of the company being assembled, will be given in the next issue. The entertainment is to be given in the auditorium Tuesday, May 5th.

PLANS FOR HOTEL.

Messrs. Hook & Rogers Busily Engaged on Them—Work to Begin Within Sixty Days—To Have Sixty Rooms and All Modern Conveniences.

"You can say that work will be commenced on our new hotel within the next sixty days," said Mr. R. B. Babinington to The Gazette man yesterday.

Plans and specifications for the building are now being prepared by Messrs. Hook & Rogers, of Charlotte, added Mr. Babinington. Mr. C. C. Hook, of that firm, was in town Monday and a rough sketch of the proposed building was made. It is to be four stories high and will contain 60 rooms. The old hotel will be torn down entirely but the new addition to the Falls House, erected a few years ago, will be utilized in the construction of the new hotel. The new part will contain 40 bed rooms besides dining rooms, lobby, writing rooms, etc. There will be 20 rooms in the new part of the old hotel. Every room will have a connecting bath, lavatory with hot and cold water and phone.

As outlined the plans for this building call for a most attractive structure. It is to stand back from the street so that a considerable portion of the porch will be 16 feet wide with a section at each end on the front eight feet wide. A large dining room will occupy the front corner on the Falls street side. There will be no bed rooms on the ground floor that entire floor being devoted to the dining room, lobby, writing rooms, etc. Access to the floors above will be had by means of an electric passenger elevator.

It is expected that the building will be completed and ready to open to the public by November 1st. The deed to the Falls House property was signed and delivered to Messrs. Babinington and Armstrong Wednesday.

FINALS OF CITY SCHOOLS

MAY 10TH TO 12TH ARE CLOSING DAYS

Annual Sermon Sunday Night, May 10th, by Rev. J. E. Abernethy—Exercises by Intermediate Grades Monday Night, the 11th—Class Day Exercises Tuesday Morning—Annual Address by Dr. E. W. Knight, of Trinity—Fifteen in the Graduating Class.

This year's commencement exercises of the Gastonia city schools will take place on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, May 10th, 11th and 12th. The graduating class numbers fifteen, of which number fourteen will receive full diplomas and one a certificate.

The first event on the commencement program will be the annual sermon before the schools which will be preached Sunday night, May 10th, in the auditorium of Central school by Rev. J. E. Abernethy, pastor of Main Street Methodist church. All of the other pastors of the city have been asked to cancel their services for that night and be present at the auditorium.

Monday night, the 12th, in the auditorium will be held the exercises by the elementary grades and all grades below the high school. The reading of the essays in competition for the gold medal given annually by the Gastonia Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy on some phase of the Civil War and the essay on sanitation for which the Woman's Betterment Association offers annually a \$5 gold piece will be features of Monday night's exercises. In the first mentioned the members of the graduating class participate and in the last named the pupils in the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth grades. Another interesting feature of Monday night's exercises will be the awarding of the several prizes, including the gold medal given annually by the Torrence-Morris Company for the best oral reproduction of a story, the prizes given by the same firm for the best kept room in the Central school and for the best kept building and grounds among the smaller schools and the superintendent's prize for leadership in the high school department.

Class day exercises will be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. The class is composed of Messrs. Earl Groves, Robert Lewis, Fred Pearson, Ernest Warren, Misses Ganelle Boone, Mary Dickson, Elva Gaston, Margaret Louise LaFar, Ruth Mason, Sallie Morton, Bessie Parham, Louise Reid, Etta Saunders and Madeline Thomson. Mr. Judson Shannon will be awarded a certificate.

Tuesday night the annual address will be delivered by Dr. E. W. Knight, professor of education at Trinity College. Other features of the exercises will be the delivery of the salutatory, the valedictory, delivery of diplomas and prizes for grade leadership.

The session now drawing to a close has been in every respect one of the best in the history of the Gastonia city schools. The enrollment has been the largest in its history, running to more than 1,500. It was found necessary to add several more teachers during the session.

Park to Open Saturday.

Riverside Park at Mount Holly will open for the summer season tomorrow. This pleasure resort was a popular place with Gastonia people last summer and promises to grow in popularity this summer. The rate on the Interurban will be the same as last year. The round trip fare from Gastonia will be 2 cents every afternoon during the week after 2 p. m. and all day Sunday. In order to accommodate the crowds plenty of cars will be provided.

Special Rates for Ball Games

Beginning Monday, April the Piedmont & Northern will give the same special ball games at Charlotte as for every game of the League tickets will be Gastonia to Charlotte including local car fare to and from the mission to the grand stand seat for \$1.11 will go on sale for 10 days when game.

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