

"SIT TIGHT" POLICY OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS UNCHANGED

Refugees Continue to Arrive From Mexico—Bryan is Angry at Some False Press Reports

Washington, April 27.—After a long conference of the department officials on Saturday, Secretary Garrison declared that the troops en route to Vera Cruz to reinforce the naval forces there were being sent there "for duty." What form this duty would take or how extensive or aggressive the operation of the troops would be, the secretary would not say. It was declared, however, that there had been no change in the policy of the government to "sit tight" at Vera Cruz, unless retaliatory tactics should be resorted to by General Huerta or some overt act on the part of the constitutionalists should demand a forward movement into Mexico. Neutrality on the part of the constitutionalists, officials believed, would be observed.

Should war be forced upon the United States government, it was pointed out, the base of operations would be at Vera Cruz, and the plan would be to confine the advance, if possible, to the territory controlled by Huerta, with Mexico City as the objective point of the American forces.

The movement, it was generally believed, would be an extensive one.

Although it still is the determined policy of the president to prevent war, the army and navy are prepared for any emergency, and should the word come to advance to the interior in order to protect life and property, it is said, the war department is ready to send in an army of 20,000 to 30,000 and to increase the forces to a great degree along the Mexican border.

For More Troops

There were appeals for more troops from border states, and the officials, while considering plans for co-operating the militia in those states, also were working out plans for calling into the service the militia of various states, under the terms of the Volunteer army bill just passed. The war department through Saturday was humming with excitement, although the new orders were issued. Reports that General Huerta already had been ordered to Vera Cruz were emphatically denied.

Reports of dissension in the cabinet over the policy being pursued in the Mexican crisis also were denied, and Secretary of State Bryan branded as false the rumors being circulated that he would resign his post in the event that war is declared.

Announcement by the Spanish ambassador, Mr. Riano, that Mexico had turned its affairs in the United States over to his government, came as a surprise to officials here, the general expectation having been that France would be asked to action Mexico's behalf. Following reports from Madrid yesterday that King Alfonso was willing to act as mediator in the differences between the United States and Mexico, the selection of Spain to look after the affairs of Mexico was regarded with significance.

Although there has been several informal suggestions of diplomatic intervention from various quarters, it is regarded at the state department that no formal offers had been made or were expected.

Refugees for Galveston

Washington, April 27.—On a dozen ships the gulf yesterday with prows turned toward Galveston were 3,957 foreign refugees from Mexico, many of them destitute. About 1,300 will leave Mexican ports for Galveston within a week.

Resources of the navy, the army, and red cross, were massed preparing for the fugitives. The refugee question is most difficult now. Admiral Badger cabled from Vera Cruz. From Tampico alone 1,954 refugees have been sent to Galveston.

Taken From Train

Washington, April 27.—One hundred and twenty-five American men, women and children, were taken from a train between Yripata and San Juan Del Rio, according to offi-

cial state department advices Saturday afternoon. They were left on the ground there, despite their appeal to be allowed to continue to Vera Cruz.

They were not arrested or detained, it was stated. Most of the refugees were residents of Guanajuato.

The state department's original announcement said merely that some refugees were taken from the train at Yripata.

Disorderly in Mexico City

Mexico City, April 27.—Last Tuesday all business-houses in the capital were closed and the streets were filled with disorderly crowds.

Refugees reported that prior to April 22nd, the Huerta government had been conscripting soldiers, securing 2,000 by forcible conscription in Mexico City on Sunday and Monday and Tuesday. On April 22nd it was stated, Mexicans began to volunteer for service.

Bryan Blames the Press

Washington, April 27.—Secretary of State Bryan expressed great indignation at a newspaper story that another ultimatum had been sent Dictator Huerta, giving him seventy-two hours more.

"Such unfounded reports only serve to increase the president's difficulties in handling a serious situation," he said, angrily. "There is no basis whatever in point of fact for them."

Huerta's Information

London, April 27.—Despatches from Mexico City, published in the Daily Telegraph are enlightening as to the sort of "information" that is being sent out by Huerta in his capital. The despatches say that several Texas cities, including Brownsville, have been taken by Mexican troops; that the rebel Villa has joined General Velasco, of the federal army, and that the two at the head of 50,000 men are ready to march to the border.

Constitutionalists Neutral

Los Angeles, April 27.—A telegram received here from Senor Fabela, minister of foreign relations in the constitutionalist cabinet of General Carranza, stated that Carranza is negotiating with the United States government, and has offered to guarantee the neutrality of the constitutionalists during the American trouble with Huerta. The message is addressed to Rodolfo Carrillo, constitutionalist consul here.

Modern Method of Guarding

Laredo, Tex., April 27.—Using a moving picture projecting machine, a lecture given with an electric light, and many bon-fires for illumination, the United States troops guarded the approaches to the railroad and international bridges here all Friday night, fearing a renewal of an attempt to dynamite them by Mexican federal soldiers.

The fire in Nuevo Laredo will amount to fully half a million dollars. The city is devastated. Be-

fore leaving, the federal troops announced that they intended to burn every town between Nuevo Laredo and Monterey, rather than see them fall into the hands of the United States. A detachment of constitutionalist troops are said to be on the way to occupy the town. Regulars have established a camp on an island near the Mexican side.

Missionaries Safe

New York, April 27.—Fears for the safety of its missionaries in Mexico were relieved by a cablegram from Vera Cruz, received at the headquarters of the Methodist Episcopal board of foreign missions. Seven of the thirty missionaries have arrived in Vera Cruz, and all others are safe in Mexico City, Puebla and Guanajuato.

Aeroplanes Used

Vera Cruz, April 27.—Aeroplanes from the battleship Mississippi were aloft yesterday and reconnoitered, getting the position and defenses of the troops under command of General Maas.

STRIKE ON THE ORE CHIMNEY.

Good Find Reported on Old Eastern Ontario Mine.

A gold strike was made last Saturday at the Ore chimney mines, in Northern Frontenac. W. G. Anderson, mine superintendent, reports that it runs \$37 to the ton. The find has created much interest among the owners of the surrounding properties, a number of which are being opened up.

The Golden Fleece will resume work in a few weeks. These things make it look as though the "blasting district" might come back to its old standing in the mining world.

TO SCATTER HIS ASHES.

On the Lexington Driving Track — Driver's Last Request.

Lexington, Ky., April 27.—Friends of George W. St. Clair, who has driven to victory in races many of the world's most famous harness horses, have agreed to comply with his dying request that his body be cremated and that the ashes be scattered over the Lexington driving track.

John F. Madden, Michael Bowerman, and John Splan, horse owners and life-long friends, shipped the body to the Cincinnati crematory, Saturday, and, after receiving the ashes will carry out St. Clair's wishes to the letter.

Break Into Posthouse

Brantford, Ont., April 27.—The old posthouse, which is to be replaced by a new building as soon as a site can be determined on, was broken into. The doors were pulled off their hinges, and goods were taken. The thieves apparently did not mind the danger of getting snailpots.

A Washington Despatch States That

Dr. Mary E. Walker, of Oswego, N.Y., has volunteered her services and intends to go to war with the first troops sent to Mexico.

MAKING OF HISTORY

LOCAL REFERENCES IN EARLY CONSTITUTION

Dividing of the Province of Upper Canada into Counties—Howe Island, Wolfe Island and Amherst Island Mentioned

Some interesting references to the Kingston district are found in the documents relating to the constitution of the province of Upper Canada into counties.

"That the sixth of the said counties be hereafter called by the name of the county of Frontenac, which county is to be bounded on the east by the westernmost line of the county of Leeds, on the south by the Lake Ontario, on the west by the easternmost line of the lots township of Ernestown, running north twenty-four degrees, west until it intersects the Ottawa or Grand river, and thence descending the said river until it meets the north westernmost boundary of the county of Leeds."

"That the seventh of the said counties be hereafter called by the name of the county of Ontario, which county is to consist of the following islands, and island at present known by the name of Isle Toti (to be called Amherst Island), and known by the name of Isle au Foret (to be called Gage Island, an island by the name of Grande Isle (to be called Wolfe Island), and an island known by the name of Isle Couchois (to be called Howe Island) and to comprehend all the islands between the mouth of the Gananoque to the easternmost extremity of the lake township of Marysburg called Point Pleasant."

An act for the division of Upper Canada into counties contains the following:

"And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the counties of Grenville, Leeds and Carleton, do constitute and form the district of Johnstown."

"And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the county of Ontario as is wholly or in greater part, opposite to the township of Pittsburgh, be part of the said township of Pittsburgh."

"And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that Wolfe Island and Gage Island, and so much of the said county of Ontario as is wholly or in a greater part, opposite to the township of Kingston, do constitute and form the township of Wolfe Island."

"And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the residue of the said county of Ontario do constitute and form the township of Amherst Island."

"And by it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the townships of Pittsburgh, Kingston, Loughborough, Portland, Hinchinbrooke, Bedford and Wolfe Island, do constitute and form the county of Frontenac."

Another interesting document is the incorporation of the city of Kingston, recommended by Governor Simcoe. The latter stated that the towns of Kingston and that on the river Niagara, from their situation, must be places of great resort. He therefore begged to submit that it would be for the public interest and the king's benefit, and these places should be incorporated and named the cities of Kingston and Niagara, and further, that the corporation should consist of a mayor and six aldermen, justices of the peace ex-officio, and a competent number of a common council to be originally appointed by the crown and that the succession to vacant seats be made in such a manner as to render the elections as little popular as possible; meaning such corporations to tend to the support of the aristocracy of the country.

Under date of October 24th, 1818, is recorded a petition of Anthony McGuire, J.P., and 119 others to the legislative council asking that the right of holding conventions to frame petitions be not restricted.

Twenty-one Presbyterian ministers in Canada are retiring from their work this year owing to either old age or infirmity.

FIGHT AS WELL AS PREACH

A Royal Chaplain Had Many Boys With His Boys.

London, April 27.—Canon McCormick, rector of St. James, Piccadilly, is dead, aged eighty. He was born in Liverpool, the son of an M.P. for Londonderry. At Cambridge he gained a double "blue" in the same year, 1856, being captain of Cambridge cricket eleven against Oxford and rowing in the Cambridge boat. He was also a great boxer. He started his career in London as curate of St. Peter's, Regent square. His great work was done as vicar of Holy Trinity, Hull, where his addresses to men became famous. He had an extraordinary influence over the dockers and sailors in Hull. One of Canon McCormick's favorite stories was of a friend of his who heard two men talking in a Bradford street. "What are you going to do to-night?" "I am going to church," was the reply. "What, Bill, was the rejoinder, "you going to church? Why the heavens will drop." His friend answered, "I am going to hear a man of the name of McCormick preach. They tell me he can fight."

Canon McCormick returned to London after twenty years, as vicar of St. Augustine's, Highbury. He was chaplain-in-ordinary to Queen Victoria and honorary chaplain to King Edward and King George.

DUKE LAUDS BOXING

Teaches You Not to Lose Your Temper. He Tells Boy Scouts.

Montreal, April 27.—An eulogy of the disciplinary effects of boxing was pronounced by the Duke of Connaught after an exhibition of sparring by the Grimsby Boys' Club here.

"Boxing," the duke told the boys, "teaches you not to lose your temper. A good smack in the face hurts, and it is well to learn to take one with a grin. It seems a very small thing, but in this world it is a very important thing that you should not take offence at anything."

The duke also opened an exhibition of Boy Scouts. The Duchess of Connaught made her first public appearance since her serious illness. Princess Patricia also accompanied the governor-general. The vic-regal party returned to Ottawa, Saturday.

TORNADO IN ILLINOIS.

Two Killed and Heavy Local Damage Done at Kankakee.

Kankakee, Ill., April 27.—One woman was killed, one man was fatally injured, hundreds of head of farm stock were killed, and three villages razed by a tornado that tore through Kankakee and Iroquois counties, Saturday.

When the twister struck Chilton, destroying three business blocks and eight houses, Mrs. Hortense Collins received fatal injuries. At Otto, Ray Madix, an operator, was fatally injured when the tornado demolished a railroad watch tower. Momeno also sustained heavy property damage.

The path of the tornado was but a hundred feet wide.

FIERCE FIRE AT GODERICH

Uniforms, Stables and Various Buildings Were Burned.

Goderich, April 27.—Five horses were burned to death, \$8,500 worth of property was destroyed, and the town hall and the whole business section of the town was threatened by fire which broke out Saturday morning in A. E. Gardiner's stable and spread to Knowlsey, General Delivery company stable, and Walkin's carriage shop. "A" company's rifles and a few of the 350 uniforms were saved, and from a town storehouse which was also destroyed.

Three Years for Mail Robbery

Toronto, April 27.—In the police court, Saturday, it took Magistrate Denison about as long to sentence John Edwards to three years in penitentiary for robbing the mails as it takes him to fine a drunk. The whole trial was over in eighty seconds! Edwards stood up, pleaded guilty to stealing a mail bag full of registered letters, and the minimum term of three years for this serious offence was imposed.

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JUST MY LUCK. JUST AS I'M ABOUT TO MELT 40 PINCHLE, I GOT DETAINED TO PINCH A NUT AT RIVERSIDE AND 98 TH.

SAY, WHAT ARE YOU DOIN' ANYWAY? OH, ME?

OH, I'VE JUST TRYING TO THROW A DOLLAR ACROSS THE HUDSON. IT AIN'T AS EASY AS IT LOOKS! TAKE A COOPER AND TRY IT.

By "Bud" Fisher

you must remember of course that Mull and Jeff got hold of \$450,000 a short time ago and while you might spend it differently, a man has a right to spend his own money any way he likes.