

# Silent Ships Show Republics' Majesty

### Speeding Persistently Southward on Mission With Singleness of Purpose, Giant Vessels Impressed Onlooker With Awe and Nearness of Big Events.

The Times today publishes the first of a series of stories by Lieut. Charles M. Maigne, U. S. A., retired, who is at the front with the American forces at Vera Cruz.

Lieutenant Maigne went to Vera Cruz on the flagship of the Atlantic fleet and his frequent cables have kept THE TIMES readers informed of the progress of the American occupation. He was the first to tell the real story of the first day's fighting in a vivid picture of the daring of the American marines and bluejackets. In today's letter, written on the U. S. S. Arkansas, he gives his first impressions as the giant vessel steamed toward the Mexican coast under sealed orders.

Times readers will have the benefit of these stories day by day, and from his rich experience as an army officer in the Boxer campaign and in the Philippines, as author and correspondent, Lieutenant Maigne draws a comprehensive picture of the Mexican situation.

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

U. S. S. ARKANSAS, AT SEA OFF TAMPICCO.—April 28.—With a faint mist struggling through the mist, without fuss or feathers, the fleet under the command of Admiral Badger steamed out of Hampton Roads today at 12:19 p. m. on the long run to Tampico.

The great flagship picked up speed rapidly, as the rest of the fleet followed her lead, and the cones were set at the truck, telling that the indicated speed for the run, eleven and a half knots per hour, had been reached.

The Arkansas moved along without a tremor. It is about the most surprising thing of the great number of impressive things aboard that, with the powerful turbines pounding away rhythmically far down in the bowels of the ship, there was no vibration to tell of the incessant pulsations. She seemed to slip along without effort, yet a glance astern showed the Vermont with a wave in her teeth, cutting along in pursuit, a long, flat bank of misty smoke pouring from her funnels and fading into the nothingness of air. The New Jersey, New Hampshire, and the Collier Orion followed.

The dispatch of these ships, supposedly upon a war mission, seemed to interfere not at all with the routine and matter-of-fact way of going about business, by officer and man. The officers do not seem unduly concerned or surprised. They give the impression of readiness, as though nothing else would be thought of, since they could not understand it if it were even thought that an American ship could possibly be unprepared.

**Cradled in Gentle Swell.**  
The afternoon passed quietly in looking at the topography of the ship. Fast Cape and out into the rolling sea, the daylight faded and the evening fell. It is almost impossible to adequately convey the impression received in watching the lights of a fleet through the black of a starless night. Cradled in a gentle swell, Arkansas truck lights cut slow arcs across the velvety heavens.

From astern, the remainder of the flagging squadron could be seen following the flag, the positions of the ships indicated only by the star-points of the masthead lights and the glow of green and ruby, as the running lights painted the night.

A battleship at night is not like a liner. There are no tiers of cabins, no lighted gangways and no serried array of portholes to blaze and glitter and define the ship. The gun-shutters are cast about the frowning muzzles and there are few lights to be seen on the superstructure, and late in the evening here are no sounds to be heard but the wash of the sea, the song of the wind through the steel basket masts and the subdued roar of the furnaces, warping in their grates as the belched smoke is whirled away.

The view of the following ships receives an quiet sense of isolation of a ship alone on deep water. A certain sense of purpose, seeming to about about the might and majesty of the great republic, is forced upon the observer as the other ships run through

# MORE AUTHENTIC PICTURES OF VERA CRUZ FIGHTING



Stopping a Mexican, Who Is Suspected of Being a "Sniper."

## HOPE RENEWED FOR MEDIATION PLANS.

### Carranza's Acceptance Gives Impetus to Optimism Among Diplomats.

According to gossip on Mexico about the Capitol today, acceptance of the principle of mediation by General Carranza, chief of the constitutionalists, is considered the most hopeful development since the mediation plan was attempted. The action of Carranza was unexpected. It has put mediation on a broad basis and afforded some ground for expectation that peace can be restored to distracted Mexico.

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## SEND BIG GUNS TO ATTACK TAMPICCO

### Rebel Re-enforcements Leave Monterey to Join Besieging Forces.

The victorious constitutionalist forces, which last week drove the Mexican federalists out of Tampico, are now moving to join the attack on Tampico. They are taking with them a number of pieces of artillery, lack of which has prevented any serious inroads on the federal position at the oil port.

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## Mediation a Humane Task, Says Dr. Muller

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, April 28.—Dr. Lauro Muller, Brazilian foreign minister, said:

"The idea of offering mediation was not that of Brazil alone, but was a simultaneous inspiration in the three republics in a great humane task. Even should mediation fail the effort would remain as a moral triumph for South America, and would mark a new era in South American politics."

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# HOW TO ADDRESS MAIL TO VERA CRUZ

### Postoffice Department Gives Instructions to Insure Proper Transmission.

Due to the occupation of Vera Cruz by the American forces, it has been found necessary to issue instructions as to the proper method of addressing such mail and the postage required. Mail originating in the United States or any of its territories for transmission to the "United States Mail Agency, Vera Cruz, Mexico," and also such mail as originates in Vera Cruz for transmission to the United States or any of its possessions is governed by the domestic regulations of the Postal Service. Only United States postage stamps will be accepted for prepayment on such mail matter. The postage in either direction. Mail should not be addressed to an individual street and number in Vera Cruz, but in care of the Agency, thus insuring careful handling.

## Major Koehler Ready To Enlist as Private

NEW YORK, April 28.—Major Benjamin M. Koehler transferred to Fort Wadsworth to await the decision of Secretary Garrison on the finding of the court-martial that recommended his dismissal from the service. His friends say he will, even if dismissed, enlist and fight as a common soldier.

## Huerta Must Salute, Sheppard Tells Woodmen

"Every Woodman salutes the flag, and by the eternal God, Mexico has got to salute it, too." Thus did Senator Morris Sheppard lay down the law in Mexico in a speech at an open meeting and entertainment given in Carroll Institute Hall last night by Gen. Loder, Sen. J. M. Woodmen of the World.

## Socialists Will Hold An Anti-War Meeting

Resolutions are expected to be offered at the meeting of the Socialists of the District tomorrow night in Odd Fellows' Hall, urging American workmen to refuse to bear arms in Mexico.

## Cole Ordered to Panama.

Major William E. Cole, U. S. A., of the coast artillery corps, will leave New York about May 15 to assume command of the Atlantic defenses of the Panama Canal Zone. Headquarters will be established at Cristobal. Major Cole is relieved of the command of the Potomac defenses, with headquarters at Fort Washington.

## TIMES SCORES ANOTHER BEAT WITH MEXICAN PICTURES

By printing exclusively in three of its editions yesterday the first real action pictures of the Mexican war, made by its own staff correspondent in Vera Cruz, The Washington Times scored one of the biggest picture beats in recent years.

Not only did it print exclusively a large set of photographs showing the American jacksies and marines actually engaged in fighting, together with the effects of the battle at Vera Cruz, but it published the only pictures to be made by a Washington newspaper man now at the front.

Lieut. Charles M. Maigne, U. S. A., retired, the staff correspondent of The Times, with the troops at Vera Cruz, was in the midst of the fighting which followed the landing of the American forces.

Lieutenant Maigne succeeded in snap-shooting a series of photographs unexcelled by any other photographers who may have been at the Mexican port at the time. These photographs appeared in the Home, 5:30, and late Special War editions of The Times yesterday, and created as much interest and talk as any newspaper beat of recent years.

It is safe to say that no Washington newspaper has carried a series of photographs that attracted as much attention as the Maigne war pictures. A new set of war scenes from The Times correspondent is daily expected.

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