

# Battleships and Torpedo Boats Scurrying Toward Mexican Coast

## Five Big Dreadnaughts Are Splashing Through the Gulf and Will Arrive Tuesday Night.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ABOARD U. S. S. ARKANSAS, (by wireless via Key West), April 19.—The battleship South Carolina joined Admiral Badger's four battleships squadron of Key West early today, and in a long column, one thousand yards apart, the five dreadnaughts continued on their way to Tampico. Twelve knots was the average speed the fleet maintained practically all night and today. Arrival of the South Carolina was attended by no demonstration. The big vessel merely reported by displaying pennants to the flagship Arkansas and then swung in line.

Drill is increasing on the ships. Sunday was less of a rest day than usual. Officers and men now feel ready for the landing parties that they hope will be ordered.

Because of their heavy draught, the big dreadnaughts cannot anchor closer than seven miles off Tampico. The harbor there is shallow. If landing parties are ordered, the forces will be put ashore under the protection of shallow-draft gunboats.

### Aeroplanes to be Used.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The battleship Mississippi, station ship at the aeronautical station, Pensacola, Fla., late today was ordered to prepare for dispatch to Mexican waters. She was ordered by the navy department to take aboard five hundred marines and all aviation equipment not previously taken aboard the Birmingham and the tender Dixie, ordered earlier in the day to accompany the torpedo boat flotilla to Tampico. The navy department's statement also revealed for the first time that the Birmingham and the Dixie carried two hydroplanes. The official navy department statement was as follows: The Mississippi has been ordered to embark five hundred marines now at Pensacola and all aviation equipment in addition to two hydroplanes being placed on board the Birmingham and Dixie. The Mississippi will be sent to Mexico when ready for sea. The Mississippi is now at Key West.

### Fleet to Arrive Tuesday Night.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Shortly before 6:35 when President Huerta had just one hour left in which to reply to President Wilson's ultimatum, Secretary Daniels announced that his latest word from Rear Admiral Badger was that the Atlantic fleet would arrive late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning. It was apparent he said, that the dreadnaughts were making extraordinary time as Badger here-to-fore had not calculated on their arrival prior to noon on Wednesday. From a high source in the navy department it was learned that the administration fears if Huerta finally back down and acquiesces in making amends there may be an uprising of Mexican people against him. Administration officials realize that in such a case there likely would be anti-American demonstra-

tions. It was stated that the navy is prepared to put men into Mexico City in quick order.

Daniels left his office temporarily at 6:30 to eat a bite of luncheon. He said he was prepared to return in a very few minutes and to stay on the job indefinitely.

The secretary, however, insisted that Huerta would comply with President Wilson's ultimatum. When asked regarding quotations attributed to him at Cleveland last night, that it was "only a hundred to one chance that Huerta would make amends," Daniels insisted that he made no statement of any kind there.

The secretary declared the orders to the battleship Mississippi were preparatory; that she had merely been ordered to "stand by and get ready to sail." He said so far he had not conferred with Secretary Garrison over the possibility of joint army and navy action.

### Busy with Naval Matters.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Following on the heels of the announcement of the dispatch of the battleship Mississippi to Mexico, Secretary Daniels and Secretary Bryan conferred over the telephone—exactly an hour and a half before the time limit President Wilson's ultimatum expires.

This conversation was preceded by a long session with Admirals Fisk and Blue and Captain Cronin in charge of the fleet operations bureau. It was indicated that Secretary Daniels would soon confer with the newspaper correspondents and that he might make an announcement of important developments. In the state department it was stated the secretary soon will be at his office and confer personally with Daniels. The telegraph room in the state department remained quiet.

### North Dakota Sails.

NEW YORK, April 19.—Captain C. P. Plunkett, commanding the battleship North Dakota, announced at nine a. m., today that the ship will sail at 4:30 p. m., for Tampico.

"The work of repairing the North Dakota and provisioning her was completed late yesterday and all members of the crew were brought aboard last night," said the captain.

"We will leave New York harbor promptly at 4:30 p. m."

The North Dakota is scheduled to reach Tampico late Friday or early Saturday.

### Conference of Admirals.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels reached the navy department at 5:25 p. m. this afternoon and immediately went into conference with Rear Admirals Fisk and Blue who have held down the lid since Daniels went to Cleveland to deliver two speeches. The secretary declared he had received no information today from Mexico except what has already been given out here. Blue and Fisk gave him a report of

everything that developed since his departure for Cleveland on Friday.

### Torpedo Flotilla.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Acting Secretary of the Navy Blue at 10:30 today decided to order the torpedo flotilla now at Pensacola to join Admiral Badger at Tampico. In the flotilla, which is under the command of Captain Sims are twenty-two torpedo boats, the armored cruiser Birmingham and the tender Dixie.

It is believed that the fleet under Admiral Badger is somewhere off the lower Florida coast today and that the torpedo flotilla may be able to join it some time late tonight or tomorrow. No messages have been received from Admiral Badger other than routine reports.

## BRYAN DID NOT GET TO CHURCH

Sunday Was a Busy Day for the Secretary of State at the Capital.

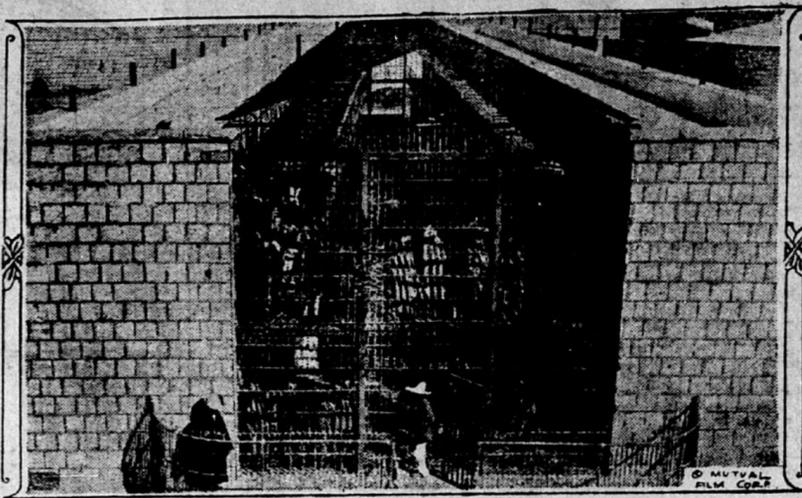
### RAZOR WAS NEGLECTED

Rather Backward About Giving Out Any News Regarding Trend of Events.

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## HERE'S A FEW CAPTURED MEXICAN FEDERALS VILLA HASN'T SHOT



Rebel prison at Chihuahua, Mexico; federalists inside.

The accompanying picture discredits the general belief that General Villa executes all federal prisoners as soon as captured. He keeps a few of them. The accompanying photograph was taken recently at Chihuahua and shows federal prisoners behind the bars of General Villa's prison in that city.

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strategy boards are necessary. Several of the bureau chiefs of the United States were at their desk today, mapping out the final details.

Secretary Bryan planned to be at his desk in the state department throughout most of the day. All night long an operator awaited cipher cable dispatches from Mexico City. His vigil was rewarded by one brief report from Charge O'Shaughnessy. It was translated and sent to Bryan at his home. Although Bryan refused to disclose its text, it was understood that it merely detailed the circumstance under which O'Shaughnessy had submitted President Wilson's ultimatum to Dictator Huerta.

The private wire in the white house executive office was "cut in" to the hotel at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., where the president arrived early today. It carried several messages to the chief executive from Bryan. The president desired to be kept in the closest possible touch with every development.

The assumption here was that the blockade which will be ordered should Huerta stick to his position—and that he would, was almost universally believed—would first of all be felt on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. The railroad across this narrow strip of land constitutes Mexico's greatest trade artery. More than a score of steamship lines center here, both at Puerto Mexico, on the Atlantic side and at Salina Cruz, on the Pacific. From San Laucha, inland, is a branch from the Tehuantepec railroad to Mexico City via Vera Cruz. This latter seaport of the Mexican capital with Tampico, Tuxpan and Matamoros would be blockaded by American war vessels from the first under active war measures, to be taken and held as the American bases.

The quiet informal order went to all officers of the army and navy that they must remain within call. Garrison post commanders were instructed not to grant leave of absence from the posts to officers or men. This was merely a precautionary measure since the army heads knew ample notice would be given by adoption of war orders by congress—if Huerta does not "back down."

It was made very plain today on authority of those who have been close to the president in the present crisis that he does not propose to take a single step which might be construed as actual warfare without the consent of congress.

It was even intimated that should Huerta take the unexpected course of acceding to the president's demands, the executive might decide not-withstanding, to address a joint session of congress tomorrow and detail to them the exact steps leading up to the present crisis.

### VILLA'S BROTHER



Here is the brother of General Villa, the Mexican rebel leader. He also is taking part in the revolution, but lacks the military ability which has made the name of Villa feared in every federal camp in Mexico.

## INFORMATION AT 10:10 O'CLOCK

Last Night at That Hour, It Was Known That United States Faced War.

### HUERTA'S LAST WORD

Secretary Tumulty Whispered to Correspondent That Situation Did Not Look Good.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, April 19.—Practically positive information that Huerta has rejected President Wilson's demand for an apology and that the country faces war, came at 10:10 tonight.

At that hour Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Secretary of the President Tumulty were rushed in an auto to the home of Secretary of State Bryan. They took with them O'Shaughnessy's latest report and Huerta's last word.

"It doesn't look good," whispered Tumulty to the United Press correspondent, as he took his place in the car.

Secretary Daniels announced that the cipher telegram was of "such grave import that we do not feel authorized to make it public until Secretary Bryan has passed upon it."

It was announced that a full statement would be forthcoming from the white house within a short time.

Just before Secretary Daniels left the navy department he whispered to Private Secretary Howe, of Assistant Secretary Roosevelt's office. Howe hurried post haste to the bureau of operations which has complete charge of the movement of warships.

The object of his hurried visit was apparently to set afloat orders that have been prepared and waiting ever since yesterday's ultimatum was signed.

As Daniels was leaving the navy department with Tumulty, he told the newspaper men that he and the president's secretary would go over the entire reply with President Wilson by long distance telephone before the president left White Sulphur Springs at 11:10 tonight. The president was meanwhile receiving the report over a private telegraph wire.

## WAR REVENUES TO BE RAISED

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[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, April 19.—Doubling of the income tax or a special stamp tax will be the method by which the United States will raise war revenues amounting to more than \$200,000,000, according to members of the house ways and means committee today. Although some tentative plans have already been made to draft these measures, actual work will not begin until it is learned tonight whether Huerta will salute the stars and stripes.

These special taxes, it was pointed out today, will supply all the war funds necessary at the outbreak of hostilities.

That the army and navy finances are in far better shape than at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war was the declaration of a member of the ways and means committee today. In addition, he declared, the treasury is in such good shape that a heavy emergency drain could be met at any time.

Officials of army and navy said the United States could move its regular troops and naval forces by means of funds now available to these two departments. While the raising of funds by stamp tax is a customary war measure, the utilization of emergency provisions of the new law will be used for the first time.

### Numerous Kinds of Fairies.

How many kinds of fairy were there? A good many. For an elf differs from a troll, who must not be confounded with a pixy. Then in addition there was the kelpie, the gnome, the brownie, the kobold, the nix and the urisk (a hairy Scotch spirit).

## PICTURESQUE FIGURE IS GEN. ANGELES, WHO COMMANDS GEN. VILLA'S ARTILLERY



General Angeles talking to a reporter.

One of the most picturesque figures in the present Mexican revolution is General Angeles, commander of General Villa's artillery. Before the recent battle of Torreon Angeles called up General Velasco, leader of the federalists, over the telephone and politely asked the latter to evacuate Torreon without spilling any blood. Angeles likes to pose for the movies and was "acting" for a moving picture man when the accompanying photograph was taken.

## THOUGH ARMY IS SMALL, "GENERAL" COXEY IS NOT DISCOURAGED



Top, start of army to Washington from Massillon (arrow points to Coxe). Bottom, "General" Coxe, his wife and daughter in phaeton he rode in at head of Coxe's army twenty years ago.

Though only a few recruits have joined "General" Coxe's army of unemployed in its march to Washington, Coxe is not discouraged. "The main thing I am anxious about," says Coxe, "is to finish up with a large following." The accompanying pictures were taken at Massillon, Ohio, April 16, at the time of the army's start.