

OIL UPSETS WILSON POLICY IN MEXICO

European Domination Increasing by New Acquisitions at Tampico.

AMERICANS FORCED TO GIVE UP WELLS

Transfers to British Interests Reported Necessary to Obtain Protection.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, May 9.—Aside from the danger of physical destruction which threatens the American oil properties around Tampico, the administration is concerned over the prospect of many oil fields passing out of American hands and into those of persons of other nationalities.

The Tribune correspondent is informed that the question of European domination in Mexico and the extension of European influence and interests there, which run so closely and quickly from commercial to political, is one that is uppermost in the mind of the President.

For several years European interests, especially the English, have had a paramount influence with the government in Mexico City, which has been embarrassing to the United States, and is a prime feature of President Wilson's whole Mexican policy to eradicate this condition and to save Mexico not only from her nefarious leaders, like Huerta, but also from the concessionaires from abroad.

Secretary Bryan announced late today that he had instructed the American Consul at Tampico to investigate reports that title to American owned oil wells in the Tampico district had been transferred to British owners for the purpose of obtaining protection from the British government.

Lord Cowdray Active.

The activity of the great Aquila Oil Company, headed by Lord Cowdray, of London & Son, has been particularly irritating to the United States, and at one time American diplomacy brought all its influence to bear to block the expansion of the oil company's interests in the oil fields around Tampico.

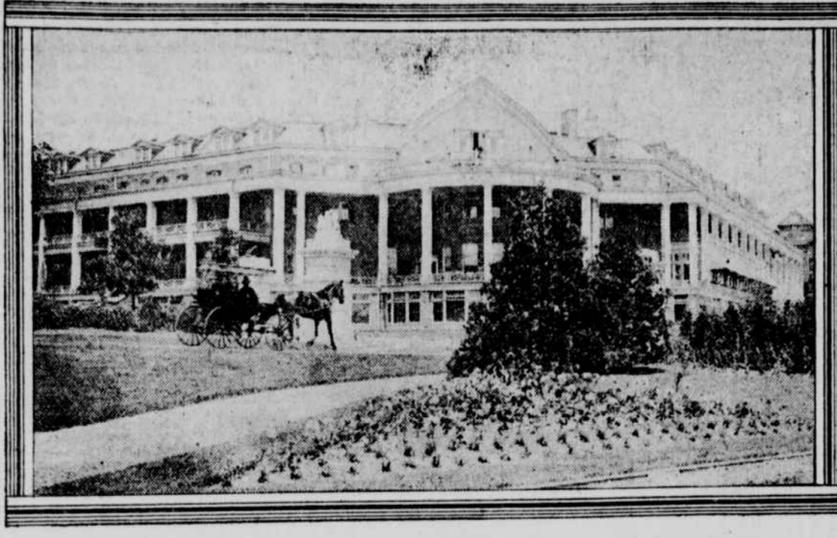
The fear of this government was that there might grow out of the greater industry at Tampico some fuel station, which in time of war could be utilized by oil burning warships.

Advises received from Rear Admiral Badger indicate that American oil owners are in danger of losing their properties. The refugees from Tampico bring the same information to the administration, and they are here to ask for protection which will make it possible for them to return to their properties, as much as to obtain redress for the wrong which they consider was done when Rear Admiral Mayo was ordered to withdraw his ships from Tampico.

Admiral Badger reports that W. H. Lyon, representing the Texas Company, with large oil properties at Pecos, near Tampico, has arrived at Vera Cruz on the tug Pan-American from Tampico. Mr. Lyon boarded the tug at Port Arthur, Tex., and went to Tampico.

Arriving off the Panuco River he found that fighting was going on in the vicinity of Tampico and that it would be decidedly unsafe for the tug to enter the Panuco River, or for Mr. Lyon's employees to return to their work on the oil property. Mr. Lyon reported to Admiral Badger that all Americans have abandoned their oil property in the vicinity of the Texas Company's wells, leaving Mexicans in charge. So far as

CLIFTON HOTEL, NIAGARA FALLS, ONT., WHERE MEDIATORS WILL MEET ON MAY 18.



QUEEN VICTORIA PARK, ACROSS THE DRIVEWAY FROM THE CLIFTON HOTEL.

Mr. Lyon knows no Americans have been able to return to their property.

Leases To Be Forfeited.

Mr. Lyon went to Vera Cruz for the purpose of making some arrangement to pay for the Texas Company's oil leases. He gave it as his opinion that many owners would be unable to make their payments on their leases and that property of great value would be lost on account of lease forfeiture.

Mr. Lyon also reported to Admiral Badger that Harold Walker, of the Houston Company, which is owned by the Doheny interests, was turned back at Tampico when he tried to go to Casiano.

Responding to an inquiry from the Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Badger reports that he has not heard of any oil wells in the Tampico district being on fire and that if such had been the case he certainly would have heard about it.

Admiral Mayo has reported to Admiral Badger that while the rebels are still surrounding Tampico he has received no information of any fighting, nor has he heard any shooting to-day. There was only a little yesterday.

Exchanges Close to Honor Dead

The governors of the Stock Exchange yesterday voted to close the exchange to-morrow from 10 to 11 o'clock in honor of the United States sailors and marines who died at Vera Cruz. The exchange will also be closed for this hour, as well as the curb market. The Consolidated Stock Exchange will not open for business until 10:30, one hour later than usual.

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ARMY HAS LITTLE TO FEAR FROM DISEASE AT VERA CRUZ

Great Strides for Health Made Since Cuban Campaign and City Is Almost a Model of Cleanliness and Sanitation.

By ARTHUR BULL.

Vera Cruz, May 9.—The health of the American army is excellent, and there is every reason to expect that it will stay so. Only three-fourths of 1 per cent are on the sick list, and these are all trivial cases.

A tremendous lot about the preservation of health has been learned by the army since the Cuban campaign, and American army doctors probably know more about meeting tropical conditions, fighting diseases peculiar to tropical regions and taking care of the men than do any army doctors in the world. The army and the doctors have had experience in addition to that in Cuba, in Porto Rico, Panama, China and the Philippines.

In preparation for coming here necessary measures were taken, and on arrival at Vera Cruz further means were put into effect for meeting conditions in the field. Before the Cuban campaign there were two thousand cases of typhoid fever in the camp at Jacksonville and four hundred deaths. Many so-called malaria cases, after reaching Cuba, developed into walking typhoid.

Contrast this with the experience in Galveston, where the men now at Vera Cruz were in camp. There was typhoid in the city, yet there was nothing of an infectious nature in the divisional camp for fourteen months. The men, therefore, arrived here in perfect condition.

City Model for Cleanliness.

Vera Cruz used to be an unhealthful port, like Santos and Guayaquil. Ten years ago the Mexicans, under Dr. Li-cenga, following American methods, cleaned up the city and put modern sanitary precautions in operation. It is now almost a model city, considering its population and location in the malarial belt of Mexico. It has good, clean water and a fine system of sewers.

Nevertheless, every precaution is being taken by the American forces. All buildings used as barracks were first thoroughly disinfected. The floors and wood-work were sprayed and all old refuse was burned. No refuse is allowed to accumulate, being burned daily. The army is co-operating with the marines in sanitary work.

One hundred and forty men were working to-day in the old Cuartel, where there had been some smallpox and meningitis. They are spraying with a small fire engine, using a strong solution of cresoline. Chief Surgeon F. M. Hartsock is in charge of the division of sanitation, and Dr. Gutierrez is in charge of the city itself, and will remain here if the army moves to keep the port healthful.

Killing of Mosquitoes.

Precautions against mosquitoes are also being taken. Forty petroleums, or petroleum sprayers, are now working in town to cover all places likely to serve as breeding places. Even more stringent precautions will be taken as the rainy season advances. About four and a half

PEACE MEN REJOICE OVER MEDIATION

Carnegie and Others Issue a Statement Commending the A B C Offer.

In announcing yesterday that William Jennings Bryan will deliver at the Broadway Tabernacle Church at 8 o'clock on Sunday evening, May 17, a peace day address under its auspices, the New York Peace Society issued a statement in which it declared that the mediation of the South American republics had brought us within reach of "the desired goal" of peace with Mexico.

Among the signers of this statement are Andrew Carnegie, Dr. Lyman Abbott,

FUNERAL SHIP DUE HERE TO-DAY

The Montana, Bearing Vera Cruz Dead, Will Anchor Off the Battery.

CITY TO-MORROW WILL HONOR HEROES

Impressive Services Planned—Guests of Distinction to Witness Spectacle.

The cruiser Montana, bearing the bodies of the seventeen sailors and marines killed at Vera Cruz, will arrive to-day, escorted by the Dreadnought Wyoming and Secretary Daniels in the yacht Mayflower, and will come to anchor 600 yards off the Battery.

There the funeral ship will await the transfer of the caskets on Monday morning for the beginning of the most impressive funeral procession and memorial services ever witnessed outside of war times.

All preparations for a great national tribute to the dead were completed yesterday and approved by Secretary Daniels by wireless on the Mayflower.

The President, seven Senators and a committee from the House of Representatives will arrive to-night to join the funeral cortege as it starts from Pier A, at the Battery, on Monday morning at 9 o'clock, with bands playing dirges, battalions of sailors with arms reversed and an escort of officers surrounding the seventeen flag draped, flower heaped caskets of the dead.

The Dreadnought Wyoming left the navy yard yesterday and proceeded to Ambrose Lightship, where the big fighter stood by all night awaiting the Montana and Mayflower, speeding up the coast.

The city's part in the funeral, it was said yesterday, will go through without a hitch, from the placing of a huge wreath marked "The City's Tribute" on the leading casket by Mayor Mitchell to the singing of "Near, My God, to Thee" by five hundred school children drawn up before City Hall.

The Japanese Emperor yesterday appointed Captain Takeschi, Japanese attaché of the embassy at Washington, to represent him at the funeral.

A detail of four officers and eighty men from the 7th Regiment, under Colonel Daniel Appleton, was appointed by Mayor Mitchell to act as guides to the distinguished guests at City Hall. It is probable that several regiments of the National Guard will be lined up along the route of the procession from the Battery to the navy yard.

The body of Samuel Meisinger, the one Chicago youth among the seamen on the Prairie to meet death at Vera Cruz, will be met by his father, Morris Meisinger, and a deputation from the Order of the Independent Western Star, headed by its grand secretary, I. Shapiro. Mr. Shapiro was appointed by Mayor Carter Harrison of Chicago to represent that city on Meisinger's behalf in the ceremonies to be held in this city.

CROWD CHEERS CARRANZA Big Reception to Rebel Chief on His Arrival at Torreon.

Torreon, Mexico, May 9.—General Carranza, leader of the Constitutionalists, has been given enthusiastic receptions by his troops and by citizens whenever he has appeared since his arrival here.

Anxious to catch a glimpse of the leader of the popular cause, thousands of the crowd gathered yesterday, and as General Carranza stepped out on a balcony the crowd tossed sombreros, waved serapes and mantillas and shouted vivas for the rebel government and its chief.

General Carranza's speech was interrupted by cheers and applause. Later the general reviewed such troops as had not been sent to the front to join the attack on Saltillo and San Luis Potosi.

HUERTA AND BRYAN SPLIT ON ARMISTICE

Dictator Not Likely to Accept Contention That Status Quo Has Been Maintained.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, May 9.—According to statements made by the Secretary of State to-day, the answer of the government to Huerta's complaint to the A B C mediators that the United States had violated the armistice was simply that the United States had taken no "aggressive action" and that the military status quo had been maintained. It is by no means certain that the answer will be satisfactory to Huerta, and the situation may lead to complications.

When Secretary Bryan was asked what the "military status quo" was he referred inquirers to the War Department. The Secretary of War, however, said that he was not going to interpret it as a matter for the State Department.

Huerta makes the landing of Funston's brigade a basis of complaint, as the landing took place just as the armistice was agreed upon. The American contention is that the landing of Funston's force was not aggressive, as no effort was made to advance, that it did not change the status quo because Funston's men only relieved the naval force ashore and merely operated to retain the military position already established. There was no increase, generally speaking, of the American force in Vera Cruz. Furthermore, Funston had started for the front before an armistice had been proposed.

There is no doubt here, despite official reticence, that Funston has been rearranging his forces around Vera Cruz, but it is said by Secretary Garrison that he has had no orders to extend his lines, nor has he asked permission to do so. No orders have been sent for him not to do so, although, according to Mr. Garrison, this might be inferentially considered the case.

When Mr. Garrison was asked if Funston had strengthened his forces at the waterworks outside Vera Cruz, where there is a point of contact with the Mexican army, Mr. Garrison said that General Funston reported that he had. "But," said Mr. Garrison, "there is a big difference between making a line thicker and lengthening one."

American Arms for Ulster.

Dublin, May 9.—The customs authorities to-day seized twenty cases of arms on the steamer Lord Charlemont, from Baltimore, April 18. The contents of the cases were described in the invoice as fowling pieces manufactured in the United States. They were consigned to an English firm at Wolverhampton for delivery at Dublin.

Advertisement for Kurzman Importer, featuring Paris fashion items like crepe frocks, dresses, and hats.

GETTING READY TO SEND 50,000 TROOPS

Preparing Immense Supplies Also at Galveston for Vera Cruz.

Galveston, May 9.—The conversion of chartered steamships into army transports and supply carriers moved rapidly forward at the army pier here to-day, and the quartermaster's department is under orders to be prepared to move troops in large numbers and vast quantities of supplies to Vera Cruz.

EAGLE PASS PULLS DOWN HUERTA FLAG

By Telegraph to The Tribune. Eagle Pass, Tex., May 9.—Huerta's flag has come down in Eagle Pass. Six United States soldiers, led by an editor, lowered it. The identity of the soldiers has not been disclosed. They were troopers on border duty who came to town and met J. O. Boehmer, editor of "The Eagle Pass Guide," a native Texan.

Announcement When Store Re-opens and Date of Reorganization Sale Will Be Made as Soon as Possible.

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