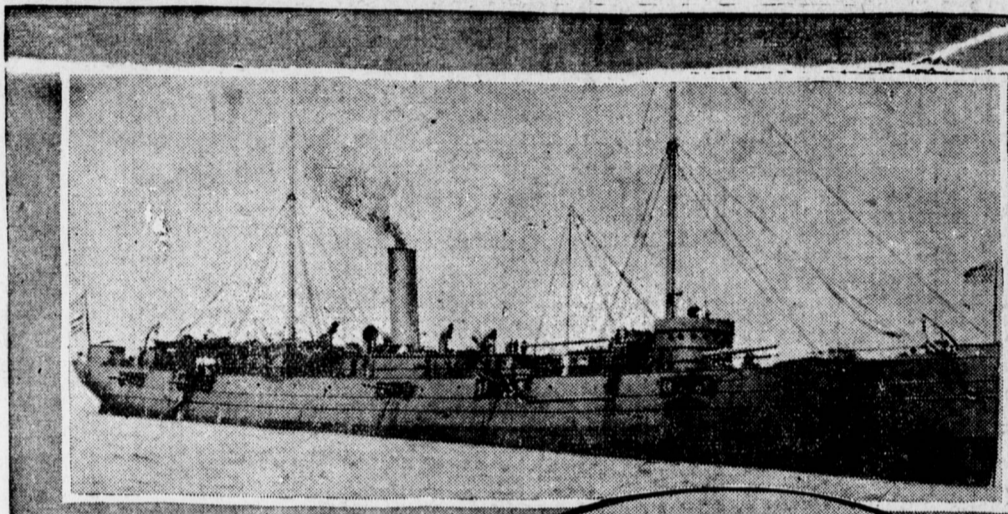




MEXICAN FEDERALS OPEN FIRE ON LOREDO, TEXAS, AFTER BURNING NEW LAREDO, JUST ACROSS BORDER

TRANSPORT THAT OPENED MEXICAN WAR, AND COMMANDER OF INVADING AMERICAN MARINES.



THE U. S. S. PRAIRIE.

TRAFFIC LAWS DEAD, LETTER HERE SAYS MOTOR CLUB HEAD

Chief of Police Avows He Hasn't Men to Watch For Every Offender

NEEDS AUTOISTS' ASSISTANCE

Only Way to Get Results Is For All to Turn in and Help, He Avers

Voicing the dissatisfaction of some members of the Harrisburg Motor Club over the disregard of the traffic laws by motorists, Clyde J. Myton, secretary of the club, to-day said that some drastic action ought to be taken toward enforcing the strict letter of the law.

The marines and guns of the old transport Prairie opened the war on Mexico Tuesday afternoon. Under Captain W. R. Rush of the battleship Florida, marines of the transport were the first to touch Mexican soil. Later the marines of other warships in Vera Cruz harbor reached the shore and joined in the engagement through the streets of Vera Cruz with the Prairie men.



STREET LEADING INTO THE PLAZA de la CONSTITUCION



SMEDLEY BUTLER HEAD OF MARINES AT VERA CRUZ

THREE AMERICANS KILLED IN FIGHT ON TEXAS BORDER

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, APRIL 24.—THE FEDERALS WHO ATTACKED THE TOWN OF LOREDO, TEXAS, TO-DAY, FIRST BLEW UP ALL THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN THE TOWN OF NUEVO LAREDO AND PRACTICALLY DESTROYED THE PLACE. THEY THEN FIRED VOLLEY AFTER VOLLEY ACROSS THE RIVER INTO LOREDO ITSELF AND IT IS REPORTED THAT THREE AMERICANS WERE KILLED BY THE MEXICAN FIRE. THE REPORT OF THE KILLING IS NOT OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED.

IT IS ALSO REPORTED THAT MEXICAN FEDERAL TROOPS AND AMERICAN SOLDIERS HAVE HAD A BRISK SKIRMISH AT ANOTHER POINT AS A RESULT OF WHICH A NUMBER OF MEXICANS WERE WOUNDED.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, APRIL 24.—A LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE MESSAGE RECEIVED HERE AT 2.35 P. M., SAID THAT MEXICAN FEDERALS IN NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, HAD FIRED THE TOWN AND WERE FIRING ACROSS THE RIVER INTO LOREDO, TEXAS.

THE FEDERALS EVACUATED NUEVO LAREDO YESTERDAY BUT RETURNED DURING THE NIGHT. THEY FOUND THE MEXICAN TOWN DESERTED, THE INHABITANTS HAVING FLED TO THE TEXAS SIDE, FEARING ATTACK BY BANDITS. ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS RECEIVED HERE THE FEDERALS DYNAMITED THE CUSTOMS HOUSE, THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE AND RAILROAD PROPERTY IN NUEVO LAREDO AND STARTED AN ATTACK ON LOREDO.

WHAT DAMAGE HAS BEEN DONE TO THE AMERICAN TOWN WAS NOT KNOWN, BUT GREAT EXCITEMENT PREVAILS.

Washington, April 24.—Secretary Bryan announced late to-day that British Consuls would take charge of the American consulates at Frontera, Lapaz, Ensenada and Manzanillo and that the Chilean consul would take over the business of the American consulate at Acapulco. There are no French consuls at these posts.

Secretary Bryan later announced to-day that all American consuls in Mexico, whether in Federal or Constitutional territory had been authorized by the State Department to leave the country. Whether they will withdraw, however, was left in each consul's discretion.

Few new developments marked the Mexican situation to-day, and both the Huerta and American forces appeared to be marking time. Federalists under General Maas were reported mobilizing in the vicinity of Soledad, thirty-eight miles from Vera Cruz, their intention being, it is understood, to make an attempt to retake Vera Cruz. Soledad is on the railroad between Vera Cruz and Mexico City and it is possible that the Huerta followers may only be planning to defend the railroad and attempt to halt any advance of the American forces toward the Federal capital.

Throughout the night the Fifth Brigade of the Second Division of the United States Army was preparing to leave Galveston for Vera Cruz. Under orders issued this morning the transports will sail for the Mexican port this afternoon.

General Villa at present is in Juarez, across the river from El Paso, Texas, and his declaration not to participate in any of the hostilities against the United States has proven very encouraging to the Washington authorities. General Carranza's note to President Wilson is still the subject of much discussion, but many are now of the belief that the rebel chieftain will not join Huerta. Unverified reports say that Carranza and Villa have split, and if this is true President Wilson and members of the Cabinet will have a new situation to deal with.

That preparations, however, are being made for a volunteer army in the United States is shown by the passage of the volunteer army bill in the Senate to-day. The measure was designed to cure defects in the existing law relating to volunteer forces.

Spain, it was announced in Madrid to-day, is beginning to take an active interest in the settlement of the Mexican situation, and according to the London Times, his intention of acting as arbitrator between the United States and Huerta if he is acceptable to both sides.

10,000 Americans Will Soon Be in Vera Cruz; City Is Reported Quiet

Washington, D. C., April 24.—President Wilson and his staff to-day proceeded with their plans for operations in Mexico with businesslike expedition.

They found every available American warship ploughing southward for the Mexican coasts on the Atlantic and the Pacific and a full brigade of the First Army Division shipping in transports from Galveston for Vera Cruz. This army force would place more than 10,000 American troops in the Mexican seaport to hold the city or begin offensive operations toward Mexico City with Vera Cruz as a base.

No plans for further aggressive movements about Vera Cruz were made to-day. The President, in talking over the situation with callers, said that for the present no general campaign outside of Vera Cruz was planned and that no further campaign would be begun unless General Huerta declared war or sought reprisal for the seizure of the city. The President told Representative Fitzgerald that no further war funds were needed as yet and that a general war would be asked for unless a general war was precipitated by Huerta.

Vera Cruz Is Quiet
Judge Holland's wife, who was Miss Lydia Sheard, died two years ago, James Burnett Holland, attorney in Montgomery county, and Winfield Sheard Holland, connected with the State Insurance Department, are sons.

COUGH DISTURBS EMPEROR
Vienna, April 24.—The rest of Emperor Francis Joseph was disturbed again last night by constant coughing, according to the official report issued by his physicians to-day. Otherwise there is no change in the aged monarch's condition. His general condition, it is declared, is quite satisfactory.

Considering Plan to Light Reservoir Tennis Courts by Electricity

Electrically lighted tennis courts for which after dusk may be provided at Reservoir Park if a plan City Commissioner M. Harvey Taylor, park superintendent, is now considering can be usefully worked out from an economic standpoint.

Late News Bulletins

Hamburg, April 24.—The Hamburg-American Line to-day authorized the publication of a statement declaring that the military supplies on board the Ypiranga consisted of empty shrapnel shells and empty ammunition chests with gun magazines for one battery of artillery.

Wall Street Closing.—Amal. Copper, 69 3/4; Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 89 1/4; Canadian Pacific, 133 1/4; Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, and St. Paul, 95 3/4; Chesapeake and Ohio, 51; Lehigh Valley, 133 1/4; New York Central, 87 1/4; Northern Pacific, 107 1/4; Reading, 160 1/4; P. R., 108 3/4; Southern Pacific, 87 1/4; U. S. Steel, 56 1/4.

FRIENDLINESS OF VILLA ENCOURAGING FEATURE AT PRESENT

Effect Movement of Troops to Vera Cruz Will Have on Rebels Anxiously Awaited

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WILL EXTEND HEARINGS

Washington, April 24.—Because of the interference of the Mexican situation with the hearings on tolls by the Senate intercommerce canal committee that committee has decided tentatively to extend the period granted for hearings, if the presence of witnesses justifies such a course. The time for hearing testimony originally agreed upon would expire to-day.

MOBS OF MEXICANS TRAMPLE AMERICAN STARS AND STRIPES

Refugees Say Americans in Federal Capital Are in Dangerous Position

Mexico City, April 23.—By refugees train to Vera Cruz, April 24.—Mobs in the streets of Mexico City were trampling under foot the stars and stripes and were threatening American pedestrians when the refugee train engaged under the auspices of the British and German legations left for Vera Cruz carrying some 500 fugitives of various nationalities.

PLANS TO STOP PRACTICE OF OFFERING COUPONS

Washington, April 24.—The House ways and means committee to-day by Chairman Underwood has introduced a bill to stop the practice of offering coupons for the sale of tobacco products by coupons or gifts of any sort. It imposes a tax of two cents on every ten cent cigars and every two ounces of other tobacco products sold under the coupon system. A special meeting of the committee will be held next Tuesday with a view of reporting the bill to the house.

TED MEREDITH IS ILL; HAS GERMAN MEASLES

Philadelphia, April 24.—Never in the history of track athletics at Penn has a team been beset by such ill-fortune as Coach Orton's squad. As a climax to the injury of Kelly, who with Meredith, Lippincott and Lockwood, were expected to shatter some relay records, came the news yesterday that Ted Meredith, the Olympic star, will be unable to participate in the relays tomorrow. He is ill with German measles and has been quarantined.

\$150,000,000 LOSS REPORTED

Washington, April 24.—The enormous sum of \$150,000,000 was the aggregate loss sustained by the United States in meat animals as the result of diseases in 1913, according to estimates announced by the Department of Agriculture to-day.

REPUBLICANS IN ROUSING MEETING PLAN REGISTRATION

City and County Committeemen Hear Addresses of Party Members and Chairmen

Members of the city and county committees and Republicans in general to the number of more than 300 crowded the assembly room at the Republican headquarters in the Wyeth Building last evening to arrange for registration day, April 29, which will be the last opportunity for city voters to qualify for the coming elections.

Coroner Says Blind Inmate Killed in Fall Wasn't Properly Guarded

After an investigation into the death of Alexander S. Seisch, a partially blind inmate at the county almshouse whose skull was fractured by a fall from a third floor window, Coroner Jacob Eckinger late this afternoon criticised the absence of attendants or guards under the circumstances.

Judge Holland, of U. S. Court, Dies After Long Illness in Conshohocken

Philadelphia, April 24.—Judge B. Holland, of the United States court for the eastern district of Pennsylvania, died at his home in Conshohocken, near here, early to-day after a long illness. He was 56 years old.

Philadelphia Offices Today Announce Successful Bidder For Big Improvements

Both the Front and the Second street subways under the Cumberland Valley tracks in Mulberry street will be constructed by the T. Larry Eyre Construction Company, of Philadelphia.

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The exact amount of the bid was not announced from the Philadelphia offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad to-day, but it is understood that the job will cost several hundred thousand dollars.

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THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and probably Saturday warmer. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy and warmer to-night; Saturday unsettled and warmer; gentle to moderate east to south-east winds. The Susquehanna river and all its branches will continue to fall to-night and probably Saturday. A stage of about 72 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Saturday morning.