

Delay in the Senate Caused President to Take Action on His Own Re. sponsibility, the Result Being That the Marines Landed, Seized the Customs House, Engaged in First Skirmish With Mexicans, With Casualties of Four Killed and Twenty Wounded-Foreign Ambassadors Notified and British Citizens Advised to Leave Mexico.

ial to The Toronto World. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 21.- ers after Mr. Daniels, then notified the Four United States marines killed and White house of the news.

twenty wounded. and in a few minutes the president These are the known casualties which accompanied the landing of was in conference with Secretaries sin United States forces from the fleet of Bryan, Garrison and Daniels and Rear-Admiral Frank F. Fletcher at Counsellor Lansing of the state de-Vera Cruz, Mexico, and the seizure of partment. Despite the efforts of the More Marines Called Out The casualties may be greater. Ad-niral Fletcher in his report of the reports were going out of Washington Thrubut the day orders were being sent out of the navy department. Early this morning \$40 additional marines from the Philadelphia navy yard were ordered to Vera Cruz. The Ward line the customs house there this evening, administration to keep the news of niral Fletcher in his report of the reports were going out of Washington landing stated that desultory firing that a fight actually had taken place steamer Moro Castle was chartered to with a loss to the American forces. At 7.15 the conference in the White House broke up. It was approximated by from house tops and streets by Mexi- with a loss to the American forces. can federal soldiers was in progress.

Admiral Fletcher added that the guns of the naval transport Preirie were shelling the Mericans out of would insue a statement in a few min-

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Try of the navy despatched messeng-rs after Mr. Daniels, then notified the White house of the news. Like wildfire the information spread room of the navy department. The big wireless station at Arlington, Virjust across the Potomac River, kept busy answering enquiries was kept from naval officials. The action and air of the officials betrayed

At 7.25 the telegram from Rear was ordered from Mare Island, Calif

marines in Mexico. These activities marked the beginning of the day. At 11 o'clock the cabinet met with the president at the White House. Here the plans which were perfected by the military heads last night "for handling the situation" were gone over and approved. It developed during the morning that following the conference of the president and Sec-retaries Bryan, Garrison, Daniels, John Lind, Major-General Leonard Wood, Major Connors, Capt. McCoy, Rear-Admirals Fiske and Blue, President Wilson directed that Admiral Fletcher be instructed to land marines today

marines in Mexico.

Manuel Estera, Consul-General in New York, Declares That It Would Take the ' Country - Mexicans Will Unite Against Com-

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Special to The Toronto World. NEW YORK, April 21 .- A very plain statement in regard to the difficulties which confront the United States Government in its role of intervenor in the Mexican situation was given by Manuel A. Esteva, the Mexican consul-general, who took over that position only last Friday. In his opinion, if the American forces invade the country they will be met by a united Mexico. All differences between the constitutionalists and the government wil be forgotten, he says, and they will fight shoulder to shoulder.

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require an army of not less than 300,-

000 men, five years' time and \$500,-

000,000 for the United States to invest

the larger cities of the Mexican re-

public. I can add to this it will take

them 25 years thereafter to pacify the

Asked what would be the effect of

the blockade on the revolution, Mr.

Esteva replied: "I see no reason to believe that the constitutionalists will

join with the government at once,

They will join. however, the minute

the country is invaded. Their love of

the republic stands before everything,

and personal differences will be for-

U.S. GAVALHYMEN

Fifteen Troopers Wandered

Over Mexican Border,

Were Surrounded and

Taken Prisoner.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., April 21-A special

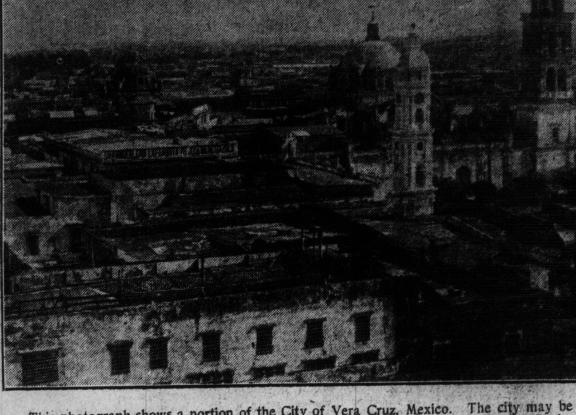
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from Tombstone. Ariz., says news

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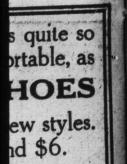
being held by constitutionalist troops at a point just below the border be-



This photograph shows a portion of the City of Vera Cruz, Mexico. The city may be shelled by the United States fleet today. Photo by Underwood & Underwood.

task of pacification. Mr. Esteva cites German Vessel Anchors at Vera Cruz With Ammunition for Huerta WASHINGTON, Wednesday, April 22 .- Official advices reached the navy department at midnight their that a German vessel carrying ammunition to Huerta, finding on arrival that the Vera Cruz Customs acted as scout during the Madero rehouse was in possession of Americans, anchored outside the harbor. The vessel, Secretary Daniels says, "This officer, who was a major, told carries 15,000,000 rounds of shells, mostly for rapid fire guns, and 200 field guns. me," said the consul, "that it would

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tween Naco and Hereford, Ariz. The troops, who were on border patrol, wandered across the line last night without being aware of the fact It is reported they were surrounded and taken prisoners by a large rebel

Canadian Press Despatch.

Troop A, tenth. Teft Fort Huachuca today to investigate.

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The Dinsen Company, Limited, Sole Agents in Toronto.
Dunlap & Co., New York, makers of world renowned hats for men, has sent forward another shipment of their latest spring hats to their Toronto agents, the Dineen Company, Limited.
The Donularity of, this maker's hats is increasing every season. This is the third shument received this spring. The Derby hat price \$5-an Dineen's only in Toronto.
MEXICANS BEAR NO ANIMOSITY TO U. S.
MEXICO CITY, April 21.—President

Sharp Fighting at Vera Cruz Port in Hands of U.S. Forces Four Marines Were Killed tator of Mexico, for

Twenty-One Others Were Wounded While Mexicans Lost Heavily-Garrison Opened Fire on Marines After Seizure of Customs House and the same, only events can determine. Battle Raged Fiercely ior Hours

Canadian Press Despatch. VERA CRUZ, April 21—Vera Cruz tonight is in the hands of forces from the United States warships, but the occupation of the port was not accomplished without loss of American lives. Four Americans, bluejackets and marines, were killed by the fire of the Mexicans, and 21 fell wounded. The Mexican loss is not known, but it is believed to have been heavy. The water front, the customs house and all important piers, including those under the terminal works from which extend the railroads to the capital, have been occupied. All the territory around the American con-sulate is strongly patrolled and detachments hold other sections of the city.

STREET FIGHTING FOR HOURS.

The Mexican commander, Gen. Gustavo Maas, offered a stubborn resistance to the American advance, and for many hours there was fighting in the streets. Toward nightfall it was reported that the main body of the federal carriers was in relevant to the streets. federal garrison was in retreat/to the westward.

Rear-Admiral Fletcher, in command of the United States warships, prefaced his occupation of the port by a demand, thru the American consul, W. W. Canada, for its surrender. Gen. Maas promptly declined to accede to this demand, and shortly afterwards ten whaleboats were sent off from the side of the transport Prairie loaded with marines. These boats effected a landing in the neighborhood of the customs house before noon, norther, landed marines and sallors and a few minutes later Capt. William R. Rush of the battleships Florida, who was in command of the operations from the Utah, Florida and Prairie ashore, brought his flag in.

MARINES REPLIED TO FIRE.

Capt. Rush's men had already taken up their positions. They numbered 150 bluejackets from the Florida, forces did not oppose landing, but 390 marines from the Prairie and 65 marines from the Florida. Later these were augmented by a detachment from the Utah.

The coming of the American forces was not heralded by any great excitment, but small crowds gathered to watch the landing. Soon the bluejackets and marines marched thru the streets leading from the water front and along the railroad yards. Others proceeded to the American consulate, while still others were deployed along the approaches to Central Plaza, in which Gen. Maas had concentrated his men. These manouvers were effected without opposition, but suddenly Gen. Maas challenged the advance with the first shots-a volley fired housetops and streets. Hold customs house and section of city in vicinity from a point three blocks from the marines and two blocks south of the main plaza. The marines replied immediately, but the action ceased in a moment. Tehre was a hull for 10 minutes and then another brief exchange from the west end of Montesinos street, where a federal outpost was stationed.

At 12.30 the firing became general, and at 1 o'clock the guns of the trans-port Prairie went into action. Prior to this a detachment of blue-jackets from the Utah, holding the

jackets from the Utah, holding the ground between the consulate and the waterfront, opened with two of their three-lnch guns. The first shots from these pieces were directed against an ancient tower which once served as a lighthouse. This was occupied by Mexican sharpshooters. Lieut. Com-mander Buchanan of the Florida or-dered that it be destroyed. Five shots brought the old Benito Juarez tower down.

Landing at Vera Cruz Cost Lives of Four U.S. Marines in the despatch even to those officials

WASHINGTON, April 21 .- Secretary of the Navy Daniels made public following despatch received from Admiral Fletcher at 6 p.m.

'Tuesday, in face of an approaching norther, landed marines and sailors from battleships Utah, Florida and transport Prairie, and seized cus-MEXICO CITY, April 21.—President Huerta, replying to queries from the newspapers, said: "Mexico awaits with tranquility: the development of events growing out of the controversy with the United States, and in the re-mote case of friction between the countries, the people of this republic of marines was placed in charge of the cable office. The telegraph wires were found intact, and enough Mexican ple of the United States, whose neigh-bers they are." rifle and artillery after our seizure of customs house. Prairie shelling Mexi- message from Admiral Fletcher spell-

Admiral Fletcher was given that the Mexicans are retreating up the line of railroad which runs to public.

Filled With Belligerency

Admiral Fletcher will not attempt The very air in Washington was to pursue the Mexicans. He will eshiled with belligerency following the tablish his base at Vera Cruz and hold of the report that four Ameriit. The foregoing is the initial step had been killed and 20 wounded. and first cost in the act of reprisal To the White House, state and navy against Gen. Victoriano Huerta, dicdepartments, senators and representator of Mexico, for his indignities to tatives hurried. They were given the

What the next step will be, whether war or just a mere seizure of ma house and the holding of

Next Step Actual War

Mexico City.

In the light of the attack from the Huertists forces the next step may be actual war, at least with one Mexican faction.

The news that Admiral Fletcher seemed to strike those members rehad landed a force of marines at Vera Cruz and seized the customs house nonsible for the delay in the passage of the resolution in the senate. It

dawned upon them that they had not taken the president's counsellors at spatch stated:

their word when they said that a big "Tuesday in face of an approaching shipment of arms and ammunition was

on its way to Huerta on the Humburg-American steamer Iranguani, and that and seized customs house. Mexican Vera Cruz before tonight was absoopened fire with rifle and artillery utely necessary to prevent that shipafter our seizure of custom ment of arms and ammunition from Prairie shelling Mexicans out of their

German port and from a German firm,

of wharves and consulate. Casualties tour dead and twenty wounded."

News Was Startling

Startling was the news contained who were familiar with the adminispart of others.

tration's plans and were prepared to receive such tidings, and despite the

continued circulation of reports thruout the military departments of the

President Wilson was in his study

navy department began receiving the

be instructed to land marines today and seize the customs house at Vera On Wilson's Orders Immediately the congressmen took Late this afternoon it became known to the capitol, after which that the president, impatient with the failure of the senate to act on the joint With resolution approving of his action in the present trouble, followed what he report that believed was his constitutional right, and ordered the landing of a force of United States marines and bluejackets President Wilson did not what resolution did with the at Mexico's most important seaport. These orders were transmitted to Adwhich was introduced in house esterday, which he desired should be miral Fletcher last night. At the same time they were sent to Admiral dopted last night, and which was

adopted tast tright, and which was same time they were sent to Admirational instruc-still being held up in the senate by Republican members. Consternation of his biggest and fastest warships with a view to arriving at Vera Cruz tonight.

After the issuance of the orders the president and his advisors waited president and his advisors until 2 o'clock this afternoon. at that hour the senate failed to adopt the resolution the president instruct-ed Secretary Bryan to wait no longer but to summon the foreign ambas-sadors in the city and inform them taken by the United of the action States.

Ambassadors Notified

Promptly every ambassador here with the exception of the ambassadors from Brazil and Turkey were asked to call at the state department, von Bernsdorff, the German ambassador, was the first to arrive at the state department. He was closeted

with Secretary Bryan for a quarter of President Wilson, they admitted, did know this, as well as the fact that the arms, while going to Huerta from a to land marines and selze the customs house. Mr. Bryan told the German ambassador of the shipment of arms were American made. The receipt of Admiral Fletcher's first despatch was the culmination of a day filled with activity on the part of the president and his ministers and rumors and general excitement on the the culmination of the purpose of the United States to selze that shipment once it was landed at Vera Cruz, or any other port in Mexico. Count Von Bernsdorff informed the secretary of state he informed the secretary of state he

informed the secretary of state he knew of no shipment of arms from any German manufacturer or agent. Mr. Jusserand, the French ambas-sador, was the second diplomat to ar-rive. He was also closeted with the secretary of state, but only a few minutes. He was informed of the ac-tion taken by the United States. Sir Cecil Spring Rice, the British ambassador, was the next to reach-the state department and receive the

the state department and receive the the state department and receive the statement from Secretary Bryan. The Italian, Russian, Japanese, Hang wian and Spinish ambassadors all called and received a plain state-ment of the action of the United States

States. None of these representatives would comment on their visit or indicate

None of them signified in any way whether they or their governments ap-proved or disapproved of the action

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Loaded With Munitions Early this morning the report was current that the Iraquano, loaded with munitions of war for Huerta, was nearing the port of Vera Cruz. When questioned about it administration officials sought to minimize the import-ance of the information. It was final-

ly admitted that the arrival of the vessel was expected about noon of Vera Cruz. The United States had kept in touch

with the vessel thru the use of the wireless, and timed her arrival within a few hours.

Customs House Had Been Seized Before Opening Fire-

Admiral Fletcher's Despatch Says Mexicans Waited Until

Transport Prairie at Once Began Shelling Garrison.

Canadian Press Despatch.

government after 2 o'clock this after-

when the telegraph operator in the

ing action. Secretary Daniels had just left the navy department for dinner. Secretary Bryan was on his way home. Without the loss of a minute the attaches in the office of the secre-

noon that something big had happened in Mexican waters,