Mexicans Open Fire on the American City of Laredo, Texas

FEDERALS BLOW UP AMERICAN CONSULATE AND CUSTOMS HOUSE

Border Patrol Returns Fire and Mexicans Fall—Three Americans Reported Killed—New Laredo, Mexico in Flames—Mexican Soldiers on Train and Shoot Indiscriminately—At Any Person in Sight—Postoffice, Theater and Railroad Offices Dynamited.

WAR DEPARTMENT BUSTLES WITH ACTIVITY

Ten Thousand Troops Sent to Vera Cruz—Orders for Movement of Marines and Troops Sent to Pacific Coast—Every Available Warship Flocking South to Mexican Waters on Both Coasts—Bager Land More Men Prepared for Possible Attacks by Mexican General Max.

Laredo, Texas, April 24—Newspaper writers who yesterday rode across the river from this city to observe the Mexican soldiers firing into Laredo, Texas, have described the American village as in ruins and Mexican nationals burned by the thousands.

As orders for troops were sent from this city to Vera Cruz today, it was stated that 90 per cent of the buildings in the city of Laredo were destroyed.

The Mexican soldiers, it is said, are in the city for the purpose of getting supplies from the American citizens.

Outposts Being Pushed Further South to Include Water Supply.

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Battle Prepares to Send 700 Marines Ashore, Retraction of Bluejackets and Two Airplanes.

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