

## WILSON EXPECTED TO ASK COOPERATION OF CONGRESS IN ENFORCING ULTIMATUM ISSUED TO HUERTA; WARSHIPS STEAMING TO MEXICO

### President Consults Leaders of Both Parties About Plans for Future

### ALL ASSURE HIM OF FULLEST SUPPORT

### Will Avoid War, But Not at Price of Submitting to Continued Insult

Washington, D. C., April 15.—While the fighting ships of the Atlantic fleet were turning their bows toward Tampico today to refer President Wilson demands on Huerta for a public salute to the American flag, senators and representatives were summoned to the white house to be informed of all phases of the situation that congress might be prepared for any further steps. President Wilson told the congressmen that he stood first for peace, but that if Huerta did not comply with the American demands, the first step to enforce them would be the seizure of Tampico and Vera Cruz for which he considers there is ample precedent. Acting Chairman Shively of the senate foreign relations committee; Senator Lodge, the ranking republican of that committee; Chairman Flood of the house foreign affairs committee and Representative Cooper, the ranking republican of that committee, had an hour's conference with the president at which Mr. Wilson outlined all the details of the now historic Tampico incident, in which a Huerta commander arrested American bluejackets and refused to salute the stars and stripes as an apology.

### No Desire For War.

President Wilson impressed upon his caller that while he sincerely hoped no occasion would arrive for the use of force, a contingency might follow as the result of the American demand for a salute, and he wished members of congress to be prepared.

All four men who saw the president said no steps would be taken of a serious nature, such as the landing of marines or the shelling of a town without authorization from congress. "Marines have been landed before," said Chairman Flood, "without authorization and towns, have even been shelled, but inasmuch as congress is in session, it would be more regular to get authorization from congress. The president gave us the history of the Tampico incident and explained just what had been done, but future developments depend entirely on the attitude Huerta takes. Congress, I am sure will stand by the president."

### To Be No Quibbling.

President Wilson, according to the congressmen who talked with him, declared he had given a reasonable time to Huerta and that while the time was without any fixed limit there would be no quibbling and that prompt action would follow Huerta's failure to comply.

The exact status of affairs today, Senator Shively characterized as unchanged, "except that the United States will insist with all the power of this nation upon reparation for the defiance of the Huerta government."

The senate foreign relations committee informally discussed the situation today, but no action was taken, general approval being expressed over the new turn in the attitude of the United States.

### Marines Taken From Boat.

One new fact brought out at the white house conference was that two of the American bluejackets arrested at Tampico actually were taken from the Dolphin's boat.

The bluejackets arrested had gone to the Tampico wharf to load gasoline. Two of them were in the boat. The Mexican soldiers after seizing the men on the wharf boarded the American boat and took the two bluejackets forcibly into custody.

"It is not actually an act of war," said a senator today in discussing the incident, "it comes very near it." The incident in any event disposes of Huerta's claim that there is no ground for reparation because the men arrested were on Mexican soil, where it is maintained they had no right to be.

Discussion of the possibility of blockading the Mexican coasts surrounded official circles. Secretary Daniels called for information on what additional vessels were available for service on the Pacific coast. The cruisers Cleveland and Chattanooga are ready to join the vessels already doing duty off the west coast.

These ships already are there; the cruiser Raleigh and the gunboat Annapolis.

## Official View of the Administration

Washington, D. C., April 15.—The following official statement was issued today as representing the views of President Wilson and the administration:

"In discussions in official circles in Washington of the present Mexican situation, the following points have been very much dwelt upon:

"It has been pointed out that, in considering the present somewhat delicate situation in Mexico, the unpleasant incident at Tampico must not be thought of alone. For some time past the de facto government of Mexico has seemed to think mere apologies sufficient when the rights of American citizens or the dignity of the government of the United States were involved and has apparently made no attempt at either reparation or the effective correction of the serious delinquencies of its civil and military officers.

"Immediately after the incident at Tampico, an orderly from one of the ships of the United States, in the harbor of Vera Cruz who had been sent ashore to the postoffice for the ship's mail, and who was in uniform and who had the official mail bag on his back, was arrested and put into jail by the local authorities. He was subsequently released and a nominal punishment inflicted upon the officer who had arrested him, but it was significant that an orderly gentleman from the fleet of the United States was picked out from the many persons constantly going ashore on various errands from the various ships in the harbor representing several nations.

"Most serious of all, the officials in charge of the telegraph office at Mexico City presumed to withhold an official dispatch of the government of the United States to its embassy at Mexico City, until it should have been sent to the censor and his permission received to deliver it to the United States only after the charge's personal and emphatic demand, he having in the meantime learned through other channels that a dispatch had been sent him which he had not received.

"It cannot but strike any one who has watched the course of events in Mexico as significant that untoward incidents such as these have not occurred in any case where representatives of other governments were concerned, but only in dealings with representatives of the United States and that there has been no occasion for other governments to call attention to such matters or ask for apologies.

"These repeated offenses against the rights and dignity of the United States, offenses not duplicated with regard to the representatives of other governments, have necessarily made the impression that the government of the United States was singled out for manifestations of ill will and contempt.

"The authorities of the state department feel confident that when the seriousness and the cumulative effect of these incidents is made evident to the government of Mexico, that government will see the propriety and the necessity of giving such evidences of its desire to repute and correct these things as will be not only satisfactory to the government of the United States, but also an evidence to the rest of the world of an entire change of attitude.

"There can be no loss to the dignity of the defacto government in Mexico in recognizing in the fullest degree the claims of a great sovereign government to its respect."

## Dreadnaughts Are Hurrying on Way to Tampico

On Board U. S. Arkansas, off the Virginia Capes, April 15.—Rear Admiral Badger, commander in chief of the Atlantic fleet sailed for Tampico from Hampton Roads at noon today with the superdreadnaughts Arkansas, Vermont, New Hampshire and New Jersey. In a thick fog that hung over the bay, the big ships started off under orders to make eleven and a half knots an hour. That speed would bring them to Tampico in seven days.

Rear Admiral Fiske, chief of the navy bureau of operations, who brought Admiral Badger instructions from Washington was the last man to leave the flagship Arkansas before the squadron steamed out.

polls at Mazatlan, the cruiser New Orleans and the gunboat Yorktown at Topolobampo, the armored cruiser California and the supply ship Glacier at Acapulco.

Secretary Bryan declined today to discuss the Mexican developments beyond saying he was in uninterrupted communication with Charge O'Shaughnessy.

All Bristle at Navy Yards.

Norfolk, Va., April 15.—There were lively scenes today on board the warships making ready in Hampton Roads and at the Norfolk navy yard to proceed to Tampico, Mex.

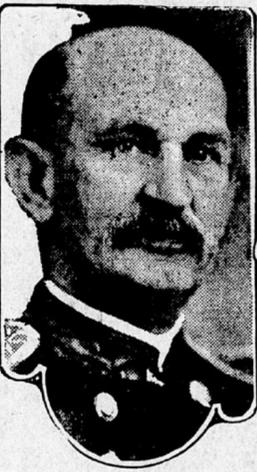
Rear Admiral Fiske, chief of operations, who came down from Washington last night to bear to Rear Admiral Badger, formal orders, found every preparation being made for hurried departure when he stepped aboard the flagship Arkansas.

A heavy mist hung over Hampton Roads. There were signs on every ship of their preparedness to get away under hurry orders. Gunners were cleaning the big rifles and stores were being taken aboard.

The dispatch boat Yankton, which is to accompany the ships to Tampico occupied a position close by Rear Admiral Badger's flagship, the Arkansas. The torpedo boat destroyers Parker, Cassin, Cummings and Benham were at anchor close by the battleships Vermont and New Jersey.

The battleship New Hampshire was making ready at the Norfolk navy yard. The Delaware also at the Norfolk navy yard, may not be able to get away with

## MAYO'S DEMAND BRINGS ON CRISIS



REAR ADMIRAL MAYO.

It was the arrest of marines from ships under the command of Rear Admiral Mayo and his subsequent demand upon the federal commander that the men be instantly released, that there be an official apology and that the stars and stripes be publicly saluted by the firing of twenty-one guns, that brought about the present crisis in the relations of the United States and the government at Mexico City.

## FLYING TRAIN HITS AUTO

Inmates of Car Hurled Out of Seats, Four Being Killed and Two Severely Injured.

Georgetown, Texas, April 15.—Four men were killed and two seriously injured here today when a Missouri, Kansas and Texas passenger train rushed into an automobile in which they were driving. The dead, all of Florence, Texas, are:

C. C. Cresset, C. Robinson, W. J. Joimer and Joe Howell.

The injured are Lester G. Gresset and W. N. Howell.

The automobile was demolished.

## VILLA DEFEATS VELASCO AGAIN

### Federal Leader and All of His Reinforcements Are in Final Flight

## NEWS OF SIX DAYS BATTLE ARRIVES

### Much Blood Spilled During Desperate Fighting to Stop the Rebels

Juarez, Mex., April 15.—The defeat of the combined federals by the rebels at San Pedro de Las Colonias, state of Coahuila, with federal losses estimated at 2,800 killed and wounded and 700 prisoners and a rebel loss reported at 650 killed and wounded, it is pointed out here was really the culmination of the battle of Torreón, which began on March 21.

When General Velasco the federal general in chief, evacuated Torreón on the second of this month his army was practically intact and the retreat enabled him to join the reinforcements which had failed to reach him at Torreón and to that extent the evacuation was a successful maneuver.

In any event Velasco, after his retreat was much stronger and more dangerous than before. At San Pedro he had with him the columns of Generals Javier De Moure, Benjamin Argumedo, Emilio P. Campa, Mariano Ruiz, Carlos Garcia Hidalgo and Joquin Maas, a total of twelve or fourteen thousand troops.

While desultory fighting began almost as soon as the federals left Torreón, General Villa gives the duration of the battle proper as six days culminating with the flight of the federals last Monday.

The disordered state of affairs in Torreón region is illustrated by the fact that Villa's report of victory required twenty-four hours to reach General Venustiano Carranza, first chief of the revolution at Chihuahua. The federals are reported to have retired eastward in the direction of Saltillo and Monterey, having it is thought, reached the railroad in that direction before the battle. The federals destroyed the market building, a hotel and the property of the late president, Francisco I. Madero, before retiring.

## EX-SECRETARY IS REPEAL ADVOCATE

Washington, D. C., April 15.—Repeal of the Panama tolls exemption was supported today before the senate canal committee by Oscar S. Straus, former secretary of commerce and labor. He discussed the treaty situation, adding that a strong nation could afford to correct mistakes.

"Let us emphasize that our word is as good as our bond," he said, "and that our bond is open to technical construction or even to a nibble, and that we will fulfill it not only to the letter but in accord with a broad and liberal spirit."

Mr. Straus contended that an exemption would not profit consumers, but coastwise vessels alone.

Former President Roosevelt, he said believed the exemption of coastwise shipping did not violate treaty obligations, but thought the question should be submitted to arbitration.

No other witnesses were ready and the hearing was adjourned until tomorrow when Seth Low of New York will be heard.

## PEACE WORKER IS PAID HIGH HONOR

The Hague, Netherlands, April 15.—Solemn ceremonies marked the unveiling today in the place of peace of the bust of the late William T. Stead, the English writer, who was a victim of the Titanic disaster two years ago. There was a distinguished audience of delegates representing many countries.

The bust was carved by J. J. Jeltsema, a young Dutch sculptor, and is considered one of the finest among the many busts of famous peace workers sheltered by the peace palace. Most of the funds for the bust were collected in Holland.

## STILL ANOTHER CUT.

Independence, Kas., April 15.—Another cut of 5 cents in the price of crude oil in the Kansas-Oklahoma fields was announced here today, making the present quotations 85 cents a barrel. This is the fourth 5 cent drop in the price within ten days. Over production is the cause assigned.

## STILL A PRISONER.

Denver, Colo., April 15.—"Mother" Mary Jones, whose release from the Walsenburg jail was announced yesterday, still was in her cell early today. The withdrawal of state troops from Huerfano county had not been completed, and will not be until late today or tomorrow.

## STEAMER IS MISSING.

London, April 15.—The British schooner Grand Falls, from Harbor Breton, N. F., for Oporto, has been posted at Lloyd's as missing.

## PROHIBITION IS BEING PRESSED

### Judiciary Committee Asked to Report Favorably on Proposed Bill

## HOBSON LEADING IN WAR ON LIQUOR

### Others Tell Virtues of the Legislation Which Is Being Advocated

Washington, D. C., April 15.—Nation wide prohibition was urged before the house judiciary committee today at hearings on the resolution of Representative Hobson of Alabama, providing for a constitutional amendment.

Mr. Hobson opened the argument. "We do not propose," he said, "to argue the merits of this question. Our position is that the question before the committee and congress will give the people of the various states the right to pass on the matter."

Representative Hobson contended that his resolution, directed against the sale of liquor for "beverage purposes," would not interfere with states rights. He said that under the proposed amendment it would be possible to manufacture liquor "for use," but not for "sale." The amendment he said, would not interfere with the "old drinker drinking," but would prevent the "debauching of youth."

## Can Enforce Law.

Edwin C. Dinwiddie representing the anti-saloon league contended the states would have no trouble in enforcing any law in accord with the constitution. Rev. Dr. James Cannon of Virginia, representing the M. E. church of the south, made an argument along the same lines.

Miss Anna A. Gordon presented a statement written by the late Mrs. Lillian M. Stevens, president of the national W. C. T. U., just before her death a few days ago. The statement was read by Mrs. Gordon in a quivering voice, and with tearful eyes. It predicted the success of the prohibition movement.

"The committee heard with profound regret," said Chairman Clayton, "of the death of Mrs. Stevens."

William H. Anderson, president of New York anti-saloon league, placed in the record a letter addressed to a whisky "cure" concern at Dwight, Ill., and signed by a distillers' distributing company at Kansas City, Mo.

"Our customers are your prospective patients," it read. "We can put on your desk a mailing list of over 50,000 individual consumers of Hooey. Each individual on the list is a regular user of liquor. The list of names is new, live and active. We will furnish this list in quantities at the prices listed below."

## At Its Last Stand.

Wayne B. Wheeler, superintendent of the anti-saloon league of Ohio, declared that the fight against the liquor traffic had been finally brought to the last stand of the liquor interests, the barricade of the national protection of the traffic.

## SCION OF WEALTH IS WHITE SLAVER

San Francisco, Cal., April 15.—J. Parker Whitney, a younger son of an old and wealthy California family pleaded guilty today to the charge of white slavery brought against him recently by Genevieve Hannan of New York, and was fined \$2,500 by Judge Dooling in the United States district court.

## CARDEN NAMED FOR BRAZILIAN POST

London, April 15.—The appointment of Sir Lionel Carden as British minister to Brazil, was officially announced today. It is understood that Sir Lionel will proceed direct to Rio De Janeiro from Mexico City, to which place he is now on the way.

## Illinois Governor Puts on Overalls to Start Road Work

Chicago, April 15.—Governor Dunne, members of the Illinois legislature, judges, bankers, business men, school children and scores of others today began the work of building the Lincoln highway across northern Illinois from the Mississippi river to the Indiana state line.

Every one of the scores of persons who wielded a pick or shovel will receive a check for one cent and a card signed by Samuel Gompers signifying that he is an honorary member of the American Federation of Labor.

Under the terms of a proclamation issued several weeks ago by Gov. Dunne this was "Good Roads Day" in Illinois. The celebration marked the beginning of good roads construction in Illinois with State aid. In Cairo,

## Girl's Plea For Her Life is Heeded by Brother's Slayer

State Historical Society (Iowa Capital)

After killing Frank Fowler at his home on a Long Island farm today, Frank Fowler, a farm hand, who slept in the house, went to the bed room of Sammie's sister, Mary, told her he had killed her brother and was going to kill her too. He held a bloody axe. The girl pleaded that she had always been kind to him and beseeched him to spare her life. He finally consented to do so and left the house. He has not been found. The police think him insane.

## COXEY'S "ARMY" BEGINS ITS MARCH

### ONE DETACHMENT OF THIRTY-FIVE TAKES UP THE HIKE TO WASHINGTON.

Massillon, Ohio, April 15.—The first organized band in connection with "General" Jacob S. Coxe's second "army of the commonwealth," arrived here this morning. It was composed of 35 men from Coshocton, Ohio, under command of "Col." Paul Armstrong. It was estimated that about 100 men are ready to accompany "General" Coxe when the army starts tomorrow on the march overland to Washington. It is expected that the army will consist of several hundred men when the several other "brigades" form a junction with the main forces at Beaver Falls, Pa. later on.

## PLAN A REVOLT IN CHINA

### Authorities Claim To Have Learned Much Regarding Activities of Former President.

London, April 15.—Chinese government officials in Shanghai today arrested a number of revolutionaries who had come from Japan, according to a private dispatch. They were charged with spreading sedition among the regular soldiers.

At the same time documents were seized, alleged to be signed by Dr. Sun Yat Sen, former provisional president. They are said to contain instructions for a widespread uprising and the massacre of officials this month.

## STRIKE IN ENGLAND OFF

### Miners, 170 Strong, Return to Their Labors as Result of Efforts at Conciliation.

Leeds, Eng., April 15.—A settlement of the Yorkshire coal miners' strike was reached today when the men voted to resume work. The strikers, numbering 170,000, left work on April 2, demanding the introduction of a minimum wage scale. A conciliation board persuaded the men to take the vote.

## SANTO DOMINGO IS PEACEFUL AGAIN

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, April 15.—Provisional President Jose Bordes Valdez, at the head of a large force of Dominican troops today completed a march through Mosa, Santiago and Monte Cristi without meeting any opposition from the rebels. He was received enthusiastically all along the route. Despatches from all parts of the republic indicate that there has been no disturbance of peace.

## DECLARE WOMEN VOTED ILLEGALLY

Lockport, Ill., April 15.—At least one hundred women under 18 years of age voted here in Tuesday's election, was the assertion today of saloon advocates who declared that the election would be contested on that ground. The dry majority was seventy-five.

## OTTUMWANS TO GIVE TESTIMONY

### Several Persons Leave for Fairfield to Attend Trial of L. L. Duke

## STATE'S WITNESS BECOMES TWISTED

### Counsel for Defense Confuses Louis Keller on Cross Examination

City Commissioner C. E. McDaniel, J. B. Sax, Frank McIntire, M. H. Hutchison and Senator J. F. Webber left this afternoon for Fairfield to appear as character witnesses at the trial of Attorney L. L. Duke, which opened Monday in Jefferson county court house. A number of other Ottumwans left in autos with the intention of attending the trial. Judge M. A. Roberts and Dr. M. Bannister, who are also character witnesses for the defense, were out of the city today and did not go to Fairfield with the five above named.

The following special from the correspondent of The Courier in Fairfield tells of the progress of the trial thus far:

## Admits Perjury Self.

Fairfield, April 15.—George Krumboltz, a brother-in-law of Louis Keller, and one of the principal witnesses for the state, in the trial of L. L. Duke of Ottumwa, charged in an indictment with executing a fraudulent conveyance, stated this morning on the stand that he repeatedly perjured himself before the Jefferson county grand jury in February. Mrs. Krumboltz will be the next witness.

Louis R. Keller, one of the principal witnesses for the state, occupied the witness stand practically all afternoon yesterday. On direct examination Keller told a straight forward story of numerous trips to Ottumwa to consult Attorney Duke and how Duke advised him that the best thing to do was to give a mortgage to some of his friends to cover his property, so that his creditor could not get it, but upon cross examination by Attorney J. S. Crall for the defense, Mr. Keller set his story so twisted and confused that at last he gave up in despair and could not remember anything, even his testimony during the first part of the afternoon.

The court room was well filled with interested spectators, among whom were Mrs. Duke, the mother of the defendant, his young wife and two small children, and several other relatives.

Just before 5 o'clock Mr. Keller's testimony was concluded and his wife Elsie Keller, was placed upon the stand.

The state will probably rest its case this (Wednesday) afternoon and it is hoped that the case may go to the jury some time Thursday.

Among the witnesses for the state who have already testified are: Hon. J. S. McKenny, Attorney James P. Starr, O. F. Fryer, cashier of the Iowa State Savings bank of this city; Charles Ruby, M. S. Randall, county recorder; Louis R. Keller and Elsie Keller.

## RECOMMEND LARGE SUM FOR RIVER WORK

St. Louis, April 15.—The Mississippi river commission which met here yesterday agreed to recommend that congress appropriate \$12,000,000 for the improvement of the river next year. The meeting was held on board the steamer Mississippi and last night the commission departed for New Orleans on its semi-annual tour of inspection.

Plans were discussed for the improvement of banks and levees between St. Louis and New Orleans and also between St. Louis and Rock Island, Ill., which stretch of the river recently was added to the jurisdiction of the commission.

## ACCUSES OFFICIAL GRANTED VACATION

St. John, N. B., April 15.—J. K. Fleming premier of New Brunswick against whom charges of securing \$100,000 from government timber lands were made on the floor of the legislature, has been granted a leave of absence by his own request, pending investigation of the charges. Geo. J. Clark, attorney general of the province will act as premier and J. A. Murray, chief commissioner of agriculture will take over the premier portfolio of minister of lands and mines.

## JOHNSON PLANNING TO FACE THE COURT

Paris, April 15.—Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, will return to Chicago for the retrial of the charges against him under the Mann act. He was out of town today, but had authorized his Paris representative, Henri Wolf, to say that after his fight with Frank Moran he would sail for America and place himself at the disposal of the court.