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## WAR CLOUD IS NOT SO BLACK

### AMERICAN MASSACRE HAS NOT TAKEN PLACE

Conditions Have Improved in Mexico City and Foreigners in Less Danger Today.

### HANGING IN BALANCE

Vera Cruz is Quiet and Citizens Are Turning Over Their Arms and Ammunition.

[By Bernard Rucker, United Press Correspondent.] VERA CRUZ, April 27.—The stars and stripes will fly over Vera Cruz this afternoon. Rear Admiral Fletcher arranged today to hoist the flag over his headquarters at noon (1:36 New York time) with all of the ceremony usually observed in raising the flag over new soil.

[By Wm. G. Shepherd, United Press staff correspondent.] VERA CRUZ, April 27.—All reports received here today indicate that for the present, conditions have improved in Mexico City and the danger of Americans being attacked and murdered has abated. This does not mean that Americans are free from insult or that they may not be molested, however. Another toss of the dice might be against foreigners in the capital.

### NOT MANY AMERICANS LEFT IN MEXICO NOW IS WORD RECEIVED BY SECRETARY BRYAN

Total in Capital is Thought to be Probably Not Over 500 at the Present Time.

### HUNDREDS HAVE FLED

Some Persist in Remaining in Spite of Urgent and Frequent Warnings to Leave.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, April 27.—The following Americans were reported safe at Vera Cruz in a dispatch from Consul Canada received early today: James Monroe, H. W. Williams, G. P. Van Mourick, George Culp, Fabian Bell, F. W. Davis, Hare Harsen, and two children; J. C. McDonald, Mrs. M. W. Crenshaw, three daughters, one son, one grandson, all of Dallas, Tex.; Gifford Jones, of Seattle; B. S. Gregory, of Santa Rosa, Calif.; W. J. Everett, Union Springs, N. C.

### TURNING BACK FIGHTING MEN

Fiftieth Brigade Not Landed at Vera Cruz Is Anchored in Harbor

### ORDERS FOR DELAY OUT

Officials Will Not Admit It, But It Looked Like Such Word Had Been Sent.

[By Bernard Rucker, United Press Correspondent.] VERA CRUZ, April 27.—Transports bearing the Fiftieth brigade under the command of Brigadier General Funston to Mexico were off Vera Cruz today, but after all preparations had been made for the landing of troops, there evidently was some hitch. No official would admit that orders to delay landing had been received from Washington but the delay was obvious nevertheless. At noon the transport had been outside the harbor since ten o'clock last night.

### NO MORE TALKS WITH REPORTERS

President Wilson Says Future News Will Come in Form of Official Statements.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, April 27.—President Wilson declined today to receive the newspaper correspondents and also cancelled his engagement with them for next Thursday. It was stated that any information which it was desired to make public would be given to the newspapers in the form of official statements.

### General Miners Strike

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DES MOINES, Iowa, April 27.—A general strike of 500,000 coal miners in protest against the civil war in the Colorado coal country will be considered by the executive board of the United Mine Workers at Indianapolis next Monday, according to President John P. White, who is on his way to Pittsburg, Kansas, via Kansas City, today. White spoke to a mass meeting of Colfax miners near here Sunday. White says there is a great demand all over the country for a general strike on account of the Colorado situation.

### No Troops to Ulster

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DUBLIN, April 27.—It was officially denied here today that three regiments of British troops had been ordered to Ulster. Following the sensational "gun running" on Saturday when 7,000 rifles and great quantities of ammunition were smuggled in by unionists, it was reported that a regiment had been ordered from Dublin and two regiments from the Curragh were to move upon Ulster. Premier Asquith was in Dublin yesterday in conference with Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, and MacReady.

### Brazil Sees Peace

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BUENOS AYRES, April 27.—Buenos Ayres newspapers today editorially expressed praise of the mediation plan as a solution to the Mexican problem. They declare a success is at hand.

### REBELS CHASE FEDERALS NORTH

Army Which Evacuated Neuvo Laredo, Bumps Into Bunch of Trouble.

### NOW IN FULL RETREAT

May Attempt to Cross Border in Order to Escape From Their Onrushing Opponents.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LAREDO, Texas, April 27.—Report reached here this morning that Mexican federalists under General Guardia, who evacuated Neuvo Laredo after firing the town and then fled to the southwest, encountered the rebels in a strong position near Camaron last night. A fierce battle resulted, continuing nearly throughout the night. The federalists are said to have been defeated and they are fleeing in disorder toward the Mexican border. They may attempt to cross the Rio Grande into Texas in the vicinity of Minera, thirty miles north of here. United States troops stationed at that point are awaiting them.

### Syrians Offer to Fight

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, April 27.—The Syrian American club in this city which has branches throughout the United States, has received from Secretary Tumulty acknowledgement of the offer of its members to go to the front. The secretary thanked the Syrians, but added that the president "earnestly hopes there will be no need to call for volunteers."

### THE WEATHER

For Keokuk and vicinity: Unsettled weather, and probably showers tonight and Tuesday. Colder Tuesday. For Iowa: Unsettled weather tonight and Tuesday, and probably showers. Colder tonight and in the east and south portions Tuesday. Fresh to strong winds. For Missouri: Showers tonight and Tuesday. Cooler. Fresh shifting breezes.

### Weather Conditions

A depression, which is central in Oklahoma this morning, is causing unsettled weather from the plains to the central valleys, with showers or thunderstorms in the plains states and the Mississippi valley, and heavy rain has fallen at Omaha, and Huron, S. D.

### Miners Wage Scale

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 27.—With the miners of District 17, United Mine Workers, holding out for a ten percent increase and operators for a nine percent decrease of wages, delegates from unions in the Kanawha, Paint Creek and Cabin Creek fields went into conference here today. Discussion of the wage scale was the principal business for the day.

### Too Old for Work

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, April 27.—Mrs. A. B. Thorsell, aged 65, was found dead in her home with the gas turned on today. Neighbors say she had been warned at the factory where she was employed, that unless she worked faster she would be discharged and a younger woman given her place.

### Robbed Safe of \$600

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, April 27.—Safe crackers got \$600 in the office of the National Market company last night and made a clean get-away.

### Roosevelt Expected at Manaus

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MANAOS, Brazil, April 27.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was expected to reach here today when he planned to form a junction with members of the various groups into which his South American expedition was broken up. A great reception has been planned for the former American president's arrival.

### ALL ARE SAFE IN MEXICO CITY

Direct Word From the Capital, Allays Fears for the Americans There.

### ORDER NOW PREVAILS

Riots of Saturday Are Ended and Peace Comes for the Present at Least.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DALLAS, Texas, April 27.—A telegram sent this morning from Mexico City by Carleton Gage of Dallas was received shortly before noon by the Gage Brokerage company. It read: "All is safe and calm. Leave for Vera Cruz tonight."

### Selling to Drunkards

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, April 27.—Sustaining a Nebraska law permitting wives and children of habitual drunkards to recover damages from saloon keepers who sell liquor to their husbands and fathers, the supreme court today affirmed large damage verdicts secured by Mrs. May Budger of Nebraska City, Neb., against Louis W. Prencia and Christian W. Schneider, saloon keepers and their bondsmen, the Bankers Surety company of Cleveland and the Lion Bonding company of Omaha, Neb. Mrs. Budger and her children sued for sales of liquor to Charles Budger, a paper hanger, alleged to have become a habitual drunkard.

### A United Mexico

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, April 27.—"Differences between all factions are, at least for the moment forgotten and Mexico now presents a solid front to the United States," according to a private message to Manuel A. Esteva, Mexican consul general at this port. The information is not official, said Esteva today, but "authoritative." He said the feeling against the United States is inspired not by the fact that this is the United States, but by its invasion of the southern republic.

### PICTURE OF PEACE IS NOT YET UNVEILED

Huerta Perfectly Willing to Mediation if He Can Have Things His Own Way.

### DIPLOMATIC ARGUMENT

Wilson and Bryan Still Hoping That Army and Navy Can be Called Home.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, April 27.—At the state department this afternoon it was learned that word had come from the German, French and English embassies that the representatives of all three powers at Mexico City were in touch with Huerta and were attempting to influence him to make concessions to the United States and to accept mediation. The administration considered this an important development toward peace, because pressure is now being brought to bear upon Huerta by a majority of the world powers.

### Washington, April 27

The strongest diplomatic commission in the history of this continent was today trying to bring order out of chaos in Mexico. Practically all Latin America was united to force an agreement which would restore order south of the Rio Grande and again Huerta, the dictator, was the central figure. On what he does during the next forty-eight hours will depend whether the army of the United States will occupy Mexico or whether Budger and his men will be ordered to bring their war craft north; Funston to return to Galveston, and the general mobiliza-

tion on the border be called off. Despite the apparently irreconcilable difficulties between the United States and Mexico, President Wilson and his secretary of state were hopeful. They profess to believe that Huerta having agreed with the United States to accept the good offices of the "A. B. C." confederacy of nations, he indicates that he is looking for a peaceful way out of the situation. On what they base their belief neither the president nor secretary will say.

While officially there has been no suggestion from either side regarding its position, but only an acceptance of a proposal to mediate, the chasm between the two administrations is best shown by a simple statement of the unofficial conditions known to have been laid down. President Wilson demands that in any plan of settlement Huerta must go; constitutional government be restored in Mexico and full apology made for outrages against the honor of the United States.

Huerta demands that the United States forces be withdrawn from Mexican territory; that the revolutionists be ignored in any negotiations unless they accept the terms of his general promise of amnesty and that he be recognized as provisional president of Mexico. Just how the demands are to be reconciled and from them a plan worked out which will be acceptable to both sides, no one here seemed to know today. Even the representatives of Argentine, Brazil and Chile admitted their task was herculean; but they seemed to believe that they would be more successful in dealing with Huerta than the United States has been.

Meanwhile the situation was causing great anxiety in congress. Leaders on both sides had accepted the statement of the president that there would be no compromising of the national honor in the proceedings which have been initiated. Yet there was a grave fear uttered by many of the leaders that if the United States finally submitted the entire settlement of the situation to mediators, who are admittedly prejudiced against the United States, this government might be forced to make concessions which would not receive the approval of the people of the country. The very fact that our national forces have been in battle and that men have been killed has added to the bitter feeling against Mexico and to the agitation for a

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### REBELS AND FEDERALS UNITED UNDER WHITE FLAG OF TRUCE TO FIGHT AGAINST GRINGOS

First Actual Junction of Mexican Belligerents is Reported From Coahuila Where 3,000 Combine.

### VILLA FORECASTS PEACE

Says if Huerta is Not Ousted by Mediation, the Rebel Army Will Soon Settle Him.

[By Fred J. Wilson staff correspondent of the United Press.] SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 27.—That federalists and rebels in Coahuila state are combining against the Americans is the news brought here by C. A. Robson, of the Coahuila Coal company, of New York, at Palan, Mexico. Robson, who was the last American in that section of Coahuila, declares that General Juanda, federal, and General Mongela, rebel, met at Baratarian last Wednesday. A battle was imminent when Juanda sent a white flag and said the Americans were go-

ing to interfere. A brief parley took place and then the forces joined, making a total of about 3,000. Robson with twelve American ranchers, left Baratarian on the Mexican National train which carried them seventy-five miles. They then left the train and came by automobile to Ciudad Portillo Diaz, crossed Eagle Pass, thence to San Antonio. Robson left Palan when 200 employees of the company threatened him. He declares that the railway from Ciudad Portillo Diaz to Monclova is open except for one burned bridge, but nine bridges are burned on the line from Monclova to Saltillo.

Robson says the American army will have no trouble marching to Saltillo. The roads are good, water plentiful and no mountains to hinder. He asserts Juanda's federalists have been considerate toward Americans in his section and that the United federalists and rebels are busy recruiting on the cry "fight the gringos." As far as is known this is the first actual rebel and federal junction.

Villa Sees Peace Ahead. JUAREZ, Mexico, Apr. 27.—General Francisco Villa, field general of the Mexican constitutionalists, accompanied by General Felipe Angeles, chief of artillery, Colonel Luis Aguirre Benavides, private secretary

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