Flag of Brazil On American Embassy

The Brazilian flag today floated over the United States embassy at Mexico City. The Stars and Stripes were hauled down at midnight, when Charge O'Shaughnessy

and his staff left by special train for Vera Cruz, guarded by Huerta's soldiers.

State Department dispatches today told of the "surrender" of the American embassy—the huge, stone castle, abandoned by Americans for the first time in years. Every official document, every standard of arms, and every personal and Government article of the evacuating Americans was placed under the protection of the Brazilian government. Huerta, according to advice so far received, has not attempted to seize any embassy effects. Unless he violates all international laws he cannot secure the arms and carriages held in the embassy for many months. Secretary Bryan stated today that steps for protection of every single article of United States property had been taken. Unless rioting and vandalism—spontaneous or willed at by Huerta—should ensue, the building is believed safe.

The embassy building, itself, is not owned by the United States. It is merely rented. Secretary Bryan recently recommended that the Government buy it, or some other suitable building, for a permanent embassy, at a cost of $150,000.

The embassy occupies about two acres of ground on an elevated, picturesquely situated. It is built of hewn stone blocks, fashioned like a medieval castle, with battlements, ramparts, and spires. Offices are on the first floor and living rooms above.

A large portion of the 1,000 Mexican rifles and thousands of rounds of ammunition were stored in the basement and gunr. Officials here scout the idea that these munitions of war have fallen into Huerta's hands. They have not heard directly regarding them, but Secretary Bryan holds that the supplies come under the general order for protection of embassy property granted by the dictator. It is believed they will be held by the Brazilian embassy.

It was suspected, however, that if the arms were left behind the members of the embassy had taken screwdrivers, removed three small screws and springs, and made every rifle useless. The ammunition, of course, is not fitted for use in anything other than Krupp rifles. Such a type of rifle is not widely known in Mexico.

RED CROSS FUNDS SENT IN.

No further fighting on the Red Cross flag and into Red Cross hospitals in anticipated by the American Red Cross Society. It is believed that as soon as Mexican soldiers and citizens learn that the Red Cross will care for sick and wounded of both armies on neutrality will be sent. A contribution of $5,000 for the services of nurses in Mexico was today telegraphed by Mrs. Whitney Reid of New York. Other contributions are coming in. The W. C. T. U. and E.K.

REPORT DIAZ ON WAY TO MEXICO.

BERLIN, April 24—Commercial circles here in close touch with Mexican affairs today had a report that ex-President Porfirio Diaz is now on his way to Mexico. The deposed dictator was last reported at Monte Carlo.

Embroiled Precautionary, Garrison Explains

Secretary of War Garrison today explained that the presence of soldiers at the Mexican embassy and of armed Mexican troops on the streets was precautionary. He said that the Mexican ambassador had asked for protection.

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History by Wilson Raps Polk for War

President Wilson's story of the Mexican war is of especial interest in view of the fact that he will be one of the leading characters in the event of a second war with Mexico.

In his "History of the American People" Mr. Wilson has written a graphic description of the main events of the Mexican conflict. He criticizes President Polk for his action in sending General Taylor to the Rio Grande without first having consulted with Congress.

The criticism is of especial interest because President Wilson has denied the making of the custom house at Vera Cruz without waiting for Congressional approval of his program of reparation, which he asked Congress to sanction.

TROOPS ON THE BORDER

AeroPlane Fleet

Now at Vera Cruz


(The Staff Correspondent of the Washington Times)

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, April 24—The battleship Mississippi, with a full complement of aeroplanes and equipment, steamed into Vera Cruz harbor this morning, and before nightfall the American aerial corps will be given their first experience in real war.

The warship which brought the corps from Key West has joined Rear Admiral Badger's fleet.

The military aviators are ready to take up their air scouting, and are but awaiting orders.

ATTACK EXPECTED.

The troops of General Pershing are to be reinforced by fresh divisions. It is rumored that other troops under the command of General Crook will arrive in Vera Cruz. The Mexican government has been notified of the American intention to attack.

FUNSTON WILL LEAD TROOPS INTO MEXICO

Veteran Campaigner of Cuba and Philippines Looked Upon as Ideal Man for Task.

The Army Appropriation Bill provides for the raising of 50,000 troops, and it is expected that the new force will be composed of 40,000 regulars to be under the command of General Funston and 10,000 auxiliaries.

Funston, who was titular governor of the Philippine Islands, is considered an ideal man for the task. The Navy Department has been notified that the 14th Light Cruiser will be sent to the Gulf to give support to General Funston's expedition.

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