

MEXICO AND U. S. ON BRINK OF WAR

SILENCE OF YOUNG GIFFORD CAUSES PROSECUTOR TO BELIEVE IN HIS GUILT

made by the leaders of Congress for receiving on Monday the address which the President has announced he will deliver to that body in the event of Huerta's continued defiance.

48 Warships, 667 Guns, Ready for Immediate Use Against Mexico

Table with columns: Vessel, Commander, No. of Guns, Officers & Men. Lists various ships like Connecticut, Minnesota, Chester, etc.

Vessels Now At Tampico. Vessels Now At Vera Cruz.

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Two divisions of torpedo flotilla.

A few minutes Mr. Tumulty himself appeared with the informal announcement that Huerta was still obstinate.

"Nothing to Do Till To-morrow."

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Here is the record of events in the life of President Wilson on April 18, 1914.

A game of golf at the Washington Country Club.

A hurried notice from the White House that Huerta had refused to salute the United States flag.

A dash back to Washington in an automobile.

The drafting of an ultimatum to Huerta.

A long motor ride in the country.

A quick change to formal afternoon dress and attendance at the wedding of Chairman Henry D. Clegg of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs to Miss Anna Porter.

Attendance at a theatre in the evening.

Boarded his private car at 11:12 o'clock to-night and left for White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

The President will remain in White Sulphur Springs only until to-morrow night, when he will be kept fully advised of the Mexican situation.

Attention to order a blockade of the ports of Tampico and Vera Cruz and to seize the railroads running toward Mexico city from these points several miles inland.

It was stated further that these steps would be carried out by the United States without repeating the demand for reparation.

An effort was made by friends of the administration this afternoon to convince the President that he ought to withhold these documents until he has communicated with Congress, as he will do on Monday morning, unless before that time Huerta has yielded.

Secretary Bryan as he left the White House said he understood it was the President's purpose to give Huerta until 6 P. M. to-morrow to signify his intention to fire the salute, and not, as had been reported, to wait until 10 o'clock.

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VILLA PLANS MOVE ON SOUTHERN CITY

Campaign Will Include Attack on Guadalajara by Gen. Alvaro Obregon.

TWO TOWNS CAPTURED

Salinas and Puente Morelos in Hands of Rebels, and Former Is Burning.

EL PASO, Tex., April 18.—Rebels have captured Salinas and Puente Morelos, in San Luis Potosi, and Salinas is burning, according to a despatch received to-day from Matamoros by the Department of Information in Juarez.

Communication between San Luis Potosi and Saltillo has been destroyed by a column of rebels under F. Martinez, according to official advices. Martinez also captured a large number of Federals in retreat from San Pedro.

A detachment of Federals in retreat from San Pedro also was met between Farris and Saltillo by a rebel force under Gutierrez and the entire detachment was captured. News of another rebel victory was received at Juarez this afternoon when a telegram dated Torreon, April 17, was received by officials in the border town. The telegram read:

"Our forces, under command of Gen. Luis Gutierrez, defeated 1,200 Federals at Hacienda de Juan Am. Among the Federal dead were Gen. Enrique Perez, a colonel, a lieutenant-colonel, a major and several captains. We captured many horses, saddles, one cannon, much ammunition, 20 hand grenades and six cases of Mauser cartridges. The Federals, in retreating, were again attacked by a detachment under Major Facundo Nieto, who killed seventy more of the enemy."

According to other advices received by the rebels, a campaign against Guadalajara will be begun at once by Gen. Alvaro Obregon. The campaign will begin from Navajos, Sonora, where it is reported a column is being organized. The plan of campaign of the rebels is now believed to be to strike at Saltillo, Monterey, Zacatecas, San Luis Potosi and Guadalajara simultaneously. This is borne out by the fact that the advance guard from San Pedro is already close to Saltillo, the forces of Pablo Gonzales have been reported as operating around San Luis Potosi and there was an apparently reliable report in Juarez Friday that Natera has begun his campaign against Zacatecas.

A special train comprising nineteen cars, all loaded with ammunition, rifles, machine guns, dynamite and other war munitions, left this afternoon for Torreon. The train was in charge of an escort of rebel soldiers. The train is expected to arrive at Torreon by Monday.

HUERTA NEAR DOWNFALL?

Reports Reach Washington of Threatened Reign of Terror.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—There were many reports in Washington to-night of threatened trouble in the city of Mexico. Some of these rumors were to the effect that a situation is approaching where another victory by the Constitutionalists will start an uprising against Huerta and another reign of terror in that city.

John Lind, the President's special envoy in Mexico, is said to have outlined possibilities of this character to President Wilson and to have urged the sending of a fleet and other precautionary preparations on this ground alone. A story was going around to-night that Mr. Lind's hasty return to Washington was in fact due to an appeal made to him by a committee representing the Diplomatic Corps in Mexico and by representatives of the colony in that city.

The story goes that Mr. Lind was advised that Huerta was at his wits' end financially, was unable to pay his army and had fallen in an attempt to raise a regiment which he had hoped to send to the defence of Tampico, or at least to check the advance of the rebels. Those who were inclined to credit these stories of an approaching revolt against Huerta in Mexico city explained the despatch of the big fleet of American war vessels chiefly on this ground. Statements were made by men who are supposed to be in the confidence of the Administration that the movement of the naval forces will be followed by orders for a movement of troops along the border, and possibly by a call for State militia.

According to this view of the situation the Tampico incident has been seized by the Wilson Administration merely as a pretext for meeting a situation in Mexico that threatens to get beyond the control of Huerta.

ARKANSAS ENTERING GULF.

Rear Admiral Badger Instructs Fletcher Regarding Conference.

[By Wireless from THE SUN correspondent.]

ABOARD UNITED STATES STEAMSHIP ARKANSAS, by wireless via Jupiter, Fla., April 18.—Rear Admiral Badger sent a wireless message to-day directing Rear Admiral Fletcher to meet the flagship on her arrival at Tampico Wednesday for a conference. All plans are tentative owing to the uncertainty of developments at Washington and Mexico city.

It is probable that Rear Admiral Badger will designate a gunboat to return the Mexican salute, if it is fired, as the Arkansas is too big to approach the city of Tampico.

The Arkansas passed close to Palm Beach this morning. Officially no advices have been received, but when press reports of an agreement by Huerta to salute the flag were followed by reports that the fleet had left Washington by quibbling demands for men took a new interest in their drill.

The orders to the fleet remain unchanged. The instructions to sail from Hampton Roads to Tampico are still in force.

The battleships Louisiana and Michigan will join the fleet at Tampico Wednesday.

Rear Admiral Badger expects to be off Key West to-morrow, where the fleet will be joined by the South Carolina. Practice battalion drills are in progress on the ships.

posses of stealing an automobile or for other robbery, since he supplied the boy with ample funds and they had no quarrel over money matters. He also ridiculed reports that the State might seek to bring a young woman into the case. So far as he knew, he said, his son and Clute had no common acquaintance.

Mr. Gifford said that his son knew little about automobiles, had driven only a few times and then when his father sat beside him, and that he did not believe the boy would attempt to run a strange car, as according to the prosecutor's case, the murderer of Clute attempted to do.

In reply to the statement of the prosecutor that weight was attached to the fact that a pair of gloves found in the room on the main road between Chatham and Valatie. Reward will be paid when gloves are received at Journal office.

Mrs. Gifford, mother of the boy, did not come to Albany to see her son to-day. At the family home in Hudson, one of the finest houses in town, she told The Sun reporter that she could not believe that the charges against him and any foundation for the letters she had received from the principal of the Williston School telling of Malcolm's fine progress in the three months that he had been there, months which if the charges against the boy is true were burdened with the guilty knowledge of murder.

In the absence of Dr. Pettit, principal of the Housac School, an assistant said that Gifford was expelled for going to the village of Hoosick Falls, three miles from the school, at a late hour without permission.

The three boys, who with Young Gifford made up the party which started for the dance at the Troy club on the night of April 1, 1913, and whose testimony assisted in procuring the indictment against their chum, returned to their schools yesterday. Toward Rainey of Hudson, son of F. Mitchell Rainey, cashier of the Hudson Savings Institution, and Derrick Boardman, son of Henry F. Boardman, a Troy lawyer, went to the Pawling School, Joseph Shimmion was the third boy.

The testimony of the boys was almost identical. They, with Malcolm Gifford, had started for the dance at the Troy club at about 7:30 o'clock. On the way to the club, they said, Malcolm Gifford said he guessed he wouldn't go to the dance after all, and left the others.

At 11 o'clock, they said, he joined them at the dance and they say they noted that the trousers of his evening clothes and his shoes were mud-stained. The next morning, they said, he borrowed a cap for the journey back to Hudson.

The Gifford family is one of the oldest in Hudson, a city of old families. The present business of manufacturing ice harvesting and coal conveying machinery was founded by Elihu Gifford, a grandfather of the prisoner, in 1814.

He handed it down to his sons and they handed it down to their sons.

In 1905 the similar business of William T. Wood & Co. of Arlington, Mass., was started by Gifford and his sons, who were merged into the present company.

The boy's father is a nephew of the late Sanford R. Gifford, the New York architect. His mother was a Miss Wells of New York.

The city of Hudson has taken the arrest of Malcolm Gifford as an affront to one of its most cherished children. The Columbia Evening Post, a morning newspaper, speaks of the indictment as "a great injustice" and adds that those who know the boy "have no doubt of his absolute and complete independence, evidenced in his resolute refusal to answer the questions of the prosecutor, was shown after his expulsion from the Housac



Malcolm Gifford, Jr.

no to escape the accusation would have been to account for these four hours and the finding of the gloves which the prosecution will contend were his.

Even the finding of Clute's pocketbook containing his license cap under a piece of loose lin on a projecting roof of the Troy house, where Gifford was a guest, would not have warranted further proceedings had these other questions been taken to a lawyer and Gifford his stack of magazines, which he reads with every evidence of unconcern.

A younger son of the Gifford family was killed by being struck by a train a few years ago at the Hudson railroad station.

54 SUSPENDED FOR HAZING.

Eighteen Other Lafayette Sophomores on Probation—Strike Threat.

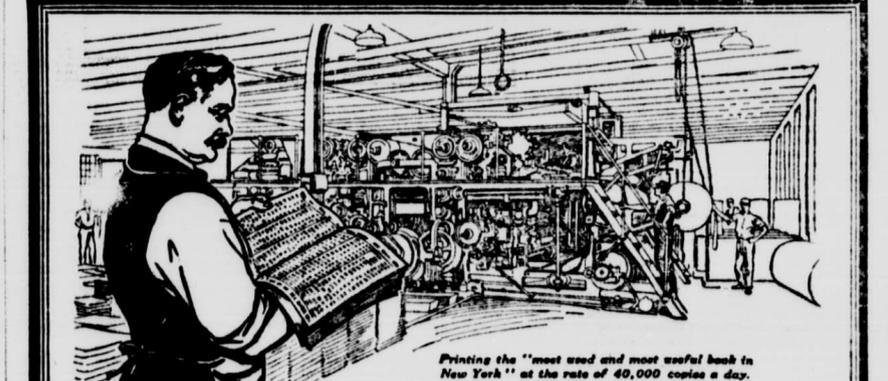
EASTON, Pa., April 18.—Fifty-four sophomores were suspended indefinitely and eighteen others put on probation by an order of the Lafayette College faculty issued to-day. Among the suspended men were four members of the basketball team and several members of the track team.

The order was the result of a hazing conducted by the sophomores on the night of April 16. The freshmen were taken to a lonely spot along the Delaware River and made to run the gantlet. Several of the freshmen were severely bruised.

The suspension followed admissions made by the sophomores themselves. Every officer of the class was included in the punishment. Indignation among the students ran so high that for a time a general strike of all the classes was threatened.

Subsequently, on the plea of some of the suspended men themselves, the strike was dropped and a set of resolutions signed by more than 500 students, which were read at a mass meeting, asking the faculty to rehabilitate the men and to abolish hazing in the future.

President Warfield, who received the resolutions, was pleased with the tone of them and promised to do all for the suspended men that he could.



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