

FIRST BATTLE IN WAR BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

Mexican General Put Up a Stubborn Resistance--Fired From the Housetops.

Landing at Vera Cruz Was Peaceful But Formal Demand to Surrender Was Refused by General Maas and Fighting Began--All Important Points Now Occupied by United States Sailors.

VERA CRUZ, April 22.—Vera Cruz last night was 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 twenty-one fell wounded. The Mexican loss is not known, but it is believed to have been heavy.

The waterfront, 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 Consulate is strongly patrolled and detachments hold other sections of the city.

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 Garrison was in retreat.

Rear-Admiral Fletcher, in command of the United States warships, refused his occupation of the port by a demand through the American Consul, W. G. Clark, for the surrender of the city.

Shortly afterward 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, and a few minutes later Captain William R. Rush of the battleship Florida, who was in command of the operations, brought his flag in.

The coming of the American forces was not heralded by any great excitement, but small crowds gathered to watch the landing. Soon the blue-jackets and marines marched through the streets leading from the waterfront 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 manoeuvres were effected without opposition, but suddenly Gen. Maas challenged the advance with the first volley fired from the 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.

AMERICAN LOSSES ARE FOUR DEAD AND TWENTY WOUNDED--ACTUAL WAR MAY FOLLOW

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Four United States marines killed and twenty wounded.

These are the known casualties which accompanied the landing of United States forces from the deck of Rear Admiral Frank F. Fletcher at Vera Cruz, Mexico, and the seizure of the customs house there last evening.

The casualties may be greater. Admiral Fletcher in his report of the landing stated that desultory firing from house tops and streets by Mexican federal soldiers was in progress.

Admiral Fletcher added that the guns of the naval transport Prairie were shelling the Mexicans out of their positions. It is presumed here that the Mexicans are retreating up the line of the railroad which runs to Mexico City.

ment. There was a lull for ten 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 one o'clock the guns of the Prairie went into action.

After Gen. Maas had been driven from his position in Central Plaza, the Americans found themselves the object of fusillades from the tops of houses, where small groups of soldiers and citizens had taken up positions.

It was learned only last night that the greater part of those engaged in this resistance were civilians, who refused to accept the American occupation passively. They obtained guns and stationed themselves at points of vantage and did much to prolong the action.

Towards the middle of the afternoon a large body of Mexicans evacuated their position and are now somewhere in the sand hills back in the interior, where it is reported from Mexican sources they are expecting to be joined by reinforcements sent down from the capital.

Two Hundred Mexicans Killed. GALVESTON, Texas, April 22.—More than 200 Mexicans were killed at Vera Cruz yesterday in the fighting that followed the landing of U. S. soldiers and marines, according to reports received here.

Vessel Arrives Too Late. WASHINGTON, April 22.—Official advice reached the Navy Department at midnight that a German vessel carrying ammunition to Huerta, and on arrival at the Vera Cruz anchorage, was in possession of Americans, anchored outside the harbor.

The vessel, Secretary Daniels says, carries 15,000,000 rounds of shells, mostly for rapid fire guns, and 200 field guns.

Fifteen Cavalrymen Held. DOUGLAS, Ariz., April 22.—A special to the Douglas, Ariz., International from Tombstone, Ariz., says news reached there yesterday that 15 members of troop B, tenth cavalry, were being held by constitutionalist troops at a point just below the border between Naco and Hereford, Ariz.

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

Troop A, tenth, left Fort Huachuca yesterday to investigate.

Republican members. Consternation seemed to strike those members responsible for the delay in the passage of the resolution in the Senate. It dawned upon them that they had not taken the President's counselors at their word when they said that a big shipment of arms and ammunition was on its way to Huerta on the Hamburg-American steamer Itaque, and that the seizure of the customs house at Vera Cruz before last night was absolutely necessary to prevent that shipment of arms and ammunition from being delivered.

President Wilson, they admitted, did know this, as well as the fact that the arms, while going to Huerta, from a German port and from a German arm, were American made.

THE UNIVERSITY. A place for elevating sons above the social rank of their fathers in the American universities men are asked as follows—

- 1. Don Juans. 2. Fullbacks. 3. Boozers. 4. Pitchers and catchers. 5. Mandolin players. 6. Poker players. 7. Turkey trotters. 8. Scholars. 9. Christians.

FEAR INDIANS MAY RISE

LONDON, April 22.—Luigi Barzili, in a despatch from Mexico City to The Daily Telegraph, says that the conviction of authoritative Americans living in Mexico is that the moment seems to have been well chosen, when one thinks of the terrible struggle which Mexico is carrying on against the revolution, a struggle which engages all the Government forces for the maintenance of order.

But if the defense of the towns should be disorganized by the new struggle against the foreigners, in the opinion of many observers, a period of terrible Indian anarchy is possible. The Indian revolt of Morelos is now clamoring at the very gates of the capital and the Indians of Sierra de Puebla are being held back with difficulty. The mob in the capital itself might rise in revolt, disregarding military organization. All the houses are being armed. The foreign legations have rifles, ammunition and food, and the foreign colonies are making arrangements for eventual defence.

DALE'S BANK AT MADOC

An adjourned meeting of the shareholders of Dale's private bank is being held today in Madoc village. It is expected that some deal will be struck, but it will be taken private as a business matter for the benefit of the creditors.

HONORARY PRESIDENT.

The provisional directors of the Belleville Club, Ltd., wired the Hon. Senator Corby at Hot Springs, Virginia, yesterday asking him to accept the office of honorary president. A telegram has been received in reply from Senator Corby conveying his acceptance of the office and stating that he will return to this city on Saturday, May 2nd.

WELCOMED G. L. OFFICERS.

The members of Maiden City Lodge, Frontic Boys, last evening received an official visit from P. G. M. Bro. James Berry of Kingston; Sr. D. G. M. Charles Clark, Kingston; and Jr. D. G. M. Geo. Haines, Gananoque. The meeting was in the nature of a lodge of instruction.

EXCELLENT TALENT AT STAR COURSE

The Y.M.C.A. star course for the season was brought to a close last evening with a delightful entertainment by the LaDell Company. The gymnasium was well filled and intense enthusiasm was manifested in the members. The program was as follows: Piano Solo—"Scottish Fantasy"—Miss Deering.

Soprano Solo—"Waiting"—Miss Bergh. Recitation written for Miss LaDell—"His First Love". Violin Solo—"Gypsy Dance"—Sara Maszke-Miss Deering.

Recitation—"A New Part in the Key of G"—Miss LaDell. Piano Solo—"Lullaby"—Miss Deering. Soprano Solo—"Jesus, My Saviour"—Miss Deering. "Echo Song"—Miss Bergh. Recitation—"Rebellion of Melinda Ann".

The solos included the following numbers: Piano—"Band". Soprano—"Comin' through the Rye". Soprano—"The Cuckoo Clock". Solo—"Last Rose of Summer". Reading—"A Magazine Story". Violin—"Souvenir of Haydn"—Leonard.

Miss Bergh and Miss Deering were complete strangers to Belleville audiences. They were both as highly cultured as to be above any possible criticism in their respective specialties. Either was to be classed as an expert on the piano. Miss Bergh's winsome personality will long be remembered. With Miss LaDell, Miss Bergh and Miss Deering, it might be said they captivated their audience at the outset and the two hours' program seemed exceedingly brief.

They amply explained to the very last the high degree of excellence of the entire company. Announcement was made of the course for the next year—the Tyrone Alpine Yollert; Imperial Russian Quartette; Col. Gearhart, Elmer Adams Co.; Ellsworth Plumstead; and Original Strollers Quartette. Two hundred citizens signed requisitions. This object is to have the affair repeated at once. This is necessary in order to guarantee high grade talent early in the year.

The star course of 1913-14 has been most successful, critics saying it has been the greatest yet. It was also announced that the Thomas Jubilee Singers who are on tour would stop in this city over Sunday and furnish the musical program for a big men's meeting in the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium at 4 p.m. on Sunday, when the Rev. H. S. Osborn will deliver his address on "The Peril of the Soul".

WEDDING BELLS. IRWIN—EMPEY on Tuesday, April 21st at the Tabernacle parsonage by the Rev. W. G. Clarke, B.A., William R. Irwin and Nelle Empey, all of Madoc Township, were united in marriage.

Boxes Were on Fire. Fire broke out about ten o'clock this morning in some boxes in the rear of Mr. W. B. Riggs store but was soon extinguished by the fire brigade.

W. C. Mikel, K.C., is in Toronto today on business.

BARNEY OLDFIELD AND LINCOLN BEACHEY TO BE IN BELLEVILLE JUNE 3RD

Contract Signed For Great Motor Racer and Aeroplanist on King's Birthday—Citizens' Committee Enthusiastic.

June 3rd, King's Birthday, is to be perhaps the greatest day the district and city have ever seen. Lincoln Beachey, the world's most daring loop-the-loop aviator will fly in Belleville. This feature has never been given in Canada.

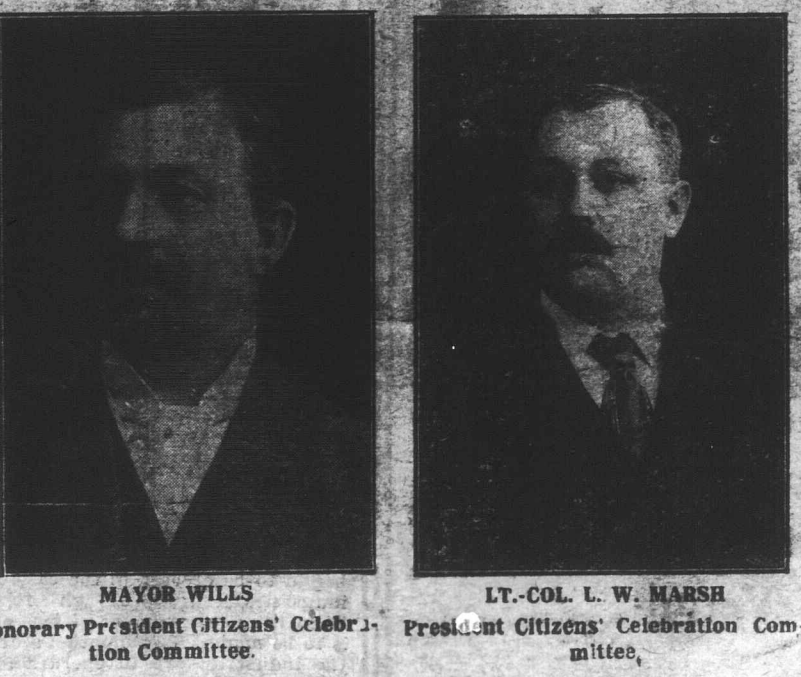
"Barney" Oldfield, the greatest motor driver will drive one of the fastest racing cars over the track in the Agricultural Park on the same day. At an organization meeting yesterday afternoon, much enthusiasm was shown by the citizens and members of the citizens' celebration committee. Addresses were delivered by many prominent citizens. Mr. Tucker representing the Robertson Amusement Co. of Chicago spoke on a feature for June 3rd.

The firm agreed to supply Beachey and Oldfield for the most daring events ever witnessed in Canada. The contract for these men has been closed and they will appear. Col. Ponton spoke on the possibility of getting His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, the Duchess of Connaught and the Princess Patricia to be in Belleville on June 3rd. They are in Cobourg on June 1st and sail down the lake and bay on the second.

Mayor Wills, Col. Ponton and Col. Marsh were appointed a committee to endeavor to have the Royal party as guests of the city on June 3rd. Last year's executive was re-appointed.

Hon. Pres.—Mayor Wills. Pres.—Lt.-Col. L. W. Marsh. Vice Pres.—W. B. Deacon. Secretary—A. Jones. Treas.—W. Carnow. The committees will be appointed at a meeting to be held soon.

CITIZENS' CELEBRATION COMMITTEE



MAYOR WILLS Honorary President Citizens' Celebration Committee.



LT.-COL. L. W. MARSH President Citizens' Celebration Committee.



LT.-COL. W. N. PONTON Who is endeavoring to secure H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia for King's Birthday Celebration.

JOTTINGS FROM JOHN STREET

A very interesting and instructive address was given to the Long Point People's Guild last evening by L. M. Moore on the subject of "The Conservation of Time". Mr. Moore emphasized a number of very important considerations which evoked his careful preparation of the subject. He pointed out the importance of avoiding the fatal mistake of drawing long lines of distinction between things as regular and sacred and the idea of conserving all time, days and weeks. Very many valuable suggestions along the lines of thoroughness and system and punctuality. The genius is the hard worker. And a large measure of success comes through the old and very important rule of life observance of the "Whatsoever is worth doing is worth doing well."

"A place for everything and everything in its place." "A time for everything and everything in its time."

A social and concert are on the docket for May 8th, under the auspices of the Social and Musical Committees. This will be your opportunity for May—prior to the 24th.

The I.O.O.F. and Rebekah Lodges of the city will attend divine service in John St. Church on next Sunday morning. A large attendance is expected and a special program is being prepared for the occasion.

"The Montreal Tramways Company" declared the speaker, "has agreed to put on the cars a button proclaiming that 'This is Clean-Up Week' or some similar design to attract the attention of every citizen to the movement. They have agreed to give us assistance in the removal of garbage that is of insupportable service to the cause. They are placing at the disposal of our organization their entire truck service conveying the dirt to their own dumps. They will erect additional and modern dumps to provide a ten-minute service of twenty-ton capacity."

Mr. Abraham began by pointing out the laxity of citizens in observing the laws made by their representatives in their own personal lives. Every person knows that the present condition is a civic disgrace," he asserted and almost every organization in the city has passed resolutions calling upon the authorities to clean up Montreal, but such a course is waiving breath if the movement is not backed up by a public desire.

"We send men to high places and expect them to compel us to do things. This they are utterly unable to accomplish ther if we are not consistent enough to back up our demands with a willingness to comply with the very laws and ordinances we create."

Mr. Abraham stated that it was the hope of his association to get every man, woman and child in the city interested in the clean-up work. He then told of the work of organization of the movement, asserting that strong working committees had been formed and the public health an indispensable department of the city enlisted as supporters. The city has been divided into districts to be worked within the fire and public health departments. The fire department was taking an interest because the clean-up meant a decrease in the number of fires and the insurance companies were deeply interested for the same reason.

The Board of Control has been asked preparatory to putting in a cess of have promised to mention the project potatoes. I took the hint and the first afternoon I met a number of their letters were coming in from 31 sides were going to do about cleaning the streets. He said it wasn't in his line funds. At the conclusion of Mr. Abraham to call up Alderman So and so for his assistance, a resolution was passed he knew all about it. I called So and asked him what they were going to do and the Publicity Association.

FRONT STREET CLEANING.

Editor of The Ontario: Reduce the high cost of living back to the land. If Mohammed won't go to the mountain, then we must bring the mountain to Mohammed.

Some days ago I heard a citizen speaking about a stream he had seen in his vision, he saw farmers spreading fertilizer in the mud on Front Street preparatory to putting in a cess of have promised to mention the project potatoes. I took the hint and the first afternoon I met a number of their letters were coming in from 31 sides were going to do about cleaning the streets. He said it wasn't in his line funds. At the conclusion of Mr. Abraham to call up Alderman So and so for his assistance, a resolution was passed he knew all about it. I called So and asked him what they were going to do and the Publicity Association.

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