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### **ADMIRAL SEIZES TERMINAL YARDS**

Fletcher Takes Possession of English-Owned Concern at Vera Cruz.

FIRST TRIED TO RENT IT

Management Asked Price That Admiral Considered Was Too High.

VERA CRUZ, April 28.-Rear Admiral Fletcher seized the piers, yards and buildings of the terminal comtrol over which he regarded as necessary in order to facilitate the resumption of the normal business activity of the city. The admiral had been endeavoring to represent the city of deavoring to represent the city of the condition of the normal business activity of the city. The admiral had been endeavoring to represent the condition of the con deavoring to rent the property, but could not come to an agreement with the managers as to the price to be

The management quoted a figure which the naval authorities considered exorbitant, and Admiral Fletcher ended the controversy by taking advantage, of his powers of taking advantage.

ment that Admiral Fletcher was in control of the property.

Raised British Flag.

Prior to the seizure a high official of the company had a British flag raised over the water station far out in the yards, in the belief that such action might prevent the Americans from taking over the property. It availed nothing. W. Marcom, manager of the Mexican Railway, and president of the terminal company, called on of the terminal company, called on Rear Admiral Cradock of the British cruiser Essex and related the circumstances to him. The admiral advised Mr. Marcom to present his claims to the British foreign office.

The terminal company is a British

For the operation of the property Vera Cruz and who offered their services in any capacity

Acted Within Rights.

LONDON, April 28.—The seizure yesterday by United States Rear Admiral Fletcher of the property of the British owned terminal company at

GALT WOMAN DEAD IN PARIS. vantage of his powers under martial law and assumed possession of the property. The seizure was made with no other formality than the announce-

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# **BRITAIN PREPARED** TO AID MEDIATION

Mexican Trouble of Grave Concern to British Government, Says Grey.

LONDON, April 28 .- "The trouble concern, most of the stock of which is held by the railways, two of which, the Interoceanic and the Mexican are the British Government on account of the military authorities are using rail-way men who have just arrived in to encourage and further in any way

This statement was made by Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secand buildings of the terminal com-Vera Cruz is accepted by the British retary, in the house of commons today pany, a British owned concern, con-foreign office as a perfectly natural when he formally announced that the

> in the ordinary routine of such cir-cumstances. It was stated today that attitude Mexico had taken in connecif the terminal company presents a claim to the British foreign office it will be forwarded to Washington in the ordinary course.
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> Sir Edward paid tributes to Thomas B. Hohler, the British secretary of legation at Mexico City; to Sir Lionel Carden, the British minister, and othtive in getting foreign refugees out of Mexico City. He said:

"All the arrangements seem to have been executed with great tact and have been of real service to British and

Sir Edward Grey referred to the mission of Commander Hugh J. Tweedie of the British cruiser Essex, who was sent to Mexico. He said: "Rear-Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock is endeavoring to send an 'unarmed party with despatches to Mexi-co City with the full cognizance of the United States admiral and with the sanction of the Mexican general near Vera Cruz.

"The despatches, which are for the British, French, German and Spanish ministers in Mexico City, are addressed to Provisional President Huerta a request for his sanction for their delivery.
"Rear-Admiral Cradock hoped to

receive a safe conduct for the party."

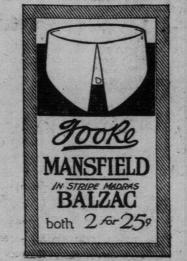
# LOSSES ARE HEAVY **BEFORE MONTEREY**

Constitutionalists Had Three Hundred Casualties in Recent Attack on Town.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, April 28. -One hundred Constitutionalists were killed and 200 wounded in the recent attack on Monterey, which ended in cording to an American photographer who arrived here last night aboard the first train operated between Monterey and the border in a year. Federa casualties are stated to have been 300 These estimates were made by Gen.
Pablo Gonzales, rebel commander at
Monterey, according to the refugee,
Report also was brought to Brownsville that an English flag had been hoisted over the United States con-sulate. In explanation, it is said Gen. Gonzales quoted Consul-Gen. Hanna as saying that a new United States flag, to replace the one torn down by the federals when Mr. Hanna was ar-rested last week, could not be unfurled

without proper ceremonies.

Monterey, it became known today, was cut off from outside communication for two weeks preceding the rebel attack. Arrangements for expediting food supplies have been made, althous suffering has been reported.



### REFUGEE EXODUS **RELIEVES ANXIETY**

Taut Nerves Relaxed at Washington by Latest Turn of Fortune.

BRITONS AID IN RESCUE

Admiral Craddock Sends British Sailors for Eight Americans Beset.

ngths the "good offices" of the South Americans might reach was an absorbing topic in official Washington and the entire diplomatic corps today. Other features in the situation largely were lost sight of except among army and navy officials charged with execu-tion of preparations for eventualities. Taut nerves and the anxiety of the last few days were relieved by news that Americans were relieved by news that Americans were leaving danger zones in the southern republic, while reports of tranquility along the border were encouraging. "Things look very much better now," Secretary Daniels said. "We are getting Americans out of Mexico. That is the important

Huerta's reply, conveyed thru his ninister for foreign affairs to Mr. Riano, Spanish ambassador in Washngton, was received late last night Riano had received private advices the night before that Huerta would and the South American ovs had been at work all day on that nanked the South American envoys "real spirit of solidarity between

ples of the same race."
Will Not Embarrass Mediators. celared himself greatly pleased, but hade no further comment, and White louse officials let it be known that no mnouncement of points to be insisted pon in proposed mediation would be de that might embarrass the repre-ntatives of South American counofficial and diplomatic cir-ssions were heard that what dstill. The only feature to disturb th epeaceful routine of vera Cruz, over which the stars and stripes now wave, was the probable landing today of military forces from the transports and the assumption of supreme command by Brig.-General Funston. The seaport rapidly was going back to its business. The terminal company which controls tracks, wharves pany which controls tracks, wharves the control of the co nt to business of other commercial ompanies. This was reported by tear Admiral Fletcher to the navy de-

Business Resumed.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels was nuch pleased today at the receipt of despatch from Admiral Fletcher taking he had published this more stating he had published this pro-"It is gratifying to note that all usiness is resumed in Vera Cruz and

good order prevails. Citizens may pass freely in the streets both night and day and resume their usual cus One of the sidelights incidental to

the re-establishment of order in Vera Cruz was contained in Admiral Flet-cher's report of arms seized from the habitants there. The list shows: Rifles, 6000; shotguns, 4000; revolv ers, 1350; swords and other weapons 1000, besides 133,000 rounds of am

munition, 6000 pounds of powder and 86 cases of fuses.

Rear-Admiral Fletcher reported to Secretary Daniels today that "there appears to be no immediate need for provisions for the inhabitants of Vera

Plenty of Provisions.

"The amount of provisions in sight available for purchase is variously esimated at from one to two weeks, exsupplies in the railroad terminal yard not yet unloaded," the report stated. "It is probable that a cargo of food-stuffs, comprised of whole corn, beans rice and a limited quantity of sugar will find a market here in the near future. The local supply of fresh gar-den produce is still limited, but wil doubtless improve as the back country is opened up. Fish is cheaper and more plentiful, because none can be

Plan Combination. Rear-Admiral Mayo at Tampico re-ported today that the federal forces there are making further overtures



reican ship to the Yucatan district "as it might start anti-American demonstrations." In regard to the reports from Tampico that American citizens there were indignant because of the departure of the American battleships from the river, Secretary of the Navy Daniels said today that this action had been taken after Admiral Cradock had informed Admiral Mayo that he would undertake to receive Americans from Tampico aboard the Hermione and transfer them to the Des Moines upon the American vessels taking a position at sea. This arrangement, it was thought, Mr. Daniels said, would make anti-American demonstrations in Tampico less likely. "I will go in and bring the refugees to you." the British admiral was reported to have said to Admiral Mayo.

# **CANADIAN VISITS AMERICANS IN JAIL**

Found Women and Children Confined at Cordova, Sleeping on Stone Flags.

VERA CRUZ, April 28 .- Sleeping n the stone flagging of the jail, with

dren. confined at Cordoba. Their lease today has been promised by Gen. Maas, in reply to a request from U, S. Consul Canada thru a messenger who returned to Vera Cruz today.

W. H. Mechling of the Geological Survey of Canada, who has been for some time in Mexico in behalf of the Universities of Harvard, Pennsylvania and Columbia, spent two days at Cordoba. He was detained but not put in jail, and finally was permitted to proceed here as a British subject.

Mr. Mechling went to the jail in Cordoba on Sunday afternoon and talked to the prisoners, among whom are several he is acquainted with. They begged him to communicate their plight to Consul Canada and Rear-Admiral Fletcher in an endeavor to secure their release. The prisoners are herded like cattle and are jeered at aimost constantly either by the keep-

nationalities, according to Mr. Mech-ling, is 85. One of the imprisoned men is Supt. Emery of the Vista Her-mosa sugar plantation of Vera Cruz, who entertained John Lind, President Wilson's representative, a few months

Mr. Mechling says there are 87 persons, chiefly Americans, held at Tux-tepec. State of Vera Cruz, from sur-rounding plantations, and that Con-sular Agent White is in jail at El Hule,

FRATERNIZED WITH MEXICANS. VERA CRUZ, April 28.—Six federal soldiers, who wandered too close to the American lines, were captured late yesterday by marines. There is not any desire among the Americans to attack or in any way assume the offen-sive against the Mexicans, so when the marines gained possession of a the marines gained possession of a squad of Huerta's soldiers, they did

## **REBELS REPORTED AS GAINING GROUND**

Latest Rumors Are That Mexican Federals Are Generally Disorganized.

VERA CRUZ, April 28.-Conflicting more plentiful, because none can be shipped to the interior. Milk is scarce. Beef cattle, in considerable numbers, are reported to be fairly near Vera Cruz, but the owners fear to drive them in without an armed guard to protect them. There is no ice. The ice plant was damaged by gun fire, and the reserve supply has been entirely consumed. Our force will repair ice plant."

VERA CRUZ, April 28.—Conflicting reports regarding rebel operations continue to come from the capital. The newspapers loudly insist that the rebels are gaining no ground, but private information reports that great headway has been made, that San Luis Potosi has been taken and that the federals generally are disorganized.

Gen. Velasco, who was defeated by Villa at Torrcon, and in the subsequent fighting in that district, has succeeded Villa at Torreon, and in the subsequent fighting in that district, has succeeded in reaching the capital with a mere handful of the forces which had been placed under him to defend Torreon. Gen. Velasco was twice wounded in the arm and in the leg. He was accompanied by Gen. Argumedo, who was seriously wounded. Gen. Pena was left among the dead. With Gen. Velasco were 400 wounded soldiers. All the remainder of his forces were killed, injured or captured, or had deserted to the rebels.

PRAISE WILSON'S FORBEARANCE. WASHINGTON, April 28.-Resolu tions expressing the thanks and appreciation of American motherhood for the fortitude and forbearance shown by President Wilson in his efforts forts to preserve peace between the United States and Mexico were adopted at the closing session here last night of the international congress on the welfare of the child. Congress was urged to pass an amendment to the constitution against polygamy and to enact a uniform marriage and divorce law in all states.

FOREIGNERS' SAFETY PLEDGED

ROME, April 28.—A despatch today from Mexico City says: "The fact that foreigners are authorized to leave constitutes a pledge of safetly for all foreigners. Very few Italians, French or Spaniards have left, but many Ger-mans and a number of British have de-

## REINFORCEMENTS **REACH VERA CRUZ**

Meanwhile South American Envoys Strive for Basis of Peace.

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Diplomats Hold Conferences to Plan Next Step in Negotiations.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—While envoys of Brazil, Argentina and Chile sought today to find some ground upon which to base proposals to the United States and Mexico which would settle differences between the nations, word was flashed from Vera Cruz that

gentine legation to plan the next step in the negotations for peace. Before the envoys began their conference, Secretary of State Bryan was formally notified by Ambassador Riano of Spain that General Huerta had accepted the principle of mediation pro-

incident with the conference of mediators President Wilson and partment, that General Huerta had

Will Not Affect Funston.

Will Not Affect Funston's Orders.

Secretary of War Garrison insiste early in the day that the mediation

Rear Admiral Fletcher, who Rear Admiral Fletcher, who had been directing operations up to this time, will return to his flagship, the Florida, withdrawing also all of the bluejackets. That part of the marine force now ashore at Vera Cruz has been detached from the navy and now becomes part of General Funston's command. General Funston also will take up the work index.

ston's command. General Funston also will take up the work undertaken by Admiral Fletcher, in directing the administration of governmental affairs in Vera Cruz.

Bryan Says "Tension is Less"

"The tension seems to be less," said Secretary Bryan, as he returned to the state department after a two-hour cabinet meeting." hour cabinet meeting. "Americans are being moved out of Mexico City

without interruption."
Mr. Bryan explained that he had their best to entertain them. They gossiped with the Mexicans regarding the news beyond the lines and after a field luncheon shook hands with them and sent them away.

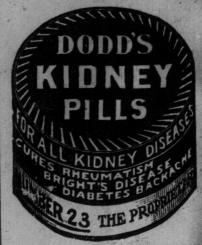
Mr. Bryan explained that he had not yet received the text of General Huerta's acceptance of the mediation proposal, and that Ambassador Riano had merely explained orally that mediation was acceptable to General

Huerta.

The mediation envoys continued their morning conference until 2 o'clock and an afternoon session began at 3 o'clock. No statement was made concerning the progress of the mediation proposals but the general sentiment prevailed that substantial results would be accomplished.

**BRITAIN TO SEND MORE** WARSHIPS TO MEXICO?

LONDON, April 28.—The British Government has had under consideration the possible necessity of strengthening the British fleet in Mexican waters, in order to ensure the protection of British subjects and property. Nothing has been yet definitely decided, and in view of the latest news from Mexico, it is hoped by officials that it will be unnecessary to send more war yessels there send more war vessels there.



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