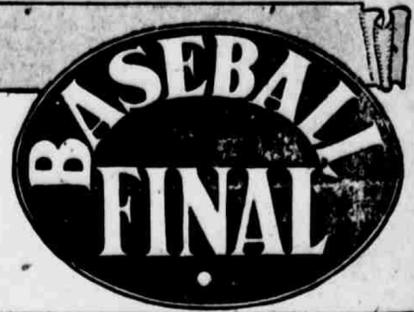


FLETCHER SILENT ON SEIZURE OF VERA CRUZ



BOX SCORES.



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WILSON IS UPHELD BY THE SENATORS IN HIS WAR ON HUERTA

Shively Urges Prompt Action on Resolution Justifying the President, While Lodge Urges a More Sweeping Declaration.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Consideration of the substitute resolution justifying the President in his action to force Huerta to terms was begun as soon as the Senate met at noon to-day.

"In a situation of high seriousness, such as now confronts Congress, it is well to remember the responsibility of the Senate," said Senator Lodge in opening the debate. "The power to declare war rests under the Constitution with the Congress.

"When the President lays an international controversy before Congress he takes the last step that precedes war," continued Mr. Lodge. "The President might have taken further steps, but he has come to the body which alone has power to declare war. I think he has done well.

This resolution uses the word 'hostility' instead of 'authorities,' he said. 'The result will be the same. This resolution does not contemplate the declaration of war. The President, in his message, disclaimed any hostility toward the Mexican people. But this resolution carries with it armed intervention.

Reviewing the Tampico incident, Senator Lodge continued: "There is no doubt in my mind that that incident at Tampico constituted an insult to the American flag and the American uniform. No nation can allow such an insult to pass unavenged. It is its duty to seek prompt reparation and compensation. The form of such reparation is universally recognized. It is a salute to the flag of the offended nation. But that salute is a governmental action. All party lines disappear in the demand for reparation for such an insult and we will stand behind the President's demand for reparation."

Senator Lodge resented any imputations that the Republicans were "lacking in proper regard for honor of the flag."

"But we must also think of that which the flag covers,—the citizens of the United States," he said, "one hundred and fifty American citizens have perished on Mexican soil. I cannot, in demanding reparation of the insult at Tampico overlook these outrages. I cannot pass these murders silently by."

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GRAND JURY DECLARES ENGINEER BENSEL UNFIT

Demands Changes to Do Away With Opportunities for Graft on Public Works.

A presentment filed this afternoon by the Special Grand Jury of the Supreme Court sworn in six months ago to investigate charges of graft in the building of the Ashokan water supply system declares that State Engineer and Surveyor John A. Benseal is unfit to hold public office.

The charge is based upon Mr. Benseal's refusal to waive immunity and testify before the Grand Jury concerning the awarding of certain contracts by the Board of Water Supply at a time when Mr. Benseal was a member of that body.

The Grand Jury makes many recommendations looking to the lessening or doing away with opportunities for graft on great public works. It also recommends that the Board of Water Supply be reorganized without unnecessary delay and declares that there is no legal evidence to believe that a former member of the board was cognizant of irregularities in the awarding of contracts.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

AT BROOKLYN—

GIANTS WIN	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	—	6
BROOKLYN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0

Batteries—Demaree and McLean; Reulbach, Allen and Miller. Umpires—Hart and Kien.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

AT NEW YORK—

HIGHLANDERS WIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	—	3
WASHINGTON	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	—	2	

Batteries—Boehling and Henry; Fisher and Sweeney. Umpires—Egan and Evans.

FEDERAL LEAGUE

AT BALTIMORE—

BROOKLYN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	—	2
BALTIMORE	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	2

Batteries—Lafitte and Owens; Quinn and Jacklitch. Umpires—Anderson and Cross.

GIANTS WIN FIRST ON HOME RUNS BY DOYLE AND STOCK

Demaree Pitches Fine Game, but Misplays Handicap Efforts of Reulbach.

NEW YORK.

R.	H.	P.	A.	E.
Bescher, cf.	1	1	1	0
Burns, lf.	1	1	0	0
Fletcher, ss.	0	1	3	4
Doyle, 2b.	3	2	4	0
Merkle, 1b.	0	1	13	1
Murray, rf.	0	1	1	0
Stock, 3b.	1	1	2	3
McLean, c.	0	1	3	2
Demaree, p.	0	0	0	0

Totals..... 6 9 28 14 1
*Cuthaw hit by batted ball in 1st.

(Special to The Evening World.)

AT BALTIMORE, Md., April 21.—The Brooklyn Feds met Knabe's Terrapins, while across the street the Baltimore Internationals opened the season with the Buffalo team in the first battle for gate receipts in the baseball war in the Monumental City. The crowd was late in arriving and though slow the Feds appeared to be admitting two or three for every one that entered Oriole Park. President Harrows of the Internationals was on hand to see his league off.

The day was cool and by no means the best for baseball. Jack Dunn, manager of the Orioles, provided a big band and it helped to attract those whose minds were not made up. Walter Ward, Treasurer of the Brooklyn, was out in full uniform and practised with the team.

FIRST INNING—Cooper out, Quinn to Swacina. Myers struck out. Hoffman fled to Myers. NO RUNS.

Myer walked. Knabe out to Myers. Unassisted, Meyer going to second. Zinn out, LaFitte to Myers. Meyer going to third. Simmons rolled to LaFitte, who threw him out to Myers. NO RUNS.

SECOND INNING—Simmons captured Delahanty's fly by a great running catch. Murphy struck out. Westral singled to center. The first clean hit of the game. Gargate fled out to Zinn. NO RUNS.

Swacina out, Delahanty to Myers. Walsh singled to right. The first safe smash for the home team. Deagan crashed one through the hole that struck LaFitte's shoe and bounded to Myers who retired the batter. Jacklitch walked. Quinn singled.

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Admiral of Fleet at Vera Cruz Who May Seize the City To-Day



REAR ADMIRAL F. F. FLETCHER

OTHER GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

AT PHILADELPHIA.

BOSTON	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	—	3
PHILADELPHIA	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	1

Batteries—Crutcher and Gowdy; Whaling, Goechler and Burns. Umpires—Quigley and Eason.

AT CINCINNATI.

PITTSBURGH	0	3	0	0	2	0	—	2
CINCINNATI	0	0	0	1	0	—	1	

Batteries—McQuillen and Gibson; Yingling, Douglas and Clarke. Gonzales. Umpires—Rigler and Emslie.

FLAMES KILL 13 WHILE SOLDIERS FIGHT STRIKERS

Women and Children Seeking Refuge From Bullets Are Smothered in Cave.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

AT BOSTON.

ATHLETICS	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	—	1
BOSTON	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	1

Batteries—Shawkey and Schang; Leonard and Thomas. Umpires—Connelly and Dineen.

AT DETROIT.

CLEVELAND	4	0	0	0	—	4
DETROIT	0	0	0	4	—	4

Batteries—Hagerman, Cullop and Billings; J. Williams and Stange. Umpires—Hedder and O'Loughlin.

AT CHICAGO.

ST. LOUIS	0	1	0	0	0	0	—	1
CHICAGO	0	4	1	0	1	0	—	6

Batteries—Mitchel and Cronin; Bens and Mohalk. Umpires—Chill and Sheridan.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Rochester	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Baltimore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toronto	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Providence	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montreal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jersey City	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

MEXICO CITY REPORT OF LANDING OF MARINES LACKS CONFIRMATION

Wilson Called From Bed at Daybreak to Approve Order That Fletcher Prevent Arms on German Ship From Reaching Dictator.

200 MACHINE GUNS WILL FALL INTO OUR HANDS

Millions of Rounds of Ammunition Shipped to Mexican Dictator Will Also Be Taken by Americans.

(BY UNITED PRESS.)
MEXICO CITY, April 21.—American troops have entered Mexico at Vera Cruz.

The United Press states that the above despatch was received at 3.10 this afternoon.

Secretary Daniels Says He Has No Word From Fletcher. (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 21.—At 2.30 o'clock Secretary Daniels said he had "no word" of developments at Vera Cruz. Official circles without comment heard a report that marines had landed and taken possession of the Customs House. It was said Admiral Fletcher's orders were to land no men until the shipment of munitions had been landed.

While the Senate still was in debate, acting Chairman Shively of the Foreign Relations Committee made a significant statement to an inquirer.

"I strongly suspect Vera Cruz has been taken without firing a shot," said he. He declined to amplify his remark.

By Samuel M. Williams. (Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The first aggressive act of war with Mexico was ordered at daybreak this morning. Admiral Fletcher was ordered to seize the custom house at Vera Cruz the instant there appeared off the harbor the German ship bearing ammunition and military supplies consigned to the Huerta Government. That ship is scheduled to arrive in Vera Cruz to-day.

There is anxious waiting in White House and Navy Department for the first flash of news from Admiral Fletcher that he has landed marines and taken possession of the city.

President Wilson and his advisors considered the emergency so great that they decided not to wait for Congress to act on the resolution authorizing the President to go ahead. When the Senate at its midnight session postponed the adoption of the resolution that the House passed earlier in the night there was a conference of Cabinet members and chief officers of the navy.

They concluded that it would be folly to permit the German ship to land its cargo of 200 machine guns and millions of rounds of ammunition that could be turned against the American forces either at Vera Cruz or the City of Mexico.

The guns are of the latest models of Krupp rapid-fire machine guns. Huerta, it is said, ordered them specifically to hold and defend the railway from Mexico City to Vera Cruz. The seizure of this line is the very first step contemplated by army and navy strategists to follow occupation of Vera Cruz and the initial warlike measures. If Huerta obtains arms to defend it, the task of the United States will be infinitely increased.

Secretary Daniels announced late to-day that Rear-Admiral Mayo with his flagship Connecticut and most of the other vessels under his command had steamed for Vera Cruz. All the vessels of Rear-Admiral Badger's fleet had been ordered to go directly to Vera Cruz.

It was agreed that the consignment must be prevented from reaching the Huerta forces at all hazards. President Wilson had gone to bed. The little council of war debated whether to let the machine guns pass.

Three women and a number of children, possibly ten, were smothered to death in the fire that swept the Ludlow tent colony last night during the fight between troops and strikers, according to a statement given out at union headquarters. The party had taken refuge in a cave. The statement is confirmed at the military camp at Ludlow.

There was a scene of desolation in and about Ludlow. Only one tent remains standing out of 200 or more which for six months have been the homes of several hundred strikers and their families. Husbands were separated from wives and mothers lost their children last night in the mad rush for safety that followed the firing of the tents.

Frightened women and children to-day were massed about the Ludlow station, while militiamen patrolled the railroad tracks and the vicinity about the town and colony. Searching parties are looking for the bodies of victims.