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HUERTA WILL BACK DOWN LONG BEFORE WARSHIPS ARRIVE AT MEXICAN PORT

Atlantic Fleet Expected to Arrive at Tampico by Noon on Wednesday of Next Week.

WILL BLOCKADE COAST ON BOTH SIDES

Today's News From Capital Leads to Opinion That Dictator Will Order Salute of Flag.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, April 16.—President Huerta is willing to fire a salute to the American flag if the United States agrees to return that salute. Senator Shively, acting chairman of the senate foreign committee admitted this afternoon that he had been officially advised that this was the answer to the American demands, wired by Charge O'Shaughnessy from Mexico City. The question of whether this will solve the Mexican crisis was still rendered acute over the further problem of whether the United States could return Huerta's salute without officially recognizing the provisional government. Shively held that it would not be recognition but other authorities on international law disagreed. The alternative presented by Huerta still leaves the administration's course undecided. Senator Lodge, ranking republican member of the foreign relations committee held that the return of a salute by Huerta would be a "back down on the part of the United States."

The Mexican congress was believed today to hold the key to the situation. Huerta has conferred with the senate and was reported preparing to consult with the house on whether to yield and salute the American flag at Tampico. His advisers were reported in the confidential information reaching here, as divided on the question, a large percentage favoring defiance on the ground that this would force the hands of the constitutionalists and drive them to reconcile their differences and join forces against a common enemy. Charge O'Shaughnessy is keeping the state department constantly informed on the situation in Mexico City but none of this information is being made public here. It was learned today that tension in Mexico is increasing and that already there have been anti-American demonstrations at a number of points. The chief of these was said to be at Vera Cruz where crowds gathered near the American consulate and hissed the consul and his assistants. The police are reported to have dispersed the crowd but whether an apology was forthcoming from the local authorities is unknown. Preparations to assist Americans in leaving Mexico have already been made. Many women and children from the Mexico City colony are already in Vera Cruz. They will be sent north on the Ward liner Esperanza which has been chartered by the United States. Secretary of State Bryan today communicated to all of the foreign diplomats here the intentions of this government concerning Mexico. They were told that they would be kept in touch with developments from day to day. It is the general opinion here that if Tampico is taken by the United States, Carranza will be forced to assume a position of open hostility. Another attitude, officials here say, would lose him sympathy of the great mass of his followers. There was a growing belief among naval officers today that Badger will find that the Mexican federals have evacuated Tampico. If so, it is likely that the fleet will continue to Vera Cruz and that the scene of the enforced salute will be that port. The house foreign affairs committee considered the Mexican situation today. Chairman Flood and Representative Cooper reported on yesterday's conference with the president. They explained that there would be no hostile move against Mexico or any landing of blue jackets and marines unless specific authority so to give is given by congress. There is

possibility of a slight violation of that rule in the event of an unforeseen outrage which would necessitate immediate action. Even then congress, the committee was told, will be told all of the facts. The president conferred with Secretaries Bryan and Daniels again today. They reported on conditions revealed by the overnight dispatches from Mexico City and the fleet. Daniels told the president that Badger would be at Tampico next Wednesday instead of Tuesday and that there had been no delay in carrying out orders on either the east or west coast. Secretary of War Garrison has already assured the president that the army is ready if needed. Officers have been recalled from furlough and the Mexican expeditionary army—so called—at Texas City can entrain from Galveston, where the transports are waiting on less than an hour's notice. But so far there has been no indication that the army is to be utilized or will have any immediate part in events. Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt, who is at San Francisco, was today ordered by Secretary Daniels to take charge of the movement of the Pacific fleet to the west coast of Mexico. He will confer with Admiral Doyle at the Mare Island navy yard and have personal charge. A rendezvous of the Pacific fleet at San Diego, preparatory to a mass movement to Mexico was ordered today. Admiral Howard will have charge of the operations at this point. Assistant Secretary Roosevelt may accompany one of the warships to San Diego. The cruiser Cleveland was reported today in readiness to sail from San Diego for Mazatlan. The Chattanooga was expected to leave Bremerton, Washington, navy yard tomorrow. Other vessels of the Pacific fleet will leave their stations within forty-eight hours for San Diego. The entire fleet is expected to assemble at San Diego Monday or Tuesday. The vessels will remain there only a brief time. Secretary Tumulty today authorized an absolute denial of a current report that the president was much dissatisfied because of the friendly relations existing between President Huerta and Charge O'Shaughnessy. "This report is an absolute fabrication and there is no basis whatever for it," he said. "The manner in which Charge O'Shaughnessy has met every emergency has pleased the president very much. He has handled a soul-trying situation in a manner that is a credit to our diplomacy." Secretary Tumulty said that the president had not received any new information touching on the Mexican situation today. Charge O'Shaughnessy he said, was keeping in touch with the president and up to the present time Mexico City itself is perfectly tranquil. Suggestions put forth by the Mexican embassy in this city that Huerta would be willing to submit the various complications culminating in the episode at Tampico to The Hague for arbitration have not reached the president. It was stated at the white house that any such suggestion could not be entertained for a moment. "This is a question affecting the national honor and is not a subject for arbitration," was the comment made. It was pointed out that while seven of the blue jackets arrested at Tampico were placed in custody on Mexican territory, two additional were taken from an American launch flying the American flag—a violation of our treaty. No steps have yet been taken to interfere with the constitutionalists getting arms and ammunition from this side of the border. The question of taking this action however, is now under consideration in view of the general belief that drastic steps against Mexico and Huerta would result in a general joining of all Mexicans to present a united front against the United States. Final orders for the departure of the remaining vessels of the Atlantic fleet to Tampico were issued by the navy department today. The battleship was advised that the battleship Louisiana would sail today from New York and the cruiser Tacoma from Newport. The battleship South Carolina reported by wireless her departure for Guantanamo enroute to Tampico. Secretary Daniels stated positively today that unless conditions change, no vessels other than those already ordered to Tampico will go to Mexico. "There will be enough ships there without any additions, unless conditions change," said Daniels. The secretary stated that the torpedo flotilla at Hampton Roads and Pensacola

Today's Developments in Mexican Situation

Huerta agrees to salute American flag if his salute is returned. International authorities divided on question as to whether return of salute would not constitute recognition of Huerta government. State department officials expressed optimism at outlook for adjustment of situation. Refused all definite information. Senator Shively, chairman senate foreign relations committee, believes return of salute would not constitute recognition; holds there must be some other hitch preventing immediate settlement. Battleship fleet steaming southward toward Tampico. Senator Lodge declared a return of Huerta's salute would "make the United States ridiculous." Pacific coast war vessels ordered to concentrate; Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt on coast, ordered to assume direct charge there. Mexican embassy disclaims receiving any advices from Mexico City. House foreign affairs committee vote in secret session to "sustain" not "approve" the president's course in regard to Tampico incident.

Boston Municipal Secrets.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BOSTON, April 16.—Talking on the subject, "Four Years of the New Charter," before members of the City club tonight, former Mayor Fitzgerald is expected to "tell the whole truth about the finances of the city." Fitzgerald, through his paper, the Republic, is waging war on Mayor James M. Curley and the present city administration.

Prohibition Amendment Hearing.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, April 16.—The resolution for a constitutional amendment for national prohibition was scheduled for a hearing today before a senate sub-committee. On the committee are Senators Chilton, Fletcher, Shields, Borah and Dillingham.

Fire in Hotel.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, April 16.—Fire in the Grace hotel in Jackson Boulevard routed 200 sleeping guests early today and aroused occupants of several other nearby hotels. Smoke filled the entire building but the flames did little damage.

THE WEATHER

For Keokuk and vicinity: Mostly cloudy tonight and Friday, with probably showers. Warmer tonight. Cooler Friday. For Iowa: Mostly cloudy tonight and Friday, and probably showers. Warmer northeast portion tonight. Cooler Friday afternoon or night. Moderate to fresh shifting breezes. For Missouri: Increasing cloudiness tonight and Friday. Probably showers. Warmer south portion tonight. Cooler Friday. Fresh southerly breezes becoming variable. Weather Conditions. A storm center on the New Jersey coast is attended by heavy rain in the northeastern states, and lighter rain in the lower lake region, which changed to snow at Buffalo. It is warmer from the plains to the Mississippi valley, in advance of an advancing depression, which is central in Colorado this morning, and day temperature ranged from 70 to 80 throughout the middle west yesterday, while it is cooler in the eastern districts. Conditions indicate mostly cloudy weather for this section tonight and Friday with probably showers, and warmer tonight, becoming cooler by Friday night.

Daily River Bulletin. Stage, Height, Change, Weather.

St. Paul	13	2.2	0.0	Clear
La Crosse	12	3.6	0.0	Clear
Dubuque	13	5.2	...	Clear
Davenport	15	Clear
Keokuk	14	4.6	-0.1	Pt Cld
St. Louis	30	12.6	-0.4	Pt Cldy

River Forecast.

The river will fall slowly from Davenport to Keokuk until there are rains.

Local Observations. April 15 7 p. m. 29.83 66 W Clear 16 7 a. m. 29.86 52 E Pt Cldy River above low water of 1864, 4 feet, 6 tenths. Change in 24 hours, fall 1 tenth. Mean temperature, April 15, 58. Highest temperature, 70. Lowest temperature, 45. Lowest temperature last night, 47. FRED Z. GOSEWITSCH, Observer.

ONE SURVIVOR OF THE WRECK

Three Masted Schooner Ran on a Sand Bar and Captain and Crew Dead.

SEVENTY MILE GALE

Fear Expressed for Ships Along the Jersey Coast Because of Storm Due Today.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, April 16.—The three masted schooner Buckley was a wreck today off the New Jersey coast near Long Branch, the captain, his wife, and six members of the crew dead, and a tug boat with two of their crew were lost, following a seventy mile gale and driving rain which felled the Atlantic coast for thirty-six hours. A. Martin was the only one saved from the Buckley. Battered and bruised, he is in the Long Branch hospital with a chance to recover. The Buckley, heavily laden with lumber from Jacksonville, Fla., struck a sandbar late yesterday. Life saving crews were unable to reach her because of the fierce storm and all but one of the crew perished. Sailors sighted only the battered hull of the coast today. Off Raritan Bay the tug boat Aries, of New London, Conn., sank. Two of her crew were drowned and five rescued. A Standard Oil barge and a few smaller craft were reported missing today. Fear was expressed by weather forecasters for ships along the coast because of a gale expected today from as far south as Virginia and extending north to Nantucket.

SAYS RAILROADS NEED THE MONEY

Untermyer, in Banquet Speech, Takes Side of the Big Corporations.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, April 16.—Delegates to the national conference on marketing and farm credits today engaged in a warm discussion of Samuel Untermyer's banquet speech at the conference last night in which the New York lawyer pleaded for increased rates for the railroads and incidentally attacked the attitude of farmers' co-operative associations. Untermyer was subjected to severe heckling when he declared that the railroads are "facing a far graver crisis than we realize." Henry Wallace, chairman of Colonel Roosevelt's country life commission, challenged Untermyer's statement and replied that "There is no truth in the poverty howl of the roads." Untermyer apparently was not disturbed by the signs of disapproval that greeted his statement that farmers' organizations attacked the trusts and all combinations except those of farmers.

JEWELRY STORE WAS LOOTED

Robber Locked Proprietor Inside Before Breaking Window With a Brick.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, April 16.—While Broadway was crowded, a daring highwayman padlocked from the outside the front door of a jewelry store, smashed a plate glass window with a brick, grabbed \$15,000 worth of gems, jumped into a taxi and today is farther from the police than he was an hour before the robbery. Michael Rosenthal, the jeweler was in the store with his daughter at the time. When they heard the window break, they rushed to the door, found it barred and had to jump through the window. By that time the robber had disappeared. Rosenthal's store is on Broadway near Thirty-sixth street.

Prison Gates Open.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] RUSK, Texas, April 16.—As a result of placing of eighty-six prisoners of the Rusk penitentiary on the honor roll, the gates of the prison are no longer closed, day or night. The only officers employed are a warden, night sergeant, steward and two guards to protect prison property from outside marauders. Fifteen other guards have been discharged. The prisoners work on the state farm a mile from the prison.

CANNOT FIND MAN'S BODY

Lecturer for "Drys" Who Never Reached Speaking Point Has Disappeared Completely.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DANVILLE, Ill., April 16.—The most promising of a dozen reports of finding the body of Rev. Louis R. Patmont, Milwaukee minister and "dry" lecturer, collapsed today when authorities received word from Cleveland that a body there had been identified as that of another. On the sixteenth day after the disappearance, Patmont's fate was as great a mystery as ever. "Wet and dry" organizations throughout the country have been asked to look for the man. Circular letters have been scattered broadcast bearing photographs of Patmont. The Masonic lodge, of which the missing man was a member of high rank, has taken up the search independently. Belief that the body of the man may lie hidden near Danville is ebbing.

DEMANDS RETRIAL AFTER CONVICTION

Leo M. Frank Found Guilty of the Murder of Mary Phagan.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ATLANTA, Ga., April 16.—Attorneys for Leo M. Frank, found guilty of the murder of Mary Phagan, prepared today to reveal the full grounds on which they will demand a retrial. Luther Z. Rosser and Reuben R. Arnold, of defense counsel, expected this afternoon to file formal motion for a new trial with the criminal division of the superior court. Their client is sentenced to die tomorrow. City Solicitor H. M. Dorsey has already been served with a copy of the motion, but it was reported today that the defense would cite new evidence in addition to that claimed in the original motion in support of their claims. Operatives of the Burns detective agency were on hand today ready to testify to this new evidence, collected by them, in case an immediate hearing was granted by the court. The state will bitterly oppose the granting of a new trial. Frank was confident today that his innocence would be established.

STATE OFFICIAL GOES TO PRISON

Pleaded Guilty of Embezzlement and Sentenced to Fifteen Months.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MADISON, Wis., April 16.—William L. Essmann, three months ago superintendent of public property of the state of Wisconsin, was this morning taken to the state penitentiary at Waupun by Sheriff Erdahl. Yesterday he pleaded guilty to charges of embezzling the moneys of the state. The sheriff, with Mr. Essmann left at 9 o'clock this morning in an automobile. They are expected to reach Waupun this afternoon and the former state officer will start serving his fifteen months sentence tonight. With good behavior, Essmann will end his term a year from this June. He will, however, be eligible for parole about January 1st.

Daily Thought.

To be alive only to appetite, pleasure, pride, money-making and not to goodness and kindness, purity and love, history, poetry, music, flowers, stars, God and eternal hopes, is to be all but dead.—Maltbie D. Babcock.

FEDERALS ARE ALL SURROUNDED

Villa Has Remnant of Army Inside His Lines and at His Mercy.

TO BE ANNIHILATED

American Newspaper Men Captured With Velasco's Troops Are Not Hurt.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] SAN PEDRO DE LA COLONIAS, Coahuila, Mexico, April 16.—With General Francisco Villa in personal command of the constitutionalist forces, another fierce battle between the combined federal columns of Generals Velasco, De Moura and Maas, is in progress at Benavides station, east of here. Not only has Villa sent into the struggle all the available rebel troops here, but he has ordered 3,000 fresh soldiers up from Torreon itself. It is reported that the weary battle-torn federal army which was reduced from 12,000 to 6,800 as the result of the savage fight which ended here Monday night with a rebel victory, is completely surrounded. Dispatches are being brought here by runners as the telegraph line to Benavides has not been repaired. These show that a most desperate engagement is being fought with the federals offering an astonishing resistance. General Lloribe Ortega, one of Villa's chief lieutenants, reported today that among the prisoners taken by his division at San Pedro were five American newspaper correspondents and magazine writers who had been traveling with the federals. Villa has given instructions to his officers to give them every consideration. Ortega's prisoners are held in a hacienda on the north side of Lake Maylan, between San Pedro and Benavides. The Americans will be brought here as quickly as possible. More than 1,200 wounded have been brought in from distant parts on the battlefield since San Pedro was captured. When the constitutionalists took the place they captured twenty locomotives and 300 empty freight cars. They also took twenty-five cars of coal, eight carloads of ice, thirty carloads of ammunition, twenty carloads of water, fifty carloads of cotton and seventy-five carloads of merchandise, mostly clothing and food stuffs which the federals had brought from Saltillo and Monterrey, in addition to eleven cannon abandoned by the federals in San Pedro itself, seventeen rapid fire guns and a dozen other pieces of artillery, including mountain guns, have been picked up along the trail of the fleeing army. Among the cars captured were the private cars of General Joaquin Maas and General Javier De Moura. The prisoners taken in the battle up to this time will number 1,500.

Floating Fashions.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Neptune's harbor of mermaids were green with jealousy today when they learned that Chicago dressmakers with a score of pretty models will invade their domain. The dressmakers' club has chartered a boat and will make a two-weeks trip showing Chicago fashions at Milwaukee, Port Huron, Detroit and several other ports on Lake Michigan and Huron.

WOMEN FIGHT FOR ENTRANCE TO DUBUQUE MURDER TRIAL

Mrs. Brazzell, Charged With Killing Husband, Enjoys Notoriety of Case.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DUBUQUE, Iowa, April 15.—With only thirty-five of the state's seventy-five witnesses examined, indications are that the trial of Mrs. Charles Brazzell for the murder of her husband will last for two weeks longer. The defense has many witnesses and there will be many more in rebuttal for both sides. Never before in the history of murder trials in northeastern Iowa has there been so much interest. At seven o'clock this morning Mrs. Brazzell was a throng before the court house and when the doors were opened at 8 o'clock, women fought for seats in the court room and many dresses were torn. Many women brought their lunches and will remain all day. Police officers have testified that the Brazzells quarreled frequently and one of them swore that a few days before the murder, Mrs. Brazzell asked him to arrest her husband for making threats. The state's witnesses continue to attack the defendant's character, neighbor women swearing that strange men visited Mrs. Brazzell during her husband's absence. The matron's quarters of the city jail are eight blocks from the court house. Mrs. Brazzell is taken there for dinner and again to spend the night and the streets are thronged with people to watch her as she passes. At the city jail this morning, a crowd was on hand to see her leave for the court room. She shows no dislike for the notoriety she is attracting.

COXEY'S ARMY IS OFF ON TRIP TO WASHINGTON

General and Wife at Head of Procession in Rickety Mule Drawn Phaeton.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MASSILLON, Ohio, April 16.—Led by "General" Jacob S. Coxe, in a rickety phaeton, drawn by a sisepey mule, about two hundred recruits forming Coxe's second army in twenty years on a march to Washington left here today. Hundreds of people lined the streets to watch the motley army file by. "General" Coxe's mule Maud was a main attraction. Fluttering from the sides of the hybrid was a banner bearing in large letters "Jacob's Ass," below which the inscription: "I am jobless and mortgaged. My owner pays eight percent every two months in advance. The bank that loans him money gets it from Uncle Sam at cost; besides he

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