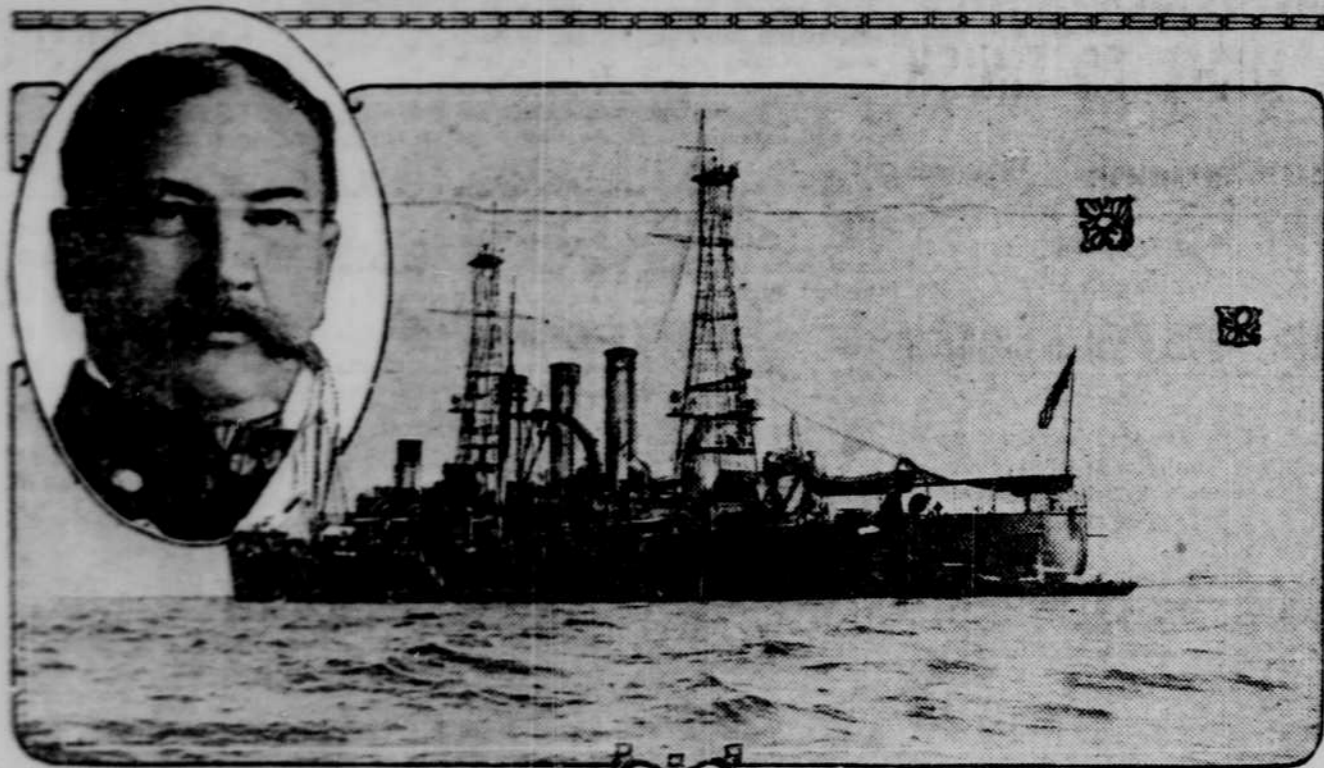
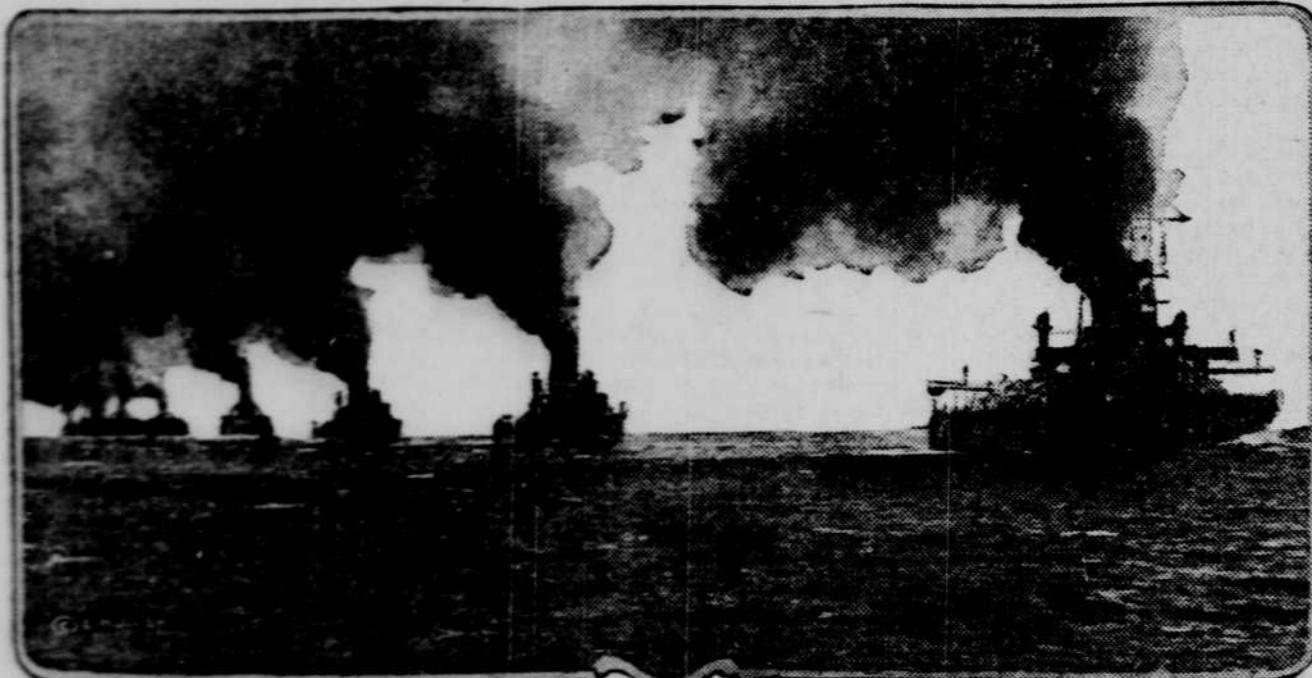


ADMIRAL BADGER AND HIS FLAGSHIP



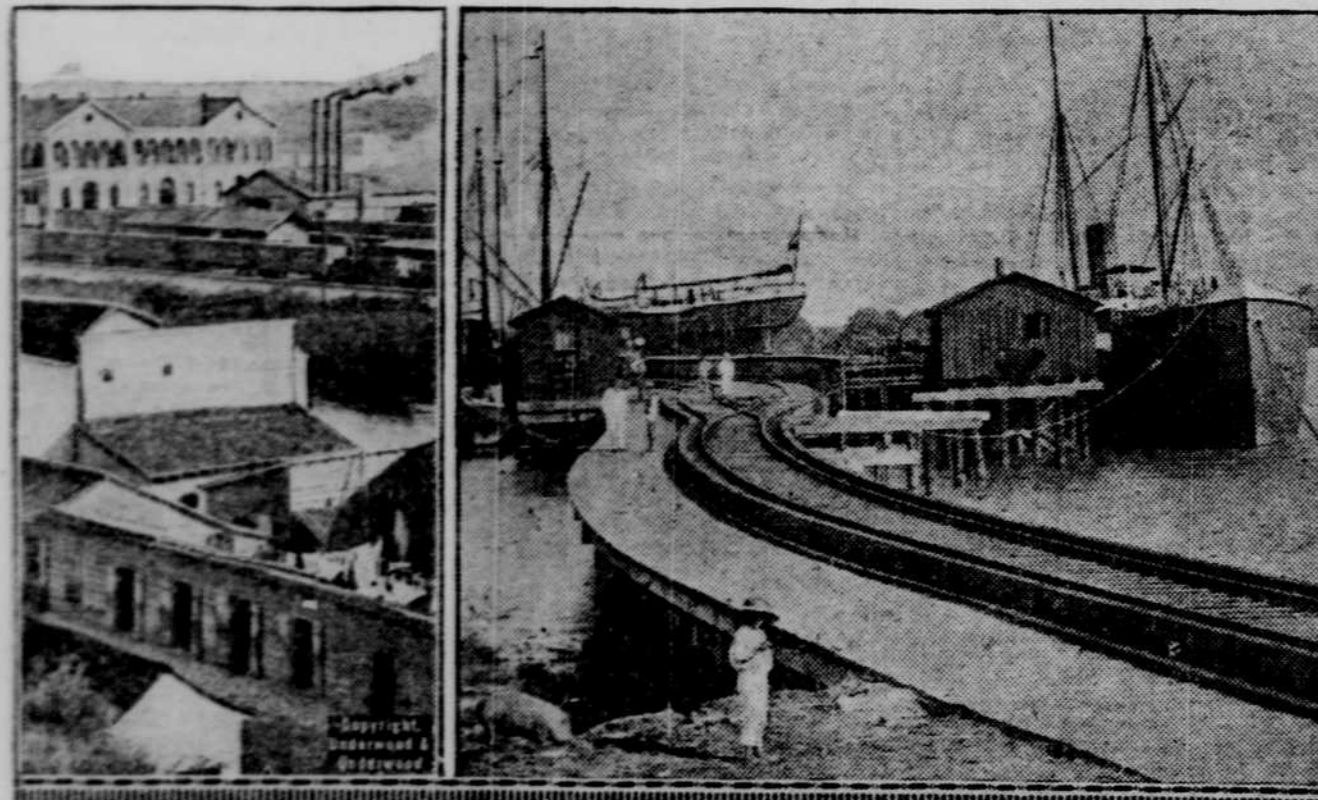
Rear Admiral Charles J. Badger, in command of the Atlantic fleet, ordered to Tampico to enforce the president's demand of a salute to the flag by the Huerta forces there. The battleship Arkansas is the admiral's flagship.

ATLANTIC FLEET ON THE WAY TO TAMPICO



Here are some of the mighty battleships of the Atlantic fleet steaming at full speed for Tampico. Rear Admiral Badger, the commander, has orders to bombard that port, seize it or take any other measures which he may deem necessary.

TAMPICO CUSTOM HOUSE AND DOCKS



View of the custom house at Tampico, and of the docks. Rear Admiral Badger was given orders to seize this custom house if he thought it advisable. It is the shipping point for most of the Mexican oil.

AMERICAN TROOPS ARRIVE AT THE BORDER



In case it should be necessary to establish a blockade along the Mexican border, the troops in that part of the country were hurried to the line. A regiment is here seen detraining near Laredo, Tex.

STIRRING SCENES AT NAVY DEPARTMENT

Washington, D. C.—Officers attached to the navy department are pluming themselves on the remarkable promptness with which each turn of the events of the busiest day in 15 years were met.

In the offices of the aides for personnel, for operations, and for material under officers tolled over the few loose ends of business but the great work of the first day—the issuance of

orders for the dispatch of the greatest fleet of American war vessels ever sent upon a "business" errand had been promulgated, signed, and were out of the office within six minutes from the time Secretary Daniels gave the first word.

Not since the days of 1898 has the navy department presented the scenes of activity that it did at this time. When, early in 1912 it became appar-

ent to President Taft that an army of potential occupation must be sent to the borders of the Rio Grande, the war department, which occupies the westerly side of the same building, enjoyed all the activity and all the attention that is now showered upon the navy.

When at 6:45 Tuesday night the Norfolk steamer pulled away from its dock, bound for Old Point Comfort and Hampton roads, where the bulk of the fleet lay at anchor, there were genuine wartime scenes. The big

steamer was packed and jammed with navy officers whose leave had suddenly been curtailed, hastening to join their ships.

Officers' wives and sweethearts were on hand to say good-by. So were a number of blue-clad marines from the Washington barracks hastening to supplement the marine complements of the battle fleet at the roads. Also there were officials of the navy department going to Hampton roads to bid the fleet goodbye, but all were in a holiday mood.

It might be that there was a looming of war clouds on the southwestern horizon, but the spirit of worry was conspicuously absent. The general impression seemed to prevail among the officers and civilian officials alike that the Mexican expedition, though war perhaps lurks in the distance, was about to prove a glorious junket.

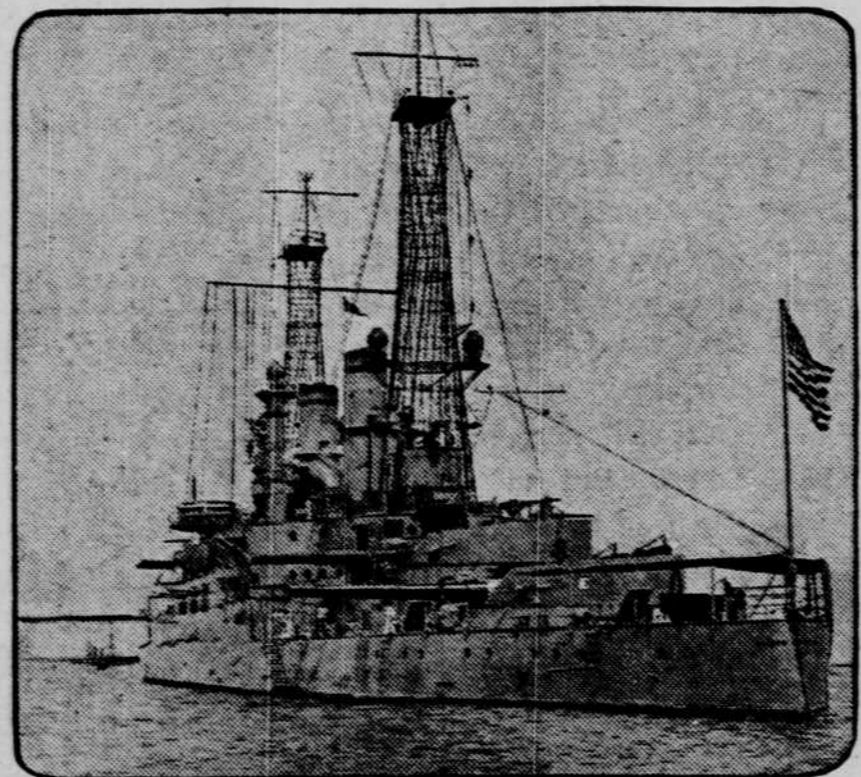
"Meet you in Mexico City," was the jocular expression of many a youngster bound south on his first chance at seeing active service.

COMMANDERS IN MEXICAN WATERS



1, Rear Admiral Charles J. Badger, commanding the Atlantic fleet; 2, Rear Admiral T. B. Howard, commanding the Pacific fleet; 3, Rear Admiral Henry T. Mayo, commanding the fourth division, at Tampico; 4, Rear Admiral Frank F. Fletcher, commanding the first division, at Vera Cruz.

ONE OF OUR BATTLESHIPS AT TAMPICO



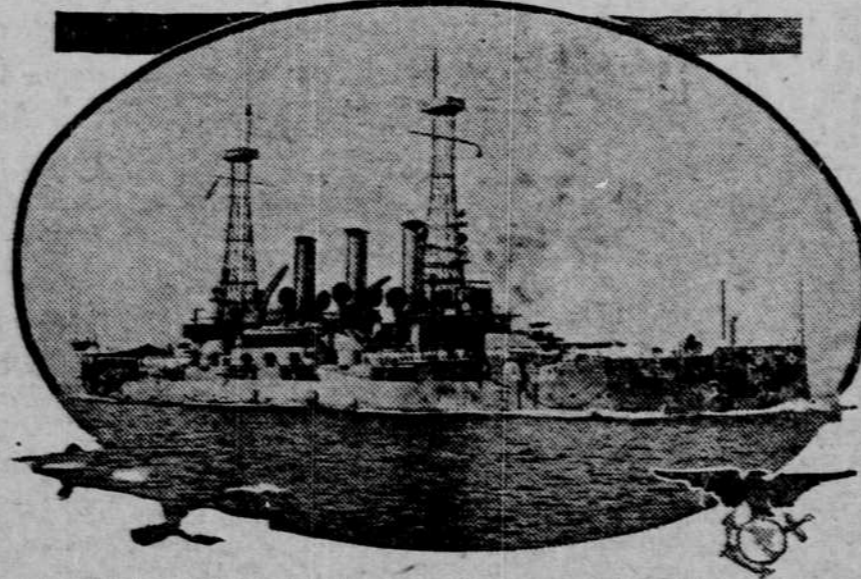
The United States battleship Connecticut, one of the fighting vessels now at Tampico, is of 16,000 tons displacement and carries 46 guns in her various batteries.

MARINES START FOR THE FRONT



United States marines starting from the Portsmouth navy yard to go aboard the vessels of the Atlantic fleet and hurry to Mexican ports.

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REAR ADMIRAL BLUE



Rear Admiral Victor Blue, chief of the bureau of navigation of the navy department, is a busy man these days in Washington, directing the departure of the warships for Mexican waters.

NELSON O'SHAUGHNESSY



Nelson O'Shaughnessy, American charge d'affaires in Mexico City, tried his best to show Huerta the serious results that would follow his refusal to order a salute to the American flag at Tampico, but failed.

GENERAL GEORGE BARNETT



General Barnett is the recently appointed commander of marines and to his men may fall the duty of seizing the customs houses at Tampico and Vera Cruz.

Will Have Many Reminders. He (in their new home)—Do you know, I can hardly believe that we are really and truly married. She—Glance over these bills, dear, and you'll have no doubt whatever.

Thin. "It says here that wood is now cut so thin that it can be used as wall paper," remarked the old fogey.

"That's the kind of wood the walls of our flat building are built of," responded the grouch.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Wrong Again. "You should not have too many irons in the fire," advised the sage. "But I am in the laundry business," explained the caller.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

A boy scout club has been organized at Johnson.

Five hundred acres of land around Shubert are being set out with apple trees.

York has been chosen as the fall meeting place of the Nebraska City presbytery.

John F. Griffith, for three terms postmaster at Pawnee City, has tendered his resignation.

J. R. Mendenhall has tendered his resignation as a member of the Fairbury city council.

A car load of hogs were cremated when a stock car caught fire from the engine near Greeley Center.

Fred Bereman of Auburn sustained a broken leg in a runaway. His team was frightened by an automobile.

The registration of automobiles in Nebraska in the secretary of state's office now exceeds 50,000 in number.

The schools of Elk Creek have been closed for two weeks because of the prevalence of smallpox in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Palmer, pioneers of Adams county, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last week.

The four-year-old son of L. D. Carter of Seneca was burned to death from a bonfire that he and a playmate had started in a barn.

Dr. F. B. Righter, for many years a practicing physician and prominent citizen of Lincoln, died at his home in that place Saturday.

The city council of Fremont is considering a plan for conducting a heating plant in connection with the city water and lighting plant.

John Halverson of Culbertson was asphyxiated by gas in a rooming house at Omaha. The burner was turned on, it is thought, by accident.

A prairie fire near Johnstown damaged a considerable area and for a time threatened the town.

The Missouri synod of the Lutheran church has purchased lots in West Beatrice where it will erect a church.

A. Y. Caddell and C. L. Amick are planning to establish an extensive cement manufacturing plant at Weeping Water.

Denn E. L. Rouse of Peru will deliver the commencement address to the graduating class of the Shubert high school.

The mothers' club of Wymore has condemned the dog races there as brutal and have asked the mayor to prohibit them.

Frank Pollard, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Pollard of Nehawka, fell from a tree and broke both bones in his left forearm.

Five-year-old Alice Gruntorad was fatally burned when her clothing caught fire as she was playing around a bonfire at South Omaha.

Ernest Lutz, aged 28, is believed to have sustained fatal injuries in a fall from a windmill near Trumbull. Lutz's skull was badly fractured.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jiskra were seriously injured in a runaway accident near Swanton. Mrs. Jiskra remaining unconscious for several hours.

Forest Boyer of North Bend was killed when he fell beneath the discs of a pulverizer which he was operating on his farm near that place.

Physical Director Prindle of the Y. M. C. A. at Beatrice is making plans for a one hundred mile hike for the boys of the association and the Beatrice high school. The boys will start on the trip at the close of school.

The explosion of a gasoline can that was being dragged across a cement floor burned Z. E. Hurlbut seriously about the face and hands and started a fire that completely destroyed his livery barn and garage at Greenwood.

Rev. J. Pieper, formerly of Snyder, has been appointed pastor of the new Catholic church at Beemer.

The finding of a lot of burnt matches, cigarette butts, disarranged and displaced furniture, and a number of empty pocketbooks in the Congregational church at Grand Island has aroused a suspicion that members of a gang who have been working in that vicinity had made the building a place of rendezvous.

Members of the Beatrice ball club who have reported are now practicing at the chautauqua park, which will be used until the new athletic park is ready.

The decapitated body of a man, later identified as Joe F. Maca, of Crete, was found on the tracks in the Burlington yards at Lincoln, Sunday night.

Women of Beatrice are enthusiastic over the plan proposed that various women's organizations of the state raise the money for furnishing the Nebraska building at the Panama exposition at San Francisco.

Nute Giffen was killed by the accidental discharge of a shotgun at his home near Superior.

Charles D. St. John had the two middle fingers of his right hand so badly lacerated while working with a portable saw at Nehawka that they will probably have to be amputated.

On petition of the village board of Cortland, Judge Pemberton of Beatrice has issued a restraining order against the Farmers Elevator & Coal company, the effect of which will be to stop the building of coal sheds on what the village officers claim is a part of Third street.

One hundred and fifty relatives and friends helped Mr. and Mrs. John Hutchins of Weeping Water celebrate their golden wedding anniversary last week.

The Columbus branch of the mail carriers' association has elected L. A. Raney delegate and W. M. Thomas alternate to attend the meeting of the state association at Lincoln.

Mayor Fred H. Davis of Madison has handed in his resignation in order that he might assume the duties as postmaster unhampered. Mr. Davis has served as mayor for three years and as councilman six years.

Mrs. Mary Hart of Hastings, 84 years of age, may not recover from the result of a fall when she tripped on a carpet, breaking her thigh.

Nearly 200 guests were in attendance at the annual banquet of the Albion Commercial club. Ross Hammond, president of the state association, made the address of the evening.

The barn of J. L. Dorsey, north of Bradshaw, was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. Six head of horses were also burned, and hay and grain and some machinery also lost. Mr. Dorsey cannot account for the origin of the fire.