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AMERICANS FIRED ON BY MEXICAN SOLDIERS

Huerta's Soldiers Attempt to Cut Off Water Supply.

FUNSTON QUICK TO ACT.

General Maas Tightening Lines Around Vera Cruz So That Food Supplies Cannot Enter.

Washington, May 2.—A detachment of several hundred Mexican federal soldiers today advanced on the waterworks outside Vera Cruz and made an attempt to destroy the water supply of the city. A report to this effect reached the war department late today.

A report from General Funston tonight said a few scattered shots had been fired at the American troops guarding the waterworks outside Vera Cruz, but no one was killed or injured. Reinforcements reached the scene, but were not needed, and later returned to Vera Cruz.

Secretary Garrison said he had learned of the attack from several unofficial sources. He would make no comment, he said, until official reports had been received. War department officials feared the Mexican federals attacking the waterworks might have fired upon the outposts. An official report on the incident was not expected tonight.

MEXICANS MAKE THREAT.

What promised to be the first fight between the United States army and the Mexican troops ended in the exchange of not more than half a dozen shots.

The Mexicans threatened to "attack immediately unless the Americans surrendered their position at the waterworks at El Tejar within ten minutes," but failed to fulfill their menace.

The Mexicans are still holding the position at the waterworks station and the American troops have received no orders to advance.

At 11 o'clock this morning a Mexican force, estimated at from 500 to 600 men, appeared a mile beyond the waterworks station. As Major Russell of the marines, had received orders not to assume the offensive, he and his men watched the Mexicans with much interest.

Suddenly a Mexican lieutenant and non-commissioned officer, bearing a white flag, advanced and presented a demand for the Americans to surrender within ten minutes.

MAJOR RUSSELL'S REPLY.

Major Russell's reply was "Hurry right back and do not waste any of the time your commanding officer has stipulated."

Major Russell then made preparations to resist any attack, at the same time sending a message to headquarters in Vera Cruz that his outpost was threatened.

Back at headquarters, Brig. Gen. Funston and his staff had been working out the details of the new government which the brigade general had been instructed to establish. The wireless message from the waterworks station at El Tejar brought out a quiet change from the comparatively peaceful work to that of a military duty.

Within a few minutes headquarters had notified Major Russell that reinforcements were on the way and that he was to hold out for as long as possible. Instead of the 700 men comprising the command at Vera Cruz at the outbreak of the attack, there were in position about 1,000 men, more than 1,200 men, while the Mexican force was estimated at 500 to 600 men.

TROOPS RUSHED FORWARD.

Seven companies of the 4th infantry regiment were sent forward under Col. Robert C. Van Vliet, as well as two battalions and three companies of marines, commanded by Col. John Archer Lejeune. All these troops had been taken from stations in the outskirts of Vera Cruz the men of the infantry regiment entraining for the short run to El Tejar from Les Cocos the first station on the Mexican Railway. The battalions were commanded by Major Charles G. French and Major Paul A. Wolf.

When Col. Van Vliet and Col. Lejeune with their supports arrived at the water works station Major Rus-

sell and his men were not hard pressed. The Mexicans had contented themselves with a scattering fire consisting of not more than four or five shots, at a range of 1,500 yards.

From Major Russell's lines only one shot was fired.

NOT ON THE OFFENSIVE

General orders had been given for the American troops not to assume the offensive and not to fire unless attacked. It is not regarded here as at all probable that Gen. Gustavo Mans, former Federal commander at Vera Cruz, has any idea of attempting to retake the city but he is tightening his long, irregular lines about the city, apparently in an effort to prevent the entrance from the country districts of supplies. In this he has been partially successful.

It is generally assumed that the Mexican threat to-day to take El Tejar was little more than a bluff, and it is thought the Mexicans perhaps, hoped the American outpost at that place with only little more than half their number might surrender or that they might defeat the Americans before reinforcements could arrive.

The Mexican troops were in uniform and consisted mostly of infantry, but there were some cavalrymen evidently belonging to the regular establishment.

While army officers do not fear the Mexican troops will make a serious attack. It is realized that considerable inconvenience soon will be created unless something is done to open roads into districts where garden and dairy products come from. The supply of any but imported articles is getting smaller and the small amount of foodstuff brought in from the out skirts is not enough to supply the demand. Prices are increasing as the volume of products decrease. Little may be expected to arrive here from other parts of Mexico, as no ships are cleared from Vera Cruz, which is a closed port so far as the Mexican Government is concerned.

BRING HOME BODIES OF 17 DEAD MARINES

Those Killed in the Fight at Vera Cruz Were Taken to New York.

Vera Cruz, May 3.—The bodies of 17 American bluejackets and marines killed in the street fighting during the operations accompanying the occupation of Vera Cruz by the United States fleet, started on their way to New York today on board the cruiser Montauk. Soldiers' bodies were sent by the great possession of United States and foreign war vessels to the Atlantic seaboard.

The crews of the warships will pull up the bodies of the 17 men and as the Montauk passed each one, the men were placed in the marine guards' hands and the ships' bands played. One by one the colors of the fighting craft were hoisted through a lane formed by divisions of the Atlantic fleet.

On shore during the Mexican's passage out of the harbor, the flag over Brigadier General Proctor's headquarters was hoisted and only raised again when the vessel had disappeared on the horizon.

The hospital ship Solace with her 100 beds and 200 medical attendants, bluejackets and nurses, on board, is now being taken to the United States by the transport ship Solace.

THE DEPARTURE OF THE MONTAUK.

News of the departure of the Montauk was greeted by the people here with a great deal of interest. The ship, which is a fine vessel, was seen to depart at 10 o'clock, and was seen to depart at 10 o'clock.

An unidentified negro entered Wolfe's store last night and demanded that the merchant, who was alone, surrender his money. When Wolfe objected and made a move as though he was going to draw a revolver, the negro produced a pistol and shot him.

Persons near the store heard the shot and rushed to the place, finding the storekeeper lying on the floor with a mortal wound. Wolfe was rushed to a hospital, where he died within an hour. He was shot through the abdomen. The bullet penetrating the

COLUMBIA PHYSICIAN ROUGHLY USED BY GANG

Was Mistaken For Some One Else.

NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Dr. Frank Durham Held Up and in Melee is Wounded With Knives.

Columbia Special to Charleston News and Courier, May 3.—Dr. Frank M. Durham, a prominent young physician of Columbia, was attacked by a gang of unknown white men late last night on the Congaree river bridge, at the city limits of Columbia, as he was returning from Leesville and seriously cut about the body with knives. He walked to the end of the bridge and summoned the police and was then taken to a local hospital, where his wounds were dressed. He was painfully but not seriously injured and was reported today to be resting easy.

It appears that Dr. Durham was mistaken by the gang for some one else. He was returning in an automobile from Leesville, where he had been to see a patient. On the Congaree river bridge, at the foot of Gervais street, the machine came to a halt, having run into it, is said, an obstruction caused by a collision between a buggy and another automobile. Several men, it is said, were nearby and one of them accused the chauffeur who was driving Dr. Durham, of having taken his pocketbook. Dr. Durham came to the defence of his driver and other men running up started rough work. In the melee Dr. Durham was cut all over the body.

As stated, the gang, for some reason, gave back, and Dr. Durham came on over the bridge and reported the matter to the police from the nearest telephone and was then taken on to the hospital. Indignation is expressed here at the outrage perpetrated on Dr. Durham and the theory is that the gang mistook him for some one else on whom they wanted to wreak vengeance. The accusation that the chauffeur took a pocketbook, was seemingly a ruse to start matters. Two suspects are under arrest tonight and the police are looking for the others. It was stated that there were five or seven men in the gang.

GOVERNOR PLEASE IN FOR HARD FIGHT

County Conventions Throughout the State to Overhaul Agency Against Administration Forces.

Columbia Special to Charleston Observer, May 4.—Results of the county conventions held throughout South Carolina, as compiled late tonight, show that Administration forces, those representing Governor Please were only in three counties out of 44 as follows: Lexington, Jasper and Chesterfield.

Of the 200 delegates to the State Convention the administration has less than 20, against 50 in 1912. Senator McAdams was the flag in Marlboro, where about 20 counties were won by the administration. The whole of county was won by the administration in Marlboro, where about 20 counties were won by the administration.

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Governor Please was not sent to the State Convention from his county, while Senator Smith led the delegation from Lee County.

Georgia Debaters Win.

Columbia S. C. May 2.—The University of Georgia team won from the University of Virginia in the debate here to-night which was part of a triangular contest including Virginia, Georgia and the University of South Carolina. Georgia had the negative of the query: Resolved, That the United States should cease to maintain her position as one of the three leading naval powers of the world.

COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION MEETS

Mr. R. S. Stewart Elected Chairman.

W.P. ROBINSON, SECRETARY

Largest and Most Representative Meeting of County Convention in Years.

The county Democratic convention met in the court house yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. It was one of the largest and most representative meetings of the county convention that has assembled in years and the best of good feeling prevailed. County Chairman R. S. Stewart called the body to order and on motion Mr. Stuart, by a unanimous vote, was made temporary chairman and W. P. Robinson temporary secretary. A committee composed of one from each club was appointed as a committee on credentials. The committee retired and soon reported back the list of delegates entitled to seats in the convention. On motion the report of the committee was unanimously adopted. The following is a list of the delegates:

GILL'S CREEK.

Ira B. Jones, C. N. Sapp, J. L. Caskey, Charles D. Jones, Thomas O. Blackmon, Joseph W. Knight, Paul Moore, Harry Hines, John P. Hunter, George W. Williams, J. S. Wilson, J. E. Nisbet, George C. Carnes, J. C. Elliott, W. P. Stogner, W. McD. Brown, D. Reece Williams, T. Y. Williams, W. P. Robinson, R. S. Stewart, R. S. Harper, L. C. Lazenby, J. Davis Caskey, R. E. Wylie, R. B. Allison, T. L. Hilton, J. E. Stewman, W. C. Hough, Leroy Springs, V. A. Lingle, John T. Green.

DRY CREEK.

O. H. Bell, A. H. Carter, J. A. Cauthen.

DOUGLASS.

W. J. Williams, J. A. Williams, S. R. Caskey.

NEW BETHEL.

W. J. Sistare, D. A. King, D. F. Sapp, F. A. Plyler, J. A. Robertson, S. A. Steele.

HOPEWELL.

H. C. Stele, Rev. B. F. Carson, L. M. Clyburn, M. L. Thompson.

VAN WYCK.

J. R. Sistare, J. A. Hyatt, J. P. Crenshaw, K. M. Yoder, L. S. Steele, T. W. Seecrest.

DEATH SPRINGS.

Berry Mobley, G. L. Mobley, W. B. Mobley, H. W. Mobley, F. S. Robertson, A. E. Hammond, R. L. Lykes, B. C. Blackmon, E. B. Williams, T. T. Cumberlandham, L. R. Holliday, A. L. Dineen, W. B. Twigg.

PLAIN.

R. B. Blackmon, J. P. Adams, J. D. Nelson, John D. Hunter, James J. Small, D. J. W. Mader.

CARNES SCHOOL HOUSE.

D. E. Walters, R. Aron, J. A. Carnes, L. M. McManus, S. R. Hooper.

ZION.

J. A. McAtter, W. C. Williams, L. McAtter, C. M. Hardin, J. B. Eversall, S. E. Steele, W. A. McAdams.

HARD GOLD MINE.

W. H. Clyburn, W. T. Blackmon, C. D. Paulsonberry.

FLAY SPRING.

H. C. Thompson, J. B. Lykes, J. P. Small, D. J. W. Mader, J. A. Carnes, L. M. McManus, S. R. Hooper.

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ard bearer of their party, and whereas since his nomination and election to that high and responsible office, he has proved himself a true Democrat and a friend of the great masses of the people.

"Now, therefore, he is resolved by the Democrats of Lancaster county, which gave birth to Andrew Jackson, his great prototype;

"1. That we take just pride in testifying our appreciation of the unswerving stand he has taken on the side of the people against the trusts and other special interests.

"2. That we pledge our allegiance to him and pray that in the Providence of God, his life may be spared and that he may be permitted to enact into laws the policies he is now advocating in the interest of the people."

On motion it was unanimously decided that each club vote its full strength. The convention then proceeded to vote for six delegates to the state convention. The following were elected:

R. S. Stewart, John T. Stevens, Ira B. Jones, John E. Porter, R. E. Wylie, Dr. W. S. Moore.

The following six alternates were elected: C. N. Sapp, J. T. Green, I. A. Cauthen, J. M. Carson, W. T. VanLandingham and W. T. Morton.

RAGSDALE AND BRYAN RIDE.

Procession of State and Congressman Enjoy Outing.

Washington special to Charleston News and Courier, May 4.—One of the interesting sights in the vicinity of this county around Washington, the previous afternoon last week, was a party of state dignitaries taking an outing on horseback, accompanied by Congressman J. W. Langston of South Carolina. Both were superbly mounted and seemed to be enjoying themselves hugely, in spite of the Mexican situation and the perplexities of politics.

Mr. T. B. Nesbit Dead.

Mr. T. B. Nesbit, who removed to Charlotte about three years ago from the Jacksonham section of this county, died in that city Sunday. He had been in bad health for some time and his death was expected at any time. Mr. Nesbit was a conscientious Christian man, having connected himself with Tirzah church in his boyhood. On his removal to Charlotte he resided in the residence of a Presbyterian church in that city and became one of the ruling elders. He was the son of the late James Nesbit, a prominent citizen of this county.

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MAY DAY FESTIVAL A GREAT SUCCESS

Many Beautiful Floats in the Parade.

CROWNING OF MAY QUEEN.

A Gala Occasion Long to be Remembered—Other Features of the Celebration.

Friday, May 1, 1914, was a gala occasion in Lancaster and for the first time May Day was celebrated on an elaborate scale. The exercises began at 4:30 in the afternoon, when those who were to take part in the parade gathered at the court house. Gaily decorated floats, carriages and buggies, took part in the line of march, which moved down French street three blocks and came back Church street, turned at the Methodist church and circling around the court house, made its way down Main street to Chesterfield avenue, thence along Chesterfield avenue to Dr. T. J. Strait's, where the exercises were concluded.

First in the imposing parade rode the mayor, Mr. J. M. Hood, on horseback. Next came the fire wagon, decorated in red, white and blue, the driver in white with the bull dog mascot by his side, with the three colors tied to his collar. The Queen, Miss Mildred Green, and three of her maids, Misses Estelle Milling, Louise Wylie and Juanita Sowell, a bevy of pretty girls in white, rode in Mr. LeComte Mackey's car, which was beautifully decorated in white and yellow. The wheels were wrapped in two colors and Easter lilies were tied on each side of the windshield. Next came a Ford automobile decorated in red, white and blue. Mr. E. K. Plyler drove the car and with him were several attractive girls of the younger set. On one side of the car was the inscription, "Ain't Beea Out Long, But Am Going Some," and on the other, "Ford Cars Make Long Roads Short Roads."

Mr. Dudley Plyler's Ford car was almost covered with American flags, the wheels were wrapped in the three colors and testoons of red, white and blue tissue paper were used effectively on it. Rural Policeman W. J. Williams was one of the marshals in the parade.

Behind the parade float came a float carrying the May Queen, Miss Mildred Green, and her maids, Misses Estelle Milling, Louise Wylie and Juanita Sowell, a bevy of pretty girls in white, rode in Mr. LeComte Mackey's car, which was beautifully decorated in white and yellow.

The parade was a great success and the exercises were concluded at 8 o'clock. The exercises were concluded at 8 o'clock. The exercises were concluded at 8 o'clock.

MAY CREEK DISEASE.

Quinine Recognizes Need of Sanitation.

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