

VERA CRUZ IS INVESTED

Admiral Fletcher Landed Marines Yesterday Afternoon

Took The Customs House and Captured Ammunition and field guns--Mexicans fired on the invading Americans and killed four, while twenty were seriously wounded--Fleet reaches Tampico this morning.

(Special to the Journal.)

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Early this morning President Wilson ordered Admiral Fletcher who was at Vera Cruz to land marines and seize a shipment of two million shells which had been sent to the Mexicans by a German firm.

Admiral Fletcher was advised to occupy the city and to seize the customs house. First reports reaching the War Department were to the effect that this had been done without firing a gun.

A short time after this report had reached Washington another was received which was to the effect that four Americans had been killed and twenty wounded. At 8 o'clock tonight Admiral Fletcher wired the Department: "In face of approaching Norther, I landed marines and sailors from the Utah, Florida and the Prairie and seized customs house. The Mexican forces did not oppose our landing but opened fire with rifles and artillery after this had been seized. The Prairie shelled the Mexicans out of their position and there is desultory firing in the streets and from the housetops. We are holding the customs house and section of the city in the vicinity of wharves and the American consulate. So far, four of our men have been killed and twenty, seriously wounded."

AMMUNITION CONFISCATED. When the marines were landed at Vera Cruz they seized two million rounds of ammunition and two hundred and fifty field guns which had been sent to the Mexicans from Germany. These are now being held and will either be destroyed or used by the Americans.

WARNED OF MINES. Rear Admiral Badger expects to reach Tampico tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. He was warned tonight to keep a sharp watch for submarine mines which are said to have been planted in the harbor.

TAMPICO TO BE INVESTED. Secretary of War Garrison stated tonight that marines are to be landed at Tampico and that city invested. Plans for the mobilization of militia army are being made. Five thousand and six hundred men will be called from North Carolina if it is found necessary.

FOREIGNERS LEAVE VERA CRUZ. British Ambassador Rice announced this afternoon that he had received a message from the British representative in Mexico saying that all foreigners were advised by Charge O'Shaughnessy to leave without delay.

PLANS FOR CALL OF VOLUNTEERS READY. WASHINGTON, April 21.—The war department has worked out plans for a call for volunteers in case of invasion of Mexico becomes necessary. It is understood at the war department that the first call will be for 250,000 men. This will include the

military reserves. Authorization for the call is necessary from congress, under an act to provide for temporarily increasing the military establishment of the United States in time of war. The volunteers would be appointed as far as practicable among the States and Territories and District of Columbia, according to population, and will enlist to serve for two years, unless sooner discharged.

Each State's share of the volunteer army of 250,000 will be as follows: Alabama, 5,000; Arkansas, 4,500; California, 6,474; Colorado, 2,648; Connecticut, 3,214; Delaware, 700; Florida 1,500; Georgia, 7,428; Idaho, 464; Illinois, 16,096; Indiana, 8,814; Iowa, 7,544; Kansas, 5,564; Kentucky, 6,814; Louisiana, 3,380; Maine, 2,512; Maryland, 3,884; Massachusetts, 9,442; Michigan, 8,738; Minnesota, 5,746; Mississippi, 4,314; Missouri, 10,822; Montana, 1,046; Nebraska, 4,822; Nevada, 474; New Hampshire, 1,504; New Jersey, 594; New York, 15,024; North Carolina, 5,618; North Dakota, 522; Ohio, 14,496; Rhode Island, 1,420; Oregon, 1,568; Pennsylvania, 21,538; South Dakota, 2,700; South Carolina, 1,494; Tennessee, 6,120; Texas, 8,458; Utah, 950; Vermont, 1,266; Virginia, 5,574; Washington, 2,350; West Virginia, 2,770; Wisconsin, 6,948; Wyoming, 462; Arizona, 362; New Mexico, 660; District of Columbia, 893; Oklahoma, 500.

RANCH OWNER WILL LEAD COWBOYS TO MEXICO

NEW YORK, April 21.—Joseph C. Miller, who owns the 101 Ranch in Oklahoma, telegraphed to the war department from this city today, offering to raise and equip a regiment of Rough Riders for service in Mexico. He wants to lead the cowboys if there is to be any fighting and asks for a commission as colonel of volunteers. Miller was at Madison Square Garden this afternoon directing the rehearsal of the 101 Ranch Wild West show. He said that he hopes to hear from Washington tomorrow, and that if the reply is favorable he will turn the show over to his younger brother and get to work organizing the regiment.

THE SITUATION AT EL PASO.

EL PASO, TEXAS, April 21.—Considerable excitement was apparent in Juarez tonight. The general attitude of the rebel officials appears to be that so long as the United States confines its representatives measures against the Huerta government to a blockade of ports held by Huerta, the rebels will not resent it, but at the first firing a shot against Mexico the rebels will resent it with arms. In the event of a blockade against the port of Juarez, and other ports held by the rebels, they appear to be generally of the opinion that they would be forced to resent it with arms.

A military guard has been placed over the waterworks, reservoir, and various telephone offices in the city of El Paso. The gas and electric plants have been under military guard for several months.

MOTION PICTURE MEN COMING TO NEW BERN

WILL TAKE ANIMATED VIEWS DURING BIG CELEBRATION

And now New Bern will have the opportunity of seeing how moving pictures are taken.

J. Leon Williams has just received a letter from the Pathe Freres Weekly stating that they will have a man at New Bern during the Home Coming Celebration who will take moving pictures of all the events. These pictures will not only be shown in every moving picture show in the United States but will be shown in foreign countries as well.

Think of the tremendous advertising that this will give our city. These pictures will be seen by millions of people who never heard of New Bern before.

When the program of the Home Coming Week was explained to the Pathe Freres Weekly they readily consented to take these pictures for they realize that the program to be offered Eastern Carolina is something that would be of interest to the many million of people who daily see their pictures.

This is going to be some Celebration. "The best racing Eastern Carolina has ever seen," Aeroplane flights. Races between Aeroplane and Automobile. Fireworks every night. Do you want to see yourself in the "movies." Just get in front of the camera at the Home Coming Celebration.

WELL KNOWN CITIZEN HAS NARROW ESCAPE

F. F. ARMSTRONG STRUCK BY A LARGE TOURING CAR

F. F. Armstrong, who is connected with J. J. Baxter's big department store, had a narrow escape from what might have proven serious injury yesterday afternoon when he was struck by an automobile driven by M. D. W. Stevenson.

Mr. Armstrong was attempting to cross Pollock street just in front of the Peoples Bank when Mr. Stevenson came around the corner. Mr. Armstrong did not see the approaching machine until it was within a few feet of him and was unable to get out of the way before he was struck.

Fortunately Mr. Stevenson succeeded in throwing on the brakes of the machine in time to prevent a serious accident and as it was Mr. Armstrong escaped with no more serious injury than a bad fright.

The federal prisoners at Fort Bliss are showing an ugly spirit towards their American guards.

Miguel Acuna, a Guatemalan, who claims to have a commission from Provisional President Huerta to treat with "constitutionalists" for an offensive and defensive alliance "against a foreign foe," left Juarez today for the city of Chihuahua. Several days ago he denied permission to make the trip but since the Huerta-United States incident he was given permission today to go to Chihuahua.

Pancho Villa is said to have left Torreon today for Chihuahua to confer with Carranza, and Acuna is said to be planning to present his case to the two.



FURNIFOLD McL. SIMMONS, United States Senator from North Carolina.

Washington, D. C. April 21, 1914. The Journal, New Bern, N. C. I think resolution justifying action of President Wilson to compel Mexico salute to the American flag in apology for insults will pass Congress tonight. American forces landed at Vera Cruz and are in charge of Customs house. I believe that a blockade of Mexican ports will probably be effective and that the result sought by this Government may be achieved without serious conflict. SENATOR F. M. SIMMONS

FIRST COMMENCEMENT WAS BIG SUCCESS

More Than Two Thousand School Children Participated In The Parade—Dr. J. Y. Joyner Made The Principal Address

The largest crowd ever assembled in New Bern to participate in any educational movement, attended the Craven county Commencement here yesterday. Every train coming into New Bern yesterday morning was packed with men, women and children from all parts of the county, some trains having extra cars. There was a special train from Vanceboro that brought more than five hundred people to the city.

As the children arrived, in charge of their teachers, they were marched to the school green, there they were arranged for the parade, which was to have started at 10:30 but was delayed on account of the special train from Vanceboro being late. The parade started up Middle street at Johnson about 11:30 headed by Chief of Police Lupton, Captain Bryan, Officers Ippock, Griffin and Rowe, of the New Bern police force, they were followed by the Peoples Concert Band. Following the band was an automobile, in which was Dr. J. Y. Joyner, and the county Board of Education.

The first school in the procession was the County Farm Life School, of Vanceboro, their banner was carried at the head of the procession by two students, there being a flag staff at each end of the banner. The other schools marched by the township, beginning with number one to nine,

each school carrying their pennants, the committee were at the head of each township. This was the longest school parade that has ever been seen in New Bern, it being more than six blocks long, and it has been estimated that more than two thousand children took part. At the close of the parade all the people gathered around the platform, where they were led in prayer by Rev. B. F. Huske, then Prof. Brinson introduced Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State superintendent of public instruction, of Raleigh.

Dr. Joyner said that it was late and he would not speak long as Craven county didn't need any educational inspiration, so he would save his speech for those who do need it. He stated that Craven county had set a standard for, not only the people of the State but for the people of the South by the establishment of the first County Farm Life School of the State. As superintendent of public instruction of North Carolina, Dr. Joyner has four hundred and fifty thousand white children under his charge. Immediately after the address, diplomas were awarded to the children having finished the work in the seventh grade, then a recess was taken for dinner.

During the afternoon session the various prizes were contested for, and

HEART DISEASE PROVED FATAL TO C. I. D'BRUHL

Died Yesterday While In New Bern.

WAS IN LOCAL HOSPITAL.

Talked To Friends A Few Minutes Before Death Claimed Him.

C. I. DeBruhl, a well known farmer whose home is at Deep Gulley, about nine miles from New Bern, died suddenly in this city yesterday morning, heart trouble being the direct cause of his demise. The remains will probably be taken to Deep Gulley this morning for interment.

Mr. DeBruhl has for some time been suffering from an injury from an injury to one of his lower limbs and when he came to this city yesterday morning he called on Dr. G. A. Caton to consult with him in regard to this wound. Dr. Caton made an examination and gave Mr. DeBruhl a prescription which he took to Pinnix's drug store to have filled.

While waiting for this he decided to go over to the union passenger station to see several friends whom he was expecting to come to the city to attend the county commencement. He arrived at the station and was engaged in conversation when the attack which caused his death, first made itself evident.

As soon as he was able Mr. DeBruhl went back to Dr. Caton's office and as soon as he entered the door, the latter saw he was seriously ill and made haste to make him comfortable in Farview hospital, in which building his office is located. After Mr. DeBruhl had been placed in bed, Dr. Caton was called out to attend another patient and a nurse was left in the room. A few minutes after the physician had reached his office the nurse came to the door and informed him that Mr. DeBruhl was in a serious condition and asked him to go to the room at once.

Upon reaching the room in which Mr. DeBruhl was located Dr. Caton found that he had expired. The remains were later turned over to an undertaker to be prepared for burial. The deceased is a widower and is survived by several brothers who reside in this section.

PRAYER MEETING TONIGHT AT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

(Contributed.) The subject for discussion tonight in the prayer meeting at the Free Will Baptist Church will be "How to deal with those who have little or no concern about their souls." Each member is urged to be present. Visitors cordially invited and welcomed. These services are increasing in interest and attendance each week.

The Pastor, Rev. W. B. Everett is making these mid-week services so interesting that all who are missing them are losing a great deal.

COMPLETE "WAR NEWS" IN THE JOURNAL

Until the Mexican situation has been closed and excitement in the affair abates, the Journal will continue to post bulletins in front of the Journal building on Pollock street and the public is invited to avail themselves of this opportunity of getting the news "right off the reel." In addition to this the Journal will each morning carry complete reports of what ever takes place in regard to the situation.

Hugh Hurst, of Richmond, Va., is in the city visiting his brother, County Treasurer, B. B. Hurst.