

WOMEN IN TEARS AS
THEY SEE "OLD GLORY"

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places on the left of the center. Finally Rear Admiral Badger, in supreme command, with the officers of his staff in full dress white uniforms, took their places at the right of the center.

As the signal was given by Ensign McDonnell, standing almost on the spot where, as chief signal officer on the day of landing, he had four of his men shot down by his side, he and the other members of the gallant quartet hauled away on the halcyons the bluejackets snapped their rifles to present arms, the admirals stood at salute and the band broke into the stirring strains of the American national anthem.

Minnesota Salutes

Just as the big banner broke out and was caught and extended by the full sweep of the afternoon breeze the first flash and roar came from the saluting battery of the Minnesota. The thunderous report sent a thrill through the men standing at attention and facing the flag, for only five days before similar reports were being hurled into the naval academy while the whole city was rattling under the rifle fire of the Americans and Mexicans.

During the full period of the twenty-one-gun salute the battalions stood at present arms and the admirals with their right hand at their caps. About the plaza American civilians and British and French spectators stood bare-headed. Only a few Mexican residents of Vera Cruz were in the throng and these stood with relief when they saw the emblem which guaranteed their safety floating above them.

Federals Taken Prisoner

Six federal soldiers who wandered too close to the American lines were captured yesterday by marines. There is no desire among the Americans to attack or in any way assume the offensive against the Mexicans when the marines found themselves in possession of a squad of Huerta's soldiers they did their best to entertain them. They gossiped with the Mexicans regarding the news beyond the lines and after a field luncheon shook hands with them and sent them away.

Seize British-Owned Piers

Rear Admiral Fletcher last evening seized the piers, yard and buildings of the Terminal Company, a British-owned concern, control over which he regarded as necessary in order to facilitate the resumption of normal business activity of the city. The admiral had been endeavoring to rent the property, but could not come to an agreement with the managers. W. Morison, manager of the Mexican Railway and president of the Terminal Company, called on Rear Admiral Craddock, of the British cruiser Essex, and related the circumstances to him. The admiral advised Mr. Morison to present his claims to the British foreign office.

For the operation of the property the military authorities are using railroad men who have been ordered to Vera Cruz and who offer their services in any capacity.

Sleeping on the stone flagging of the jail patio, with insufficient food, in sanitation and threatened every night with assassination by drunken jailers, is the experience of the Americans and other foreigners, including women and children, confined at Cordoba. Their release to-day has been promised by General Maas in reply to a request from American Consul Canada through a messenger who returned to Vera Cruz to-day.

Mechling Detained

W. H. Mechling, of the Geological Survey of Canada, who has been some time in Mexico in behalf of the Universities of Harvard, Pennsylvania and Columbia, spent two days at Cor-

doba. He was detained, but not put in jail, and finally was permitted to proceed here as an Englishman, though he is in reality an American. The prisoners are herded like cattle and are fed almost constantly either by the keepers of the Mexican inmates of the jail. They are permitted to have food and drink only when the whim suits the jailers and kept in a state of terror by frequent threats of death. Among the prisoners is a young American woman with a 4-month-old infant. There are several other women and children and the total number of all nationalities, according to Mechling, is eighty-five.

That President Huerta has decided not to attempt to try conclusions with the American forces near Vera Cruz is indicated by a report brought to the city by passengers arriving from the outlying districts. The passengers said they saw Colonel Maas, former commandant at Vera Cruz, and his men making their way farther into the interior from Soledad. With him were the few cadets who escaped from the naval academy after the battle fought there in the second day's engagement.

The American forces are tolerant of almost all Mexicans who enter their lines and is not improbable that any Mexican officer might with safety openly enter and depart from the city.

Rodrigo De Llano, newspaper reporter of Mexico City, came into Vera Cruz yesterday. He visited the American headquarters and surveyed the entire field of operations without molestation. He plans to return to the capital with his story on the first train he can get to take him out.

MEDIATORS READY TO
PAVE WAY TO PEACE

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must have a good effect in the situation.

Report on Flag Raising

Stirring scenes to the south of the United States almost had reached a standstill. The only feature early today to disturb the peaceful routine of Vera Cruz over which the Stars and Stripes now wave was the probable landing to-day of military forces from the transports and the assumption of supreme command by Brigadier General Funston. The seaport rapidly was going back to its business. The terminal company which controls tracks, wharves and warehouses resumed operations. That was reported by Rear Admiral Fletcher to the Navy Department early today. His report of the hoisting of the colors stated:

The United States flag was hoisted over hotel terminal, headquarters of the naval forces on shore, in presence of the commander in chief, the commander of the naval forces on shore, their staffs, a regiment of seamen, a regiment of marines and numerous other naval officers and civilians.

The band played the Star Spangled Banner, and the Minnesota fired a salute of 21 guns. The scene was most impressive and cheered by the civilians present.

Secretary Daniels was much pleased to-day at the receipt of a despatch from Admiral Fletcher stating he had published this proclamation.

It is gratifying to note that all business is resumed in Vera Cruz and good order prevails. Citizens may pass freely in the streets both night and day and resume their usual customs.

One of the incidents incidental to the re-establishment of order in Vera Cruz was contained in Admiral Fletcher's report of arms seized from the inhabitants there. The list shows:

Rifles 5,000; shot guns 4,000; revolvers 1,350; swords and other weapons 1,000; besides 133,000 rounds of ammunition, 6,000 pounds of powder and 86 cases of fuses.

Rear Admiral Fletcher reported to Secretary Daniels to-day that "there appears to be no immediate need for provisions for the inhabitants of Vera Cruz."

The amount of provisions in sight available for purchase is variously estimated at from one to two weeks, exclusive of a considerable quantity of supplies in the railroad terminal yard not yet unloaded," the report stated.

Some Foods Scarce

It is probable that a cargo of foodstuffs comprised of whole corn, beans, rice and limited quantity of sugar will find a market here in the near future. The local supply of fresh garden produce is still limited but will doubtless improve as the back country is opened up. Fish is cheaper and more plentiful because none can be shipped to the interior. Milk is scarce. Beef cattle, in considerable numbers, are reported to be fairly near Vera Cruz, but the owners fear to drive them in without any armed guard to protect them. There is no ice. The ice plant was damaged by gunfire and the reserve supply has been entirely consumed. Our force will repair ice plant.

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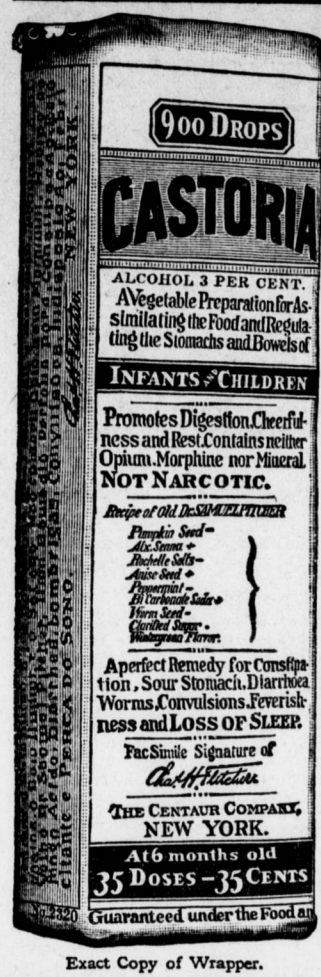
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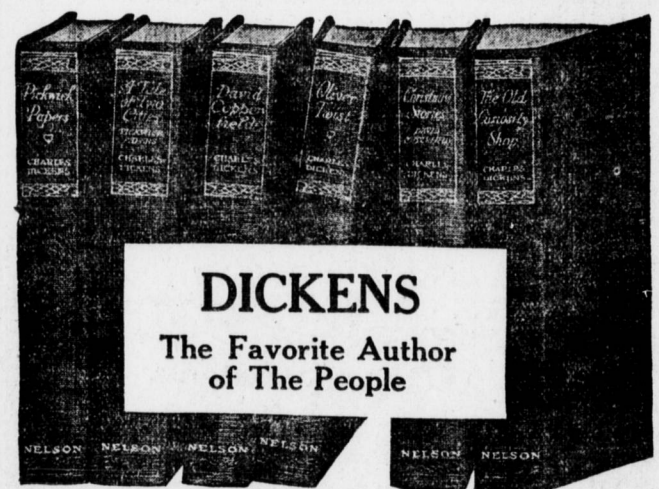
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