

Several Hundred Mexicans Fire On The U. S. Troops

Band Of Five Hundred Ask General Funston To Surrender Waterworks Near Vera Cruz. He Refuses and They Open Fire. Fighting Continues at Tampico

(Special to the Journal) WASHINGTON, May 2.—General Funston tonight wired Secretary of War Garrison that five hundred Mexicans had appeared at Tegar, near Vera Cruz, where two companies of American troops were guarding the water works and demanded the surrender of the plant within ten minutes.

The command of the two companies flatly refused to accede to their request and was informed that he would be given ten minutes to re-consider his decision. At the end of ten minutes the Mexicans opened fire and then sought safety. So far as is known none of the Americans were killed or seriously wounded. A detachment of marines was rushed to their assistance from Vera Cruz. A corps of aviators from the barracks at Vera Cruz were also sent to the spot at which the assault was made and will use their searchlights in picking out the strong hold of the Mexicans.

NEW SPANISH MINISTER APPOINTED

(Special to the Journal) WASHINGTON, May 2.—The Spanish Embassy was today advised of the appointment of Esteva Ruiz to succeed Portillo Y. Rojas, minister of foreign affairs in Mexico.

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH U. S. SEVERED.

(Special to the Journal) MEXICO CITY, May 2.—The Mexican Treasury Department today issued a proclamation prohibiting all commercial relations with the United States. American railway employees here were all dismissed and given transportation out of the country. STREET FIGHTING CONTINUES AT TAMPICO

(Special to the Journal) WASHINGTON, May 2.—According to a message received today from Admiral Mayo, street fighting continues at Tampico. The federals have been heavily re-inforced and many have been injured during the day.

Dr. Ryan Released By Huerta

RED CROSS OFFICIAL GIVEN TRANSPORTATION TO VERA CRUZ.

VERA CRUZ, May 2.—President Huerta today ordered the immediate release of Dr. Edward Ryan, an American Red Cross official, who was threatened with execution as a spy in Zacatecas. The release was ordered after urgent personal representations to President Huerta by William W. Canada the American consul here. Huerta telegraphed to Mr. Canada late today that he did not know that Doctor Ryan was to be put to death, but that he had ordered the Federal commander Zacatecas to release him immediately and give him transportation to Mexico City. From the Capital President Huerta promised to send him to Vera Cruz.

Representations in behalf of Doctor Ryan also were made by Sir Christopher Cradock, commander of the British Naval Squadron in Mexican waters, through Sir Lionel Carden, British Minister, and by the Brazilian Minister acting for the United States.

MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED.

There were eight marriages issued to white people during the month of April and eight to colored people.

MRS. M. D. W. STEVENSON DELIGHTFULLY ENTERTAINS

GAVE AN ENJOYABLE BRIDGE PARTY LAST FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. Mark De Wolfe Stevenson, entertained at an elaborate bridge party Friday afternoon at her home on Pollock Street, the decorations of pink and yellow roses with ferns and palms were most authentically arranged and the breath of spring was echoed in the sweet perfume of the flowers permeating the air.

Mrs. Stevenson, the hostess, and Mrs. Harriette Stevenson received the guests in the west parlor, in their charming and genial manner.

At the conclusion of a number of spirited games of auction a delicious ice course was served with ribbons and almonds, the almonds being daintily served in individual paper mache baskets of pink and yellow. The ices were served in a most unique way and entirely suggestive of the afternoon game they were in the shape of hearts, diamonds, club and spades.

Miss Harriette Stevenson Dunn, a niece of the hostess, presented the guests in her naive and attractive little manner with the gift of flowers, pink and white carnations.

Mrs. Stevenson had as her guests on this occasion, Mrs. Jack Hollister, Mrs. Owen Guion, Mrs. Francis Stringer Duffy, Mrs. C. E. Emmert, Mrs. Charles Thomas, Mrs. David Henry, Mrs. H. B. Marks, Miss Nettie Hollister, Miss Janet Hollister, Mrs. J. K. Hollowell, Mrs. Edward Clarke, Mrs. Washburn, Mrs. E. K. Bishop, Miss Mary Hughes, Mrs. W. L. Hand, Mrs. Frank Hyman, Mrs. L. I. Moore, Mrs. S. K. Eaton, Mrs. Howard Sawyer, Mrs. Robert Atkinson, Mrs. Jesse Claypoole, Miss Jane Stewart, Miss Nettie Rawlings, of Montgomery Ala., Miss Bessie Summerell, Mrs. Henry R. Bryan, Jr., Mrs. Guion Dunn, Mrs. Owen G. Dunn, Mrs. K. K. Chapman, Mrs. David Congdon, Mrs. R. N. Duffy, Miss Bettie Windley, Mrs. Tom Williams, Mrs. John Aberly, Miss Sarah Stewart, Miss Mary Nixon, Mrs. George Stratton, Miss Mary Hollister, Miss Maude Stewart, Mrs. R. E. Knowles, Mrs. John Jones, Mrs. T. D. Warren.

Mrs. John Tull Hollister entertained informally yesterday morning at her home on East Front street, at two tables of bridge in honor of her guest Miss Nettie Rawlings of Montgomery, Ala.

After a number of interesting games of bridge a most refreshing ice course was served. Mrs. Hollister's guests were aside from the guest of honor, Mrs. A. J. Mitchell, Mrs. Frank Hyman, Miss Jane Stewart, Mrs. W. L. Hand, Mrs. S. K. Eaton, Mrs. Mark Stevenson, Miss Maud Munger.

MRS. J. B. SHINN DIES AT WASHINGTON D. C.

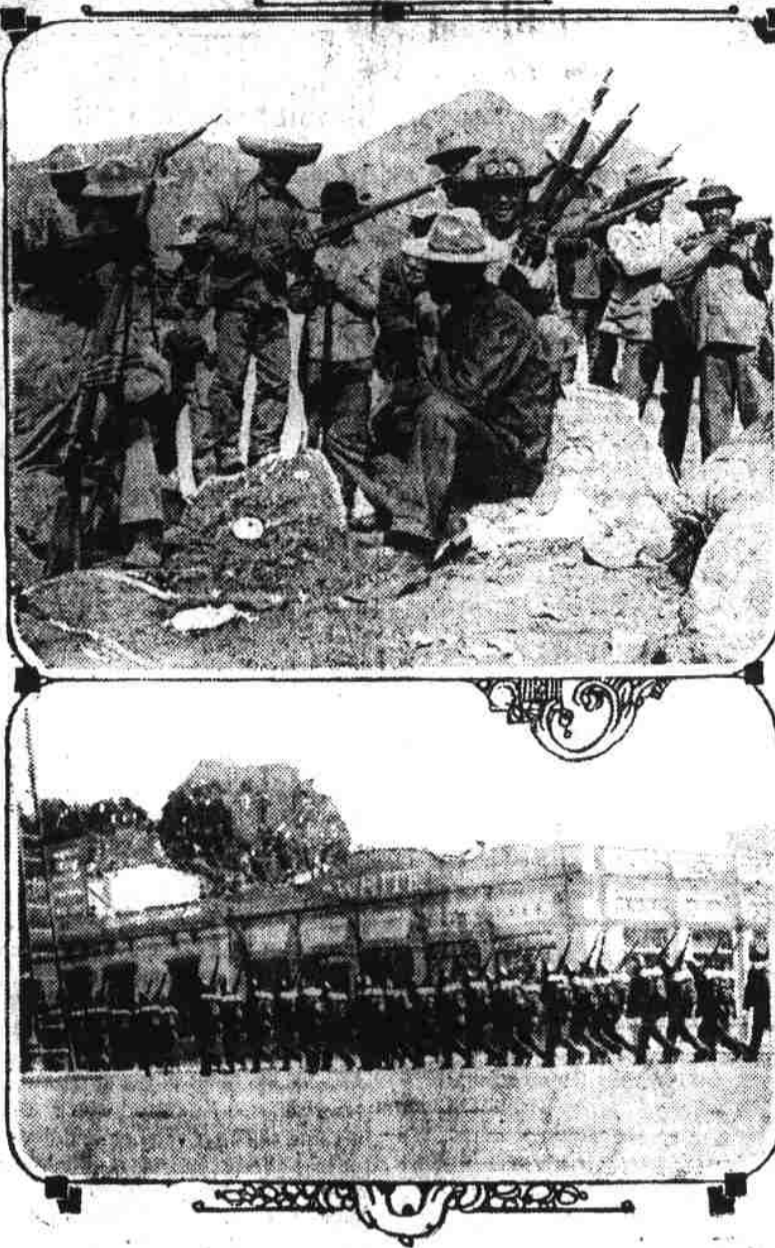
WAS A SISTER OF S. R. STREET OF NEW BERN.

S. R. Street last night received a telegram from Washington, D. C., announcing the sudden death in that city of his sister, Mrs. J. B. Shinn, a daughter of the late S. R. Street.

Mrs. Shinn who was seventy-four years of age, had been in the best of health for weeks and her death was entirely unexpected.

The deceased is survived by one son, J. B. Shinn of that city; one daughter, Mrs. Shinn of that city; three brothers. The funeral will be held at Washington, probably this afternoon.

Types of Mexican Soldiers Now Arrayed Against America



Photos by American Press Association. In view of the activities of the United States against Mexico interest centers in the personnel and character of the Mexican soldiers. In the illustration a typical group of Mexicans who fought under General Villa, the famous rebel leader, is shown. In the lower view may be seen a regiment of Huerta's federals on their way through Mexico City.

BASEBALL SEASON OPENS IN NEW BERN

FIVE HUNDRED OR MORE SPECTATORS WITNESSED THE FIRST CONFLICT.

In the presence of fully five hundred enthusiastic fans and fanabes, the baseball season in New Bern was ushered in at Ghent Park yesterday afternoon when the four teams comprised of the recently organized City Baseball League, came together in mortal conflict.

A double-header had been scheduled, the first game started at 3 o'clock, but long before that hour the grandstand and bleachers began to fill and when "His Umps" T. C. Daniels let loose that stentorian whoop of "play ball," interest had reached fever heat.

To Mayor Albert H. Bangert fell the solemn duty of putting the first "pill" across the home plate and as His Honor wound up a la C. Matthews, the spectators held their breath. Clerk of the Court, W. B. Flanner was behind the plate to receive the first ball and as it left the Mayor's North-paw and soared majestically toward the giant catcher's mitt, Mr. Flanner had attached to his left hook, a mighty yell rent the air. The game was on and from then on it was fast and furious.

Many of the spectators had placed their bets on the Married Men, believing that their age and experience would give them the advantage over their younger brothers, but the benefits were not in trim for exceptionally fast work and although they played an excellent game, they were defeated by a score of 9 to 4. Immediately after the close of this game the Railroad Men and the Ghent Athletic Association Team, went on the field and again were the spectators given a thrill. For seven innings the playing on both sides was fast and furious and many clever plays were made. At the close, it was found that the Railroad team had defeated their opponents by a score of 8 to 3. The game by innings follows:

First Inning. Lupton at bat, struck out; Lovenir struck out; Venelson walked; Venelson scored. J. Tolson safe at first. Spenc-

er out on fly, Aberly struck out. Hardison hits home run, Spencer struck out. Simpson out at first, Taylor strikes out. Pelletier walked and stole second. J. Tolson walked. Pelletier out at 3rd.

Second Inning

Sparrow safe at first on Mitchells' error. Lupton singled Sparrow going to third. Lovenir struck out, and Sparrow scored on a wild pitch. Venelson singled and steals second scoring Lupton. Vernelson out stealing third.

Third Inning

Shupp walked, Simpson struck out, Sparrow struck out, Shupp steals second. Aberly struck out. Hardison hits double but is out trying to make third, Tisdale goes to second base on error, Rodden struck out, Taylor hits safe for a single and Tisdale scores.

Fourth Inning

Lupton flied out to Aberly, Pelletier safe at first, J. Tolson strikes safe to first, advancing Pelletier to second, Rodden singled to first Pelletier going to third, Mitchell struck out. L. Tolson out at first on fly. J. Tolson and Pelletier scores.

Fifth Inning

Lovenir singled, Vernelson walked, Lovenir goes to third, Harker singled, scoring Lovenir and steals second, Hardison hit into a double play Rodden to Tolson. Tisdale out at first, Shupp safe at first, Sparrow singled scoring Shupp.

Sixth Inning

Gettier hit to deep center to Aberly and is out. Taylor singled Sparrow singled by Sparrow, Mitchell struck out, L. Tolson singled Shupp out at first, Lovenir reaches first on Shupp error. Lovenir stole second, Vernelson out on foul, Lovenir out at third.

Seventh Inning

Harker singled and stole second. Hardison reached first on catcher's error Harker steals third Tisdale struck out, Simpson out on fly to Sparrow. Sparrow walked.

Both games were thoroughly enjoyed and the attendance on the opening day leads all interested in the league to believe that the season will be a profitable and successful one.

STRIKING MINERS IN OUTBREAK NEAR TRINIDAD

Attack Mine Guards And Overpower Them.

THE MILITIA ON SCENE

The War Department Orders All Civilians To Give Up Their Arms.

(Special to the Journal) DENVER, May 2.—The militia today suppressed a serious outbreak in the Trinidad District when the strikers attacked and overpowered the mine guards. The guards were rescued with difficulty. The situation in the strike zone is tense and other outbreaks are expected at any time.

The War Department today issued a proclamation ordering all persons in the strike zone district, not in the United States Military service to surrender their arms without further delay.

DENVER, COLO., May 2.—State and Federal authorities co-operated today in an effort to settle the Colorado coal strike, but tonight the situation was unchanged.

Regular troops occupy the Trinidad, Fremont county, and Walsenburg districts and State troops still are in service at Ludlow and in the northern coal fields. At the direction of Major Holbrooks additional State troops late today were sent from Ludlow to Agular.

The action of Secretary Garrison in granting the joint request of Major Holbrook and Governor Ammons for more Federal troops has served to allay uneasiness in quarters where it was feared the quota of regular soldiers would not be sufficient to maintain order.

While Major Holbrook and Governor Ammons today devoted efforts to get additional troops, the question of disarming strikers and mine employees remained in a secondary position.

On behalf of the operators J. F. Welborn, president of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company announced that the miners and guards would be disarmed when ever such action was deemed expedient by Major Holbrook.

The situation is still critical in the Trinidad and Walsenburg districts, where the strikers refused to lay down their arms as ordered by Major W. W. Holbrook, commanding the regulars, fearing that they would be lead into a trap and left at the mercy of the company's machine guns.

During the night hundreds of strikers secreted their arms and ammunition where they cannot be reached by searching troops.

The men refuse to disarm until the mine guards lay down their weapons and the machine guns which have mowed men, women and children in battles during the last few weeks are removed.

GHENT PARK IS TO OPEN TUESDAY NIGHT

BALLOON ASCENSION ONE OF THE FEATURES OF FIRST NIGHT

Ghent Park in all its glory, will be opened to the public Tuesday night, May 5th.

Promptly at 9 o'clock the first signal to the citizens of New Bern and surrounding county that his delightful Joy Spot, as it is generally termed, that it is open for the summer season, will be the ascension of a mammoth illuminated balloon, 26 feet in circumference. This balloon at an altitude of 500 feet or more will emit great showers of colored fire which will be attached to the balloon and timed by a slow fuse to cause the combustion. This will be followed by an exhibition of fireworks, consisting of 50 pieces, displaying various scenes when high in the atmosphere.

The Peoples Band will be on hand to render music during the evening, and the Imperial Orchestra, consisting of Messrs. C. D. Kidder, piano and leader, C. M. Crapon, trombone, Albert Horntine, violin, John R. Taylor, cornet, and Raymond Taylor, drums will furnish the music for the dances Tuesday night, also for the season. This is indeed an added and highly prized attraction.

The moving picture program is one that is new to the people of New Bern.

HOW HUERTA HAS MADE READY TO DEFEND HIMSELF

Principal Strength Lies With Upper Class

FORCES MEN TO ARM.

Sends Out Squads To Tear Them From the Bosom of Their Families.

(Special to the Journal) WASHINGTON, May 2.—Will the Mexicans fight?

The case with which the marines landed in Vera Cruz has led many Mexicans to conclude that the march to the City of Mexico would be a simple matter, more or less of a parade. But the heads of the Army and Navy here are suffering under no such delusion. It is generally and quite correctly taken for granted that the United States will win in the end, but victory will only come on vanquishing the flower of the descendants of the proud Spanish conquerors, that small fraction of the Mexican nation which possesses almost all the property of the country which is not in the hands of foreigners and which holds the peon class almost in serfdom.

Huerta's principal reliance is the cultured upper class. They don't love Huerta, but they love Mexico. They will fight.

Huerta's principal weakness is the vast peon class, sunk in mass ignorance. They will fight and run away to fight another day.

The peons possess no such national spirit as even the lowliest American workman. They must be impressed into Huerta's army. They cannot be disciplined. But they are cruel and bloodthirsty, like their ancestors who offered human sacrifices on stone altars in Montezuma's time, and they will wage guerilla warfare long after the principal cities are in the hands of the United States.

In his desperate effort to arm himself against the Constitutionalists and the vaster peril which has now materialized, Huerta has sent squads from the tried troops he kept as his body-guard in the capital to impress men of the nearby Indian villages which cluster in the valley of Mexico.

Many photographs received here show these press gangs at their work—actually stealing men from the bosoms of their families. The Indians with their enormous hats, are seen marching in a hollow square of soldiers through the streets to the barracks where they are driven into the recruiting office to "volunteer."

When General Scott in the first Mexican war arrived just south of Mexico City and fought the battle of Molino del Rey, he found barring his further progress an enormous barricade. Santa Anna had this erected by the Indians of the neighborhood. The Indians did not know why they had put up the barricade. They did not know what the quarrel between Santa Anna and "Yanquis" was about. All they knew was there were armies marching around with banners flying and bands playing. So, it is related General Scott ordered these same Indians to tear down the barricades which they had just erected.

The Indians demolished their work for General Scott with as much readiness as they had put it up for Santa Anna. The Indians of today are little changed from those of 1847.

The tremendous importance of this indifference in attitude of the Indians is seen when one notes the division of races in Mexico as follows: Whites, 1 per cent. Mixed (mostly part Indian) 54 per cent. Indians 30 per cent. Blacks 1 per cent. Illiteracy runs according to different accounts from 75 to 95 per cent.

It is on the 15 per cent of whites that Huerta must put his principal reliance, although he himself at least is half Indian. There is a small percentage of capable Indians like Huerta and the famous patriot, Benito Juarez. Many Indians joined the army of Villa

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being served by the Mutual Film Corporation, one of the largest film concerns in the world. It is claimed by the park people that they will set the pace in moving pictures in New Bern. We venture the assertion, weather permitting, Ghent Park will be taxed to the utmost capacity Tuesday night.