

SCENES AFTER THE BATTLE, BEARING DEAD TO THE SHIPS

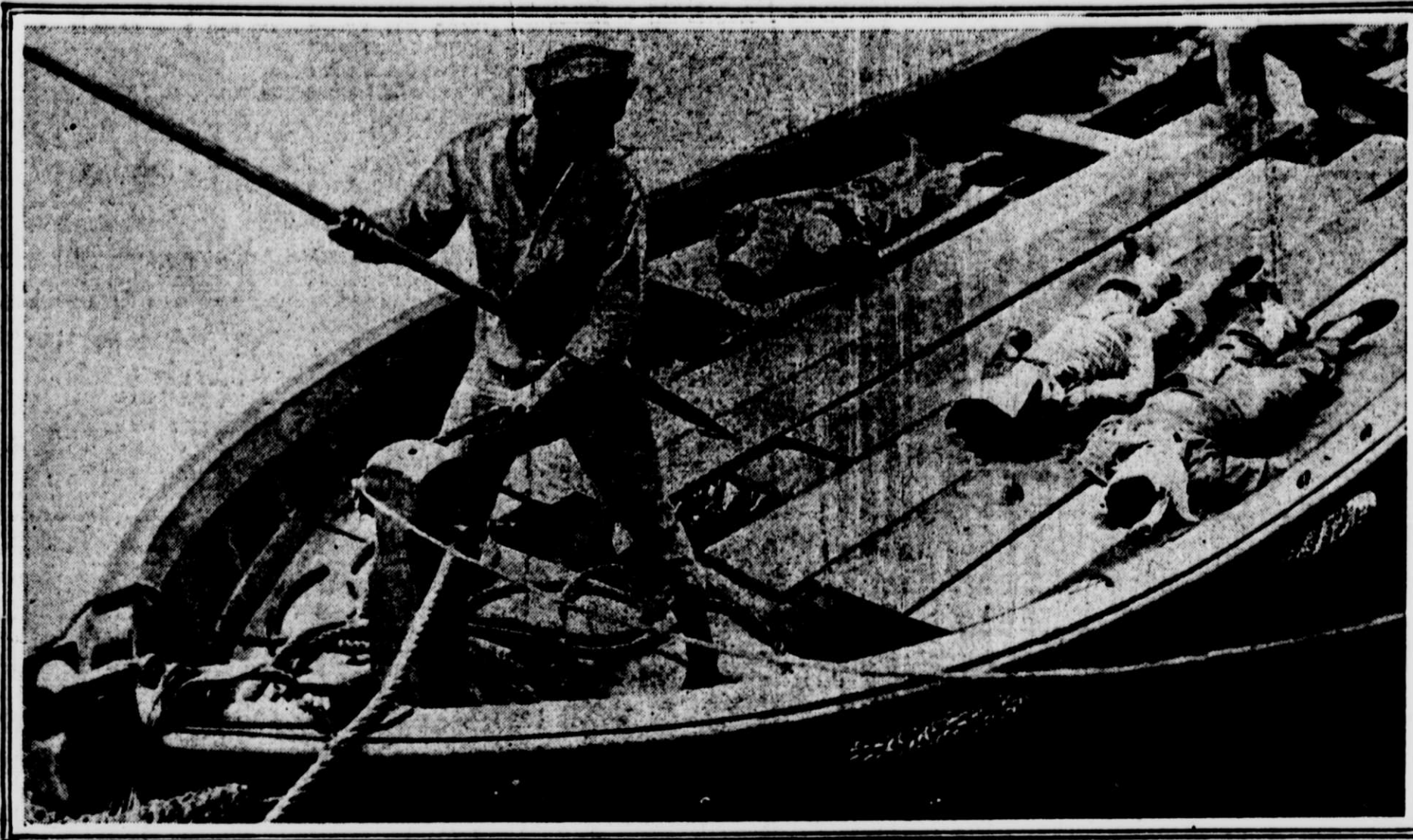


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Taking three dead Bluejackets to the battleship Vermont.

DURING the first day's fighting two bluejackets and two marines were killed by Mexican bullets. The capture of Vera Cruz cost the Americans a total of 17 dead and about 70 wounded. The accompanying photograph shows the bodies of three of the American sailors, among the first to fall, being taken to the battleship Vermont aboard a launch.

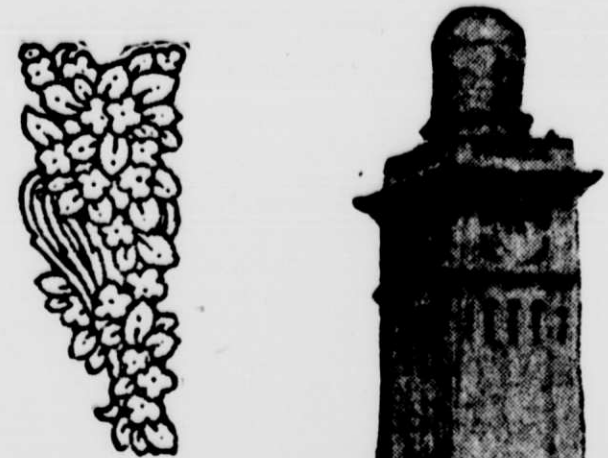


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American Red Cross carrying wounded sailors to the wharf.



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Sailors on guard at door of Naval Academy from which Mexicans were shelled.

AT the Mexican Naval Academy, in the southern part of the city, the Mexicans made a desperate stand. Sharpshooters poured a heavy fire on the bluejackets. The officer in charge of the landing force signalled to the gunboats and the latter shelled the academy, doing tremendous damage. The building was then occupied by the Americans. When the fighting ended it was estimated that about 200 Mexicans were killed in the battle. Scores of bodies were found in the Plaza de la Constitucion and along the wharf near the custom house.



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Bodies of Mexicans killed in first skirmish lying at the wharf.