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.

custom house before noon, and a few

Capt. Rush's men had already taken

marines from the Prairie and 65 ma-

Later these were angmented by a de-

The coming of the American forces

watch the landing. Soon the blue-

jackets and marines marched through

the streets leading from the water

front and along the railroad yards.

Others proceeded to the American

consulate, while still others were de-

ploved along the approaches to Cen-

first shots-a volley fire from a point

two blocks south of the main n'aya.

but the action ceased in a moment.

west and of Montesinos street, where

and at 1 n'clock the owns of the trans

At 12.30 the firing became general

Prior to this a detehment of blue

water front, opened fire with two of

their three-inch guns. The first shots

from these pieces were directed

served as a lighthouse. This was oc-

Lieut, Commander Buchanan, of the

The women of the American colony

pecially the American section, was

greatly augmented this morning when

three train loads arrived from the cap-

ital. Some of these remained ashore.

but many were taken ahoard the

steamers. So far as can be learned

Other Buildings Occupied.

graph office and the cable office were

custom house. A squad of marines

was placed in charge of the cable of-

Lieut. Col. Wendell C. Neville com-

tachment, which was originally in po-

Chicago.-An offer of locomotive

The nostoffice government tele-

none of the refrigees was injured.

Five shots brought the old Benito Jun-

rez tower down.

cunied by Mexican sharp shooters.

a federal outpost pas stationed.

port Prairie went into action.

brought his flag in.

rines from the Florida.

tachment from the Utah.

concentrated his men.

side of the transport Prairie loaded FLAG HOISTED minutes later Capt. William R. Rush. of the battleship Florida, who was in

AMERICANS CAPTURE CITY AT COST OF THREE LIVES AND SCORE WOUNDED.

SHARP VOLLEYS IN RETURN

Bluejackets and Marines, Assisted by Guns of Transport Prairie, Soon Rout Enemy-Loss to Huerta's Forces Unknown.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Washington, D. C., April 22.-This dispatch from Vera Cruz was made public at 3 a. m. today by the navy department:

"It is reported that Commander General Maas left Vera Cruz in a carriage; that his family followed in another carriage, and that he had not been heard from since. The Mexican troops were turned loose to act as they pleased, few, if any, officers remain-

Vera Cruz, April 21.-At a late hour tonight the American forces in Vera Cruz numbered 1,200. The first landing party consisted of more than 500. The second detachments landed two hours later.

Washington, D. C., April 21.-Consul Canada at Vera Cruz reported as follows:

"Marines and bluejackets landed at 11:30 o'clock this morning, immediately taking possession of cable office. Florida, ordered that it he destroyed. postoffice, telegraph office and custom house, also railroad terminals and yard with rolling stock. Notwithstanding firing from housetops, we are mas- in Very Cruz had already been placed ters of the situation so far without the use of heavy guns. Our men are and Mexico, but the foreign colony, es- tion for all offenses committed against simply defending themselves. Some resistance from naval vessels soon si-

lenced by guns on Prairie. At this time reported four of our men killed and twenty wounded. American newspaper men and several other Americans in consulate. Several Americans, including some women, who refused to go aboard refuge ships. are now marooned in hotels within firing line. Trains from Mexico City did the first buildings occurred after the not arrive."

Vera Cruz, April 21.-Vera Cruz to- fice. The telegraph wires were found might is in the hands of forces from intact, and enough Mexican operators the United States warships, but the were retained to man the lines to Mexioccupation of the port was not accom- co City. plished without loss of American lives. After Gen. Mans had been driven Four Americans, blueiackets and from his position in Central plaza, the marines, were killed by the fire of the Americans found themselves the ob-

Mexican soldiers, and twenty fell ject of fusiliades from the tops of wounded. The Mexican loss is not houses, where small groups of soldiers known, but it is believed to have been and citizens had taken up positions. It

was learned only tonight that the The water front, the custom house greater part of those engaged in this and all important plers, including resistance were civilians who refused those under the terminal works, from to accept the American occupation which extend the railroads to the capi- passively. They obtained guns and statal, have been occupied. All the terri-tioned themselves at points of vantory around the American consulate tage and did much to prolong the acis strongly patrolled and detachments tion. hold other sections of the city.

The Mexican commander, Gen. Gus- manded the marines from the Prairie tavo Maas, offered a stubborn resist- and Mais. Reed and Berkeley and ance, and for many hours there was Capts, Hughes, Hill and Dyer along the fighting in the streets. Towards night- line. Every precaution is being taken fall it was reported that the main body to prevent a Mexican attack, and the of the federal garrison was in retreat lines have been reinforced by a deto the westward.

Rear Admiral Fletcher, in command sition beyond the terminal works. of the United States warships, prefaced his occupation of the port by a demand, through the American con- engineers to man trains in Mexico was ut, Canada, for it surrender, telegraphed to President Wilson and Gen-Mass premptly declined to accede to the secretary of war from temporato this demand, and shortly afterwards ry headquarters here of the Brotherten whalehouts were sent off from the | hood of Locomotive Engineers.

WAR THRILLS

THOUSANDS EAGER TO POAN NEWS OF BATTLE-CLERKS AT DESKS ALL NIGHT.

SENATE STILL IN A WRANGLE

-President Proceeds Witnout Consent of Lawmakers.

Washington, D. C., April 22.-The by a vote of 72 to 13 passed the adagainst the United States" in Mexico.

Washington, D. C., April 22.-The alone.

An amendment proposed by Senator with marines. These boats effected a landing in the neighborhood of the dent, was defeated, 43 to 40.

Washington, D. C., April 22.-At 2 many weeks. o'clock this morning the navy depart- Rear Admiral Badger, with the first command of the operations ashore, The message had been picked up by cruiser Des Moines remains. up their positions. They numbered 150 bluejackets from the Florida, 390 Rear Admiral Badger's flagship Arkan-

was not heralded by any great excitethat Admiral Badger, who is on the place. The cabinet secretaries who ment, but small crowds gathered to Jersey, South Carolina and Michigan greatly. -will be divided according to his dis-

tral plaza, in which Gen. Maas had These maneuvers were effected citement tonight. Crowds thronged termined that with the seizure of Vera without apposition, but suddenly Gen. the senate and listened to the debate. Mass challenged the advance with the three blocks from the marines and during the night and the wireless, the ican government for the present. The The marines raplied immediately. cable and the telegraph carried scores of government orders over land and sea making preparations for all even-There was a bill for ten minutes and then another brief exchange from the

The salute to the fing which Huerta refused will not be satisfactory reparation. It is understood a declaration of apology, as well as a salute and a guarantee that the rights and dig- in Vera Cruz within forty-eight hours nities of the United States would be jackets from the Uteh, holding the respected, can alone cause a withground between the consulate and the drawal of the American forces.

Long Debate in Senate. While the American marines and bluejackets were fighting the senate against an ancient tower which once debated the Mexican situation before crowded galleries. The joint resolution which had passed the house supporting the president's proposal to use the army and navy to obtain repara tion was being debated in the senate at midnight with prospect of an all night session. Many republican senators wanted the resolution broadened aboard chartered steamers Esperanza to authorize steps to obtain repara-

Americans in Mexico. The administration senators fought controlling a small portion of it.

Doesn't Wait on Senate. The president, while anxious for congress to act, went ahead on the author- Brooklyn. ity of the executive in accord with precedent, because he believed an em- of William Poinsett of Philadelphia. ergency existed. He gave Rear Ad- Marine Private Daniel Aloysius Hag miral Fletcher authority to seize the gerty was a son of Michael Hagerty custom house at Vera Cruz to prevent of Cambridge, Mass. His first enlist the landing there today of a German ment was on July 24, 1906.

merchant vessel of a big consignment of arms and ammunition for the Huerta government.

Secretary Bryan conferred with the German ambassador, Count Von Bernstorff, and it is believed the influence of the German government will be interposed to prevent the consignment from landing elsewhere in Mexico and complicating the situation. The ship carries 15,000,000 rounds of ammunition and 200 rapid fire guns and thousands of rifles.

No Orders to Army.

The president was in conference with the secretaries of war, state and navy early tonight. No orders were issued to the army, but Rear Admiral Badger was ordered to Tampico, Unable to Reach Agreement on Res- where another custom house may be olution to Uphold Wilson's Course seized. Mr. Wilson intends to act shortly to force Huerto to yield and hopes to avert war. With the taking of the railroad for a few miles inland from Vera Cruz and the two custom houses it is believed no other ag gressive steps will be taken. It is adsenate at 3:21 o'clock this morning action by Huerta may draw the Amerimitted by many officials that offensive by a vote of 12 to 13 passed the administration resolution declaring that can forces into a conflict tantamount to war. All preparation possible has salute. the president is justified in the embeen made by the army and navy, alployment of the armed forces of the though no orders have gone out to the United States to enforce his demands army or the militia of the states, nor for unequivocal amends for the af-fronts and indignities committed has the naval militia been called upon.

Forces Now at Vera Cruz. The navy department announced that the United States forces in Vera senate at 2:40 a. m., by a vote of Cruz and vicinity consisted of the bat-47 to 35, rejected the substitute Mexi- tleships Florida, Utah, Connecticut, can resolution proposed by Senator Minnesota and cruisers San Francisco Lodge. It would have based the "jus. and Chester; gunboat Dolphin, transtification" of the use of force in Mex- ports Prairie and Hancock, hospital ico upon general conditions there in. ship Solace and collier Cyclops, as well stead of upon the Tampico incident as the chartered steamers Esperanza

and Mexico. This concentration of forces, total-Gallinger "justifying the president in ling about 7,000 sailors, and nearly the use of force to protect American 2,000 marines, is made up of Rear Adcitizens in Mexico," as well as to de- miral Mayo's ships which had been mand reparation for the Tampico inci- ordered from Tampico late yesterday and the ships which Rear Admiral Fletcher has had at Vera Cruz for

ment announced that a relayed wire ships of the Atlantic fleet, reached less dispatch from the cruiser Des Vera Cruz tonight, having been di-Moines said "All is quiet at Tampico." verted from Tampico, where only the

The air had been filled with all sorts sas, steaming for Tampico from Vera of sensational rumors during the day. Officials were nervously expectant. Rear Admiral Fletcher's report came navy department announced tonight ever, describing briefly what had taken | twenty-one injured. flagship Arkansas, has been ordered discussed Fletcher's report with Presiwhich arrived with him-the Louisi ed by their demeanor that the los of ana, New Hampshire, Vermont, New life and bloodshed had affected them

Future Depends on Huerta.

Information which came from sources close to the cabinet council Washington, D. C., April 21.-The was to the effect that the president national capital was thrilled with ex- exercised self restraint and calmly de-Cruz and the prevention of shipments Joint plans of the army and navy of arms from reaching Huerta further were worked over at the departments steps would not be taken by the Amerfuture depends on action by the Huerta authorities. Secretary Garrison announced emphatically that no troop

movements had been ordered. Officials did not believe Huerta if he does the American marines and bluejackets which will be assembled will number about 15,000. Estimates here place the Huerta forces at Mexico City at about 3,000 to 4,000 men to the presence of the general who cers is that the American forces, if elos Zaragoza. necessary, would be able to reach the Mexican capital without serious difficulty. The bulk of Gen. Huerta's army is in the north fighting the constitutionalists.

SOME OF THE DEAD.

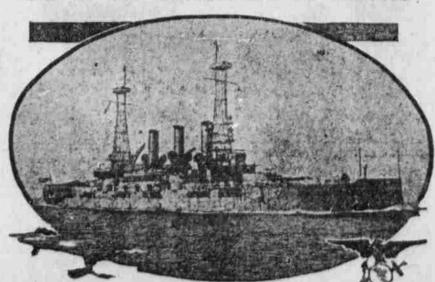
Dispatches Name Three of Four Killed

at Vera Cruz. Washington, D. C., April 21.—Details of the engagement at Vera Cruz came to the navy department slowly and up to midnight no list of dead or wound this as tantamount to a declaration ed had been received. Press dispatchof war, saying that the United States es, however, named three of the four had no quarrel with the Mexican peodead Coxswain Shoemaker, Corporal ple, but with the Huerta government Haggerty and Seaman Poinsett, all of the battleship Florida.

Coxswain John F. Shoemaker was a son of Mrs. Isabelle McKinnon of

Seaman George Poinsett was a son

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.

WAR CHRONOLOGY

April 9-Assistant paymaster and squad of bluejackets of the dispatch boat Dolphin are arrested at wharf in Tampico while leading gasoline into whaleboat. Rear Admiral Henry T. Mayo, senior naval officer there, demands apology and firing of national salute to American flag to make complete amends for the warlike act.

April 10-Gen. Zaragosa, Mexican commander at Tampico, makes apology, but asks for permission to communicate with President Huerta as to firing of salute. Mail orderly from American battleship in Tampico is arrested, but later released.

April 11-President Wilson instructs Charge O'Shaughnessy to demand that Huerta order firing of salute at Tampico. Cipher message from state department to O'Shaughnessy is held up by military censor in City of Mexico. April 13-Huerta apologizes for

Tampico arrests, but refuses to order firing of salute to the American flag. April 14-President Wilson rushes fleet to Tampico and other Mexican ports and renews demand for firing of

April 15-Huerta gives conditional promise to fire salute and inquires whether it will be returned by American vessel. He is informed that it will be returned, as originally promised by Admiral Mayo.

April 16-Huerta asks whether United States will agree to firing of "simultaneous salute," but is informed that he must fire salute first and it will then be returned by American

April 17-Huerta submits another dilatory message, which President Wilson rejects without consideration. April 18-Tired of Huerta's quibbling, President Wilson sends ultima-

tum demanding firing of the salute before 6 p. m April 19, or a promise to fire one at a stipulated date. More warships are sent to Mexican waters. April 19-Huerta asks that Charge O'Shaughnessy give assurance in writing that United States will return sa lute. He asks also for more time to consider ultimatum. Both these requests are refused. Additional war

vessels are ordered to Tampico. April 20-Wilson reads "war" mes sage in congress. Plans for enforcing demands continue.

April 21-Fear Admiral Fletcher seizes custom house at Vert Cruz as Washington, D. C., April 21.-The in quick time from Vera Cruz, how- ordered. Four Americans killed and

from Vera Cruz to Tampico. The ships dent Wilson for nearly an hour show- DEFENDS HIS ACTION

Huerta, in His Answer to the United of foreign relations of Mexico, acting States, Claims the American Flag in their official capacities, agree as Was Not Insulted at Tampico by follows: Federal Soldiers.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Portillo v Rojas, minister of foreign affairs, in announcing that it would be impossible to agree to the demand of the United States that the fing of that country be unconditionally saluted, gave out the following state-

would take any offensive steps, but American flag and with nine marines Mexican shore batteries or a Mexican and one officer landed at a point called the Beach of Iturbide, in Tampico. Col. Raymond Hinojosa, who has charge of defending that point, detained the marines and officer and conducted them be hoisted to a masthead on the Amerand the belief of army and navy offi- had command of the fort, Ignacio Mor-

"It should be remembered that at this time the port not only was under military control, but withstanding an flag with 21 guns of the man of war attack by rebels. Gen. Zaragoza immediately and without even investigat- anchor in those waters. ing the case put the marines and the officer at liberty, placed Hinojosa ff.

"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 prasented to him by the staff of the chief of the fort, Gen. Zaragoza: that the American flag be hoisted at a public place in Tampico and saluted by twenty-one guns, and, besides the severe punishment of Hinojosa, stipulating that all this be within twenty-four

Says Flag Was Not Insulted. "The term was later extended when diplomatic pour parlers were be

tween the sub-secretary of foreign af-

fairs in Mexico, the minister being absent at that date, continued until now. "The president of Mexico, when informed of the facts, ordered an investigation of the facts and punishment of the guilty officer, if it were proved he was blameworthy. He also authorized the minister of foreign affairs to express regret on account of the incldent. When he became aware that the American government supported the request of Rear Admiral Mayo relative to a salute of the American flag, which had not been insuited, he proposed to show his good will toward the American people, though he did not posing that the flags of the two nations and simultaneously.

"The American government did not agree with that idea, but insisted on assurance that in accordance with international practice the salute would be returned by American cannon in an swer to the salute of the American flag. This was not accepted by President Huerta, who insisted on his prop-

"Then the American government de-

brought to an end by the final decision of President Huerta within a term which expired at 6 o'clock tonight, an nouncing that if by that time he had not agreed to the salute of the Ameri can flag as requested the affair would

for decision.

Rejected by Huerta. "The Mexican government, believing

that the salute in question was of no importance unless previously and for- NEWS FROM OVER THE STATE mally agreed on by both parties, proposed the signing of a protocol, and the minister of foreign affairs presented, last night, a draft of such protocol to the American charge d'affaires, Nelson O'Shaughnessy."

O'Shaughnessy answer that he must consult his government; that he would advise the minister of the nature of this answer and this afternoon he communicated to the minister the fact that | ********** his government did not accept the idea | * of a signature of any protocol whatever, but wanted an unconditional salute of the American flag.

This the Mexican government refused, feeling it has done all possible, * May 4 to 6. in view of the friendly understanding between the two governments, and be- * G. A. R. at Grand Island, May 13 * lieving the acceptance of such an im- * and 14. position would be equivalent to yield- * Camp of instruction for N. N. ing by Mexico to humiliation.

The Mexican government is confi- * to 10. dent that the civilized world will find * State convention of Nebraska its conduct has been wise and temper- * Eagles at Hastings in June. ate, that it has observed all the re- * State Sunday school convenquirements of international law and * tion at Aurora in June. that the refusal to yield further is in- * Meeting of Nebraska postspired only by a regard for its honor * masters at Lincoln, June 9, 10 * and dignity.

Huerta's Proposal. The draft of the protocol by Mexico. * ciation at Epworth Lake park, * refused signature by the United States, | * Lincoln, June 18 to 25. follows:

"With a view of putting to an end the lamentable incident which occurred on the 9th instant at Fort Tampico, wards when the president of the re incident and ordered that a full investigation be made to the end that the guilty might be punished, if any be found guilty; and finally that the action in question was due to the zealous. ness of a subaltern which might be rewithout permission of the military authorities the port being at the moment attack by rebels, the charge d'affaires of the United States and the minister

Not to Be Thought Of. Shet-"You really should give up smoking; it affects the heart." He-"By that reasoning I ought to give up you also."-Boston Transcript.

"1. That the Mexican government, inspired by a desire of showing the good will it feels toward the people of the United States, and acting in the same manner wherein the United States has done in similar cases, binds, "On the 9th of the present month, itself that the American flag be sabetween 11 and noon, a boat without an luted at Tampico by 21 guns from the warship in those waters.

"2. That the cannon referred to in the preceding article shall be fired at the moment the American flag shall ican-Mexican shore.

"3. That the government of the Unit ed States binds itself to salute the Mexican flag immediately following the salute of the Mexicans to the American Dolphin or of any other battleship at

"4. The guns to which the preceding article refers shall be fired at the moprison, and sent an apology to Rear ment when the Mexican flag shall be Admiral Mayo, the commander of the hoisted to the top of a mast of the aforesaid man of war or of any other warship in those waters and to this end both contracting parties attach their signatures."

This formal reply of the Mexican government to the demands of the United States was handed to Nelson O'Shaughnessy the American charge d'affaires at exactly 6 o'clock Sunday evening at the foreign office. The charge, however, had been aware previously of the nature of the document

Mr. O'Shaughnessy had seen Senor Portillo y Rojas late in the afternoon in the suburbs of Coyoscan, where he had gone to line with some friends. Provisional President Huerta dis-

played comparative indifference to the crisis and passed several hours listening to the military band playing in Chapultepec park. Several hundred American residents

club, where a dinner and entertainnient were given. CHAPLAINS TO SAIL.

spent the evening at the American

Daniels Orders Them to Proceed to

Mexico at Once. Washington, D. C., April 21. Secretary Daniels tonight issued orders for all chaplains on duty at shore stations to proceed immediately to Mexico think that such a request was just, pro- by the first available battleship. Chaplain Stone, of the Boston navy yard. he hoisted and saluted reciprocally has been directed to proceed with the ships of the Third division to leave this week, and Chaplain Patrick, with the marine regiment at Norfolk, has or-Rear Admiral Mayo's request, giving dera to sail on the Morro Castle, the chartered steamer which leaves Phila-

Minneapolis.-The First regiment, Minnesota National Guard, is ready to leave for Mexico if called. Col. E. D. Luce, in command, said that his reg! ment of 1,000 men could be placed untermined that the pour parlers be desr way within two hours.

delphia Thursday.

BYGONE DAYS

be presented to the American congress VALUABLE INVENTION BY RAIL ROAD MAN.

What Is Going on Here and There That is of interest to the Readers Throughout Nebraska and Vicinity.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

COMING EVENTS Meeting of Spanish War Vet- * * erans at Lincoln, April 24 and 25. * State convention of Nebraska * Modern Woodmen at Hastings, #

* Annual encampment Nebraska

* G. at State Fair grounds, June 1 *

* and 11. * Outing of Nebraska Press asso- *

Stella.-As fresh and shining as the day they were placed on the walls of caused by the detention of nine men the old James hotel in Shubert more and one officer, considering that such than a quarter of a century ago, show marines were immediately put at lib- bills announcing the wonders to be erty by Gen. Zaragoza, commander of seen under canvas in a circus touring Fort Tampico, and that said officer pre- the continent in 1886 were brought to sented an apology to Rear Admiral light when the weather-boarding of Mayo, commander of the American the old hotel was torn away recently. squadron in those waters; that after- The ancient hostelry is being converted into a modern residence and during public of Mexico became advised of the dismantling the weather-boarding the facts he expressed regret through was torn away, showing the clowns. the office of foreign relations for the acrobats, aerial artists and other circus wonders of a bygone day.

To Prevent Railroad Accidents. Fremont,-C. C. Hole, a well known Northwestern passenger conductor on the Scribner-Oakdale branch, has just garded as excusable if it is taken into perfected a device by which railroad consideration that the marines when men believe wrecks can be prevented. etained had gone ashore in uniform It is an attachment for the rails to operated in connection with the block signal apparatus, by which the brakes on trains will be automatically set when the block signal is set for "Stop." It would serve to prevent collisions in instances where the engineer had gone to sleep or for some other reason failed to notice a stop signal. Conductor Hole has been working on his device for several years and only recently has succeeded in perfecting it to his satisfaction. He has made application for a patent on it.

Joins New Race Circuit. Pawnee City.-President W. T. Parkinson of the Pawnee County Fair association attended a meeting at Seneca, Kas., at which a new race circuit was formed. The list of towns in the circuit includes Smithville and St. Joseph, Mo.; Hiawatha and Seneca, Kas.; Pawnee City, Tecumseh and Auburn, Neb. Beatrice may also be included. The purses in the harness

Craig-Gustave Anderson, a wealthy farmer living near Craig, had both hands and both feet amputated recently at a hospital in Omaha. Anderson was walking from Tekamah to Craig during a blizzard on February 22, when he had an attack of epilepsy. When he was found the following day by some farmers, his hands and feet were frozen.

races will be \$300 each.

Nebraska City, Neb.-The city council met Wednesday evening and canvassed the vote for city commissioners and found that Henry Katzenstein and Bert Ryder were elected and that Paul Topping and O. A. Roos tied. After a lengthy session it was decided to have the two gentlemen flip a coin, which was done, and Roos won.

Omaha, Neb.-The veteran mule that for a score of years has done vallant service in hauling candidates for initiation into Ak-Sar-Ben to their slaughter in the den, is dead at the reputed age of 46 years. Secretary Weaver of Ak-Sar-Ben declares that this is the first mule to die a natural death.

Qualifies for Free Delivery. Seward.-The receipts from the sale of postage stamps at the Seward postoffice for the year ending April 1 exceeded \$10,000. As this is the required amount for free city delivery. application will be made at once to the postal department to place Seward on the free delivery list.

Every member of the family was present at the celebration at Superior last week of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Har-

Health Officer Makes Recommendations.

Hastings.-Weekly scrubbing of all the school rooms of the city, better room facilities and physical examination of teachers with whom the district is about to contract were among the recommendations of Dr. J. W. Straight, health officer, to the Hastings school board.

Fremont.-An 80-acre farm northeast of Arlington, unimproved, sold for \$170 an acre, which set a new figure for Washington county land.