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U. S. AT WAR WITH MEXICO

SIX AMERICANS KILLED AND THIRTY WOUNDED IN FIRST BATTLE FOUGHT AT VERA CRUZ

The Mexicans Killed Number 150 and Many are Wounded. Stars and Stripes Float Over Mexican Port.

The United States is at war with Mexico. Huerta refused to salute the stars and stripes by 6 o'clock Sunday evening and President Wilson ordered the Atlantic squadron to proceed to Mexican waters to force the proper respect for our nation. Huerta was willing to fire gun for gun, but the United States insisted that his men fire a salute of 21 guns after which it would be returned. This the Mexican ruler refused to do, and it has since been learned that he framed up the Tampico incident, causing the arrest of our marines, in order that the United States would intervene, thus uniting the Mexican factions.

NO DECLARATION OF WAR.
President Wilson did not declare war on Mexico, for that would hardly be possible under the circumstances. The United States does not recognize the Huerta government. Instead the President ordered the Atlantic squadron to proceed into Mexican waters and seize the port of Vera Cruz and institute a blockade. This was effected in a remarkably short time.

SENATE BACKS UP WILSON.
The U. S. Senate at 2:21 o'clock Wednesday morning, by a vote of 72 to 13, passed the administration resolution declaring the President is justified in the employment of the armed forces of the United States, to enforce his demands for unequivocal amends for the affronts and indignities committed against the United States in Mexico. The House had already passed such a resolution.

ADMIRAL BADGER ARRIVES.
Real Admiral Badger, in command

of the American fleet, with the first ships, reached Vera Cruz Tuesday night, 18 hours ahead of schedule. He was diverted from Tampico, where only the cruiser Des Moines remains. The ships which arrived with him, the Louisiana, New Hampshire, Vermont, New Jersey, South Carolina and Michigan, may be divided according to his discretion.

FIRST BLOODSHED.
Six Americans were killed and 30 wounded in the first battle that took place in the present conflict. The Mexican losses are believed to be no less than 200.

Under Capt. Rush 600 marines and blue jackets were landed, it requiring but half an hour to accomplish this. The water front, customs house and all important piers from which entered the railroads to the capital, were soon occupied. Not a shot was fired by the Mexicans until after the marines had landed. Curious crowds stood in the streets and gawped at our men. At 12:30 firing became general and at 1 o'clock the transport *Prairie's* guns went into action. An old tower occupied by Mexican sharpshooters was brot down by shots from the Florida. Our boys showed almost perfect marksmanship. Late Tuesday the Mexicans retreated westward. The Mexicans fought mainly from house-tops, many Mexican civilians resisting the landing of the Americans.

The Mexicans, under General Maas, the commandant, put up stubborn resistance. Maas challenged the advance of the Americans almost from the first and made it clear that Vera Cruz would not be taken without bloodshed. The Americans killed include Coxswain Shoemaker, Corporal Haggerty and Seaman Pouisset, all of

the Battleship Florida. The wounded are principally seamen and privates. Most of the Americans had gone aboard the vessels in the harbor, fearing eventualities.

CARRANZA AGAINST U. S.
General Carranza, the Mexican rebel chief, astounded Washington circles with his first statement issued to President Wilson since the landing of U. S. marines. Carranza declares the act one of hostility on the part of the United States and advises this country to withdraw its troops, dealing with the successful rebel government as soon as Villa and Carranza restore order. Instead more torpedo destroyers and more warships are headed for both coasts of Mexico. Carranza will likely side with Huerta.

Pres. Wilson favors a gradual course. No orders were issued to seize the custom house at Tampico.

SAFETY OF AMERICANS FEARED
Fears for Americans in Mexico City and other parts of Mexico are expressed. There are about 4000 Americans left in Mexico, 1200 being in Mexico City. Most of them have sought the protection of the American embassy. An official statement has been received saying that Charge O'Shaughnessy, who has been recalled by the U. S., is safe. A telegram received from him stated that Huerta had handed him his passports and that he was leaving Friday morning.

The war department has ordered a re-embargo on arms and several ships from Europe bound for Mexico with arms will be intercepted. Congress has voted a half million dollars to care for refugees.

DR. R. J. PENCE IS A BENEDICT

PROMINENT PHYSICIAN WEDS MISS FLORENCE STENERSON, ONE OF CITY'S MOST POPULAR YOUNG WOMEN.

Dr. Ralph J. Pence and Miss Florence Stenerson were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. Stenerson, Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock, in the presence of a few of the closest friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. W. Erickson. Promptly at 9 o'clock, Miss Charlotta Hallock sang "A Birthday" and "I Love You Truly." Mrs. E. S. Person, an aunt of the bride, played Lohengrin's wedding march as the bridal pair proceeded down the stairway and took their places beneath a beautiful arch. Lilies of the Valley and ferns were used as a banking for the arch, and numerous vases of pink carnations were in evidence about the room. Little Ruth Pence, a niece of the groom, acted as the ring bearer.

The bride's gown was a white imported siple crepe trimmed with oriental lace and pearls and she carried a shower bouquet of white roses, sweet peas and Lilies of the Valley. After the ceremony a three-course luncheon was served, sixteen guests being present. A large candelabra served as a center piece.

Mr. and Mrs. Pence left for Chicago and other eastern points on a wedding trip.

The bride was one of Minot's most popular teachers until recently. She has won a host of friends by her winning ways.

The groom is one of the city's most capable physicians.

FIFTY-FIVE KNIGHTS RECEIVE DEGREE

SUNDAY A RED LETTER DAY FOR MINOT COUNCIL—TWO HUNDRED VISITORS HERE—BANQUET IN THE EVENING.

Fifty-five candidates received the degrees in the Knights of Columbus Council at an initiation held at the Elks' Home in this city Sunday. The first degree was worked in the morning and the other two in the afternoon, by the Grand Forks team, headed by State Deputy Thacker. The candidates came from eastern Montana, and from as far east as Devils Lake and south to Garrison. The local Council now numbers nearly 400 members.

In the evening, a banquet was served at the K. C. club rooms by the Altar Society. At its conclusion, Francis J. Murphy acted as toastmaster and the following responded: J. A. Roell, district deputy; Editor W. B. McLaughlin of Kenmare; Rev. D. F. O'Sullivan of Bowbells; Father Andrieux of Bottineau; Mrs. J. J. Kann and Miss Agnes Falvey of Minot; Mr. Monley and Mr. Royer of Grand Forks.

Mrs. Kann, Grand Regent of the Daughters of Isabella, presented to the Knights in behalf of the organization, a beautiful steel engraving of the landing of Columbus.

"Ben" Halsey is Proud Papa. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Halsey of Great Falls, Mont., will be interested in learning that "Ben" now has a son and heir. The little fellow made his debut Monday and tips the scales at 8 pounds.

COL. HECHT KNOCKED DOWN BY LIGHTNING.

Colonel H. J. Hecht, the auctioneer, had a close call from lightning at his home north of the city this morning, when lightning shattered two telephone poles in front of the house. The general Colonel was walking from the barn to the house when the bolt came and he was knocked to the ground, being rendered unconscious for a moment. He says he experienced the same feeling as tho he had been struck on top of the head with a hammer. His neck is stiff and his head is sore, but he's glad to be alive.

F. W. Fitch, the famous hair tonic man from Boone, Ia., is in Minot. Mr. Fitch and Frank P. Taylor went to Tagus today where Mr. Fitch owns land.

War Declared

on Mexico for a good and sufficient reason, also war declared on these newspaper men that cannot or will not print our ads as we instruct them to.

It was our purpose last week to tell the readers of the Independent that we could straighten Cross Eyes without Drugs or Operation and absolutely without danger to the eyes. The reason why we can do it is that we have been taught and use the same System that is used and taught "by the Greatest Eye and Nerve Specialists in the world today."—Dr. Charles McCormick, of the McCormick Medical College, Chicago—the originator of the True Foggings System; the discoverer of the Cause of Cross Eyes and how to remove that Cause without Operation. We use the Same System and will guarantee every case.

For Chronic Eye and Nerve Troubles Consult

H. H. Hovda
Neurologist and Eye Specialist

Minot, Central Ave. N. Dak.

BULLETINS

(Special to The Independent)

Washington—Vera Cruz fight continues. Embargo on arms shipment of all arms. More American troops ordered to border. Action looked on as declaration of war.

El Paso—Rebel leader says he cannot be dragged into war with the United States. Villa refuses to fight Americans. Declares Carranza wants peace with this country.

Troops to reinforce Navy at Vera Cruz and strengthen patrol along border.

Embargo on arms into Mexico restored.

Brazil acts for the U. S. in Mexico. Attempt to re-take Vera Cruz by Federals is anticipated. President warns Carranza of U. S. purposes. Ambassadors leave Mexico and Washington.

Villa is reported as saying he will not side with Federals against U. S.

British offer good offices to avert war.

Later reports say Villa hopes for peace, but declares he will follow out orders of Carranza.

The general dispels reports of intent to attack El Paso. Laughs at rumor of his joining with Huerta. Praises Admiral for bottling up Vera Cruz.

Constitutionalist general says Mexico has enough trouble without protracted war with powerful neighbor. Galveston—Army moves at day-break, says Gen. Evans.

LITTLE FELLOW EATS 24 1-2 ORANGES

JOE RUBENSTEIN, CLERK AT THE BOSTON STORE, PUTS UP A GAME FIGHT FOR BICYCLE BUT LOSES WHEN EAR GOAL.

Joe Rubenstein, one of Harry Feldman's accommodating clerks at the Boston store, ate 24 1-2 large oranges Friday afternoon, attempting to win a bicycle by his feat. Joe was willing to eat more but his stomach balked and he had to quit when just another mouthful or two of the juicy fruit would have won him a valuable machine. A large crowd stood about and watched Joe stow away those oranges. Joe isn't very large, but his stomach is elastic and his appetite immense. He didn't feel any ill effects from his experience and after he had gotten his fill, was in complete readiness for his work about the store.

Joe wanted the bicycle badly and had been able to stow away 25 of the oranges he would have won. He looked wistfully at the last orange and remarked: "I'll eat it if it kills me," but friends persuaded him to give up.

Anti-Tuberculosis Campaign.

Mrs. J. E. Stevens of Grand Forks, who had charge of the anti-tuberculosis campaign in this city Friday and Saturday, gave a number of very important lectures, illustrated with charts. She spoke to the school children at the Lyceum Friday afternoon and to the women of Minot Saturday afternoon. She has made a comprehensive study of the work and speaks advisedly.

Douglas Farmers in Trouble.

Matt and Wm. Schomer of Douglas were bound over to the county court charged with entering and residing upon land from which they had been removed by process of law. It appears that after being foreclosed, they insisted on making use of the land.

J. C. Smallwood and Paul Fichtelau left last evening for Minneapolis on business.

BRIQUETTES WIN OVER HARD COAL

PROF. BABCOCK FINDS THAT LOCAL FUEL BURNS LONGER AND GIVES MORE HEAT THAN ANTHRACITE COAL.

Lignite briquettes made by the Northern Briquetting Co. in Minot not only burn longer than anthracite or hard coal, but actually produce a great deal more heat. This was proved by using a shadow of doubt by a fair test just completed by Prof. Babcock.

Thirty pounds of briquettes and the same weight of hard coal were burned in the same stove in a close room, exactly the same amount of kindling being used. A self feeder stove was used. In 13 1/2 hours the briquette fire was out while the hard coal fire was out in 10 1/2 hours.

In just an hour and a quarter from the time the briquette fire was started, the temperature of the room had risen 62 1/2 degrees while with the hard coal fire the temperature of the room had risen only 50 degrees in 1 3-4 hours, and this was the maximum number of degrees at that.

The briquettes gave a result of 15.09 degree hours and the hard coal only 9.13 hours.

Hard coal costs from \$12 to \$12.50 per ton in Minot and briquettes about \$8.

LOUIS ABRAHAMSON VICTIM OF BURGLARS

BOLD FELLOWS SMASH OUT GLASS OF DISPLAY WINDOW AND STEAL GUNS, WATCHES AND SHOES.

Bold burglars smashed the window at Louis Abrahamson's second hand store, Dacotah hotel block, Sunday night and stole three valuable 38 calibre revolvers, two watches and several pairs of shoes. They did not enter the building, but secured the goods by reaching thru the broken window. The loss amounts to about \$50.

The bold fellows broke the windows by throwing chunks of putty against the glass from across the street and when no one appeared they crossed over and secured the stuff.

New York Gunman Known in Mandan.
"Lefty" Louis Rosenberg, one of the four New York gunmen executed, was well known in Mandan, N. D., where he spent several months in 1907. His chief occupation was gambling and other crimes were laid at his door. During the fair that fall he conducted some strange gambling games and in a dispute one of his victims attempted to stab "Lefty." He was arrested and held in jail several days, the victim failing to prosecute.

Death of Prominent Contractor.
The funeral of J. M. Carroll, a prominent Grand Forks contractor, was held Tuesday. Mr. Carroll was in charge of a large sewer contract on the north side in this city a few years ago. He was the father of Mrs. Chas. Kane of this city.

MINOT DAILIES TO CONSOLIDATE

RUMOR THAT THERE WILL BE BUT ONE DAILY AFTER MAY 1—MINOT ASSURED BETTER DAILY SERVICE.

There are well founded rumors that the Minot Daily Reporter and the Minot Daily Optic will consolidate May 1, under the name of the Optic-Reporter. Preparations are being made to move the Reporter to the block now occupied by the Optic on West Central avenue, it is said. If the present plans go thru, Minot is to have an eight page daily paper with Associated Press service, something this city has needed for some time. Neither of the publications has made an announcement as to the future plans yet, but this will be forthcoming in a day or two.

SCARLETT AFTER COCAINE TRAFFIC

MINOT MAN AT BISMARCK CONFERRING WITH GOVERNOR AND ATTORNEY GENERAL CONCERNING SALE OF COCAINE IN THIS STATE.

Special to The Independent:

Bismarck, N. D., April 23.—Col. Alex. Scarlett of Minot is here conferring with Governor Hanna and Attorney General Miller concerning the sale and use of cocaine in the state. All of the larger cities have victims of the terrible habit, many of the users being young girls, who soon become subjects for the insane asylum. The sale of cocaine must stop and at once and drastic measures are to be taken to apprehend and punish the offenders.

The Colonel will accompany the Governor to Mandan Friday to inspect the state reformatory, which has for its aim the reclamation of delinquent boys and girls.

NEDRUD WITHDRAWS FROM THE FRAY

CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY TREASURER PULLS OUT OF RACE OWING TO ILL HEALTH—LINDBERG NOW HAS A CLEAR TRACK.

A. C. Nedrud, candidate for county treasurer on the republican ticket, has withdrawn from the race, owing to ill health. Mr. Nedrud had received considerable encouragement and thanks his friends for the interest they had taken in his candidacy. This gives Carl Lindberg, the present incumbent, a clear track in the primary fight, unless some other candidate bobs up.