peeding Persistently Southward on Mission With Singleness of Purpose, Giant Vessels Impressed Onlooker With Awe and Nearness of Big Events.

The Times today publishes the first of a series of stories by Lieut. Charles M. Maigne, U S. A., retired, who is at the front with the merican forces at Vera Cruz

Lieutenant Maigne went to Vera Cruz on the flagship of the Atartic fleet and his frequent cables have kept THE TIMES readers informed of the progress of the American occupation. He was the st to tell the real story of the first day's fighting in a vivid picture f the daring of the American marines and blue jackets. In today's letter, written on the U.S.S. Arkansas, he gives his first impressions a the giant vessel steamed toward the Mexican coast under sealed

Times readers will have the benefit of these stories day by day, and from his rich experience as an army officer in the Boxer campaign and in the Philippines, as author and correspondent, Lieutenant Maigne draws a comprehensive picture of the Mexican situation.

By Lieut, CHARLES M. MAIGNE, U. S. A., Retired. (Staff Correspondent of The Washington Times.)

The toll of the hours on the flagship's

flash a message, and the flying spray.

The fleet has changed its formation

and offset, one behind another, the ship

are plowing along in echelon. The tail-

end of a storm, which is running its

course to the northward, lashes the sur

face into angry white-capped waves.

into which the plunging bows of the

ships dip, covering the broad decks with

Ever southward, the water takes on

a deeper tinge of blue. Where the

white soume casts a shadow the intense

ing many times darker than the sky

Overhauling the Guns.

a plain of frothing sea.

tack provided we land.

journey's end.

S. S. ARKANSAS, AT SEA OFF the gloom, neither gaining or losing, TTERAS .- April 15 .- With a faint but keeping their distance of four hunstruckling through the mist, with- dred yards, one from another, while fuss or feathers, the fleet under the sense of awe whispers of the nearnes mand of Admiral Badger steamed of the great guns. of Hampton Roads today at 12:19

on the long run to Tampico. he great flagship picked up speed pidly, as the rest of the fleet fol- bell breaks the noisy silence momenlead, and the cones were tarily, and the echoes die away; the set at the truck, telling that the steadiness of the light-points astern is leated speed for the run, eleven and vivified by the red and white winkings half knots per hour, had been of the Ardois night signals, as they

moved along without as it breaks across the steel bows. tremor. It is about the most sur- sprinkles the battleship with an ocean's sing thing of the great number of benediction. pressive things aboard that, with the lt is again the noon of another day werful turbines pounding away rhyth- and out of sight to the westward lies ally far down in the bowels of the Cape Fear. nip, there was no vibration to tell of

incessant pulsations. She seemed alip along without effort, yet a ance astern showed the Vermont with bone in her teeth, cutting along in cursuit, a long, flat bank of grimy noke pouring from her funnels and ading into the nothingness of air. The New Jersey, New Hampshire, and the ollier Orion followed.

The dispatch of these ships, osedly upon a war mission, seemed to terfere not at all with the routine and matter-of-fact way of going about weiness, by officer and man. The officers do not seem unduly concerned or surprised. They give the impression of readiness, as though nothing else could be thought of; one is sure they ould not understand if it were even nted that an American ship could ossibly be unprepared

Cradled in Gentle Swell.

The afternoon passed quietly in le ne Capes and out into the rolling sea, he daylight faded and the evening fell. is almost impossible to adequately mvey the impression received in watching the lights of a fleet through he black of a starless night. Cradled n a gentle swell. Arkansas truck ghts cut slow arcs across the velvety heavens.

From astern, the remainder of the aggering squadron could be seen folowing the flag, the positions of the nips indicated only by the star-points the musthead lights and the glow green and ruby, as the running shts painted the night.

A battleship at night is not like a ighted gangways and no serried array portholes to blaze and glitter and time the ship. The gun-shutters are there are few lights to be seen on the superstructure, and late in the evening here are no sounds to be heard but he wash of the sea, the song of the wind through the steel basket masts and the subdued roar of the furnaces, repacious in their greed, as the belended emoke is whipped away.

The view of the following ships at the sear of the following ships are put in shape; any orders were received from Washington with more optimism today. The view of the following ships are put in shape; any orders were received from Washington with more optimism today.

Anyway, this is a wonderful trip. The

MORE AUTHENTIC PICTURES OF VERA CRUZ FIGHTING HOW TO ADDRESS



American Marines and Binejackets Fighting From Behind Barricade of Coffee Bags at the Wharfs Near the

O'1914 PHEE PRESS PSEN.

HOPE RENEWED FOR MEDIATION PLANS

Carranza's Acceptance Gives The blueiackets swarm the decks, under the direction of the officers, and the Impetus to Optimism Among duties they are performing speaks of the Spread out on the deck, before each man is a bewildering array of impedi-

menta, a helter-skelter of knapsacks slides, rifles, intrenching tools, canteens According to gossip on Mexico about cartridge belts, and equipment. The the Capitol today, acceptance of the men are having their landing kits inprinciple of mediation by General Carnza, chief of the constitutionalists, is Not only are the arms and personal ment since the mediation plan was at equipment checked up, but the three- tempted. The action of Carranza was inch landing guns are being overhauled unexpected. It has put mediation on a and put into complete readiness for call, broad besis and afforded some ground Away off on the rear and flanks of the | for expectation that peace can be re

fleet, two big navy tugs roll and pitch, stored to distracted Mexico. Of shoal draft, they may go into shal- | Carranza has been strongly urged by low waters where a battleship could not some of his American friends to partict approach, and it is under the guns of pate in the mediation plan. And he apthe tugs the landing will be made if it parently took the view that he would be becomes necessary. Not only will the placed in a better light before the tugs stand in close to the shore, but world if he accepted mediation than i the various cutters and launches will the refused it.

bear spitting rapid-fire guns and ma-thin extra question is whether a ces sation of fighting between Hueria and chine guns to aid their voices to the at-Carranza can be arranged. Having actack provided we land.

It is almost impossible to find out anydoubtful if either can refuse an arms ner. There are no tiers of cabins, no thing definite about what orders were tice although it he orders fighting stopgiven for the movement. Many things red. Carranza will go against the waits on shipboard, which might easily be explained away under the statement "routine." lead to the deduction that a

The view of the following ships renoves any quiet sense of isolation of a sea has been very smooth, and the sea has been good, and the almost unranny way this tremendous warship aloue the might and majesty of the great republic, is forced upon the observer as the other ships rush through

Stopping a Mexican, Who Is Suspected of Being a "Sniper." HUERTA'S HAND SEEN

Story of Bombarding City Believed to Be Attempt to Cement Mexico Factions.

IN MANZANILLO TAL

A deliberate attempt by Huerta to tepec railroad, it was thought possible ement anti-American sentiment in bluejackets might have landed to pre-Mexico. in preparation for an open vent damage. And landling party from the program of mediation the Denver, however, would have been of bluelackets instead of marines, as as seen by navy officials today back the Denver carries no marines. No word the report from Mexico City that e United States croiser Raleigh had

In Third States crosser Raleign had bonds of Manzanillo.

No bod of any such hostility has bosen in the partie fleet field, commander of the Partie fleet field, commander of the Partie fleet field of seming authoritative report from Mexico City, sandto have been issued by Huerin's minister of war. Secretary could go an his honeymoon. Edwar for the field of the Seventh me.

port was manufactured by Huerta sup-porters in Mexico City, it was pointed Mediation a Humane out that the story of the alleged bompardment in a time of tacit truce ould and would be freely circulated throughout Mexico. Through the rigid ensorship out in force any denial ould successfully as suppressed.

A policy than center would inflame the Mexicus spanned this country, and simultaneous inspiration in the three of the Atlantic defenses of the Panama in missing forces there tan count is a gen proclamations by Huerta, in a struct to the dishelf accorded the rule of the bombardment of Manzanilo, a rumor that marines had landed from the Deaver at Sallea Cruz was accorded some color of belief at the Navy Department. As Salina Cruz the western terminus of the Tehaun-

was received here on the report. Is Subject to Orders

Exico City, sai dto have been issued. NEW 10HK, April 26. Herote be could go in his brongwason. Edward could go in his brongwason. Edward to exact conditions at Manzanillo.

In support of the belief that the resion of Colonel Appletin.

dispatch from Admiral Badger. He reported that the American consul at Tampico, who has been on Admiral Mayo's flagship for several days, has gone ashore under guarantee of safety from the federal commander to settle up the affairs of his consulate which he is turning over to the British consul. The American consular agent at Tuxpan has taken refuge on the British steamer waneta and is proceeding to Galveston. Task, Says Dr. Muller

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, April 30 -Dr. Lauro Muller, Brazilian foreign minister, said: The idea of offering mediation was not that of Brazil alone, but was a republics in a great humane Even should mediation fail the ef-

MAIL TO VERA CRUZ

Postoffice Department Gives Instructions to Insure Proper Transmission.

Due to the occupation of Vera Cruz by the American forces, it has been as to the proper method of addressing such mail and the postage required. Mail originating in the United States ion to the "United States Mail Agency Vera Crus, Mexico," and also such mail as originates in Vera Crus for transmission to the United States or the domestic regulations of the Poetal Service. Only United States postage stamps will be accepted for prepayment on such mail matter. This applies in either direction. Mail should not be addressed to an individual street and number in Vera Cruz, but in care of the Agency, thus insuring careful hand-

Major Koehler Ready To Enlist as Private

NEW YORK, April 30.-Major Be jamin M. Koehler, transferred to Fort Vadsworth to await the decision Secretary Garrison on the finding of the court-martial that reco his dismissal, is still loyal to ice. His friends say he will

Huerta Must Salute, Rebel Re-enforcements Leave Sheppard Tells Woodmen

"Every Woodman salutes the flag, and by the eternal God, Mexico has got to salute it, too." Thus did Senator Mor-ris Sheppard lay down the law for Mex-ico in a speech at an open meeting and entertainment given in Carroll Institute Hall last night, by Oak Lodge, No. 4. Moder: Woodmen of the World. Senator Sheppard spoke of the patrio-tism of the Woodmen. Referring to fraternal workers, Senator Sheppard said he would rather be one of these than John D. Rockefeller with the corpse of a Colorado miner under one arm and the body of a suicide rival under the other.

On the program were Miss Louise Beauregard, Miss Effie Darnell, Samuel Jacobson, R. G. Bell, and Richard Mansfield. Members of the committee in charge were William H. Scott, William Eisinger, Dr. H. Watson Moffitt, C. R. Waddell, B. F. Williams, and John Hafferman.

Socialists Will Hold An Anti-War Meeting

Cole Ordered to Panama.

Major William E. Cole, U. S. A., of the coast artillery corps, will leave New York about May 16 to assume command of the Atlantic defenses of the Panama Canal Zone. Headquarters will be established at Cristobal. Major Cole is relieved of the command of the Potomac defenses, with headquarters at Fort Washington.

Resolutions are expected to be offered at the meeting of the Socialists of the District tomorrow night in Odd Fellows' Hall, urging American Workingmen to refuse to bear arms in Mexico. Notice was sent from party's headquarters in Chicago recently "protesting against the United States Government's invasion of Mexico and against the strike brutalities committed by the militia in Colorado." Charles Edward Russell will speak.

WASHINGTON MAN IS

UNDER FIRE 5 DAYS

Fear for American Customs Collector in Besieged Domingan City.

Plata, Santo Domingo, which for the last five days has been bombarded to Dominican troops, Norman L. Orme of Washington, his wife and three chil-Gren are believed to be in immient peril Ornie, who is collector of customs a the port for the United States, was last heard from two weeks ugo. At that time, in a letter to his sister, Mrs. William Atherton Du Puy, of 1642 Irving street northwest he said that a revostreet northwest he sain that a revo-lution was threatened and everything pointed to an early attack upon the city. He wrote that during times of streets the only places of safety in the flimsy Dominican houses are the bathwhich are large and cover d with The fact that the fighting probable would be centered about the customs house, adds to the fear for Ormes safety.

The State Department received word The State Department received word sesterday that the bombardment was still going on and immediately asked the Navy Department to order a cruiser to the scene in order to protest American fives ad property. This was done. Collector Orme was connected with the Treasury Department in Washington for thalse years algistery months. toon for twelve years, eighteen months ago being transferred to the Customs Service and recently to the office of ollector of the port at Puerlo Plata.

He was a number of the Rough
liders in 38 and was so badly wounded at the battle of El Caney that he walleft for dead by Gen. Leonard Wood.

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Monterey to Join Besieging

The victorious constitutionalist forces,

nich last week drove the Mexican fed-

erals out of monterey, are now moving

to join the attack on Tampico. They

are taking with them a number of

News of this latest movement of the constitutionalist army was received at the Navy Department early today in a dispatch from Admiral Redeem Hear

Waneta and is proceeding to Galveston

pieces of artillery, lack of which has prevented any serious inroads on the federal position at the oil port.

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TIMES SCORES ANOTHER BEAT WITH MEXICAN PICTURES By printing exclusively in three of its editions yesterday the

first real action pictures of the Mexican war, made by its own staff correspondent in Vera Cruz, The Washington Times scored one of the biggest picture beats in recent years.

Not only did it print exclusively a large set of photographs showing the American jackies and marines actually engaged in fighting, together with the effects of the battle at Vera Cruz, but it published the only pictures to be made by a Washington newspaper man now at the front

Lieut. Charles M. Maigne, U. S. A., retired, the staff correspondent of The Times, with the troops at Vera Cruz, was in the midst of the fighting which followed the landing of the American

Lieutenant Maigne succeeded in snap-shotting a series of photographs unexcelled by any other photographers who may have been at the Mexican port at the time. These photographs appeared in the Home, 5:30, and late Special War editions of The Times yesterday, and created as much interest and talk as any newspaper beat of recent years

It is safe to say that no Washington newspaper has carried a series of photographs that attracted as much attention as the Maigne war pictures. A new set of wer scenes from The Times correspondent is daily expected.