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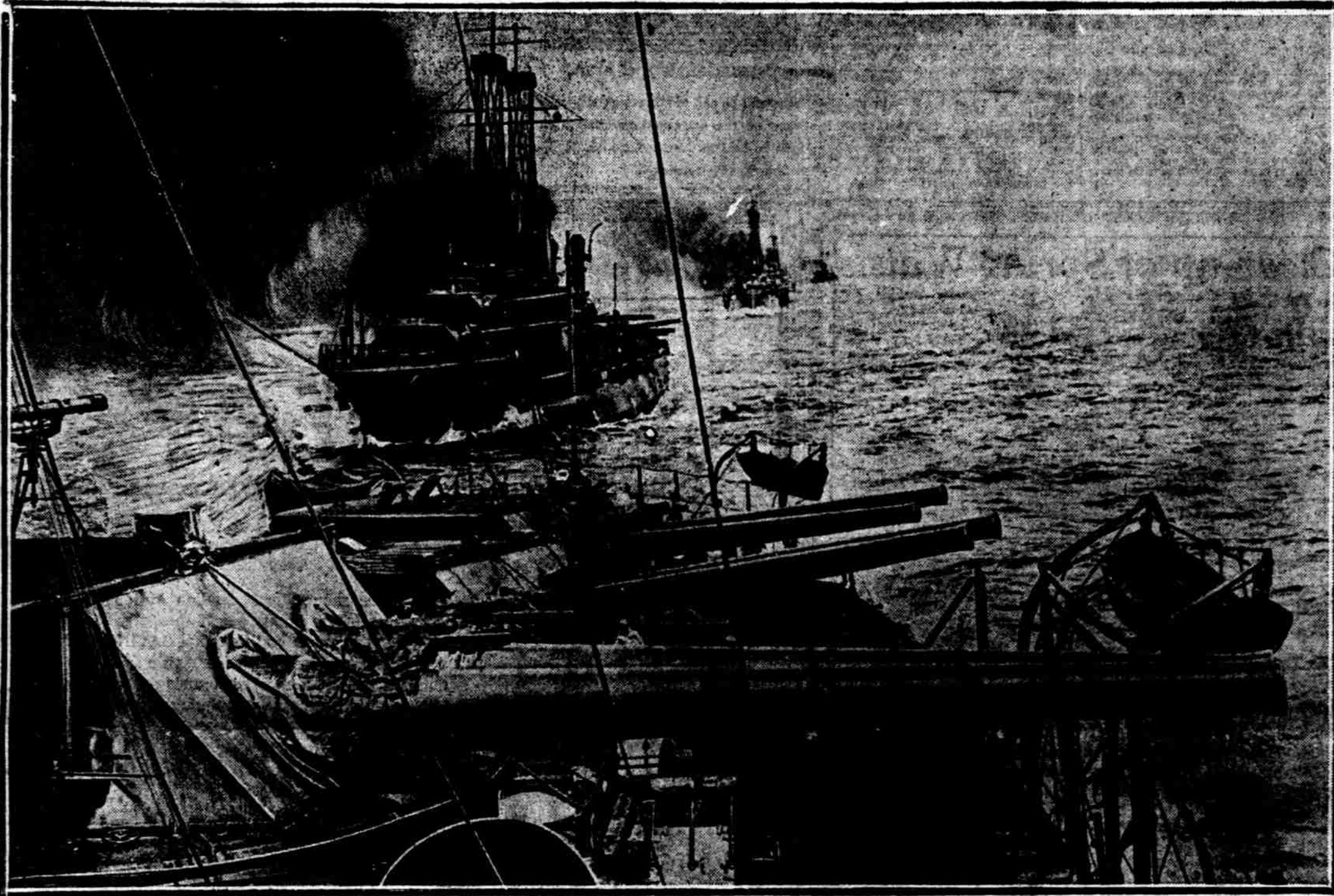
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HUERTA BACKS DOWN AGREES TO FIRE SALUTE TO U.S. FLAG

AMERICAN BATTLESHIPS IN FIGHTING LINE



Striking and Effective Is This Photograph of Uncle Sam's Big Warships in Line of Battle With the Powerful Twelve-inch Guns of the Virginia in the Foreground. The Picture Was Taken Outside Hampton Roads During the Recent Target Practice.

ASKS FOR A RETURN SALUTE; RIGHT TO THIS QUESTIONED

Senator Shively, Acting Head of Foreign Relations Board, Says Return Would Not Be Recognition of the Mexican Federal Government and Considers It Satisfactory.

President Huerta is willing to fire a salute to the American flag if the United States agrees to return that salute.

Senator Shively, acting chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, admitted this afternoon that he had been "officially advised" that this was the answer to American demands transmitted today by Charge O'Shaughnessy from Mexico City.

In commenting upon Huerta's proposition, Senator Shively declared that a return salute on the part of American warships would not amount to a recognition of the de jure government, and indicated that he looked upon it as a satisfactory settlement.

Senator Lodge, ranking Republican member of the Foreign Relations Committee, took an entirely different view. He looked upon consent by our Government to a return salute under all the circumstances as a backdown on our part.

So far as can be learned, the Administration has not yet accepted the proposal of Huerta. The fact that negotiations are under way is regarded as an encouraging symptom.

"Huerta's stipulation that our ships must return the salute, if a salute is given the American flag by the Mexicans, is merely a request that the usual forms be complied with," said Senator Shively, who is acting chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, this afternoon.

"Of course, if his men salute the American flag, our men will salute back. That does not, however, constitute a recognition of Huerta as the head of a de jure government in Mexico. It is a recognition of the de facto government, just as our original demand was a recognition of the de facto government. But there is no de jure government in Mexico that we recognize.

"I suppose that the compliance on the part of Huerta with the demands of the Government will end the present situation, and leave things as they were before. In fact, I can think of no other way in which the situation can work out, if Huerta does what he today seemingly indicates he will."

"My information came from the State Department," said Shively, discussing the new situation presented in Huerta's counter proposal. "I think there surely must be some other matter involved, however, as it is perfectly obvious that the United States would be bound, by ordinary rules of courtesy to return a salute given them."

Shively said he had not been advised how the Administration regarded the proposal from Huerta—he had merely been told of the facts of the case.

The State Department and the White House were not as generous with information as was Senator Shively. Mr. Bryan and the White House admitted receiving a dispatch from Charge O'Shaughnessy, but refused to say more than that it was "encouraging."

Mr. Bryan would not discuss the statement of what Huerta had agreed to do, as given out by Shively.

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May Rescue Frank From the Gallows

New Law Firm Takes Charge of Doomed Man's Case and Obtains Stay on Ground He Was Not in Court When Verdict Was Read. Obtains New Evidence.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 16.—Leo M. Frank, sentenced to die on the gallows tomorrow, will not be executed then, if ever. Legal steps taken today by his counsel give him a chance to secure the adjudication of his case by the Supreme Court of the United States. First he is trying to secure a new trial on the charge that he murdered Mary Phagan, fourteen-year-old factory girl, in his lead pencil factory.

NEW FIRM TAKES CHARGE.

In involving a question of rights under the Constitution, it was pointed out by the defense attorneys that the ground for an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States. The motion filed by Attorney Jordan alleged that the trial judge, T. S. Roon, advised Frank's counsel that their client's presence in the court would make it dangerous for them and the defendant in case of an acquittal verdict. Immediately after the amendment motion was made, Attorney Houser and Arnold filed formal motion for a new trial on the ground of newly discovered evidence. Their motion included affidavits from several witnesses, including testimony they had given at the previous trial. Judge Hill set next Wednesday for hearing of argument on both motions, issuing a rule for Solicitor General to appear and state why they should not be granted.

Says Spouse Forced Her To Eat Divorce Decree

NEW YORK, April 16.—That her husband tore up her divorce from her former husband and made her swallow the pieces, was one of the charges made by Mrs. Sophia Taylor Erber, suing for an annulment of her marriage to Emil Erber. She says he is an ex-convict.

Veteran Takes Own Life At the Soldiers' Home

Johan Hansen, seventy-four, for twenty years an inmate of the Soldiers' Home, killed himself today in his room. Hansen left several notes giving explicit instructions for his burial and the disposition of personal belongings. Hansen was found in his room with a bullet in his head.

Gets 36 Years; Hopes Judge Will Sleep Well

NEW YORK, April 16.—William Hahn, alias "Smith," of the "Old Dutch gang," was sentenced by Judge Rosalesky to ten years for burglary, ten years for larceny, and sixteen years on an old sentence. It will keep Hahn in prison until he is seventy-nine. Going out, Hahn was heard to mutter:

Committee Is Shaping Wilson Anti-Trust Bill

With the omnibus Administration anti-trust bill before it, the House Judiciary Committee today began consideration of a final draft of the measure. Today's secret session, however, resulted in no radical changes, although later, it is expected, Republicans will seek to saddle onto the measure a number of changes.

ALGARA AWAITS MEXICAN NEWS

Senor Algara, charge d'affaires at the Mexican embassy, is awaiting some communication from his government. He said over the telephone at 2 o'clock this afternoon: "We have received no official news from Mexico yet, but expect a communication soon, probably later in the day."

O'SHAUGHNESSY IS IN DANGER OF REMOVAL

President Displeased Over Envoy's Friendliness With General Huerta.

Despite denials from the White House by Secretary Tamm that President Wilson is not concerned over Charge O'Shaughnessy's relations with General Huerta, it was learned on unquestionable authority today that the President is displeased with the diplomat's friendliness with the dictator.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs also learned today that O'Shaughnessy would be removed from the Mexico City post if President Wilson could establish a means of communication with the de facto government there without recognizing Huerta. "The President, however, does not feel that he can substitute another representative at Mexico City without thereby recognizing Huerta," said a member of Congress. "Is it fair to assume President Wilson told the conferees this yesterday?" he was asked. "Yes," he replied.

Fleet, Out of Mist, Speeds to Mexico

Four Seadogs, Now Clear of the Fog, Steam On at Increased Rate Toward Tampico—Men All Look Forward Eagerly to Expected "Active Service."

By LIEUT. CHARLES M. MAIGNE, U. S. A. Retired. Staff Correspondent of The Washington Times.

ABOARD FLAGSHIP ARKANSAS, AT SEA (By Wireless to Cape Hatteras, N. C.), April 16.—Steaming southward into clearing skies, the four dreadnoughts of the Atlantic fleet, dispatched to Mexico by President Wilson, were well on their way to Tampico today. The heavy mist which covered the sea after the warships slipped through the Virginia Capes yesterday afternoon, has been dispelled, and the fleet, in spick-and-span condition, and capable of making the maximum speed, is losing no time in getting to its destination.

Early today, the wireless operator on board the Arkansas, the flagship of the fleet, flashed out the orders to the three sister ships, "no stops," and directed that the speed be increased to twelve knots.

Today, the navy's finest fighting ships are strung out in a long line, the Arkansas, the fastest battleship in the world, leading, with the New Jersey 1,000 yards astern, the Vermont another 1,000 yards to the rear of her, and the New Hampshire a similar distance from the Vermont.

Officers of the fleet do not think it possible for the vessels to reach Tampico before Wednesday noon. It will require a continuous twelve-knot rate to land them in Mexican waters by that time.

The officers and men worked willingly nearly all the preceding night, stowing away supplies hastily thrown aboard at Hampton Roads. Routine drills aboard the ship today were performed with a vigor that reflected the fondest hope of the officers and crew for "active service."

Driver Hurt in Crash, Held for the Grand Jury.

A southbound Capital Traction car rammed a wagon of the Merchants' Transfer and Storage Company at Seventh and S streets northwest this morning. Passengers on the car were shaken up and George Green, helper on the wagon, was thrown to the street and severely injured. He was taken to Freedmen's Hospital.

DISGRAMBLE DIRECTORS, IS IDEA MADE BY COMMISSION

...ation Seems Assured Over Bill to Divorce Potomac Power Company From the Washington Railway.

...se Committee Hearing Develops Marked Difference of Opinion as to Proper Method of Control.

...marked difference of opinion among committee members concerning the method of divorcing the Washington Railway and Electric Company and the Potomac Electric Power Company was developed before the House District Committee today, considering the bill to prohibit street railway companies in the District of Columbia from owning stock of corporations engaged in producing current, etc.

...Symes Is Emphatic. Corporation Counsel, referring to the fighting nature of the electric railway company, said with emphasis: "The fathers of the Constitution would be reprobated and were to draft a bill here to cover some of the necessities arising regarding the public utilities of the District of Columbia; were they to give all their primal knowledge to the drafting of the bill its constitutionality, it would not be being taken to the highest court of the Washington Railway and Electric Company. The attitude of the company has been a resistant one all the way through. We cannot pass the simple order regarding the front platform or a ruling book without the company taking it to court."

...Same Board of Directors. Commissioner Harding said the power company and the street railway company have the same board of directors. There is little substance in this \$1,000,000 stock transaction."

...Possible Solution. Commissioner Harding said there was no objection to the railway company owning its own power plant. (Continued on Fourth Page.)

IN CONGRESS TODAY.

SENATE. Hearings continued on tolls question before the Finance Committee. Judiciary subcommittee grants hearing to question of national prohibition. Various bills on the calendar considered.

HOUSE.

Debate on legislative bill. Finance Affairs Committee adopted resolution sustaining President in sending fleet to Mexico. Judiciary Committee considered the anti-trust bill. Finance Committee held a hearing on street railway situation.