Coherent Account Of Start of Action

Marines, Stirred News of Death of Fellows, Pour Deadly Fire Into Mexican Guerrillas' Ranks.

All Good Marksmen.

killed and twenty-one wounded, and in distance of three blocks. which 200 Mexicans met death, with

twice that number injured. The first shot was fired shortly after noon yesterday, when the Mexican commander, Gen. Gustavo Maas, ordered esistance to the advance of the Ameri-

began their retreat to the sand

Select Vantage Points.

There they rested until, under cover of darkness, their sharpshooters could ieploy to vantage points, and attempt to pick off sentries on silent streets. A large percentage of the marine

year across their khaki shirts honor pars for marksmanship, and scores of them were practicing for the first time on living targets. When occasion offered they also took

advantage of the roofs, and this mornng occupied positions on tops of buildeadly ceffet. Prior to the occupation of the port,

Admiral Fletcher, through American Consul W. W. Canada, had made a demand for the surrender of the town. General Maas promptly declined to accede to this demand.

About an hour afterward, at 11 o'clock, khaki-clad marines could be seen tumbling down the sengage.

seen tumbling down the gangways of the Florida, the Prairie, and the Utah. Launches pulling cutters and whale-boats began their course to the stone landings along the shore. The tiny craft appeared to be racing for the honor of landing the first troops on Mexican soil.

Prairie Lands 300.

the Prairie, 300 marines were landed, and these were closely followed by 300 marines and bluejackets from the Florida. Captain Rush, of the Florids, was brigadier commander of the party, which also included eightyeight marines from the Utah.

At 11:10 o'clock marines were sent away from the dock in detachments, to take possession of the various public buildings. A strong detachment was sent to surround the American con-

sulate.

Throngs of citizens flocked to the waterfront to witness the landing, and the town seemed to take on the appearance of a holiday. There was no hesitation on the part of the American fighting men. They moved with precision, and it seemed as if the Mexican spectators failed to catch the import of the ominous proceedings.

Had Dropped Ancher.

sailors had expeditiously accomplished the seizure of the principal buildings.
Out in the harbor, the German freighter Ypiranga had meanwhile dropped anchor. Aboard this vessel was a vast quantity of war munitions consigned to General Huerta. The landing had been timed by Fletcher, so he could intercept the merchantman's cargo of war and prevent Huerta from receiving the guns and cartridges.

Instead, he placed machine guns at Hobson, the hero of the Merrimac. Instead, he placed machine guns at the intersections of five streets converging at the central plaza, and but a lew turns of the handles of the machines and the thoroughfaires were cleared of Mexicans. That ended practically all the street fighting.

But sniping from roofs and windows and towers continued. The machine guns were sighted on these points of vantage, and in less than an hour every militant Mexican soldier and civilian had been silenced. It was noon when the marines and

As the church bells tolled the Angelus at noon, the marines were busy clearing the cable station and postoffice of

and began making improvised trenches on the north side in front of the Amer-ican consulate. Other marines were posted further south, on Morelos street, in the general direction of the center of the city, and the federal barracks. Up to this time General Maas had made no effort to communicate with so far nothing had been seen of hem.
About 12:15, when a company of ma- American disturbances.

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, April 22, Here rines, were on their way to take up of the first connected story of the land-stations in the tale independencia, in ng of United States marin s at Vera which the cable office is located, Genruz yesterday, and the skirmishes that erai Maas challeaged the invasion with followed, in which four marines were the first shots. His men fired from a

Immediately the marines knelt and returned the fire, dealing a blow that seemed to stun the defenders. The Mexicans turned and ran, before the marines, leaving the ridead and wound-

resistance to the advance of the Americans, who had already taken possession of the custom house, the railroad terminals, the postoffice, and the cable and telegraph stations.

Within a few hours four Americans had been siain and a score wounded News of the casualties spurred on the marines, and before the sun had set the deadly aim of the invaders had taken heavy toll, and General Mana and his troops began their retreat to the sand.

Marines, leaving the recald and wounded where they ice.

The quiescent sperii of gayety displayed all through the decks, gave way to a feeling of orded. The streets were cleared of civilians and the American co.onists made for the consulate, while others sped to the piers, to go aboard the steamers Esperanza and Mexico, which have been cuarriered by the United States Government.

A federal outpost on the west end of Montesines a race of Montesines screet again started the hostilities, and at 12:50 the firing became general. At 1 octock the guns of the Prairie went into action, and they cleared away the Mexicans am-

of the Prairie went into action, and they cleared away the Mexicans ambrehed at various points. The boom of the guns by this t'me had thoroughly aroused the little city drowsing in the mid-day sun.

The detachment of sailors and marines from the Utah were directly in the line of a fusillade from sharpshooters in old Bonita Juarez tower, which once served as a lighthouse. Lieutenant Commander Buchanan ordered that it be destroyed. Five shots from a field gun brought it down, with its quota of pance strocken Mexicans.

Garrison in Retreat

Captain Rush meantime had been forging with his men toward the center of the town, and before the steady fire of American bullets the federal garrison was retreating.

Then the onrushing troops confronted with danger from another quarter. Civilians from cornices and roofs were taking pot shots at them and these had to be squelched. An occasional blast from the three-pound shells of the Prairie soon cleared the patriotic citizens in ambuscade, and the marines were allowed to continue their occupation of Vera Cruz. At 1:36 316 additional marines were landed from the Utah, making the total American force 1,100 men. There were still 1,000 fighting men in reserve on board the vessels.

The fresh fighters were sent to the outposts which had be n established after the first skirmish.

Ordered to Houzatops.

The Florida's men were tuen ordered to take up positions on top of the Terminal Protel, and other buildings, to keep the he, zon cleared of the federal marksmen. It was then that the first American losses were

suffered.

Private Daniel A. Haggerty, of the Eighth Company of Marines, had just stepped to the roof of the hotel, when a builet from a hidden federal in the cathedral tower crashed into his brain.

The other three American killed were hit while in the streets.

Bush feared to order the shelling of the cathedral tower across the plaza from the hotel, in which many Americans were sheltered.

Patrol Water Front.

Several times later in the afternoon panic-stricken clerks. Even then there the federals sought to execute movewas no action on the part of the fed-ments against the invaders, but Rush turity. eral garrison encamped in the north end checked these sorties by mounting a yielded to his pleas that he be permachine gun in each of four launches mitted to enlist. Today the father Lieutenant Colonel Veville, comand- and these patrolled the waterfront un- lost a son, but the nation has added anling a body of 300 marines, was trooping der cover of the larger guns on the along the Cale Montesinos, which runs parallel with the rallway tracks. The marines were pulling four machine marines were pulling four machine marks. parallel with the rallway tracks. The marines were pulling four machine guns, and all seemed surprised at the case with which the seizure of Vera Cruz was being effected. The detachment stopped at the Cathedral Plaza, and began making improvised trenches on the north side in front of the American Plaza and soon cleaned out the quays. During a histus in the fighting Captain Rush, at 429 o clock, sent a native messenger under a flag of truce to General Mass, or whoever was in commender. Rush was loath to order the warships in the harbor to bombard the city. He also conveyed the information city. He also conveyed the information that 10,000 more marines and bluejackets would re-enforce him within a few hours. Mans did not reply. The federals used

no cannon in the engagement, and it is thought they have taken their artil-Captain Rush. Lieutenant Commander Buchanan second in command. or with Consul Canada. It was known that to Admiral Fletcher that the American Maas had about 800 troops under him, youngsters behaved as well under fire as the marines who have seen service in Nicaragua and in other Central

House Passes Resolution

The House passed the resolution justifying the President in ordering the armed forces of the United States to enter Mexico by a viva voce vote at 10:28 today and sent it to the President.

General Huerta has asked the United States Government to withdraw Charge O'Shaughnessy from Mexico

This is a semi-official statement this morning. It is expected that an official confirmation will be given out

Gravest fears are felt by the Administration this morning for the safety of Americans in the Mexican capital and elsewhere in the interior. Little confidence is placed in Huerta's ability to protect them even should he exert his atmost efforts in that direction.

Officials are fearing hourly the arrival of news of massacres and every effort is being made to establish communication with the interior.

It is stated here that marines have landed at Tampico and seized the custom house and cable office. No official confirmation of this has been received.

In an official dispatch this morning, Rear Admiral Fletcher stated that the United States forces at Vera Cruz obtained possession of all the ammunition and machine guns which were landed yesterday and consigned to General Huerta. The arrival of this shipment of arms on board the German ship Ypiranga yesterday is what precipitated ine engagement.

FLEET'S COMMANDER, AND BATTLESHIP



Battleship South Carolina, Which was Intercepted by Wireless While on Way From Santo Domingo to New York a nd Ordered to Join the Fleet at Vera Cruz; Inset is Picture of Rear Admiral Charles J. Badger.

HUERTA HAS 42,701 MEN

A complete war map of Mexico, showing the available armed

EGISLATORS HONOR VICTIMS OF BATTLE

An unusual and touching scene was presented in the House this afternoon when legislators, who had just veted to use armed forces in Mexico. stopped to pay tribute to the four privates who died at Vera Cruz last night.

the bravery of George Poinsett, of

Philadelphia, one of the marines. "This young man," said Mr. Moore, "had not yet reached the age of ma-Three years ago his father

dent's message."

Mr. Moore here quoted the familiar lines of "The Charge of the Light Brigade." Congressman Hobson, in a dramatic five-minute speech, told of an incident at Santlago where he asked for a dozen volunteers and 1,000 young men re-

"Our greatest difficulty was," he said,
"to turn down the appeals of those who ought to go on a perilous mission. "We have taken a great responsibil-ity upon us here, but I want to tell you that the confidence you have placed in the plain private who represents the verage American citizen and who is at the front when the drum beats and the flag unjuris, is not a misplaced con-idence. And the officers who command hem, too, will do their duty," contin-

Mr. Hobson said that he had seen service of eighteen years with the plain privates, and that he had never known them to shirk a duty when duty "And you must remember," he said. that the plain privates are nothing out boys. The average age of the men ff the Mexican coast is twenty-one

WASHINGTON MAN

nown him for fifty years. It is small paigning, to await der toputents. empensation for the news that his grandson, Edward A. Gisburne, chief it would force a prompt movement on Florida, in yesterday's engagement at Americans

High School, and for ten years a resident of the city, was one of the four men from the Florida injured in the first engagement between Mexican troops and the United States marines. Young Gisburne, who is twenty-one years old, lived here with his aunt, Mrs. Wi-liam E. Green, at 1922 Seventeenth street northwest, where his grandfather now lives. Gisburne is betrothed to Miss Edna Frye, of Boston. After leaving Tech. Gisburne to the Boston may yard. While there he met Miss Frye. Becenty transferred to the Florida.

The route of General Scott will be Received to the Florida. there he met Miss Frve.

Recently transferred to the Florida.

Gisburne became chief wireless operator. Previous to that he was on the
Culgon, and has also seen service on

strength of Huerta, has been submitted to Secretary of War Garrison by the War College. Men under arms number 42,701, infantry, cavalry, and artillery.

The largest body of troops is at Mexico City, 6,000; Acapulco, 1,500; Guanajuato, 3,685; Guadalajara, 6,000; Las Tilas, 2,000; Mazatlan, 2,000; Zacaiecas, 3,000; Victoria, 1,500; Valles, 1.400: Tampico, 5,800: Vera Cruz, 900.

Outside the City of Mexico there are available fifteen field guns, twelve Maxim guns, and twelve guns at Tampico. The Mexican government has three battleships on the Atlantic coast,

FLETCHER'S ACTION PRAISED.

Officially the Capital is without any of the details of the stirring events at Vera Cruz, other than the meagre Connecticut and Minnesota, 340 marines reports of Fletcher and Badger. But everyone is singing Fletcher's praises. Ever since he first steamed into Mexicin waters he has met emergency after emergency with credit to himself and the flag he serves. Thrown on his men and coaf passers. The hospital own intiative yesterday when Congress failed to give the can land for shore duty, members of President the general authority needed, and realizing that aid, or to maintain temporary field hosthe arms and ammunition from the German steamer Ypiranga must never reach Huerta, Fletcher did not hesitate. The consulate in Vera Cruz had signalled him that can and foreign citizens who desire to two special trains with steaming engines attached were ... waiting on the siding with orders to load this ammunition olina, and Michigan; the first-class batand rush it to the capital the moment the Ypiranga docked. tleships, New Hampshire, Louisiana, Vermont, and New Jersey; the supply ship Celtic, the second-class cruiser Ta-With the liner in sight Fletcher was forced to act. He coma the supply ship Culgoa, the gunboat Nashville, and the collier Brutus. could not detain a merchantman of a friendly power. So the landing was ordered and today the Ypiranga is lying VETERANS OF SOUTH anchored near the flagship Florida with the arms and ammunition still in its hold.

Establish Cordon, Plan of Campaign

The plan of operations against Mex-ico, according to high authority, is to strength of ambuscades in the numerous passes which can be easily defended. "Good morning, Mr. Gisburne, I envy bold Vera Cruz, after seiting full control of it and of the Vera Cruz end of the salutation greeting John R. Gisburne, at the War Department, by triends and account to the Mexican ports. Then, unless the entire distance.

Strategists declare that Scott's route stands today as the best and safest, all things considered. If the callroad is not torn up, an attempt might be made to rush a force over the railroad the entire distance.

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This declaration was made by Magnetic and the president in upholding the honor and dignity of the country. Only the infinite or made to rush a force over the railroad the entire distance. friends and associates who have circumstances force aggressive cam-

Should Huerta declare war, however, vireless operator on the battleship Mexico City to prevent loss of lives of

Vera Cruz. Mexico, may be lying at death's door, struck down by a Mexican of holding Vera Cruz and Tampico and blockading other ports to starve Huerta bullet.

Maryland—rar tonight and thursday;
blockading other ports to starve Huerta

Virginia—Fair tonight and Thursday;
blockading other ports to starve defeat. The President hopes to follow the pian

and then await events.

The gravest question in the whole complication now is whether the constitutionalists will remain neutral. Distinct symptoms are given that the property of the constitutional of the constitution of the constitut

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cooler in extreme north portion; gentle

THE WEATHER REPORT.

TIDE TABLE. to City, along the Mexican railroad to Paebla, a base established there, High tide, 6:09 a. m. and 7:42 p. m. Low tide, 12:10 a. m. and 12:50 p. m. and a divergence to a route south of the Mexican railroad. The danger in following the railroad Sun rises... SUN TABLE.

U.S. NOW HAS NEARLY 10,000 AT VERA CRUZ

Arrival of Badger's Ships Today Augments Naval Forces Materially.

With the arrival of Admiral Badger's Atlantic fleet at Vera Cruz today, the United States has a naval force of approximately 9,000 men, with more than 700 officers, ready for shore duty at that

The following was the approximate strength of the United States naval force available for shore duty at Vera Cruz last night: From the battleships Florida, Utah

Chester, 400 marines and 250 bluetackets. In addition, the collier Cyclops is at Vern Cruz, though she, of course, car spare none of her complement of seaher complement sufficient to give first other vessels in the service of the Other vessels in the service of the United States at Vera Cruz are the Ward liners Esperanza and Mexico, leave Mexico.

The following fleet arrived this morn

TO SUPPORT WILSON

Magnus Thomas Pledges Moral Backing by Former Confederate Soldiers.

Members of the United Confederate Veterans stand ready to give their mor-Strategists declare that Scott's route al support to the President in uphold-United Confederate Veterans, at a meeting last night of Camp 174, to which were invited other patriotic organiza-tions, including members of the several The forecast for the District of Co-umbia-Fair tonight and Thursday; chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. A paper on the "The Trans-Mississippi Campaign of General Shirley Price, C. S. A.. was read by Mr. Thomas. The Confederate choir sang a number of confederate and patriotic songs.

Mrs. Frederick Beall played several patriot c selections on the piano.

Mexican War Veteran Offers to Lead Troops

SOMERVILLE, N. J., April 22-Constable Dennis Wyckoff, who has charge of a jury in the Somerset court here, laid aside his off cial duties long enough celebrate the sixty-eight anniversary his enlistment as a volunteer of Mexican war,

Although slightly crippled by rheu attism, the veteran is still hale an matism, the veteran is still hale and hearty and has offered to lead the local 6:43 militia company into Mexico.

Death of Marines Silences Senators

Bloodshed in Battle of Vera Cruz Stems Tide of Ora tory-"Men Die While You Talk," Is Charge of Senator Reed.

American blood flowing in battle in Mexico spurred Congress t action today. At 3:20 this morning the Senate, by a vote of 72 to 1 passed the resolution "justifying" the President's course in Mexico.

At 10 o'clock the substitute resolution was placed before th House. Before noon its passage by the House virtually was assured placing absolute power, authority and complete responsibility in th

STEMS TIDE OF OPPOSITION.

the flood of oratory, and Republican La Follette declaring that no Mexica opposition in the Senate. Not since land should be seized as a result of the Spanish war have such spectacular and dramatic scenes been viewed Haggard, hollow-eyed and weary

rom fourteen hours' continuous debate, beginning at noon yesterday, it was a motley group of Senators

'Americans are dying while you are talking," was the dramatic charge of norning which stopped tongues.

That a resolution declaring war would soon follow in Congress the "justification" resolution, was uniformly

predicted today at the Capitol. News of the battle at Vera Cruz, in scare heads staring from "extras" in Senators' hands, spurred the upper house to dramatic flights of eloquence. Six Cabinet officers and Secretary Tumulty occupied seats on the Senator into the Senator until an early hour this morning. Bryan was there, and heard bitter criticism of his action without flinching. The flood of speechmaking ceased only when the Senators were worn out and exhausted, at 2.30. The galleries remained jamined with spectators until adjournment.

Senator Poindexter's resolution, declaring war, was the first to be defeated—without a roll call.

The Lodge preamble, basing the hostilities upon all outrages and indignities in northern as well as southern Mexico, was defeated. 42 to 35. Another amendment, by Senator Gallinger, providing for armed protection of Americans, was also rejected. scare heads staring from "extras" in transformed during the night int-

Bloodshed in Vera Cruz stemmed; By 44 to 29 an amendment by Senato hostilities, was also defeated. A similar amendment by Senator Thomas amendment" to the Spanish lution, was also lost. The Works resolution proposing the

Huerta's apology be accepted receive who dragged themselves from the Senate at 3:30.

Keyed to a bitter pitch of partisan strife talk ceased and voting began in the Senate shortly after 1 a. m. today.

Every amendment to the committee substitute was rejected. The resolution. Huert's a spology be accepted receive shortly it was finally withdraw by the Californian.

After passage of the resolution, Viv President Marshall appointed Senator Shively Clark of Arkansas, and Lodge as conference with the House, if the House substitute was rejected. The resolution with the House is the House should refuse today to accept the Senator Shively Clark of Arkansas, and Lodge as conference with the House, if the House substitute was rejected. The resolution was should refuse today to accept the Senator Shively Clark of Arkansas, and Lodge as conference with the House, if the House substitute was rejected.

conference with the House, if the House substitute was rejected. The resolution finally adopted does not mention Hucrts, and disclaims hostility against Mexico or her people. This was the substitute accepted and approved by the President.

House leaders said that body would adopt the Senate substitute with little or perfunctory debate, and rush it to the President for his signature immediately after convening at 10 o'clock.

Die While They Talk.

Conference with the House, if the House substitute.

If the House today accepts the Senat substitute.

If the House today accepts the Senat resolution without amendment, it fee not be returned to conference or the Senate, but will go at once to the White House, to become law.

Stirring scenes marked the classin hours of the struggle in the Senate to day. Schatorial precedents and courtes were thrown to the winds. Senator in Chamber, and the substitute.

The chamber itself was a legislative shambles. Disorder abounded. Chair were overturned. A flood of wast paper littered the floor. Fetid, foul ai from hundreds of spectators hung, al

Natty, smooth-shaven Senators wer

How Senate Voted On War Resolution

Opposition in the Upper House Musters Thirteen Against Seventy-two When Final Action Is Taken in Support of the President.

AGAINST-Brandegee, Bristow, Dillingham, Gallinger, La Follette, Lippitt, Lodge, Norris, Oliver, Root, Smoot, Weeks, and

Works. Total, 13. FOR-Ashurst, Bankhead, Borah, Bradley, Brady, Bryan, Burleigh, Catron, Chilton, Clapp, Clarke, Clark, Colt, Crawford, Cummins, Fall, Fletcher, Goff, Gore, Hitchcock, Hughes, Hollis, James, Johnson, Jones, Kenyon, Kern, Lane, Lea, Lee, Lewis, McCumber, McLean, Martin, Martine, Nelson, Newlands, O'Gorman, Overman, Owen, Page, Penrose, Perkins, Pitmann, Poindexter, Pomerene, Ransdell, Reed, Robinson, Saulsbury, Shaforth, Sheppard, Sherman, Shields, Shively, Simmons, Smith (Ga.), Smith (Md.), Smith (Mich.), Smith (S. C.), Sterling, Swanson, Sutherland, Thomas, Thompson, Thornton, Townsend, Vardaman, Walsh, Warren, West, and Williams. Total, 72.

MUNITIONS OF WAR

Consignment for Huerta Brought to Vera Cruz by German Liner All Confiscated.

United States forces at Vera Cruz have obtained passession of all the ammuni- ing tion and machine guns which were on board the German steamer Ypiranga and consigned to General Huerta. This fact was communicated to the Government here in an official dispatch All druggists sell Poslam. For free from Rear Admiral Fletcher. The cargo sample write to Emergency Laboratories, 32 West 25th St., New York. consisted of 2,000,000 rounds of ammunition and 250 machine guns. It was to nus Thomas, past commander of the prevent the delivery of this ammunition and these guns to Huerta that Fletcher began the attack on Vera Cruz. The

consignment was seized shortly after the Americans obtained possession o the custom house. President Wilson was at his desk in the executive offices at 9:45 a. m. His manner has undergone a complete change. He is grave and apparently much saddened by the news of the death of the four American marines who fell

in the attack on the town.

Secretary Bryan reached the White
House about 10 o'clock carrying with
him an envelope of dispatches. He too him an envelope of dispatches. He too showed the effect of a night of sleepless walting. He declared he had no con-firmation of the report that Charge O'Shaughnessy, the United States rep-resentative in Mexico City, had been given his passports by General Huerta. No instructions, he said, had gone to O'Shaughnessy to obtain them. Sen-or Algara, the Mexican charge in Washington, has made no move to seek his The State Department is still without definite information as to the state o the American residents at Mexico City and Vera Cruz.

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