

# AMERICANS IN MEXICO CITY SUFFERED MANY INSULTS

## U. S. Flag Torn Down—Citizens Were Mobbed

### Seventy Two Hours Before Huerta Declares Actual Warfare—Two Hundred Thousand Dollars Donated For New Orleans Navy Yard

(Special to the Journal.)  
 WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—Seventy-two hours have been given the American citizens to get out of Mexico before Huerta begins active warfare and to give the American forces time to mobilize and reach the border. After three days the blow will fall. On Monday land forces will commence marching southward across the Mexican border and the troops at Vera Cruz will march on Mexico City.

The House today provided two hundred thousand dollars for the New Orleans Navy Yard which will enable the American ships to go there for repairs. The Third Regiment of Cavalry, now located at Fort Sam Houston, and which led the attack at Mexico City in 1847, asked Secretary of War Garrison to be allowed to repeat the performance.

A message received today from Consul Canada at Vera Cruz says that all is quiet there and that business has been resumed. Proceedings are in progress before the Supreme Court to determine if the militia may be used without first being mustered in as volunteers. While this was being discussed, Senator Lodge asked for a resolution pledging to Mexican people that the United States will seize no land. This resolution was not passed.

### Many Mexicans Are Killed

WASHINGTON, April 24.—A dispatch filed at Vera Cruz at 4:15 this afternoon by Admiral Fletcher, reports so far one hundred and twenty-six Mexicans killed and one hundred and twenty-one wounded, making a total of three hundred and twenty-one. This message also says that the city is quiet and affairs are being gradually straightened out. The report says that Charge O'Shaughnessy has not yet arrived in that city. The tracks leading to Vera Cruz are in bad shape and this probably accounts for the delay. The report also says that eight hundred refugees arrived in Vera Cruz at 2 o'clock from Mexico City.

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 WASHINGTON, April 24, 11:50 p. m.—Navy officials express fear that the forces of General Maas, holding the territory outside of Vera Cruz, have intercepted the refugees train bearing Charge O'Shaughnessy and eight hundred American refugees. There is a conflict in the messages from Admirals Fletcher and Badger. The latter reports the arrival of the train while the former, who is nearer the grounds, says that the train has not arrived.

R. Ernest Dunn returned yesterday afternoon from a professional business visit to Caswell.

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 FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS, April 24.—General Bliss reports the following telephone conversation with Commanding officer Laredo at 1:30 p. m.: "Thirty-two cars of Federal soldiers came into Nuevo Laredo this afternoon and blew up several buildings. Colonel Grape moved ten battalions into Laredo City to satisfy the citizens and protect the bridges."

WASHINGTON, April 24.—President Wilson, Secretaries Bryan and Daniels and Secretary of War, Garrison held a conference until late tonight. After coming from the White House it is said that they had been engaged in framing a note to the foreign powers denouncing Huerta and defining the attitude of the United States.

### American Flag Trampled Upon

WASHINGTON, April 24, 10:25 a. m.—Dispatches received here from Vera Cruz, say that the American flag has been trampled upon and that several Americans have been killed in a demonstration at Mexico City. Mexican clerks and students rioted the streets and ended by stoning the American club and other buildings owned by Americans. Huerta seized all arms owned by Americans in Mexico City. Admiral Badger has sent supply ships to New Orleans for provisions to meet imperative need.

### Relief Over Villa's Statement

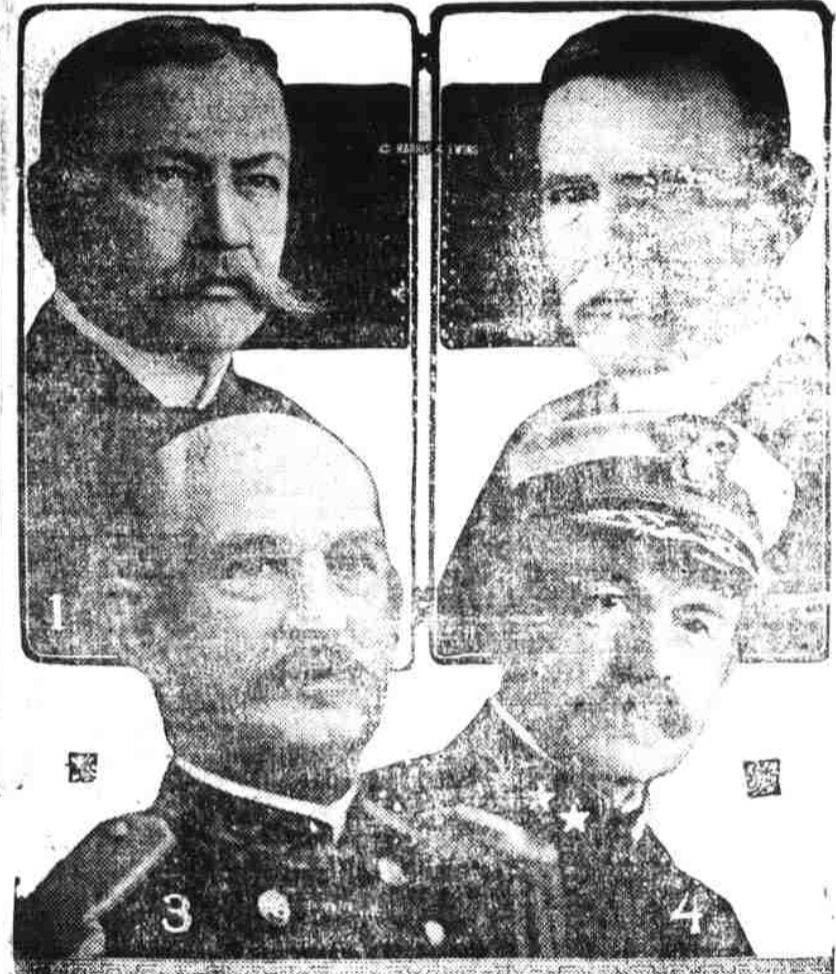
WASHINGTON, April 24, 12:15 a. m.—The police in Mexico City joined the students and citizens in, crying "down with the Gringos. Death to the Yankees." Men and women trampled and danced on the American flag. The State Department has chartered the steamer Monterey at Havana to proceed to Vera Cruz and take off refugees. Land forces leave tonight from Galveston, conveyed by the first division of the torpedo flotilla. It is reported Portfiro Diaz has returned incognito to Mexico to fight the Americans.

Secretary Garrison denies the embargo but said that it is possible to stop the shipment of arms into Mexico without it. Veterans of the Spanish war today opened recruiting offices here. President Wilson, Lind and Bryan expressed relief over Villa's statement that he would not take sides against the Americans. The policy now is to wait seventy-two hours before any agreed action is taken. The American Red Cross station at Vera Cruz was fired on this morning but it is believed that this was through a misunderstanding.

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### THE MEN BEHIND THE GUNS

In the first picture is seen General George Barnett, recently appointed Commander of Marines. In the second picture is seen (1) Rear Admiral Badger (2) Rear Admiral Howard (3) Rear Admiral Mayo (4) Rear Admiral Fletcher. In the next picture is seen Rear Admiral Victor Blue, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, the last picture shows marines at El Paso.



### ELECTRIC IRON CAUSES A LOSS OF \$15000

LEFT BURNING IN WILMINGTON STORE WITH SERIOUS RESULTS.  
 WILMINGTON, April 24.—An electric iron, left with the current on last night, is ascribed as the cause of a blaze in Miller's, Every-woman's store this morning which ruined a \$15,000 stock of ladies goods and did about \$500 damage to the building. The stock and the building are said to be fully insured.

### VIRGINIA TOWN "DRY" BY JUDGE'S ORDER

JUDGE BARKDALE IN MECKLENBURG REFUSES TO RE-NEW LICENSE.  
 CLARKSVILLE, VA., April 24.—Judge Wm. R. Barksdale, sitting in the Circuit court here today, refused to renew the license for the sale of liquor in Clarksville and this town will become dry.

There is great rejoicing among the friends of temperance at this victory. The dry leaders have been working earnestly and quietly for some time and presented to Judge Barksdale numerous signed petitions not only from Clarksville, but from other sections of the county urging him to decline to grant the license for another year. A number of attorneys appeared in favor of the license, but the Judge was influenced by what he believed to be the sentiment of a majority of the people, and as a result of his action the Clarksville saloon was closed.

This makes the entire county of Mecklenburg dry with the exception of the dispensary at Boydton.

### TO TELL DANIELS OF HIS FATHER'S UNTIMELY DEATH

Veteran Journalist To Relate The Story  
 WAS PILOT OF A BOAT  
 Fatally Shot While At His Post Of Duty In Pilot House.

KINSTON, April 24. Geo. W. Bible, a veteran newspaper man, left here today for the national capital to relate to Secretary of the Navy Daniels the story of the death of Daniels' father, which, curiously enough, occurred in a naval engagement. The secretary is acquainted with only the barest details of the sad incident, and Bible, who last saw the cabinet member when Josephine Daniels was a small, fatigued fellow, will give him the complete account as he witnesses Bible who was active in the campaign at New York for the nomination of a Democrat for President in 1864, during the war. Bible said Bible had several times accompanied individuals who had been in the military service, but since the secretary's death he has not personally.

### The Story

The story Mr. Bible will relate to the secretary of the navy follows in part:  
 "Just 50 years ago, about this time or a little later, in 1864, after Confederate successes in other parts had caused the federal government to evacuate Washington, leaving the town behind them, to go in the support of New Bern, a flag of truce was sent from New Bern to Washington. Its purpose was to carry to that town any non-combatants who desired to go, and bring away any who would leave the desolated town. I was a passenger. The boat carried 30 soldiers with two howitzers and a number of citizens. Lieutenant Colonel McChesney was in command.

Arrives in Washington.  
 "The boat arrived in Washington just before sundown, tied up to a dock, and the commander and citizens aboard conferred with the officials and others of the town, stating the objects of their visit. Everything was apparently amicable so the boat dropped down the Pamlico river, opposite Hills Point, and anchored for the night, with the understanding that we were to come up early next morning and have a final conference.

"We steamed up the river as soon as the sun was up. It was a bright morning and breakfast was to be served as soon as we reached the wharf. The soldiers were idling around the lower decks, with guns stacked and unloaded, with one dreaming of anything by a peaceful reception. But one thing was forgotten in the hurry of departure up the river from Hill's Point that morning. The flag of truce, by some oversight, had not been hoisted, was invisible.

"On the upper deck of the steamer were McChesney and the other officers, and several civilians including myself. Mr. Daniels was the pilot. I think, as we left Hill's Point, he went into the pilot house to get a better view of the approach to the town.

Fire Opened.  
 "All at once, when the boat touched the wharf and before the hawsers had been attached to the piles, a musketry fire was opened upon us through  
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