

ROJAS EXPLAINS HUERTA REFUSAL

Details of the Tampico Unpleasantness From the Mexican View Given to Public.

THOUGHT INCIDENT OVER

Second Investigation Is Conducted and Punishment Meted Out to the Offending Officer.

Mexico City, Mex., April 21.—Porfirio y Rojas, minister of foreign affairs, in announcing that it would be impossible to agree to the demand of the United States that the flag of that country be unconditionally saluted, gave out the following statement:

"On the 9th of the present month, between 11 a. m. and noon, a boat without an American flag and with nine marines and one officer landed at a point called the Beach of Iturbide in Tampico. Colonel Raymond Hinojosa, who has charge of defending that point, detained the marines and officer and conducted them to the presence of the general who had command of the fort, Ignacio Morales Zaragoza.

"It should be remembered that at this time the port not only was under military control, but was withstanding an attack by rebels.

"General Zaragoza immediately and without even investigating the case put the marines and the officer at liberty, placed Hinojosa in prison, and sent an apology to Rear Admiral Mayo, the commander of the American fleet.

"We thought the incident was closed, but unfortunately this was not so, because Mayo sent to him some time afterward an ultimatum in which he asked that a second apology be presented to him by the staff of the chief of the fort, General Zaragoza; that the American flag be hoisted at a public place in Tampico and saluted by 21 guns and besides the severe punishment of Hinojosa, stipulating that this be done within 24 hours.

Time Extended.
"The time was extended when diplomatic pourparlers were begun between the subsecretary of foreign affairs in Mexico, the minister being absent at that date, and continued until now.

"President Huerta, when informed of the facts and the punishment of the guilty officer, if it were proved he was blameworthy; he also authorized the minister of foreign affairs to

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express regret on account of the incident.

"When he became aware that the American government supported the request of Rear Admiral Mayo relative to a salute to the American flag, which had not been insulted, he proposed to show his good will toward the American people, although he did not think that such a request was just, proposing that the flags of the two nations be hoisted and saluted reciprocally and simultaneously.

"The American government did not agree with that idea, but insisted upon Rear Admiral Mayo's request, giving assurance that in accordance with international practice the salute would be returned by American cannon after the salute to the American flag. This was not accepted by President Huerta, who insisted upon his proposition.

"Then the American government determined that pourparlers be brought to an end by the final decision of President Huerta within a term which expired at 6 o'clock Sunday night, announcing that if by that time he had not agreed to the salute of the American flag as requested the affair would

be presented to the American congress for decision.

Protocol Proposed.

"The Mexican government, believing the salute in question was of no importance, unless previously and formally agreed upon 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 answered that he must consult his government; that he would advise the minister of the nature of this answer and he later 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 had done all possible, in view of the friendly understanding between the two governments, and believing the acceptance of such an imposition would be equivalent to yielding by Mexico to humiliation. The Mexican government is confident that the civilized world will find its con-

MISS BOWERS TO WED ROBT. TAFT

Former Chicago Girl's Betrothal to Ex-President's Son is Due to His Sister.

Chicago, Ill., April 21.—The engagement of Miss Martha Bowers, former Chicago girl, daughter of the late Lloyd W. Bowers, who was President Taft's solicitor general until his death, to Robert Taft, eldest son of the former president, was announced Saturday. Miss Bowers is living with her mother in Washington, and Miss Taft is her guest.

The engagement has grown out of the close friendship between Miss Bowers and Miss Helen Taft. During the residence of the Tafts at the White House the two young women were inseparable companions. It was while riding with Miss Taft, and on Miss Taft's favorite horse, that Miss Bowers was dangerously hurt. Her mount ran away, leaped against a street car and was killed, and Miss Bowers suffered a fracture of the arm. Miss Taft acted as her nurse much of the time while she was in the care of the surgeons.

It was at this time of intimacy between the two families that the romance began between Miss Bowers and her chum's brother.

The wedding will take place in October, when former President Taft and the members of his cabinet and their intimate friends hold a reunion in Washington.

duct has been wise and temperate, that it has observed all the requirements of international law and that the refusal to yield further is inspired only by a regard for its honor and dignity.

Signature Refused.

The draft of the protocol by Mexico, refused signature by the United States, follows:

"With a view of putting an end to the lamentable incident which occurred on the 9th inst. at Port Tampico, caused by the detention of nine men and one American officer; considering that such marines were immediately put at liberty by General Zaragoza, commander at Port Tampico, and that said officer presented an apology to Rear Admiral Mayo, commander of the American squadron in those waters; that afterward, when the president of the republic of Mexico became advised of the facts, he expressed regret through the office of foreign relations for the 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 zealotness of a subaltern, which might be regarded as excusable if it is taken into consideration that the marines when detained had gone ashore in uniform without permission of the military authorities, the port being at the moment not only in a state of war but under attack by rebels, the charge d'affaires of the United States and the minister of foreign relations of Mexico acting in their official capacities, agree as follows:

For Simultaneous Salute.

"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 itself that the American flag be saluted at Tampico by 21 guns from the Mexican shore batteries or a Mexican warship in those waters.

"2. That the cannon referred to in the preceding article shall be fired at the moment when the American flag shall be hoisted to a masthead on the Mexican shore.

"3. That the government of the United States binds itself to salute the Mexican flag immediately following the salute by the Mexicans to the American flag with 21 guns of the man-of-war Dolphin or of any other battleship at anchor in those waters.

"4. The guns to which the preceding article refers shall be fired at the moment when the Mexican flag shall be 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 by 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 made aware previously of the nature of the document.

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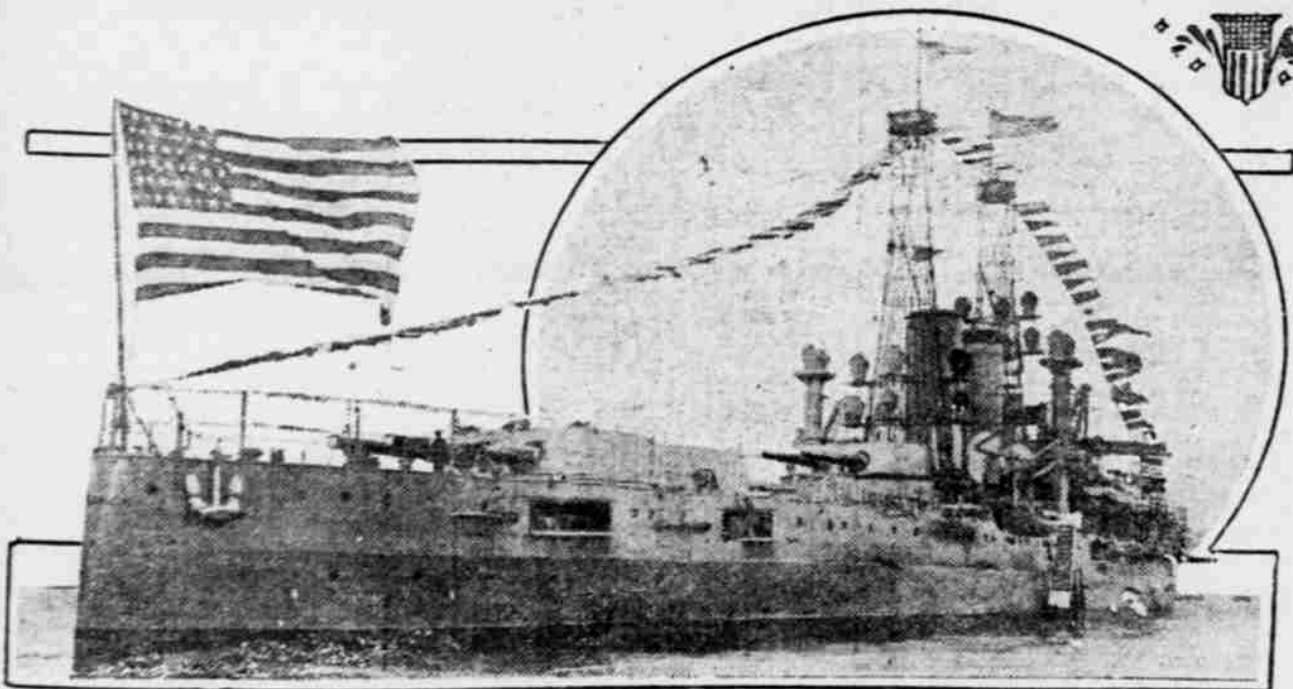
Madison, Wis., April 21.—With the daily outdoor workouts, Badger track stock has taken a decided jump. Per-

haps the feature of the work has been clearing the bar at six feet with little effort. Artie Mucks has established a new varsity record in the discus throw, but will not be able to participate in conference meets owing to the

one year rule. The best of a squad of 100 are working hard in preparation for Saturday's tryouts, which will determine the makeup of the team for the Ohio state meet.

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