

PRESIDENT RUSHES U. S. FLEET TO MEXICO TO FORCE APOLOGY

WEATHER—Rain late to-night and Wednesday.

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HIGHLANDERS OFF IN FRONT IN FIRST GAME OF SEASON; 15,000 AT POLO GROUNDS

Chance's Youngsters Hit Curves of Athletics Pitcher Bush for Four Runs.

C. OWD SHIVERS IN COLD

McHale Pitching for Local Team, Holds World's Championships at Start.

AT NEW YORK.

ATHLETICS—

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HIGHLANDERS—

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BATTING ORDER.

New York. Athletics.
Mandel, 3b. E. Murphy, rf.
Hartzell, 2b. Oldring, lf.
Walsh, if. Collins, 2c.
Williams, 1b. McKinis, 1b.
Holden, cf. Strunk, cf.
Cook, p. Barry, ss.
Peckinpaugh, ss. Schanz, c.
McHale, p. Bush, p.
Umpires—Evans and Egan.
Attendance, 18,000.

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POLO GROUNDS, NEW YORK.

April 14.—The season of 1914 got away to a shivering start, but it got away just the same. It could be called auspicious because it always is but the attendance was somewhat disappointing. Not more than 15,000 of the faithful braved the chill, but that can be accounted for in the fact that most of them had been victims of the big freeze in Brooklyn last week and knew something.

By the way the baseball people are beginning to realize that those antiseason exhibition games take the edge off openings which does not augur well for a set of games next year.

Things went off smoothly barring a foul ball that hit the base drum in the brass band and the occasional freezing up of the trombone, and this got a laugh.

At 3 o'clock when Lieut.-Governor Robert Wagner began getting himself in shape to throw out the first ball, the bleachers were almost empty notwithstanding that they are sunlit and the best seats. The grandstand was comfortably filled, but not all crowded.

At the request of Manager Chance, who never cared much for martial effects, the usual march across the field was eliminated, and the athletes were permitted to pursue the even tenor of their way, such as "old boyling" each other and playing catch. It was all just as well.

Manager Chance was given quite an ovation as he came on the field, but Connie Mack didn't appear. He was up in the stand talking business to Frank Farrell.

FIRST INNING—McHale was wild at the start and pitched four balls to E. Murphy without getting one over the plate, but this was offset a moment later when McHale made a sharp throw to Williams and caught E. Murphy off the bag. Oldring tapped a slow roller to Mandel and was thrown out at first. Collins took two strikes and then drove a long fly to Holden. NO RUNS.

After hitting two fouls Mandel fell for a wide curve and struck out. Hartzell slammed the ball past third for two bases. Walsh cracked a line single into centre, sending Hartzell home with the first run. On a pitch out Walsh was caught stealing.

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DAGO FRANK FEARED REVENGE ON FAMILY FROM UNDERWORLD

Sister Says That's Why Gunman Hesitated So Long Over Confession.

Something of the terrible vengeance taken on the "squealer" in the underworld was told to-day by Marie Crofeli as she gave intimate details of her parting with her brother, "Dago Frank," a few moments before he went to his death in the electric chair.

Sobbing bitterly, but being encouraged by her brother John and sister Rose to tell the whole thing just as she heard it and saw it, she related the story at her home, No. 360 East One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street this afternoon.

"We begged him to tell all that he knew so that he could die with a clear conscience," she said. "He refused and said: 'If I tell and die vengeance will be wreaked on my family for my squealing. You would be killed and your bodies dismembered.'"

"It was 4:04 o'clock yesterday morning when he did decide to talk. He joined my mother and myself, Father Cashin and the Warden in the counsel room—a large, immaculately clean room. 'I am innocent,' he said, 'and another who is to die in the chair is innocent. Two of the four to die in the chair fired shots and a third man, who was walking on the sidewalk, fired. Becker had absolutely nothing to do with the murder. He was placed in a peculiar position. Because he would not have a finger in the pie the gamblers pulled off the murder to get him in Dutch.'"

She was asked the name of the man on the sidewalk and she replied that Frank had begged her to give no names. She would not deny that Vallon was the man her brother told of.

"Before Frank was taken to the chair his face was transformed. I could not believe my eyes. He looked like a different man and there was a look of divinity on his face as he held the crucifix in his hands.

"The Warden took me to the death cell and let me go behind the screen which keeps a space clear from the bars. There I kissed Frank goodby. 'Whisky Lewis' reached through the bars and kissed me twice, once for his mother and once for his sister. The other men did the same thing.

Frank said that he would sooner die then, while his conscience was clear than at some other time. He declared that he was at peace with God and loved everybody in the world. 'My death,' he said, 'will expiate all three sins I have committed.' He said that he was sorry he was not like the rest of the family.

"We went to try and see the Governor Sunday to tell him that Frank wanted him to know that two of the four did not shoot Rosenthal, but we could not see him. After the execution Father Cashin entered the room where we were waiting and said: 'Frank has gone to his Maker.'"

BEHIND THE SCENES.

Five days ago...

VINCENT ASTOR STRICKEN; MAY DELAY WEDDING

Taken Suddenly Ill at Fiancee's Home in Staatsburg Last Night.

TEMPERATURE WAS 105.

Two Physicians From New York Help Him Pass Sudden Crisis.

Vincent Astor is seriously ill at the country place of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Huntington, whose daughter, Helen, he is to marry on April 30.

He was stricken last night and his temperature rose to 105. He was much better to-day, but Mrs. Huntington said that physicians still regarded his condition as serious, although there was such a marked improvement in comparison to last night that they hoped the crisis had been passed.

Mrs. Huntington added that it might be necessary to postpone the wedding, but they were hoping for the best.

The Huntington place is at Staatsburg, N. Y., near the Astor country home at Rhinebeck. Young Astor will remain where he is until he recovers. In addition to Staatsburg physicians, two doctors from New York were summoned.

It was said that young Astor had not been in good health for several weeks. Recently he caught cold while boating on the Hudson and congestion of the lungs developed. Physicians were afraid he had pneumonia.

WOMAN MORTALLY HURT AS FIRE TENDER HITS CAR

Passengers on Hoyt Street Line Badly Frightened—Fire Horse Had to Be Killed.

A woman was mortally hurt and a score of passengers scared out of their wits in Brooklyn this afternoon when the tender of Fire Engine Company No. 226 crashed into a Hoyt-Sackett street trolley car at the corner of Bergen and Bond streets. Mrs. Mary Fox of No. 79 Douglas street, was taken from the car in a dying condition and removed to Holy Name Hospital. The shaft of the fire tender struck her in the body with terrific force.

The shock of the collision was such that the trolley car was thrown upon the sidewalk. One of the fire horses was so badly hurt that a policeman dispatched it with his gun. Thomas Lanhedy, the driver, was hurled from his seat but was not seriously injured.

The driver and conductor of the car said that they had heard no warning from the tender, but hundreds of people who had stopped to see the apparatus pass, heard the bell going constantly.

NEW TRIAL FOR JOHNSON.

Appeals Court Reverses Decision on White Slave Charges.

CHICAGO, April 14.—Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, to-day was granted a new trial on the Mann Act charges under which the negro was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary and \$1,000 fine. The United States Court of Appeals reversed the decision of the lower court on certain of the counts in Johnson's indictment.

STEAMSHIPS DUE TO-DAY.

Madonna Naples.....10 A. M.
Saratoga, Havana.....11 A. M.

ENTIRE ATLANTIC FLEET ORDERED TO TAMPICO TO COMPEL SALUTE

Demonstration Against Huerta Decided Upon at Cabinet Meeting—Wilson Expects Mexico to Back Down, but Is Ready for Any Outcome—Admiral Mayo to Be Backed Up.

Twenty Big Warships Will Be at Tampico Within Ten Days—Ten Warships Already There—Hint of An Ultimatum From the President Within the Next Few Hours

(Special to The Evening World.) WASHINGTON, April 14.

A general concentration of the Atlantic fleet at Tampico was ordered to-day by Secretary Daniels after a cabinet meeting in which President Wilson laid before the cabinet the necessity for backing up the demand of Rear-Admiral Mayo that the American flag be saluted by the Huerta commander.

It was learned that Charge O'Shaughnessy had reported earlier in the day that the Huerta Government actually had promised to fire a salute to the Dolphin but conditioned it on a salute of response.

The American Government, it is understood, has set forth through Charge O'Shaughnessy that it wishes a public salute to the colors without conditions.

No time limit for the salute has been fixed or is likely to be, it was said on high authority. President Wilson and Secretary Bryan, it was said, are not disposed to regard time as essential, but are insistent that a public salute must be fired.

The Cabinet had discussed the situation in a two-hour meeting, and the general consensus of opinion was that the Washington Government should insist on a salute. After the meeting there was a conspicuous silence on the part of all officers, and Secretary Daniels hurried to the Navy Department, where he prepared a memorandum of naval orders.

President Wilson conferred with Secretary Tumulty and reports were current that later in the day a statement covering the American demand for a salute would be made.

Officials said that while no ultimatum had been issued to the Huerta Government the mobilization of the fleet at Tampico was intended to put the United States in position to enforce one should the immediate developments make it necessary.

No explanation of the order to the American fleet was forthcoming. Secretary Daniels in issuing the statement telling of the movement said:

"I am making public a most important announcement. It is self-explanatory and I must not be interrogated about it. The statement will speak for itself."

Only one interpretation was placed upon the action by Administration officials fully cognizant of what was going on behind the scenes. This was that Huerta must salute the American flag as reparation for the indignity in the arrest of American marines last week.

A Demonstration in Force.

Administration officials openly declared that temporizing so far as Huerta is concerned is at an end. Huerta is to be given a demonstration of force. Whether in the face of the overwhelming armament which will confront him within the next few days, he will assume a conciliatory attitude no one here is prepared to say.

It developed this afternoon that John Lind assured President

Three Admirals of the United States Fleet Ordered to Concentrate Immediately in Tampico



REAR ADMIRAL BADGER



REAR ADMIRAL MAYO



REAR ADMIRAL FLETCHER

TEXT OF DANIEL'S ORDER TO NAVY

A statement issued by Secretary Daniels follows: "Secretary of the Navy Daniels this afternoon sent orders to Rear-Admiral Badger, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, to proceed with all the ships under his command to Tampico. Admiral Badger is at Hampton Roads. At the same time orders were issued for the Hancock, now at New Orleans with 800 marines, to proceed at once to Tampico. Orders were also issued to the South Carolina, en route from San Domingo, to join the fleet at Hampton Roads, intercepting her and ordering her to Tampico. Orders were also issued to the Nashville, at San Domingo, to proceed to Tampico. Orders were also issued to the Tacoma, now at Boston, to proceed to Tampico. The torpedo fleet now at Pensacola was notified to stand for orders to proceed to Tampico."

SPAIN DENIES KING ASKED BRITISH AID FOR SUBJECTS IN MEXICO.

MADRID, Spain, April 14.—Premier Eduardo Dato to-day authorized the most complete denial of reports published in the United States that King Alfonso had personally asked the British Government to use its influence for the protection of Spanish subjects in Mexico. The King of Spain, according to Senor Dato, has done nothing of the kind. On the other hand, the Spanish Government has asked the United States Government alone to aid in the protection of Spaniards.

Premier Dato added that the Spanish Government was entirely satisfied with the attitude of the United States.

World Wants Work Wonders.

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