

FIRST ACTION OF REAL WAR IS EXECUTED AT VERA CRUZ

MEXICAN GENERAL WAVED FAREWELL FROM CARRIAGE IN WHICH HE ESCAPES

Was First to Get Out of Vera Cruz and His Family Followed Later—Dangerous For Anyone to be at Large in City—They Shoot From All Angles and From House Tops--Lots of Excitement.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The paraphrase of a despatch from Vera Cruz was made public to-day at 3 a.m. by the Navy Department. "It is reported that Commandant General Maas left Vera Cruz in a carriage, and that he had not been heard from since. The Mexican troops were turned loose to act as they pleased, few if any officers remaining. "It is said that there is some looting, making it dangerous for natives and foreigners. At the time of this despatch the Mexicans are firing a 75-millimeter machine gun at corner of Callestran Morelos and Main street. Col. Cerrillo was wounded early in battle. "A telegram from Vera Cruz reports the town quiet except for occasional picket shots. A few refugees are still in consulate. "It is believed the Mexican soldiers on the house-tops will escape under cover of darkness, and there will be no more fighting. "A second messenger was sent to General Maas again requesting him to stop firing and prevent shelling of the town. At the time this telegram was sent the messenger had not returned."

Mr. Taft On War's Outcome

[By Special Wire to The Courier] NEW YORK, April 22.—Former President Taft, who came to New York to attend a dinner last night, expressed the hope that there would be no war when informed of the latest news from Mexico. "Once you get into a war," Mr. Taft said, "you never know where you will come out of it. I don't mean in regard to winning, but with respect to responsibilities that may have to be assumed. When we began the war with Spain, who would have thought that we would come out of it with the Philippines?"

SECRETARY OF NAVY ADMITS THAT UNCLE SAM IS NOW AT REAL WAR

When Federal Troops Fired on United States Troops a State of War Was Brought Into Existence--Warlike Scenes in Mexico Give Rise to Belief That Stubborn Fight May be Looked For--Supplies Are Cut Off.

NEW YORK, April 22.—A Washington despatch to the Tribune says: The United States is at war with the republic of Mexico. This admission was made by the Secretary of the Navy, on behalf of the Administration, and by several Democratic senators on the floor of the Upper House yesterday. Secretary Daniels, while contending that the seizure of the customs house at Vera Cruz was not an act of war, asserted that the firing on the Americans by the Federal troops was, so that it no longer could be denied that a state of war existed. Mr. Daniels also said that the German ship carrying munitions of war had arrived at Vera Cruz yesterday, but had not entered the harbor. It was his understanding that she had on board 15,000,000 rounds of ammunition and 200 machine guns. It has been reported also that several hundred railway cars were being held in readiness at Vera Cruz to transport these munitions to Mexico City. Following a conference at the White House last night, Secretary Bryan went to the German embassy and discussed the situation as it affects the German ship with the German ambassador.

THE ENTIRE CITY TAKEN BY FORCE

Renewed Operations at Vera Cruz by the Americans Today.

STOCKDALE IS OUT AS RECEIVER OF THE RAILWAY

Order Was Issued at Osgoode Hall Today to That Effect.

Authentic News At The U. S. Capitol

[By Special Wire to The Courier] WASHINGTON, April 22.—United States Consul Canada cabled under date of 9 a.m. to-day that he expected fighting to cease within an hour. The total American forces ashore numbered 3,000. They were well into the city and had the situation in hand. Consul Canada's message was received at 11.45. It said: "Have sent messengers to all hotelkeepers to re-open their establishments, which will be given full protection. Customs house and warehouse on fire, but now extinguished. Now informed that American troops have been ordered to advance to take possession of the city. Informed also that first two sections of the train carrying American refugees from Mexico City arrived before the fighting commenced yesterday morning. Third section on its way, but not heard from. "Major Catlin, with a force of 300 marines just landed to assist Captain Neville, says total number of forces landed 3,000. Our forces now well in centre of the city. I now believe fighting will be stopped within less than an hour. "What changes will you direct?" Mr. Wallace was asked by The Courtier after the hearing. "I do not think you should expect me to answer that" was the answer. "Will you devote your whole time to the Woodstock Road?" "No, I have a very efficient superintendent. "To-day's proceedings will interest Brantford people, although not financially. Mr. Stockdale is still receiver of the Grand Valley Company, from which the city is affecting a purchase. Mr. Stockdale, as former receiver of the Woodstock line, will pass his accounts and then sever his connection with Woodstock of the Grand Valley enterprise. Mr. Stockdale's affidavit was submitted to the courts. After reciting that he had been appointed receiver on May 29th, 1912, he said: "I have no personal interest whatever in the matter referred to in this connection and have acted solely in my capacity as receiver, and as such an officer of the court. Ever since my appointment I have been and still am always ready and willing to receive and to act upon the advice and order and direction of the court. I am subject to the same accordingly and I am advised that I am not at liberty to act in the matters referred to in this action without the direction and order of the court. "I am quite ready and willing to expedite the plaintiff and any one else interested in obtaining upon summary motion or otherwise an order of the court on the premises."

UNCLE SAM HAS THE MONEY FOR A HARD FIGHT

Could Raise 100 Millions by a Beer and Stamp Tax.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] WASHINGTON, April 22.—That the United States could finance a war with Mexico and scarcely feel it is the view authoritatively expressed here today. The government's finances are considered to be in excellent condition—so good in fact that even the treasury officials who are in closest touch with the situation have given only tentative consideration to the subject of providing a war fund. It was said to-day that no plans for raising money yet had been considered as current appropriations for the navy and the army in the view of officials would be sufficient for present needs and as it would cost no more to maintain the fleet in Mexican waters than in United States waters. In the event of extraordinary expenses which would arise naturally during a state of war money could be raised it is pointed out precisely as it was raised during the Spanish-American war through extraordinary taxes. It has been estimated that a beer and stamp tax would increase the revenues of the government by at least \$100,000,000 a year. Imposition of such taxes would have to be made by the congress but it is expected there would be no hesitancy either in the house or in the Senate to reenact certain parts of the revenue measure of the Spanish-American war. It can be said that a new issue of bonds is not in contemplation. At present lying in the treasury are Panama bonds to the amount of \$240,559,000 which may be sold at any time to reimburse the treasury for expenses incurred in the construction of the Panama Canal. Of the \$375,200,980 of Panama bonds authorized only \$134,631,980 have been issued. The balance could be issued at the pleasure of the President and Secretary McAdoo.

BELIEVED THAT MANY MEXICANS WERE KILLED

Although it is Hard to Estimate Number Which Participated.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] VERA CRUZ, Mex., April 22.—Estimates of the number of Mexicans killed or wounded in the fighting with the American marines and blue jackets yesterday, still are very vague. It is believed, however, that the Mexican casualties were greater than those of the Americans, who lost four men killed and twenty wounded. This morning bodies of Mexicans are lying about the central part of the city uncarred for. At a late hour last night the American forces in Vera Cruz numbered 1,200. The first landing party consisted of more than 500. The second detachments landed two hours later. At the most the number of men under General Maas did not aggregate more than one thousand. Serious firing on the part of the Mexicans, early to-day, appeared to be concluded. During the night there was an occasional shot from roofs, sometimes even within the American lines and it was unsafe to traverse the streets. Late last night, Rear-Admiral Fletcher through Consul W. W. Canada, sent a second messenger, a Mexican, to endeavor to locate some one in command to tell him conditions and suggest that in the name of humanity he call off his men. The Rear Admiral is considering the throwing of shells, but is reluctant to sacrifice life merely to clear the houses of the determined few. The Americans have not yet occupied the central part of the city, and more fighting may be necessary before the town is in their undisputed possession.

Old Huerta Sits Tight at Mexico City

[By Special Wire to The Courier] NEW YORK, April 22.—A cable from London to the New York American this morning says: "Huerta remains absolutely imperturbable. "The city is calm. Business is proceeding as usual. The poorer classes do not know the gravity of the crisis. Scores of United States citizens are preparing to depart. "Charge O'Shaughnessy told the Mail's correspondent he had received no instructions from his Government relative to his departure. "The Foreign Minister said that Americans remaining there would be protected to the full extent of the Government's power."

THE U.S. SENATE JUSTIFIES ACT OF PRESIDENT WILSON

Armed Forces Against Mexico Considered Necessary by Vote This Morning.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] WASHINGTON, Apr 22.—The Senate at 3.21 this morning by a vote of 72 to 13 passed the "administration resolution" declaring that "the president is justified in the employment of the armed forces of the United States to enforce his demands for unequivocal amendments for the affronts and indignities committed against the United States in Mexico." The resolution as adopted by the Senate follows: "In view of the facts presented by the president of the United States in his address delivered to congress in joint session on the 20th day of April, 1914, in regard to certain affronts and indignities committed against the United States in Mexico, be it: "Resolved that the president is justified in the employment of the armed forces of the United States to enforce his demands for unequivocal amendments for the affronts and indignities committed against the United States; be it further, "Resolved, that the United States disclaims any hostility to the Mexican people or any purpose to make war upon them." The Senate adjourned at 3.24 a.m. until noon to-day.

LEAVE TAMPIOCO ALONE

WASHINGTON, April 22.—No orders it is stated, have been sent to American officers with reference to landing at Tampico, the only orders sent there referring to directions for ships sent to Vera Cruz. Admiral Badger will remain at Vera Cruz until further notice. No advancement further than Vera Cruz on the part of the United States forces, it was made plain, would be undertaken unless some overt act on the part of Huerta and his followers should precipitate further trouble and make more aggressive action necessary. Despite the purpose of the Administration to confine the operations at Vera Cruz, the situation took on an ominous aspect, which indicated that more serious consequences cannot be averted. Though not officially announced, it was reported on high authority that Senor Algara, the Mexican charge d'aires, had been directed by Huerta to ask for his passports, and that the American charge at Mexico City, Mr. O'Shaughnessy, had been asked to leave. With this prospective breaking off of diplomatic negotiations, together with the reports of aroused feeling among the Mexicans, the feeling is here that it may be necessary in the near future to resist active attacks from Mexican federal soldiers. Everything is in readiness for actual warfare if it must come, and congress to-day took the final step in justifying the President's course thus far.

Fears Are Held For Ambassador

[By Special Wire to The Courier] WASHINGTON, April 22.—Secretary Bryan, going to the White House at 1.15 p.m., said he had received no word from Charge L'Shaughnessy since Monday. The last message from Mexico City came from the American consulate Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Bryan appeared worried about Mr. O'Shaughnessy and to-day cabled him to report about conditions in Mexico City. The secretary was sure, however, that if anything had happened to O'Shaughnessy other legations in Mexico City would have, through their home governments informed the United States. Press reports have stated that telegraph wires from Mexico City to Vera Cruz were cut yesterday, which would probably account for the lack of information.

Not Resigning From Cabinet

[By Special Wire to The Courier] WASHINGTON, April 22.—The White House to-day requested the publication of this statement: "Secretary Tumulty emphatically to-day stated as wholly unfounded reports that any member of the cabinet contemplates resigning. He said that this subject had not been considered by the President or by any member of the cabinet and had never been discussed." The statement was issued in connection with a report that Secretary Bryan was about to resign.

\$500,000 For Relief Purposes

WASHINGTON, April 22.—President Wilson to-day sent to Congress a message asking for an immediate appropriation of \$500,000 to be used to bring Americans now in Mexico back to their homes in the United States. The message was referred to the appropriations committee. The bill and the bard rth esc hmarthe

NO FATALITIES

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The American forces are in complete control of Vera Cruz. No non-combatants were injured in the fighting there. This word was received in a despatch from Consul Canada this afternoon. The White House gave out the following statement: "Despatches received from Consul Canada at Vera Cruz at 10 p.m. announced that the American forces are now in complete possession of the city; that apparently no fatalities among American and foreign non-combatants and that firing had ceased except for occasional picket shots."

President Wilson Feels it Keenly

[By Special Wire to The Courier] WASHINGTON, April 22.—"I'm sorry, terribly sorry," were President Wilson's first words when news of loss of life in taking Vera Cruz first reached him to-day. The President was sad and disheartened. As he walked slowly to his office through the White House his head was bowed and his face a study in deep feeling and gravity.

REINFORCEMENTS

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Reinforcements from Rear Admiral Badger's fleet were landed to-day at Vera Cruz under the guns of the American warships to aid in taking the entire city of Vera Cruz, according to official advices to the navy department.

FLEET MOVEMENTS

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Rear Admiral Badger reported to the navy department to-day that he had ordered the torpedo flotilla from Vera Cruz to Tampico to reinforce the Des Moines in that port which was left alone when the other vessels were withdrawn to Vera Cruz.

No Message From Embassy

[By Special Wire to The Courier] WASHINGTON, April 22.—Consul Canada in a despatch to the State Department this afternoon, said that he had so far been unable to establish communication with the American embassy at Mexico City. He said a house-to-house search was being made through Vera Cruz, and many arrests of armed Mexicans were being made.

A BIG CLAIM

Mr. Fred Westbrook of this city, is plaintiff in a big suit against Toronto millionaires for an amount over \$50,000. He is suing for commission, which he alleges he earned in the purchase of the O'Keefe Brewing Company for the defendants. The deal ran into very big figures and Mr. Westbrook claims the regular commission. He has already received part payment.

William Donnelly In Mexico City

Despatches from Mexico City state that there are grave fears there of an uprising against all foreigners. There are no Brantfordites in Mexico, but Mr. W. Donnelly of Simcoe, well known in this city in golfing and other circles, is a resident of that city. Mr. Donnelly was for 15 years Canadian Trade Commissioner in Mexico, but owing to the disturbed state of the country the Government closed up the agency a year or so ago. Mr. Donnelly, however, still resides in Mexico with his family.

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CHANGE OF PROGRAM To the Patrons of the Empire we wish to say that for their benefit, we think that we have improved our program to a great extent by doing away with the vaudeville acts, as we find that vaudeville is over run in this city, and as it is very hard to get first-class acts. It is our intention to put the money we were paying for the acts into the very best feature pictures that can be produced. It is also our intention to make the Empire the Feature House of Brantford, and we think that good features like we are going to show to our patrons will be far more pleasing than poor vaudeville. We have here a few of the features we have booked: "The Celebrated Case," "Through Fire to Fortune," "The Lion and the Monkey," "Dante's Inferno," "Paid in Full," "Brewster's Millions," "Monte Cristo," "The Strain," "The Hunchback" and several others. Now we hope that this improvement will make a large increase in our patronage, and we feel sure that once you have seen our line of features hereafter the Empire will be your home of enjoyment.

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