

PLANS FOR REPRISAL IN PROGRESS

Huerta Refuses to Order Salute.

CABINET MEETING HELD

Wilson's Next Step to Be Determined Upon.

Washington, April 20.—General Huerta, provisional president of Mexico, has flatly refused to accede to what he called the demand of President Wilson for an "unconditional salute" to the American flag.

Congress will be asked by President Wilson for authority to use armed force to uphold the honor and dignity of the nation.

Negotiations with Huerta over the demand for a salute in preparation for the arrest of American bluejackets at Tampico on April 10 came to a close at 6 p. m., the last hour given by President Wilson for a favorable response from the Mexican dictator.

The final word of Huerta to Charles O'Shaughnessy was a refusal to comply unless the United States would guarantee in writing that his salute be regarded.

President Preparing Message.

President Wilson will read a message to congress in joint session as early as it can be arranged. In the meantime American fleets were moving down both coasts on their way to Mexican waters to carry out the president's plan for reprisals.

The crisis thus reached does not mean there will be a formal declaration of war, because the United States could not declare war against a government, which it does not recognize. President Wilson will seek authority, however, to send the armed forces into Mexico to seize the ports of Tampico and Vera Cruz and the railroad trestle leading from Vera Cruz toward Mexico City.

The president directed that a cabinet meeting be called, when the final arrangements for a pacific blockade of Mexican ports and other steps in the president's program will be deliberated upon.

Unable to Protect Foreigners.

The breach that finally has come with Mexico will make it impossible, it was declared on high authority, for the United States to protect foreigners in that republic and foreign governments have been notified of the situation in this regard.

The president, it was asserted, not only would ask congress for authority to use the armed forces to uphold the honor of the nation, but also for an appropriation, a deficiency already having been created, because of the expensive naval operations in anticipation of Huerta's defiance of this government.

To Call Out Militia.

The president probably will ask further that the senate will pass the volunteer act, which has already passed the house, providing for pressing into regular service the militia regiments in the various states.

In preparation for the crisis that must be met, Senator Shively, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, and Representative Flood, chairman of the house foreign affairs committee, called a meeting of the committees.

Bryan Issues Statement.

Secretary Bryan issued this statement:

"A little after 11 p. m. a brief dispatch came from Charge O'Shaughnessy at Mexico City, saying that the president's demand had been communicated to the foreign minister and was carried by him to General Huerta. The foreign minister asked O'Shaughnessy whether in case General Huerta acceded to the demand, a protocol would be signed providing for a return of the salute. The following dispatch was sent to Charge O'Shaughnessy, in substance:

"President Wilson is out of the city. Impossible to reach him before 8 a. m. Am certain he would not consent to have you sign the protocol mentioned in your telegram. The salute should be fired without any agreement as to the return of the salute. The United States of America can be relied upon according to international custom and courtesy to do its duty. The signing of the protocol would be objectionable, in addition to other reasons, because of the fact that it might be construed as recognition of the Huerta government, whereas the president has no intention of recognizing that government."

Huerta Is Insistent.

"A dispatch was received from O'Shaughnessy saying that General Huerta was willing to accede to the demand of Admiral Mayo providing a protocol was signed and setting forth a copy of the proposed protocol. Charge O'Shaughnessy asked whether he was authorized to sign it. I com-

NELSON O'SHAUGHNESSY.

American Charge at Mexico City Negotiating With President Huerta.



Photo by American Press Association.

municated with President Wilson by telephone, and at his direction sent a telegram to Mr. O'Shaughnessy, of which the following is a paraphrase:

"Copy of your telegram of 8 p. m. was sent to the president, with copy of my reply, to the effect that a protocol would be objectionable. The president replies: 'Your reply to O'Shaughnessy is exactly what I should have wished it to be. In no case should any concession of any kind in detail or otherwise be made.' I talked with the president over the telephone when your telegram of 11 p. m. was received to the effect that General Huerta had acceded to the demand, but only on condition that you sign a protocol. He repeated most emphatically his objection to any protocol or agreement. He insisted that the salute shall not be fired as a matter of contract or with any stipulation that it be returned by us."

Must Be Apology.

"It must be fired in accordance with international custom as an apology for the insult offered. General Huerta must trust that the United States will live up to the requirements of international courtesy in returning his salute when it shall have been fired. The proposed protocol is especially objectionable, for it is so phrased that General Huerta may construe it as recognizing his government, whereas the president has informed General Huerta and the foreign governments that General Huerta's government will not be recognized."

"General Huerta's acceptance of the demand of Admiral Mayo must be unconditional. The details can be arranged directly with Admiral Mayo after General Huerta announces that he will comply with that demand. Make it clear to General Huerta that further negotiations are unnecessary. It is expected that he accept at once in order that the incident shall be closed."

Calls Cabinet Meeting.

"Later a telegram, of which the following is the substance, was received from Mr. O'Shaughnessy, conveying General Huerta's final refusal. This was communicated to the president at once by telegram and he directed that a cabinet meeting be called."

"I called at the foreign office and was handed a note verbal by the minister of foreign affairs. The note states in substance that government of Mexico is not disposed to accede to the unconditional demand of the government of the United States. It further states that the Mexican government is disposed to act according to the terms of the protocol, of which I have transmitted to you. I informed him that so far as this embassy is concerned the question is closed and that I should immediately inform my government that General Huerta had definitely refused the demands of the government of the United States."

Torpedo Fleet Dispatched.

While these exchanges were going on by cable between Washington and Mexico City, the navy department was centering its attention on further preparations for any eventuality which might occur.

Shortly after Huerta's latest reply message had been received, orders were sent to the battleship Mississippi, with an aeroplane corps and 600 marines, and the torpedo fleet at Pensacola, Fla., to get under way at once, joining Admiral Badger's fleet as it entered the Gulf of Mexico and proceed with the fleet to Tampico.

The torpedo fleet consists of twenty-two destroyers, the tender Dixie and the scout cruiser Birmingham, but several of the destroyers are in reserve, so it is probable only fourteen will sail.

The battleships under command of Rear Admiral Badger are proceeding steadily on their way to Mexican waters. Efficiency has been proven by the smoothness and speed with which mobilization has been accomplished. Admiral Badger is confident that the fleet is prepared for any emergency.

South Carolina Joins Fleet.

On Board U. S. S. Arkansas at Sea, by Wireless, via Key West, April 20.—The United States battleship fleet will anchor off Tampico about 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, according to present calculations. The South Carolina joined the fleet. Rear Admiral Badger expects to establish wireless communication with Rear Admiral Fletcher at Vera Cruz today.

GEN. VILLA TO VISIT CARRANZA

Rebel Leader Hastens North to Confer With His Chief.

RECRUITS FLOCK TO STANDARD

First Shipment of New Money Received and Will Be Sent to Front, Where Spurious Money Is Causing Trouble Among the Troops.

Juarez, Mex., April 20.—Matters of the greatest importance will be discussed at Chihuahua today if General Villa, as expected, arrives in that city for the first of a series of interviews with General Carranza.

Whether Huerta salutes the American flag or not, the Tampico incident will come in for the gravest consideration, for rebel leaders declare their belief that Huerta would not hesitate to bring about a foreign war if by so doing he hoped to unite the country. Finances, foreign relations, civil appointments and details of future campaigns are other subjects which will be threshed out. All cabinet members except Secretary Subaran of the interior department will be present. Subaran and Vesquero, confidential agent of the rebels in El Paso, will be present tomorrow.

New Paper Money.

The first shipment of new paper currency, designed to replace the somewhat crude and much-counterfeited Villa currency, will be sent to Chihuahua today. It consists of \$5 and \$10 bills to the aggregate value of \$1,000,000. It is on finer paper and is better printed than the money it replaces and it is said it will be more difficult to counterfeit. Some of the spurious money is said to have reached the army paymaster and to have been paid the troops.

A newspaper man who brought out some which he had bought from the paymaster had it refused here as spurious.

The conference on military affairs will include the problem of obtaining ammunition for the rebel recruits said to be flocking in since the victory of Torreon and including captured federal troops impressed into the rebel service, as well as new supplies for the original army.

Monterrey and Saltillo remain to be taken in the north and the preliminary campaigns against San Luis Potosi and Zacatecas already have begun.

These subjects alone, not to mention innumerable minor matters, are said to be sufficient to keep General Villa in Chihuahua for a week if he can spare the time from the front.

Carranza Will Not Talk.

What the attitude of the rebel government will be in the event that the United States blockades Mexican ports is a question which has repeatedly been put to General Carranza at Chihuahua by newspaper men in the last week, but he has evaded reply.

Rumor had it that General Villa and General Carranza had agreed to continue with their campaign as if no complications between Huerta and the United States existed, unless the troops of the United States should invade rebel territory or raid ports of entry should be blockaded.

Rebel Attack Upon Monterey.

Brownsville, Tex., April 20.—The rebel attack on Monterey, chief city of northern Mexico, still in the possession of the federals, began, and according to a report in Matamoros, General Pablo Gonzalez established constitutional headquarters about two miles from the heart of the city.

FLIES BOTTOM UP IN CALE

Aviator Niles Thrills Crowd at Hempstead, N. Y.

Hempstead, N. Y., April 20.—Flying upside down in a southwest gale, blowing more than thirty-five miles an hour, Charles F. Niles, in a monoplane, thrilled spectators on the aviation field at Hempstead plains.

After bucking the wind until he reached an altitude of about 2,000 feet, Niles with his aeroplane twisting in the blast succeeded in completing a circle. In a second attempt, when the circle was about half completed, the machine slipped back and earthward for nearly 1,000 feet when an unusual heavy gust struck it.

Niles ended his day's thrills by flying upside down for nearly a half mile.

Pullman Co. Responsible for Baggage.

New York, April 20.—According to a decision of the appellate division of the state supreme court here, a passenger while asleep in a railroad sleeping car is not expected or able to guard his property. The company must station employees to guard the passenger's property, the court ruled, or be held responsible for the loss of it. The decision was given in the suit of Louis Goldstein against the Pullman Sleeping Car company for damages in the loss of a value.

CAPTAIN RODGERS.

Commander of the New York and Officers on Board, Raising the Flag.



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PLAN VOLUNTEER ARMY OF 200,000

Force Will Be Added to 100,000 Regulars.

Washington, April 20.—In the event of intervention in Mexico, the United States will organize and send to the front a large army of volunteers, of which the organized militia will be the nucleus.

The first line of troops will consist of the regular army, which has an authorized strength of 100,000, but an actual existing strength of 85,000 officers and enlisted men. Of this number, about 58,000 men, who constitute the force at present stationed within continental United States, would be available for duty in the first line. This number would be increased 15,000 by recruiting up to the full authorized strength.

For the second line congress will authorize the president to raise a volunteer army of a specified strength, possibly 200,000 men. This will be a land force, inasmuch as the navy will need no reinforcement in dealing with Mexico.

The members of the national guard of the various states will receive preferential acceptance in the recruiting of the volunteer forces, but the naval militia organizations will be left at home. The latter organizations will engage in practice cruises this summer, as usual.

The volunteer army will be raised on an entirely new plan outlined in an administration measure which has passed the house and is before the senate with a favorable report of the military affairs committee of the latter body. It is scheduled to become a law within the next two weeks.

SAYS NURSING IS DRUDGERY

Daughter of Packer Finds Task of Probationer Not to Liking.

Boston, April 20.—Miss Helen Cudaby, the millionaire's daughter, who came from the west to learn nursing at the Massachusetts General hospital, has decided not to stay. Her reason is summarized in this remark: "I thought training in a hospital meant taking care of patients. I find it is three-fourths housework and drudgery."

Miss Cudaby is the daughter of Packer Patrick Cudaby, who learned the secret of turning beef into gold and made a fortune in the Chicago and Milwaukee stock yards. For five years Miss Cudaby has longed to study nursing. Her mother said it was "undignified." Her father, self-made man himself, said, "Good! Fine! Shows the right spirit."

John Doe Bill Against Thief of \$10,000.

Stout Falls, S. D., April 20.—It has become known that the federal grand jury recently in session here returned a John Doe indictment against the thief who two years ago stole a package containing \$10,000 in five-dollar bills from the Stout Falls postoffice. Whether or not this action foreshadowed an early arrest in the case is unknown.

Phoenix Gets Mining Congress.

Phoenix, Ariz., April 20.—The seventeenth annual session of the American Mining congress will be held in Phoenix next fall, although the exact date has not yet been fixed.

PROVIDENCE GREET GREAT CREATION DRAMA

Running in Many Cities Now; 40,000 In Attendance.

CHURCH "A ROYAL DIADEM"

Pastor Russell Personally Conducted Opening Exhibitions—In Discourse He Outlined Divine Purpose in Calling the Church—"A Peculiar People." "Not Many Rich"—"Not Many Learned"—"Not Many Noble"—Chiefly "The Poor of This World"—"Rich in Faith"—Heart Condition the Basis of Selection—Cutting, Polishing and Mounting the Jewels—God's Workmanship to Be Manifested—Lessons to Angels—Lessons to Mankind.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Providence, R. I., April 19.—Pastor Russell personally conducted the opening exhibitions of his now famous Photo-Drama of Creation at the Colonial Theatre here today.

It was given out that there is a chain of these Dramas now extending from coast to coast and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf. Today's attendance was estimated at 40,000.

Pastor Russell's discourse was based on the text: "Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of thy God." (Isaiah 62:3.) He said:

God has provided a salvation for the world in the next Age. But the call of this Gospel Age is something unique—separate and apart from the salvation of mankind. During this Age God has been gathering out of the world some of those who have a hearing of faith and a response of heart. These He calls His peculiar treasure. His Jewels. In our text He declares that this class shall be a royal diadem in the hand of their God—not on His hand, as if an added glory, but in His hand, representative of power. In His Power Jehovah will show forth the Church; and by thus manifesting what He has been able to do with the Church, He will show forth His own praises, in that He will reveal features of His glorious character which have never before been exhibited. What a blessed thing this will be for those who shall be the Jewels and who will reflect the glory of the Infinite One who designed this diadem!

The permission of sin has given opportunity for God to develop His great Plan for the eradication of evil. He could easily have prevented Satan from bringing sin into the Universe. He did not, however, exercise His Power to restrain Satan; for He foresaw the glorious results which He will eventually accomplish through the permission of evil. For the same reason He did not interfere when Satan tempted our first parents, but permitted the whole race of mankind to be born into the world in an imperfect and sinful condition. He could have arranged otherwise, but He foresaw that He could work out still more glorious purposes by letting matters take their own course for a time.

"The Wages of Sin Is Death."

The Bible declares that all transgression of the Divine Law is sin, and that all sin is punishable with the same penalty—death. Thus Adam's disobedience in eating the forbidden fruit brought upon him the curse of death, which by the laws of heredity he has transmitted to his posterity—the human race. (Romans 5:12, 19.) Although men may multiply the transgressions, they cannot increase the penalty; for the Divine Law has only one penalty for sin—death.

But Divine Mercy arranged for human redemption by providing that Jesus should pay the penalty for Adam's sin. This He did when He offered Himself and died, "the Just for the unjust." The unforfeited life of Jesus, as a corresponding price for the forfeited life of Adam, guaranteed the cancellation of Adam's penalty. Adam's deliverance will mean the deliverance of all humanity, the removal of the sentence for Original Sin from every member of Adam's race. Then the Messianic Kingdom will be inaugurated for the very purpose of helping mankind out of the sin and death conditions resulting from the fall of our first parents.

God could have associated with our Redeemer some of the angelic host to assist in blessing humanity during the thousand years of the Messianic Kingdom; but He purposed to select from amongst mankind some to be sharers with His Son in the great work of uplifting the world from sin, degradation and death. For this reason a call went forth for a Church class—for those who would separate themselves from the world, take up their cross and follow Jesus. This class is to be a peculiar treasure; they are a people that will be privileged to show forth the praises of Him who hath called them out of darkness into His marvelous light.—1 Peter 2:9.

"Zealous of Good Works."

For nearly nineteen centuries God has been gathering this people from various nations, kindreds and tongues.

"The Lord knoweth them that are His"; and He is giving needed assistance to each one who is sincere in heart and earnestly seeking to know God. These, the Apostle declares, are "a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Their good works are not the building of hospitals, asylums, schools and colleges, although they rejoice that the world has the inclination to do these things. The Church engages in the same kind of good works that our Lord engaged in at His First Advent. The Scriptures assert that He "went about doing good." In line with this statement is the Apostle's injunction that the Church "do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the Household of Faith."—Galatians 6:10.

"Blessed Your Eyes, For They See." The Household of Faith includes all who are trusting in the precious blood of Christ for their redemption. These the Church will serve on every occasion. The greatest possible good that can be done will be that of serving them with the Truth. The Glad Tidings of great joy which shall be to all people is the very best Message that can be brought to any one—not only speaking peace through the blood of Jesus, but also inspiring the glorious hope of joint-heirship with Christ in the Messianic Kingdom. The Bible tells us that the time is coming when all the blind eyes shall be opened and all the deaf ears shall be unstopped. That time is during the next Age. Meantime, God is doing a wonderful work. He is gathering here and there the saintly ones—those who have an ear to hear His call. Of this class our Lord said, "Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear."

In gathering this special class, God is looking, not at the outward appearance, but at the heart. He desires those whose hearts are right. This does not mean, as once we thought, that all whom God does not select, or elect, are to be thrown to devils and roasted to all eternity. What a change comes over everything when we realize that God is not premeditating evil against even those who may be His enemies through wicked works.

He will use later to assist the Redeemer in blessing all the families of the earth.—Galatians 3:16, 20.

The Scriptures declare that in choosing this special class, the Church, God is calling "not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble," but "the poor of this world, rich in faith"—those whom the world would consider the mean things, the weak, the ignoble. The Bible tells us that the rich have plenty to satisfy their hearts and therefore do not feel their need.

It is the same with the intellectual. They rather look down upon the average human being, and say that poor people do not know any better than to believe the story of the fall of man and all the rest of the Bible stories. Thus in what they think is wisdom they ignore the Word of God, in which His whole Plan for man's recovery from degradation, sin and death is shown as connected with the story of Adam and Eve, their fall and the redemption effected by the death of Jesus on Calvary. Whoever leaves out this part of the Bible loses the connecting link, and cannot perceive the Plan of God for man's salvation.

Therefore the wise according to the course of this world cannot understand the Divine Program.

The Bible says that not many noble are called. One may be poor and uneducated, and yet have a very noble mind. This class know that they are morally above the average. Therefore they often have a self-satisfied feeling which does not permit them to recognize that they are sinners. And so they are not ready to see that they and all other human beings need a Savior.

"Ye Are His Workmanship." Those whom God has accepted and forgiven through the blood of His Son, our Redeemer, are no longer under the former sentence of sin. These still have weaknesses of the flesh and are striving against them, although they may never be as successful as some other persons who were better born. But the Heavenly Father knows to what extent each is striving against sin, seeking to put down the old nature. Others may misjudge us; but He knows us.

Of this class the Apostle Paul says, "It is God that worketh in you both to will and to do His good pleasure." He has given us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these working in us, showing us the course to take and the result of faithfulness, we may gradually attain the Divine nature. This is the consummation, and comes to us by Divine Power—"changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." Whether we shall be granted that glorious change depends upon the zeal with which we love righteousness, and hate iniquity, and seek to do the will of God.

No matter how mean this class may have been according to nature, the transforming work of the Holy Spirit goes on in their hearts; and they become noble characters. Although they may never be able to control their flesh so that they will seem as noble as some of the world, yet the nobility of heart is what God is looking for. In the heart He sees true nobility—loyalty to Him, to righteousness, to truth, to the brethren—then they have the evidence that they are His, and that His providences are working together for their good.

In some respects the Lord's work in this class resembles that of a lapidary. The lapidary will not pick up cobble stones or ordinary pieces of quartz and put them on the wheel for polishing, although these stones he about everywhere. But a real jewel he puts on the wheel. So it is with the Lord's

Jewels. If you as His child find that the cutting process goes on in your life, it is because the Lord loves you; and all the trials and difficulties that He sees best to bring upon you are purposed to prepare you to be a jewel for mounting in His glorious diadem.

When God accepts any one and bestows him with the Holy Spirit, that one is a jewel in the rough, and needs cutting and polishing. Each needs the skill of the great Master Workman in order to be properly shaped and prepared to show forth the glory of God. Just as a diamond properly cut will radiate the glories of the sunlight, so God's Jewels will show forth His praises. After each is cut and polished he is laid aside until the great Lapidary is ready to mount the Jewels. This is the First Resurrection. Then all these Jewels will be mounted in fine gold—symbolic of the Divine nature—and placed in the glorious diadem which is to be in the hand of our God.

God Glorified in the Church.

Since the experiences through which the Church has been passing throughout the Gospel Age are all working out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, let us take them thankfully, joyfully, gladly, realizing that our Heavenly Father knows better than we do what we need; and that He has promised that His grace will be sufficient, that He will not permit us to be tempted above what we are able to bear, but will with the temptation provide a way of escape.

This is the message that we would leave with you today—that the Church is in the Lord's hands, and that He is preparing each individual member to be a jewel in His royal diadem. When this piece of workmanship is finished, He will show it to the angels as the basis of one of the greatest lessons they have ever had. The angels who remained loyal to God have never known sin in the sense of experiencing it personally. They have always been holy, happy, obedient to Him. They have seen how the redemption of mankind manifests God's Love, and His willingness to exalt those who are obedient to Him now will be a further lesson to them.

In that Day, when they shall see how the Lord's blessing has eventually brought the Church to glory, the angels of God will all rejoice, even though the Church will be on a still higher plane than they—far above angels, principalities and powers, and Joint-heir with her Lord. The angels are in full harmony with God, and therefore will be ready to sing praises, as the Scriptures set forth, saying, "At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in Heaven and things in earth." When the Bride shall be glorified with her Bridegroom, all the angelic hosts will bow low; for the Church will be on the highest plane of existence, associated with her Lord. Whoever of the angelic hosts are loyal to the Father and to the Son will also be loyal to the Bride, the Lamb's Wife, in that glorious Kingdom.

"Born in Zion."

The Psalmist foretells that "of Zion it shall be said, 'This and that man was born in her; and the Highest Himself shall establish her.'" (Psalm 87:3.) Zion represents the Kingdom in glory. The Church in her glorified condition will be Zion, and every faithful saint of God will be born in her. According to the flesh, the Lord's people were begotten and born; according to the Spirit they have been begotten again. But until they experience their change from earthly to Heavenly nature they are not born again. This second birth, the spirit birth, is the First Resurrection. We have the begetting of the Spirit now, but the process is not yet completed; when it is, we shall be born again. Then the record will be made that this one and that one was born in her, born in Zion.

In due time the world will get the record. Then they will get the explanation of what they cannot now understand. They will perceive that the Church class were once blinded like the rest of mankind, but that they and their eyes opened in advance of the others, and were loyal to what God showed them and were blessed. Then they will reason that if God would do this for the Church, He will be willing also to bless their own efforts—though not in the same way that He has blessed the Church.

The Bible clearly indicates that our Heavenly Father purposes to make known to the world just who they are that have made their calling and election sure to a place in the Body of Christ. As the world of mankind come to realize that the peculiar people—whom they could not understand, even though they recognized that these were honest and faithful to the principles of righteousness—were the Body of Christ in the flesh, they will think. The same gracious Heavenly Father that rewarded the Church, and took them to the Heavenly plane, is now dealing with us through them, in Messianic's glorious Kingdom; and He will give us the blessings which He has promised us—restitution to human perfection, if we are willing and obedient to His instructions. Then the world will thank God for His wonderful Plan of salvation.

For nearly nineteen centuries the work of sealing and preparing the jewel class has been in progress. Now the Scriptures indicate that the time has come for the mounting of these cut and polished Jewels. The end of the Gospel Age is upon us. Hence if we would be amongst the acceptable Jewels we have need to display great diligence and to co-operate with the great Lapidary, that the shaping and polishing of our hearts, our wills, may be perfected quickly; and that we may be ready to be placed in that Royal Diadem which shall eternally reflect the glory of the One who designed the great Plan of the Ages, to the praise of His great and holy name.