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GRAPHIC STORY OF VERA CRUZ

Capture of Mexican City After Two Days' Fight Presents Vivid Picture.

VALOR OF OUR BLUEJACKETS

Warships Shelled Buildings in Which Mexican "Snipers" Had Taken Refuge—Natives Surprised at Courtesy of American Troops.

Vera Cruz, Mexico, April 24.—Twelve Americans were killed and thirty wounded before the city of Vera Cruz came into the undisputed possession of the American invading forces after a two-day fight. Although the Mexicans suffered more severely, the number of their casualties has not been ascertained. The best estimates obtained by Capt. William R. Rush of the battleship Florida indicated that in the engagements of Tuesday and Wednesday their dead numbered about one hundred and fifty. No person knows how many Mexicans fell wounded, as many of them were taken away and hidden by friends.

In the streets about the plaza Wednesday afternoon lay fifteen or twenty bodies, a majority of them attired in citizen's clothing. Some of the men evidently had been dead since the engagement Tuesday and the tropical heat made their immediate disposal imperative. One of the first orders given after the town had been captured was to bury the Mexican dead in a trench at the sea end of one of the streets leading from the plaza.

Scores Are Taken Prisoners.

When the city was taken the order was given to advance carefully and search every building for men bearing arms. Scores of prisoners were taken, the majority of them protesting volubly—many hysterically—that they were not guilty of any unfriendliness toward the Americans. Accustomed as the Mexicans are to seeing their own contending forces shoot immediately all prisoners taken, the captured men could not but believe that they would receive no less drastic treatment at the hands of the Americans. The guns found in houses were thrown by the marines and bluejackets from the upper balconies to the pavement below.

The most spirited action was the taking of the naval academy. Aside from that fight, no definite, organized opposition was encountered by the Americans. A hot fire was poured from the naval college, but a few well directed shots from the cruisers Chester, San Francisco and Prairie tore gaping holes in the stone walls and silenced the rifle fire of the Mexicans inside. The bluejackets then were enabled to proceed with the task they had in hand.

Escapes From Fight Cut Off.

Despite the shelling it had received Tuesday, a squad of soldiers continued to give considerable trouble to the Americans from the battered Benito Juarez tower. After they had been silenced and removed from the tower it was discovered that the soldiers had continued fighting for lack of ability to do anything else. The shells from the warships Tuesday had torn away the stairway in the tower and the men had been compelled to remain in it.

Appeal From Aged Mexican.

Coincident with the orders for the general advance of the Americans an aged, white-haired Mexican, carrying the white flag of truce, came down a street from the center of the city. He carried a letter to the chief of police, the only authority he hoped to reach, and desired Consul Granados to read it. It was an urgent appeal to the chief of police to call off the snipers and prevent the bombardment he believed would follow if they continued their execution.

Even before the messenger had climbed the stairs into the consul's office Capt. Rush was informed of the contents of the note he bore and immediately sounded "cease firing" and "halt." But it was too late. The action had begun all along the line and it was not considered wise to attempt further measures to stop it. The commanders ordered their men forward at double quick, which they carried out with a vigor that afterward gave them the city.

Evidences of War.

Blood-bespattered sidewalks, broken windows and bullet-scarred walls gave the plaza a gruesome aspect. Within the Diligencia hotel there were forty Americans, most of them women, who had been there since the commencement of hostilities. When the square was taken they were immediately notified that they might go on the Spanish cruiser Carlos V. outside the breakwater in order to give the Prairie room to fire her guns. The Spanish commander refused, saying that he dared not maneuver his boat in so small a space at night. He also declared that he needed to take on a supply of fresh water. Admiral Fletcher insisted yesterday that his order be carried out, and the Carlos V. moved outside just before the attack on the center of the city began.

At 10:08 Wednesday morning the Americans were in undisputed possession of all the city except the southwest quarter, in which the barracks are situated, and a few outlying districts. At noon they had taken

the barracks. When the city prison, which faces the main plaza, was captured, Lieutenant-Commander Buchanan of the Florida made an inspection tour through it. There was great surprise among the Mexicans who had gathered there that the prisoners were not released. They had been accustomed to seeing the victor always release prisoners and then impress them all into his army.

Chief of Police Captured.

Chief of Police Antonio Villa Vincencio was taken prisoner by the Americans shortly after they had occupied the main plaza of the city. It was suggested to him that he continue in his official capacity to direct the city's protective system. He took the question under advisement. Had the frightened mayor made up his mind to accede to Admiral Fletcher's suggestion, which was made through Consul Canada, the Mexicans might have been spared the humiliation of being forced from their positions and undoubtedly a number of lives would not have been sacrificed.

When Admiral Fletcher directed that battalions of bluejackets and marines be landed from Rear Admiral Badger's ships before dawn and be drawn up in the plaza before the railroad station, thence to proceed to take the entire town, he acted only after warning and after 15 shells from the Prairie's three-inch guns had been thrown into the steel framework of the new market, which faces Market place. A persistent but scattered fire came from rifles in the market during all the early hours of the morning, and Admiral Badger's men landed to the accompaniment of rifle bullets over their heads.

Uniforms Dyed With Rust.

When the rush started Admiral Badger's bluejackets, clad in orange colored clothing, made for them on the trip down by dyeing white uniforms with iron rust, moved in close column formation up the water front, past the market and across the front of the naval college, a long, three story structure built of adobe and having a tile roof. The column moved steadily forward until the first company had passed beyond the college and the remainder were covering the whole front close against the wall.

Suddenly a spatter of rifle firing broke out. Flashes from the rifles were plainly visible in the upper window of the college and along the roofs. The jacksies stood their ground pluckily. Some of them huddled close to the wall to avoid the rain of steel-jacketed bullets from above, while others dashed across a small open space directly in front of the building. These bluejackets dropped on their stomachs and lifted their rifles high to get a range on the windows above. Finally the American officers hustled their men either forward or backward until they were in the shelter of nearby buildings.

Men in Front Undaunted.

The jacksies in front held their places, however, and the Prairie sent shell after shell from her three-inch battery into the windows of the college; huge columns of red dust leaped upward as each shot went home. The Chester also joined in, and with a roar her six-inch shells tore great gaps in the roof of the college. Far to the right of the harbor the mine ship San Francisco opened with her five-inch guns, and, taking the front of the college, shot out window after window, planting the shells with the precision of target practise.

After 15 minutes of firing the Prairie and the San Francisco ceased and the column of jacksies formed again and pushed ahead, deploying around the front of the college. A few shots were directed at them, but none came from the college. The Chester continued hurling shells into any building in which snipers lurked and also far out into the suburbs.

The jacksies went ahead without faltering, spreading out through the waterfront sections, seizing the highest buildings, and organizing squads of guards at street intersections.

The fire along the front gradually slackened and then died out, but the Chester sent a few shots into the hills before ceasing. The Hancock, with 700 marines on board, and the battleship Michigan arrived too late to participate in the fighting.

Vera Cruz Thoroughly Cowed.

Conditions in Vera Cruz began to take on a normal aspect Thursday. Some of the restaurants were opened and a considerable part of the native population began to appear in the streets inspecting the damage done. There were no expressions of good will for the Americans, but there was no apparent antagonism. The Mexicans here seem thoroughly cowed and appear to accept with passiveness the presence of the foreign forces.

SENATORS OFFER TO ENLIST

Fall, New Mexico, and Sheppard, Texas, Tender Services.

Washington.—Senators Fall of New Mexico and Sheppard of Texas have written the president offering their services in the operations against Mexico. Senator Weeks of Massachusetts already had volunteered. Senator Fall wrote that he was ready to resign from the senate and go to the front. Senator Williams of Mississippi, who made a speech in the senate Tuesday opposing war with Mexico, had written to the president asking that his son, Robert Webb Williams, be appointed a second lieutenant in the volunteer service. All offers have been sent to the war department.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department, The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.)

LESSON FOR MAY 3 THE PRODIGAL SON.

LESSON TEXT—Luke 15:11-32. GOLDEN TEXT—"I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight." Luke 15:18.

The parables of Jesus are marvels of unity and condensation, yet no necessary detail is omitted. This, perhaps his most famous, is no exception even though it does carry a double lesson. Who thinks of the older brother when this story is mentioned? Though designated the "Story of the Prodigal," we need to remind ourselves that the word "prodigal" never once occurs in the story. The opening sentence speaks of a father and of two sons. It is really the parable of a perfect father, the unveiling of the true heart of God. Against that background is set off a self-centered son lacking in natural affection. Also alongside the wayward son is the miserly, selfish one who lacked all the good qualities of his brother, but who was truly a wanderer and out of harmony with God the Father. In the background we see the citizens of the far country who helped this young Jew to his place of want, famine and degradation. Remember, it is our Lord speaking to Jews. When the Gentiles of the far country sent him to feed swine they insulted him by compelling him to get his living through an occupation instinctively repulsive.

First Fruit of Sin.

The father makes equal partition, "divided unto them." (V. 12) though neither son had a right to demand a partition of his estate. At the bottom of the son's request was a desire to have his own way—to be independent of God. He did not go away from home at once, though his heart was already in the "far country."

1. Into the Far Country, vv. 13-16. Fun is the first fruit of sin, and that the son readily found so long as his money lasted (Heb. 11:25). But the consequences followed, closely on its trail, for when he had "spent all" he began to be in "want." There are many attractive things about this young man, but those qualities were perverted, they lacked control, they were good servants but bad taskmasters. It is not always physical, temporal want that comes to the sinner, there are deeper and more intense longings—soul want and soul hunger. These always come to the soul away from God. Being in want does not mean that a man's will has been subdued. Some prodigals in the most abject temporal need are as proud as Lucifer, and boast of their rebellion. So he "joined himself to a citizen of the country." He did not belong there—the citizen did. He was set to the most degrading task imaginable for a Jew—feeding swine.

Like a Lost Sheep.

II. The Home Coming, vv. 17-24. The first step was for the son to stop and reflect. That is where salvation always begins—in thinking. He knew he was lost, a. g., out of adjustment, in the wrong place, out of his element and like the lost sheep, "ready to die." He saw his condition, money gone, friends gone, hopes for companions, no food for his sustenance. He saw his value. He was more important than the servants of his father's home. He saw his father's love, already manifested in what had been given him and we faint would believe that when he left home he had the father's urgent plea to return. He saw a way to escape from his present position. All of this after he "came to himself." Before that, impatient, he was morally insane, now he has reasoned, Isa. 1:18. With his reasoning also came the determination to make a full confession. "I will say unto him," not alone confess his need but the fact that he had sinned. This is the only way for a sinner to come to God, Ps. 32:3-5; I John 1:9; Luke 18:11-14. He did not stop with resolving but "he arose and came to his father," v. 20. He expected to apply for a servant's position, but never had the opportunity for the father saw him "a great way off" and "ran and fell on his neck and kissed him." Notice the kiss of reconciliation was given before he even had a chance to confess. In his confession his first thought is that he had sinned against God and then against his earthly father. The father had not once forgotten him; he "had compassion" even though the son was unmerciful to himself and to all of his loved ones. The father kissed him before he was washed or otherwise made presentable.

Neither of the sons are perfect but he who uttered the parable was himself the true son of the father. He never departed from his father, wasted his father's substance, nor brought discredit upon his name. Jesus was in full sympathy with his father's heart for he welcomed the wandering publicans and sinners to bring them home. Christ's mission was to bring many "sons to glory" (Heb. 2:10), which means restoring the wanderer and fulfilling in him the perfectness of sonship.

BUSINESS ABOVE ALL THINGS

Farmer Willing to Let Wife Sob Her Fill if He Got His Price for the "Coo."

The farmers met in the market town, and there was a calculating look in the eyes of both as they faced each other. "About that coo I was talking to you of the other day," began Farmer Dobbins, "will you take twelve pounds for her, George?" "No, no. OI couldn't part with 'er for that—not by a long chalk." "But t'other day you told me you might let 'er go for that." "Something's 'appened to the coo since then." "Mercy on us, George, what's the matter? Coo dead?" "Worse 'n that," said George. "You see, my old missus can't bear to part with 'r old coo. It 'ud break 'er 'eart. She'd sob 'erself into a fit over it." "Well, well, I suppose that ends the business?" "Well, I'm not so sure o' that, Farmer Hayseed. Look 'ere. Make it twelve pun' ten, and let the missus sob."—London Tit-Bits.

Not Worth Loafing.

Hemmondhaw—I thought Beam-brough was going on a month's vacation.

Shimmerpatte—He was, but the boss only wanted to give him two weeks and he refused to take half a loaf.

Its Moral Advantage.

"There is going to be a great moral reform in side to this freak fashion of wearing pink and purple hair."

"What's that?"

"A woman won't have to lie about its being all her own."

Why sneer at the high aim that overshoots the mark?

Proof. She—I don't think you love me as much as you used to do! He—What makes you think that, dearest? She—You are not half so foolish as you used to be.

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Not Guilty.

Mother—Well, Bobbie, I hope you were a good boy at Mrs. Bond's and didn't ask for two pieces of pie. Bobbie—No, ma, I didn't ask for two pieces; I only asked if there wasn't goin' to be any.

The Particular Person.

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