

STORY OF THE START OF THE NEW WAR
TUMULTY TELEPHONED OF ARMS SHIPMENT

Washington, April 22.—The story of how President Wilson ordered the customs house at Vera Cruz to be seized was revealed today. The president had gone to bed Monday night after having read his message to congress. The senate was debating the joint resolution to approve the use of the army and navy and the president had determined to withhold action until the resolution passed, although feeling that in an emergency the executive had ample authority to act.

At 4 o'clock Tuesday morning Secretary Bryan received a cablegram from Consul Canada telling of the approach of a German vessel with a tremendous cargo of ammunition for Huerta. Locomotives and cars were in readiness to rush the arms to Mexico City.

Mr. Bryan telephoned Secretary Tumulty, who decided to awaken the president. He telephoned the White House. The servants were timid, but Mr. Tumulty insisted. Finally the president came to the telephone and while Secretary Tumulty was explaining the situation, Secretary Daniels called up and was put on the same line. He too, had a dispatch about the ammunition.

Rear Admiral Fletcher had sent a wireless that 5,000,000 rounds of ammunition and 250 machine guns would be landed from the German vessel by noon that day. The president listened in silence.

"What shall we do?" asked Secretary Daniels.
"Tell Fletcher to seize the customs house," replied the president without hesitation.

"Good night," said the secretary and in a few minutes wireless dispatches were on their way to Rear Admiral Fletcher. He received the message at 10 a. m. and an hour later American marines had landed and taken possession of the customs house. The ammunition will be sent back to its shippers in Germany.

COLONIAL DEFENSE
TO BE DISCUSSED

Conference Is Planned Between England and Her Big Children, in Which the Latter Will Tell Britain to Build More Ships or the Colonies Will Do It.

London, April 22.—Plans for a defense conference of Great Britain and her dominions are rapidly assuming form and will be complete when the coming decade will be the maintenance of supremacy for the white race in the Pacific. It was pointed out to the committee that Japan is making preparations to develop trade and emigration towards the antipodes, and that there is a constant flow of Chinese to the islands of the Pacific. France has already largely increased her steamship facilities with these islands and Germany, Holland and the United States also are active in the same regions.

The determination of the government to bring about the conference has been increased by reports from Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice, who has been advising the commonwealth government on naval matters, and Sir Ian Hamilton, Inspector General of Overseas Forces. It has not yet been decided whether the conference will be held in London, Canada or Australia, but the idea is growing, and when the meeting is finally held it is likely that all of the British dominions will have delegates present.

Australia and New Zealand have not taken kindly to the suggestion made by Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, in his speech introducing the naval estimates, that the safety of those two countries was secured by the Anglo-Japanese alliance. William Ferguson Massey, prime minister of New Zealand, led an attack on the first lord in a recent speech at Greytown in which he said he did not believe the alliance had secured the safety of the British dominions in the antipodes.

J. Hume Cook, prime minister of the commonwealth of Australia, who stated the case for the dominions at greater length, said:
"We are told by imperial statesmen that the Pacific is being made safe and secure, not by the might and the majesty of the British fleet, but by the Anglo-Japanese alliance. That

raises for Australia a very serious question. I hope that Australia will always be on friendly terms with Japan and get closer to her in the relations of trade and commerce and the peaceful acts of civilization, and that the treaty will continue in its present form, for I believe it to be a great power for peace, but when Australia is asked to rely on the Anglo-Japanese treaty for the defense of the Pacific a very serious situation is created. Japan is a nation whose people Australia does not admit to her shores. 'White Australia' ideals must be defended at all costs as a cardinal principle of Australian political belief. Japanese civilization differs radically from that in Australia, which is compelled to see no mixing of races in her territory.

"Whilst it is true, as Mr. Churchill said, that the naval forces should be concentrated under a united command on the chief theaters of operations, it should not be forgotten that the empire's naval problem is a dual one. Not only should the imperial power be developed in relation to the world problem in order that there should be an imperial navy, to fight in any and every sea where imperial interests are threatened, but world-wide preparations must be combined to make it possible to concentrate forces at any point wherever the dominions have the greatest menace. Australia hopes that the imperial fleet will be so developed and organized that this country shall be in no way dependent absolutely on treaty obligations with any foreign power whatever.

"The government is anxious for a conference of self-governing dominions, including Canada and South Africa. The first Australian fleet unit is being completed, but to what point is Australian policy developing? Mr. Churchill has departed from the agreement in which the imperial government undertook to send to the Pacific a ship for every ship put into commission by Australia. Mr. Churchill has proclaimed that ships of inferior caliber will do very well for the Pacific. Australia is entitled to something more than that statement. She is entitled to free and full discussion of imperial defense with every unit of the empire."

Australia is building her own fleet, while New Zealand, who gave her dreadnought to the mother country, has decided to start doing the same unless the imperial government carries out its obligation to strengthen the fleet in the Pacific.

His work was reported by each committee, and the prospects are brightening for one of the greatest patriotic meetings ever held in Montana to be the coming convention in Missoula.

VILLA DIDN'T COME.
Juarez, April 22.—General Villa did not arrive here today, as had been expected, and it was stated that his visit might be indefinitely postponed. Villa is at Chihuahua and had announced that he was coming here to visit his wife.

ROOSEVELT OF NAVY
IN MISSOULA
FRIDAY

A message was received by local Milwaukee officials yesterday that Franklin B. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, and party were leaving Seattle on the Olympian train, and would reach Missoula Friday morning at 7:05 o'clock. Mr. Roosevelt and his party have been on the Pacific coast for some time. The assistant secretary is headed direct for Washington, where, it is understood, he has been called by the Mexican crisis.

THE TONGUES OF MEN
SPLENDIDLY PLAYED

Miss Henrietta Crossman, as finished and powerful as ever in her splendid performance of "The Tongues of Men" at the Missoula theater last evening. Capable support set off Miss Crossman's brilliant acting in satisfactory manner, and made effective the lesson presented in acid satire. The bigotry of the narrowly virtuous was the target for shafts truly aimed and driven fiercely. Never did the moral of the play come offensively into the foreground, but beneath all its splendid artistry the drama was a sermon seldom preached, based upon this text from St. Paul's Epistle to the Corinthians: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal."

STRANGE AUTOMOBILE
BUT CAPABLE IS IMP

J. A. Bouchard of Roman drove into Missoula yesterday in one of the most remarkable automobiles ever shown this city's curious. That it was a real automobile is shown by the fact that it covered the 55 miles of mountain roads between Missoula and Roman in three hours. Bouchard's car is an Imp, manufactured by the Imp Cycle Car company of Auburn, Ind. It carries a 15-horsepower motor, and will accommodate two people, sitting one behind the other. The car is low and rakish, capable of a surprising amount of speed. Mr. Bouchard is Montana agent for the car.

HUERTA'S TROOPS FEW

Washington, April 22.—Officials here do not believe Huerta will take any offensive step, but if he does, the American marines and blue-jackets which will be assembled in Vera Cruz within 24 hours will number about 15,000. Estimates here place the Huerta forces at Mexico City at about 3,000 to 4,000 men, and the belief of army and navy officials is that the American forces, if necessary, would be able to reach the Mexican capital without serious difficulty. The bulk of General Huerta's army is in the north fighting the constitutionalists.

BRYAN WON'T QUIT.

Washington, April 22.—The White House has requested publication of the following: "Secretary Tumulty denied emphatically as wholly unfounded reports that any member of the cabinet contemplates resigning." He said this subject has not been considered by the president or by any member of the cabinet and never has been discussed. The statement is issued in connection with a report that Secretary Bryan is about to resign.

PREPARED.

Galveston, Texas, April 22.—Army headquarters here today ordered the steamer Denver to stop loading and hold herself in readiness for emergency use by the government.

BLOCKADE.

Washington, April 22.—Nine vessels of the revenue cutter service are being held in readiness to proceed to Mexican waters to participate in the blockade of that coast, which already virtually has been established.

HONORS WELL WON
BY CONVINCING
SPEAKERS

HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES AND FRESHMEN DO SPLENDID WORK IN DEBATE.

Class honors were even in the debates held by freshmen and sophomore teams yesterday afternoon at the high school. The question, "Resolved, that the law exempting United States coastwise shipping from Panama canal tolls should be repealed," was taken by the freshman team, Josie Geis and Harold Mead, in the affirmative, and by the sophomores, Lee Ward and Gladys Phillips, in the negative. The sophomores won after a keenly contested debate.

Following immediately came the question, "Resolved, that the United States should not intervene in the present phase of the Mexican trouble." The sophomore team, Frank Phillips and Ralph Bell, upheld the affirmative of this question, and the freshman team, Helen Freeman and Lawrence Berg, spoke for the negative, winning their case in the opinion of the judges. Rev. H. S. Gately, Attorney William F. Wayne and Attorney William L. Murphy served as judges for both debates.

About 200 of the high school students and 40 or 50 visitors were present to hear the speakers. Each debater was allowed five minutes for new arguments and three minutes for rebuttal.

Arrangements will probably be made to have a third debate in order to determine a victory for one of the two classes.

MEXICAN CRAFT IS
THE WINNER

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Cruz were the chief developments of the day. Officials expressed themselves as greatly pleased with the promptness of Rear Admiral Fletcher's forces in taking possession of Vera Cruz and restoring order there.

Future Uncertain.

Future steps are uncertain. The president has determined that his course shall be gradual. No orders have been issued to seize the customs house at Tampico. It is the purpose of the administration to keep order in Vera Cruz and await the full effect of the Huerta act of reprisal by the American government.

There is every reason to believe that the railroad running inland from Vera Cruz for 20 miles, together with a valuable stockpile of supplies for American marines and blue-jackets. This section of the railroad is of supreme importance should future developments require a movement on Mexico City.

Beyond the holding of Vera Cruz and this railroad the Washington government does not want to act at present, but persons in the confidence of the administration admit that action by Huerta and Carranza at any time may alter all plans.

Fears for Americans.

Fears for Americans in Mexico City and other parts of the troubled republic are expressed in many quarters. The house promptly passed a bill today appropriating \$500,000 to care for refugees. The fact that nothing had been heard from Charge O'Shaughnessy for nearly 48 hours made President Wilson and Secretary Bryan uneasy.

Early tonight unofficial communication from Mr. O'Shaughnessy was established, but apprehension has not been allayed as there is little information about the temper of the Huerta government or the people of Mexico City since the capture of Vera Cruz.

O'Shaughnessy.

Secretary Bryan said today that the status of Charge O'Shaughnessy and Charge Algara was unchanged so far as he knew. Charge Algara has had notification from his government, however, that he may leave when he deems it advisable. This is regarded as possibly forecasting Huerta's giving passports to O'Shaughnessy.

Although international lawyers and many in congress are not sure what the diplomatic relations of the United States toward Mexico are, whether "state of war" exists without a declaration to that effect, or whether, as many precedents have shown, the present situation is merely an act of reprisal "short of war," there is no doubt that relations between the Huerta de facto government and the United States have been broken.

In Mexico City.

The United States will not withdraw Charge O'Shaughnessy unless he himself reports it advisable to do so, for the Washington government desires to maintain as long as possible a representative in Mexico City to care for American interests there. If necessary, however, arrangements may be made with some of the other foreign legations to look out for the interests of the United States and transmit such communications as may be necessary to the Huerta government.

Volunteers for service in Mexico will not be called for unless there is a formal declaration of war by congress. This was announced in the house today by Chairman Hay of the house military affairs committee.

Movements of the navy were continued today. The navy department feels that a sufficient force of marines is on the way, not only to take care of the situation at Vera Cruz but of Tampico, too, if the order is given for the seizure of the customs house there.

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- \$12.50 Dinner Sets—Now, \$8.75 (100 Pieces, American Porcelain)
- \$18.50 Dinner Sets—Now, \$11.50 (100 Pieces, American Porcelain)
- \$25.00 Dinner Sets—Now, \$12.50 (100 Pieces, Austrian China)
- \$25.00 Dinner Sets—Now, \$12.50 (95 Pieces, Austrian China)
- \$25.00 Dinner Sets—Now, \$14.85 (98 Pieces, Austrian China)
- \$29.00 Dinner Sets—Now, \$14.90 (61 Pieces, Haviland China)
- \$35.00 Dinner Sets—Now, \$17.50 (42 Pieces, Haviland China)
- \$48.75 Dinner Sets—Now, \$25.00 (52 Pieces, Haviland China)
- \$62.00 Dinner Sets—Now, \$31.00 (42 Pieces, Haviland China)

BIG PATRIOTIC MEET
IS PROMISED IN MAY

The committee in charge of the arrangements for the state encampment of the Montana G. A. R., Spanish War veterans and all affiliated and auxiliary organizations, which is to be held in Missoula during the week beginning May 10, met last evening. Progress in

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