

Wilson Asks Authority to Use Arms Against Huerta

Resolution Granting President Power Passes House and Bill Appropriating \$50,000,000 for War is Up

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MEXICAN QUESTION VERGES ON WAR

PRESIDENT PUTS MEXICAN ISSUE UP TO CONGRESS

to Joint Session in House Executive Delivers Special Message Chamber at 3 P. M.

TAMPICO INSULT IS REVIEWED

Two American Flags Flying from Raided Whaleboat.

MEN TAKEN FROM THE CRAFT

Two of Them Were Still Aboard It When Arrested.

Officials Refuse Satisfaction for the Insult to Flag.

MAKE APOLOGY FOR ARREST

Administration Takes Ground that Admiral's Position is Strictly in Accordance with International Usage.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—President Wilson today answered Huerta's defiance by asking congress, assembled in joint session, for approval to "use the armed forces of the United States in such ways and to such extent as may be necessary to obtain from General Huerta and his adherents the fullest recognition of the rights and dignity of the United States."

The president did not ask for any appropriation of money at this time nor for authority to call out the national guard.

"There can be no thought of aggression or of selfish aggrandizement," declared the president to the sober faced throng of senators and representatives which packed the hall of the house.

"This government can earnestly hope, in no circumstances, to be forced into war with the people of Mexico. If armed conflict should unhappily come as the result of his (Huerta's) attitude of personal resentment towards the government, we should be fighting only General Huerta and those who adhere to him and give him support, and our object would be only to restore to the people of the distracted republic the opportunity to set up again their own laws and their own government.

The message followed:

The Message.
"Gentlemen of the congress:
"It is my duty to call your attention to a situation which has arisen in our dealings with General Victoriano Huerta at Mexico City which calls for action, and to ask your advice and co-operation in acting on it. On the 9th of April a paymaster of the United States ship Dolphin landed at the Iturbide bridge landing at Tampico with a whaleboat and boat's crew to take off certain supplies needed by his ship, and while engaged in loading the boat was arrested by an officer and squad of men of the army of General Huerta. Neither the paymaster nor any one of the boat's crew was armed.

Two of the men were in the boat when

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Tuesday:
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity—Fair and warmer.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday	
Hours	Deg.
5 a. m.	55
6 a. m.	55
7 a. m.	55
8 a. m.	55
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Emperor of Austria is Seriously Ill

VIENNA, Austria, April 20.—The emperor Francis Joseph passed a fairly comfortable night. His health is not unsatisfactory.

This was the official bulletin issued at the palace of Schonbrunn today. It was also stated that his majesty rose at his usual early hour and transacted official business.

The guarded language of the official bulletin caused apprehension in Vienna that the emperor's condition was graver than admitted by his physicians. Fear was expressed in court circles that unless the catarrh from which he is suffering diminishes within a short time serious complications will develop.

Penrose Declares that Congress is with Wilson

PHILADELPHIA, April 19.—Every senator and representative in congress regardless of political views will stand by the president in support of any measure he may now propose for upholding the dignity and honor of the American flag," United States Senator Boies Penrose said in an address tonight before the Darby camps, Sons of Veterans.

WILL COMMAND ARMY ON THE BORDER

Major Gen. Leonard Wood



FIFTH BRIGADE TO VERA CRUZ

War Department Plans to Send Five Thousand from Galveston.

FLEET IS STILL ON THE WAY

Torpedo Flotilla in Pensacola Harbor is Ordered to Join Admiral Badger's Forces—Pacific Coast Troops Ready.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The joint army and navy board, headed by Admiral Dewey, today had its first session in many months. It discussed plans for co-operation of the army and navy in case it becomes necessary to adopt measures in Mexico. Major General Woods, chief of staff, and Major General Witherspoon, assistant chief of staff, attended the meeting.

Will Send Brigade to Vera Cruz

HOUSTON, Tex., April 20.—The Second division of the United States army, here on a practice march, today began a hurried movement back to Texas City and Galveston, on orders received from Washington at 3 o'clock this morning.

The Fifth brigade of the division, consisting of about 5,000 men, was rushed aboard troop trains, but the remainder of the army unit, which brought nearly 10,000 men here, was ordered to make the sixty miles back to the coast on foot. Plans were made for the Fifth brigade to go aboard transports, although it was said no sailing orders had been received.

The Second division, which has been grooming in Texas City and Galveston for a year, had marched to Houston to remain until the middle of the week. The soldiers were to have paraded in a local celebration, April 21, of the battle of San Jacinto, when Texas won independence from Mexico.

Their march here from the coast last week indicated the men are hardy, no case of serious illness appearing in the big command.

The Fifth brigade, which returned to Galveston by train under the plans already worked out for troop movements by sea, would be the first to go aboard transports unless orders for embarkation specify some change in program. By daylight the Fifth brigade was boarding trains for the quick movement developed for the troops, made up, except for hooking on the engines, had been held in readiness for just such orders.

The Fifth brigade comprises the Fourth, Seventh, Nineteenth and Twenty-eighth infantry, and is in command of Colonel

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HOUSE PASSES THE MEXICAN RESOLUTION

Lower Chamber Adopts Joint Motion to Justify Use of Armed Force.

IS ON WAY TO THE SENATE

Rule Providing for Immediate Consideration First Voted.

VOTE IS A VIVA VOCE ONE

Those Opposed So Few that Democrats Laugh in Derision.

SENATE RECESSES TILL LATER

Decides to Wait Until Lower Chamber Has Acted.

OBJECTION IN THE COMMITTEE

Several Members Protest Against the Language "Individuals—Including Huerta," Used in Resolution.

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The senate resumed its session to consider the resolution at 9:45 o'clock. The house recessed until 10:30 to await the action of the senate.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—After a spirited debate of more than two hours, the house tonight passed the administration resolution approving President Wilson's purpose to use the armed forces of the nation to obtain from general Huerta the fullest recognition of the honor and dignity of the United States.

The vote was 237 to 27.

The resolution was passed at 9:35 and went to the senate.

The house shortly before adopted the rule providing for immediate consideration of the resolution. This was adopted by a viva voce vote. The negative votes were so few the democrats laughed in derision.

The Resolution

A joint resolution justifying the employment of the armed forces of the United States in enforcing certain demands against Victoriano Huerta:

"Resolved, by the senate and house of representatives, in congress assembled, that the president of the United States is justified in the employment of the armed forces of the United States to enforce the demands upon Victoriano Huerta for un-

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U. S. Merchant Ships Ordered to Leave Vera Cruz Harbor

VERA CRUZ, April 20.—Commander Charles F. Hughes, chief of staff of the United States Atlantic fleet, today called on General Quintana Roo, commander of the federal troops at Vera Cruz, and on the commander of the port, and instructed them to order all merchant vessels out of the harbor.

Commander Hughes then went on board the Spanish and the British warships anchored off this port and informed their commanders of his action.

William W. Canada, the American consul here, is making arrangements to have the foreigners in the city taken on board the merchant vessels, should necessity arise.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The Navy department gave out this statement:

"American merchant vessels have been ordered out of Vera Cruz harbor, in accordance with the president's instructions to consular officers to warn Americans to leave Mexico for their own safety."

The senate passed the volunteer army bill to take into the regular service militia regiments in time of war. The bill has already passed the house.

Rebels at Juarez Hold Conference

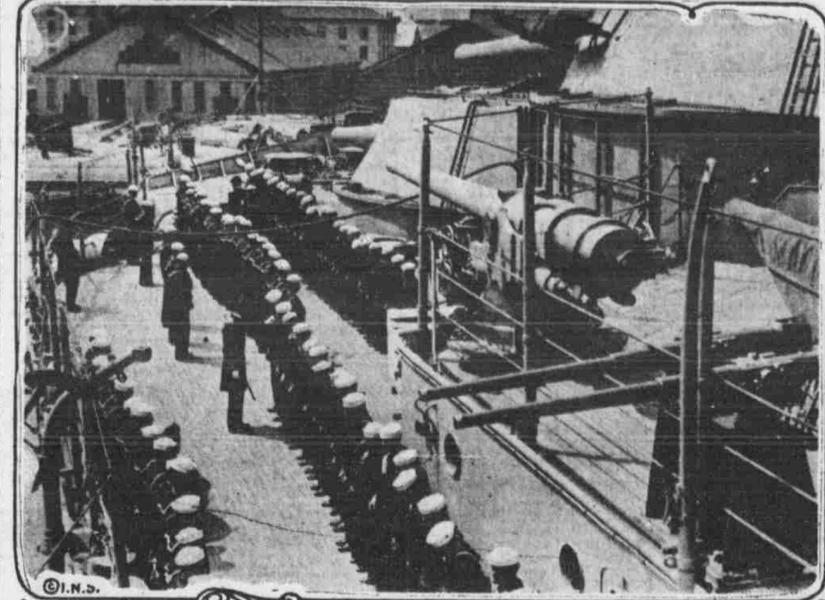
JUAREZ, Mex., April 20.—The conference between General Carranza and General Villa, considered of great moment by rebels, began at Chihuahua today, according to an official report received here.

It is generally understood among rebel officials that they will take no part in opposing the United States over the Tampico incident, unless rebel territory is invaded.

ABERDEEN FARMER DROWNS IN SHALLOW STREAM

ABERDEEN, S. D., April 20.—(Special Telegram.)—John Kobernick, aged 55, a farmer residing four miles north of Aberdeen, was drowned in eighteen inches of water following an attack of heart trouble. Kobernick was driving across the creek when his buggy stuck in the mud. He got out of the vehicle to release the buggy when he was stricken and fell face forward into the little stream and was drowned. His body was not found until several hours afterward.

Ready for Service at Any Minute



Inspection on Board the Battleship Texas Just Before it Sailed for Mexican Waters.

MILITIA READY TO MOVE

State Troops Could Start for Mexico Inside of Six Hours.

ONLY WAIT FOR WORD TO GO

Major Sterricker Has the Omaha Battalion Completely Organized and in Readiness to Start.

The entire force of state militia stationed in Omaha could be ready to move for Mexico within six hours if the word were given. This is the assurance of Major E. E. Sterricker in command of the battalion in Omaha.

Dispatches from Washington stated that President Wilson would probably ask the senate to pass the volunteer act providing for the pressing into regular service the militia of the various states.

The troops under Major Sterricker's command in Omaha consist of four companies, a band and a hospital detachment, a total of 35 men. The companies are the A, B, C and D of the First battalion, Fourth infantry. The companies at present consist of fifty-eight to sixty-five men each, which is not war strength for companies of the American army. Regular war strength is considered to consist of about 125 men to a company.

We have all equipment ready in the armory said Major Sterricker. There has been no special preparation on account of the recent developments, but we must simply keep in readiness all the time. We have our guns and ammunition at the armory, as well as all the rest of our equipment. All we have to do is call the boys out there and start. We have everything there to equip every man with all that a soldier needs in the field."

Many Inquiries Received

LINCOLN, Neb., April 20.—(Special.)—Nebraska troops are ready for the fray. That is practically so, according to Adjutant General Hall, who has not allowed the guard to lose any strength since the trouble in Mexico began months ago. On the other hand, he has two regiments of well-drilled companies, which can be made ready in a few hours' notice for mobilization at any point in the state, and a third regiment, unorganized, which in a week can be ready for service.

Added to this is one of the most efficient and best equipped signal corps in the country and a hospital corps under most efficient management.

Numerous calls from commanders of companies over the state to the adjutant general anxiously inquiring what chances there were for a call to arms indicated that the present membership in Nebraska's guard is just as anxious to make history as were the members of that first Nebraska which went to the Philippines.

CAPTAIN SUFFERS BREAKDOWN

F. C. Stewart of the Militia is Taken to Asylum at Lincoln.

Overwork and worry, laboring under the additional mental strain occasioned by the possibility of a hospital corps under most efficient management.

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The National Capital

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The McGillicuddy workmen's compensation bill was ordered favorably reported by the judiciary committee.
Several bills were considered under a unanimous consent.
Foreign affairs committee arranged for a meeting immediately after President Wilson's address.

Huerta Guarantees to All Americans Safety in Mexico

NO QUARREL WITH MEXICANS

Wilson Says Repressive Measures Are Not Aimed at People.

HE DEPLORES THE TALK OF WAR

Enthusiasm for Conflict Gives Him Feeling of Uneasiness—Issue with the Emperor of Mexico.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—President Wilson told the Washington correspondents today not to get the impression that the United States was going to have war with Mexico. He pointed out that under no circumstances would the United States fight the Mexican people; that it was their friend.

Mr. Wilson said he was going to congress to tell of a special situation and to ask approval of plans to meet a special situation. He declared the issue was only one between the United States and a man who calls himself president of Mexico, but whom the United States had never recognized as entitled to that right.

The president said the intention of the United States was to help the people of Mexico and that he had gotten a feeling of uneasiness when he found the newspapers filled with enthusiasm for war.

Mr. Wilson declared he did not want war, but justice, and that he did not consider such acts of reprisal as are planned, acts of war, but measures short of war, sustained by the Greytown precedent, for one.

The president emphasized that he had not lost patience with Mexico, for to lose patience seemed to him an act of weakness on the part of a person strong enough to do as he ought, but that he felt such incidents as recent ones might go from bad to worse and eventually bring about a state of conflict.

When the president was asked the direct question if the purpose of his action was to bring about the elimination of Huerta, he replied that the Tampico incident did not involve that question. He replied that the United States merely wanted full recognition of its dignity and such a recognition as would constitute a guarantee that such incidents such as the one at Tampico would never occur again.

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ROJAS DEFENDS POSITION TAKEN BY THE DICTATOR

Huerta's Minister of Foreign Affairs Gives Out Statement Explaining Answer to Ultimatum.

APOLOGY MADE IS SUFFICIENT

Holds Mistake Made by Subaltern is Already Atoned For.

TEXT OF PROPOSED PROTOCOL

It Would Require United States to Salute Mexican Flag.

CAPITAL OF MEXICO IS QUIET

Number of Americans Are Making Arrangements to Leave City.

DICTATOR SEEMS INDIFFERENT

Provisional President Spends Several Hours in Chapultepec Park Listening to Playing of Military Band.

MEXICO CITY, April 20.—The Mexican capital awaited with intense interest today the next word from Washington in reply to the refusal of Provisional President Huerta to comply with the demand of the United States.

All the morning papers published a lengthy statement by the Mexican foreign minister, Senor Portillo y Rojas outlining the reasons for the position President Huerta had taken—namely, that the American flag was not flying on the boat when the bluejackets were arrested on shore at Tampico; that therefore the flag had not been insulted, and that compliance with the demands for an unconditional salute would be humiliating to Mexico. This statement was followed by a statement from President Huerta, advising Mexicans to refrain from demonstrations which might embarrass possible future negotiations.

Many American residents have made preparations to stay in the Mexican capital whatever the outcome of the present crisis, unless they are ordered to leave by the Mexican authorities. They express belief that they will not be harmed in any eventuality. Others are going to Vera Cruz or are making preparations to leave if necessary.

Rojas Makes Statement

Minister of Foreign Affairs Rojas, in announcing that it would be impossible to agree to the demand of the United States that the flag of that country be unconditionally saluted, gave out the following statement:

"On the 9th of the present month, between 11 o'clock and noon, a boat with an American flag and with nine marines and one officer landed at a point called the Beach of Iturbide in Tampico. Colonel Raymond Hinojosa, who has charge of defending that point, detained the marines and officer and conducted them to the presence of the general who had command of the fort, Ignacio Morales Zaragoza.

"It should be remembered that at this time the port not only was under military control but was withstanding an attack by rebels.

"General Zaragoza immediately and without even investigating the case put the marines and the officer at liberty, placed Hinojosa in prison and sent an apology to Rear Admiral Mayo, the commander of the American fleet.

Salute is Demanded

"We thought the incident was closed, but unfortunately this was not so, because Mayo sent to him some time afterwards an ultimatum in which he asked that a second apology be presented to him by the staff of the chief of the fort, General Zaragoza; that the American flag be hoisted at the public library in Tampico and guarded by twenty-one guns; and besides, the severe punishment of Hinojosa, stipulating that all this be done within twenty-four hours.

"The term was later extended when diplomatic parleys were begun between the secretary of foreign affairs of Mexico, the minister being absent at that date, and continued until now.

"The president of Mexico, when informed of the case, ordered another investigation of the facts and the punishment of the guilty officer if it were proven he was blameworthy. He also authorized the minister of foreign affairs to express regret on account of the incident. When he became aware that the American government supported the

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