

# Mexican Mobs Still Threaten Americans

## Mediators at Washington Wait for Word from Mexico City as to Plans of Huerta

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### MANY AMERICANS ARE IMPRISONED BY THE MEXICANS

Are Taken from the Trains by Mexican Soldiers and Held as Prisoners.

U. S. CONSUL IS AMONG THEM

Protest Made by Head of Smelting Company is of No Avail.

MOB DEMANDS THEIR LIVES

But They Are Protected by Police and Locked in Smelter.

CIRCULARS CALL FOR LOOTERS

Give List of American Stores that They May Be Destroyed.

ALSO ASK MEXICANS KILLED

Newspapers at Mexico City Publish Stories that Mexican Women and Children Are Being Slaughtered at Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, April 26.—More than thirty Americans attempting to leave the country in response to the warning issued by the American State department were taken from a train at Aguas Calientes, according to advices received here today and imprisoned in the smelter of that city.

Among those imprisoned is Gaston Schmutz, United States consul at Aguas Calientes. Nothing is known here as to the fate of the refugees.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—American Consul Canada has notified the State department that many American refugees have been taken from trains and imprisoned at Aguas Calientes by Mexican soldiers.

Protest against the action was made to Consul Canada by Alfred Doerr, president of the American Smelting and Refining company, who succeeded in reaching Vera Cruz from Aguas Calientes.

The State department here, through the Brazilian ambassador has asked that the American citizens imprisoned be released.

Pulled from Trains.

Later, it was learned that Consul Canada reported to the State department that the Americans and other refugees held at Aguas Calientes had been pulled from a train about to leave for Vera Cruz by a mob and that local police interfered and rescued them.

They were held in the smelter, many being permitted to reboard the train. Consul Canada also reported that about 300 American refugees from Mexico City had arrived at Vera Cruz up to last night.

Demand American Lives.

Mr. Doerr, according to Consul Canada reported the Aguas Calientes incident, gave the names of more than fifty Americans, mostly women and children, who were on the train and are now in the smelter where they are held for protection.

He says that when the party was first dragged off the train, the mob demanded the lives of the Americans, and even went so far as to produce two priests who might have heard their confession before they were put to death.

Troops who were on hand dissuaded the mob from violence at that stage, segregated the Americans in one car, and managed to get them to the smelter where they are now confined.

Another party of about fifty Americans boarded the same train which left Aguas Calientes, but were thrown off by the train crew at Trinidad, where at last reports they were stranded with no hotel and no accommodations of any kind.

American Stores to Be Looted.

VERA CRUZ, April 26.—Circulars enumerating American business houses are being distributed in the streets of Mexico City. The head bill calls on the populace to destroy the concerns listed.

Some of the American stores whose names appeared in the circular already have been looted.

Another list being distributed is that of Mexicans managing some of the American stores. It is declared these men must be killed because of their identification with foreign interests.

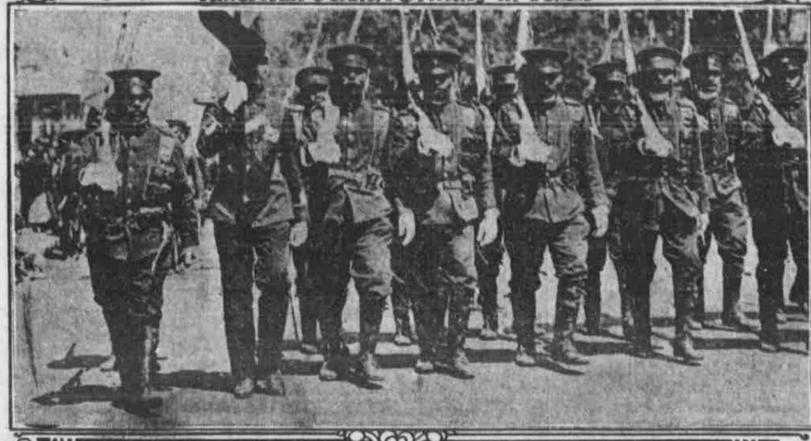
The newspapers of the capital are publishing the list.

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### Contrast between the Soldiers of the Two Countries



American Soldiers Drilling in Texas.



Huertas Soldiers marching through Mexico City

### DOOM WORSE THAN DEATH

Idle and Vicious Doing Most Sniping to Be Put to Work.

TO EXTERMINATE THE PRACTICE

Foreign Consuls Call at War Headquarters and Urge Action Be Taken to Stamp It Out Thoroughly.

VERA CRUZ, Mex., April 26.—By the effective method of exterminating sniping by Mexicans, which has been responsible for the killing or wounding of many Americans, it is to be stopped. The foreign consuls called in a body at military headquarters and urged the adoption of some measures that would quickly restore tranquility, and promising their co-operation at least their moral support.

The consuls were assured that there was no intention to subject the residents much longer to the danger of bullets from this source. It was decided that hereafter all American marines and blue-jackets shall be withdrawn from all roofs except at a few designated points, such as church towers, and that the patrols shall be instructed to shoot to kill any other individual seen on any other roof after 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

The patrols also will be instructed to surround and search any house from which sniping occurs and to shoot any person guilty of indulging in this practice. It is realized that much of the trouble has been caused by the idle and vicious elements and prisoners of this class will be held in some building or inclosure in the outskirts and will be compelled to do much of the work, which is now being done by the marines and blue-jackets.

Information regarding the new and drastic measures to be employed is being disseminated by official order. It is likely that steps also will be taken at an early date to regulate, or even suppress certain of the local newspapers, which have been printing articles calculated to inflame the people against the Americans.

Conference Held to Discuss the Case of the Refugees

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Secretary of War Garrison and Secretary of the Navy Daniels reached their offices about 11 o'clock today and went into conference soon after in Secretary Garrison's office.

General Wetherpoon, chief of staff, also was at the War department early. He said that there were no new orders of navigation, and that the San Marcos had not yet sailed from Galveston for Vera Cruz with the Fourth field artillery, but would sail late today.

Secretaries Garrison and Daniels later were joined by Major General Wetherpoon, chief of staff; Rear Admiral Victor Blue, chief of the bureau of navigation, and Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, aide for operations. The matter of caring for and transporting refugees from Mexico was said to be one of the subjects under discussion.

Armed Mexicans Raid Ysleta Powder Stores

EL PASO, Tex., April 26.—Armed Mexicans are reported to have raided a private powder magazine at Ysleta, twelve miles east of here, this afternoon. Deputy sheriffs are said to have fired on them. Troop A, Thirteenth cavalry, is reported to have rushed to the scene.

George F. Baer Dies of Paralytic Stroke

PHILADELPHIA, April 26.—George F. Baer, president of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, died at his home here tonight. He was stricken with paralysis Saturday.

FAST PASSENGER TRAIN STRIKES TWO AUTOISTS

TECUMSEH, Neb., April 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Fred Ayers and Oliver Baty, two young men, engaged in a fast ride here this afternoon that came near costing their lives. The men attempted to cross the Burlington track ahead of passenger train No. 41 in the lower freight yards. The automobile was struck by the engine and men and machine were hurled into the air. Ayers' shoulder was broken, but otherwise it is not thought the men are seriously hurt. They were taken to the office of Drs. Davies and Judkins and these physicians, assisted by Dr. Frazier, gave the required surgical attention. The automobile was ruined.

### RED CROSS PERSONS SHOT

Two Attendants Bearing Mex Child Fired on at Tampico.

U. S. SHIPS FLY ALIEN FLAGS

Get Out of Harbor Under German and British Flags After Being Told They Would Be Sunk if Moved.

GALVESTON, Tex., April 26.—Passengers of the Esperanza, arriving last night, handed over a typewritten statement from Vera Cruz giving their versions of the escape from Tampico, asserting that the action of the American warships, Dolphin, Theater and Des Moines in departing, left them "unprotected" and "deserted."

Two small American ships, the statement said, the Wild Duck and the Wakiva, got out of the harbor by flying the German and British flags, respectively, after the Mexican gunboats at Tampico had threatened to sink them if they moved. The statement said two Red Cross attendants were shot down by Mexicans at Vera Cruz while carrying a Mexican child.

On board the Esperanza was an American wounded by a bullet which came through a port hole as the Esperanza left Vera Cruz.

Nutshell News of the Mexican Embroglio

Foreign Ships Carry Refugees.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Secretary of State Bryan was today advised that British and German war vessels had left Tampico bound for Vera Cruz loaded with refugees, mostly Americans. The secretary said that all nations represented in Mexican waters were co-operating with the United States in handling the refugees. The refugees from Tampico will be transhipped at Vera Cruz for transportation to Galveston.

Ranches Are Looted.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—An American, vouched for as reliable, who has just arrived at Eagle Pass, Tex., from Musquiz, a town in Coahuila, about 200 miles distant from Eagle Pass, reports that the federalists have taken from Rosodia ranch 222 horses, 150 mules and 1,000 cattle. Notice, according to a message to the State department, has been given that all American property in that section would be seized by the Huerta forces.

Train for Refugees.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The superintendent of the Southern Pacific railroad at Nogales has managed to have a special train dispatched from Los Mochis to convey another train of Americans to Nogales, Ariz. Another train will start from Esperanza to gather up Americans in the Yaqui valley late today and bring them to Nogales.

Vera Cruz Officials Return.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Admiral Fletcher reports that he succeeded in inducing most of the public officials of the city immediately to resume their offices. He also confirms press dispatches as to drastic measures taken to put an end to "sniping" in Vera Cruz.

CROWDS OF MONTEVIDEO SHOW HOSTILITY TO U. S.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, April 26.—A demonstration occurred here last night in protest against American intervention in Mexico. The police prevented the demonstration from approaching the American legation and finally dispersed them.

During a scuffle between the police and a group of rioters several persons were injured.

# EXTRA LATEST NEWS ABOUT MEXICO

## American Bankers Arrested When They Refuse to Loan Huerta Money

BULLETIN.

VERA CRUZ, April 26.—According to word received here from Mexico City K. M. Van Zandt, the president, and all the trustees and officers of the American club there are under arrest are all officials of the Mercantile Banking company and the Mexico City Banking company. The officers of the banking institution were arrested because of their refusal to contribute money to the Mexican government.

The American grocery was burned and an attempt made to fire the American club. Three other American stores were looted.

The government appears to be encouraging the demonstrations against Americans, although the burning and looting is held in check by the police.

VERA CRUZ UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, April 26.—Rear Admiral Frank F. Fletcher, commanding the American naval forces on shore, today issued a proclamation placing the city of Vera Cruz under martial law.

REFUSES ARMS TO GOVERNOR.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Secretary of War Garrison today telegraphed Governor Hunt of Arizona, telling him the War department could not let him have government guns which he had asked for to arm citizens on the Arizona border. The Secretary took the position that the department could not take chances of the guns going into the hands of unreliable persons.

Governor Hunt originally asked for 1,400 rifles for citizens about Bisbee, Ariz., to defend themselves against a possible Mexican attack.

REBELS CAPTURE MONTEREY.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The federal stronghold of Monterey has at last been captured by the constitutionalists, according to a report today from the American consul at Nuevo Laredo. He says information has reached him that Monterey was captured yesterday.

All was quiet, he reported, in Nuevo Laredo, the fires having died out, leaving the business section of the town in ruins.

CABLE LINES TO MEXICO CITY REOPENED.

GALVESTON, Tex., April 26.—The cable line to Mexico City was reopened today after being silent nearly three days, but such dispatches as came through were subject to censorship and were mostly messages which had been on file some time. There was nothing in these messages to indicate a general outbreak against Americans in Mexico City, but reports reached Galveston that two or three Americans had been killed in Mexico City through lawlessness of individuals.

SPANIARDS REMAIN NEUTRAL.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Spanish diplomatic officials in Washington stated emphatically today that Spanish residents in Mexico were maintaining the most scrupulous neutrality in the present situation and that published reports purporting to quote General Carranza in a dispatch to Madrid as saying that many of the 17,000 Spaniards in Mexico are ready to fight by the side of Mexicans against the invaders, were groundless in view of the strictly neutral attitude of Spaniards in Mexico.

### WAR SPIRIT IN CONGRESS

Some of Foreign Affairs Members for More Militancy.

VOCAL OUTBREAK UNLIKELY

Every Committee Active in Case of Change of Policy is Prepared to Respond.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The strongly belligerent spirit manifest among a considerable group in congress headed by some of the more prominent democrats has been toned for the time being by the negotiations for the solution of the Mexican problem undertaken by the three South American governments. Leaders of this element had not hesitated to say among themselves that at least 100 members had expressed themselves in favor of more aggressive action toward Mexico by the administration.

Even some of the members of the foreign affairs committee privately subscribed to the idea that the government could not long withhold either an onward march to Mexico City for the protection of the American citizens reported to be imperiled or to take a straight out declaration of war. Moreover, among some of the house members, there was a disposition to criticize the president for not consulting with the real leaders of congress to ascertain the sentiment at the capitol.

Expect Outbreak.

Although the feeling in the senate toward a more aggressive policy has not become so apparent as in the house, many leaders would be surprised to see the coming week end without an oratorical outbreak if the mediation efforts of Argentina, Brazil and Chile fail or there are authentic reports of outrages on Americans in Mexico.

Discussion of the situation will begin again at the house tomorrow when Representative Kahn propose to talk on the mediation plan and it is probable that this new phase also will receive the attention of senators. So far as is known, however, no speeches have been prepared on the subject.

Every committee of congress, which would be active in case of a change in the Mexican policy, is prepared to respond at once to any call of the administration.

Holds Up Deficiency.

In the house, the appropriation committee is holding up a deficiency bill carrying \$2,000,000, fearing that it must later report a bill carrying a much greater amount with a Mexican service appropriation in it, the ways and means committee is ready to take up a war revenue bill if necessary and the military and naval committees are primed for action.

The house has set the naval bill for the week's work and it may be passed on Saturday. It carries a total of \$16,000,000 and provides for the construction of two battleships. Before finally agreed upon by both houses the measure may be so worded as to become law at once to make the funds immediately available.

## Algara Hints Huerta Won't Accept Offer

NEW YORK, April 26.—Messages received here from Toronto represented A. Algara R. De Terroon, recently Mexican charge at Washington, as disinclined to think that the offer of mediation by Brazil, Argentina and Chile would be accepted by General Huerta.

This belief was based, in some part at least, on an incident of several months ago when Mexico, according to his quoted statement, rejected a tentative mediation offer by the same three nations, because none of them had recognized the Huerta government.

"Mexico feels that these three countries did not act in a very friendly way by not recognizing the Huerta government," the diplomat is quoted as saying.

AUSTRIAN RULER'S HEART ACTION REPORTED GOOD

VIENNA, April 26.—The official bulletin on the condition of Emperor Francis Joseph issued tonight says:

"The catarrhal symptoms are unchanged, appetite and heart action good."

The emperor's daughter, Archduchess Marie Valerie, returned this afternoon to Wallese, which is taken as an indication that the condition of the emperor is better.

MEXICANS TRY TO BREAK INTO CARTRIDGE STORES

PRESCOTT, Ariz., April 26.—The guard around the armory of the machine gun platoon stationed here was doubled tonight as a result of an attempt by Mexicans to break into the building where 1,200 cartridges are stored.

### PEACE MEETING HELD UP PENDING HUERTA'S REPLY

Authorities Are Sure the Offer of "Good Offices" Has Been Received.

CARRANZA MAY SEND REPLY

Word of the Offer of the Republics is Expected.

MISUNDERSTANDING CLEARED

Mexico City Now Knows Mexicans May Leave Vera Cruz.

BETTER REPORTS FROM BORDER

Bryan Declares the Anti-American Feeling is Not Evident.

AMERICANS TO LEAVE MEXICO

British Embassy Takes Mexicans from Vera Cruz and as Consequence Americans May Leave Mexico City.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Up to 4 o'clock today no word had come from General Huerta or General Carranza in response to the offer of good offices on the part of Argentine, Brazil and Chile to compose the difficulty between the United States and Mexico and further mediation conferences here are held up pending the receipts of replies to the proposal.

While the Latin-American diplomats were waiting until they could take up the mediation proposal further activity in the War and Navy departments proceeded, and department heads were exerting their energies to completion of the operations already under way at Vera Cruz and along the Mexican border.

It was feared here that there might be considerable delay in getting to General Huerta the offer of the intermediators on account of the reported cutting of the wires from Vera Cruz to Mexico City and difficulty in reaching the Mexican capital from any other source.

Expect Word from Carranza.

Mr. Riano, the Spanish ambassador here, who has taken over the affairs of the Mexican embassy was not certain today that his message to General Huerta outlining the mediation offer had been received in Mexico City. General Carranza, it was believed, had received notification of the mediation plan and a reply from him was expected soon.

At the War department Secretaries Garrison and Daniels and department chiefs conferred for several hours over the military and naval operations, the care of refugees in Mexico being chiefly discussed. Getting Americans back to the United States is just now the most important work being performed by the navy.

Secretary Bryan remained at home during the morning with Mr. Bryan, who returned to Washington, early in the day. At the State department, messages were received from Consul Canada at Vera Cruz reporting the peril of Americans and other refugees who had been taken from a train by a mob at Aguas Calientes, Aguas Calientes. It was pointed out at the State department in fact north of Mexico City, and it was believed the taking of Americans and others must have occurred some time ago.

President Wilson attended church in the morning, returning to the White House for lunch. No conferences with the president were scheduled for the day.

Further Conference.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—A further conference on the proposal of mediation was held late today by the representatives of Argentine, Brazil and Chile. All of the diplomats representing South and Central American countries were informed of the proposal and were requested to exert their influence to secure an acceptance of the offer of "good offices" by General Huerta.

No Word from Huerta.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Spanish Ambassador Riano, acting representative of Mexico, since the departure of Charge Algara, had received no word from General Huerta up to 4 o'clock today as to his attitude on the intermediation proposal.

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### The Weather

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hours	Temp.
5 a. m.	62
8 a. m.	61
11 a. m.	62
2 p. m.	65
5 p. m.	66
8 p. m.	67
11 p. m.	68

Comparative Local Record.

Year	Highest	Lowest
1914	82	52
1913	82	52
1912	82	52
1911	82	52
1910	82	52

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal.

Normal temperature	Excess for the day
62	0
61	0
62	0
65	0
66	0
67	0
68	0

Total excess since March 1..... 0.00 inch

Normal precipitation..... 12.00 inches

Deficiency for the day..... 0.00 inch

Deficiency since March 1..... 12.00 inches

Excess for the period, 1913..... 2.14 inches

Deficiency for the period, 1912..... 48 inch

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

### The Short Cut For Men

"We keep pretty accurate records of the results of our newspaper advertising, and we find that men are in many cases as quick to respond as women."

So said the advertising manager of one of our big stores the other day.

"Men have little time for shopping. They usually come in with their minds pretty much made up. They are quick buyers. They know what they want."

"With this idea in view much of our advertising is prepared for men. It is surprising how many men come into our store and ask for things we have advertised in the newspapers."