

# "SALUTE OR WE WILL SEIZE TWO PORTS," IS THREAT OF PRESIDENT TO HUERTA

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### BECKER'S NEW TRIAL IS SET FOR MAY 6

Justice Seabury Fixes Date Despite Plea for Delay by Present Attorney.

### NEW LAWYER IN CASE.

Sister of "Dago Frank" Denies He Was Drugged Before Making Confession.

Despite the fact that there is to be a change of counsel for the defense the second trial of Lieut. Charles Becker for the murder of Herman Rosenthal will begin on Wednesday, May 6. This was decreed by Justice Seabury to-day when Becker was arraigned in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court for the first time since he was condemned to death on Oct. 30, 1912.

Martin T. Manton, of the law firm of Cochran & Manton, was in court with Joseph Shay, who is to retire from the defense. Mr. Manton told an Evening World reporter that while he had not positively made up his mind to take hold of the Becker defense it has been practically settled that he would do so, also that he would have the assistance of Bourke Cockran.

Previous to the arraignment of Becker District-Attorney Whitman conferred at length with Justice Seabury. Mr. Shay and Mr. Manton sat in the body of the courtroom in amicable conversation. Becker was brought in when District-Attorney Whitman announced he was ready to move that the date of trial be set and stood with his hands on the rail in front of the clerk's desk. Save from the paleness that comes from long incarceration in prison he was the same Becker that led the "Strong Arm Squad." His eye was bright and clear, his face was composed, and he stood with his shoulders thrown back and his head up.

### WANTED TRIAL CALLED FOR MAY 5.

Mr. Whitman asked that the trial be called on Tuesday, May 5. Mr. Shay objected.

"I have been the defendant's counsel," said Mr. Shay, "and I desire to inform the Court that I have withdrawn and that there is to be a change of attorneys for the defense very soon."

"I ask that more time be given to the new counsel for the defense to prepare for the trial. It will be necessary for the attorney to read the records of the former trial and the appeal. He will have to interview probably sixty witnesses in order that he may familiarize himself with their testimony. It will be a physical and mental impossibility for him

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### "Idle Folks Have the Most Labor"

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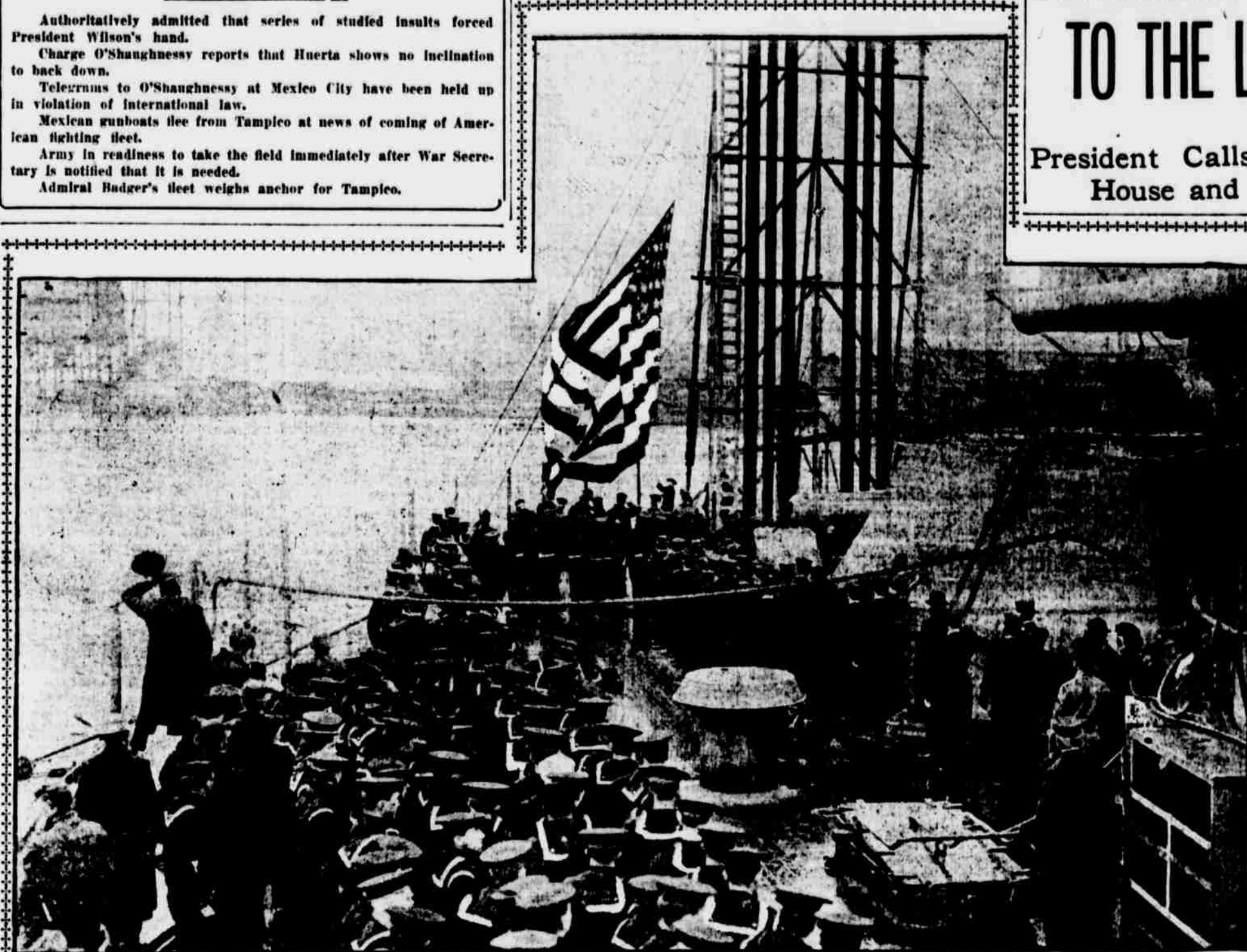
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### Repeated Insults to the Flag That May Cause Seizure of Ports

Authoritatively admitted that series of studied insults forced President Wilson's hand. Charge O'Shaughnessy reports that Huerta shows no inclination to back down. Telegrams to O'Shaughnessy at Mexico City have been held up in violation of international law. Mexican gunboats flee from Tampico at news of coming of American fighting fleet. Army in readiness to take the field immediately after War Secretary is notified that it is needed. Admiral Badger's fleet weighs anchor for Tampico.

### New York Going Into Commission; Raising Old Glory on Battleship

Specially Photographed by an Evening World Staff Photographer.



### CREWS OF THE TEXAS, WYOMING AND OHIO CHEER AS BATTLESHIP NEW YORK GOES IN COMMISSION

The United States superdreadnought New York went into commission at 10:50 o'clock to-day at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The ceremony was simple. It did not last five minutes in all. But when the great new flag rose over the New York's stern and snapped before a stiff breeze which carried rain and sleet into the faces of the officers and crew the first dry ship in the navy was added to the active list.

The ships which already had a stock of wines and liquors were allowed under the famous "grape juice" order, a stipulated period in which to use up the supply already on board. But a new ship going into commission must not be sullied by the carrying of even a flask "comforter" over the side.

Casual observers had no opportunity to go below and bear witness to the severity with which the new regulation was observed—but, of course, it must have been.

The New York is not yet finished although she is now in active service.

There are temporary timber structures about the deck; great piles of screw bolts remain to be put in place in the turrets and much of the paint. While the great vessel might at a pinch be impressed into fight-

### ASTOR IMPROVED; PNEUMONIA STILL POSSIBLE DANGER

Young Millionaire Better Today, Though Physicians Keep Unceasing Watch.

A telephone message to New York to-day announced the condition of Vincent Astor, who is ill of congestion of the lungs at Hopland House, Staatsburg, the country home of Robert P. Huntington, father of Mr. Astor's bride-elect, to be somewhat improved. His temperature was reported to be wavering about the normal point, although yesterday it reached 105 degrees.

The physicians of Rhinebeck who have been in attendance on Mr. Astor are of the opinion that his is a case of pneumonia, while the New York physicians declare themselves to be still in doubt as to the true character of the ailment. Dr. Lewis A. Conner, of No. 121 East Sixty-second street, who was promptly called into the case, returned from Staatsburg last night, but goes back to Mr. Astor's bedside to-day.

Mrs. Astor, the young man's mother, and his fiancee spend as much time at his bedside as the physicians will permit. Mrs. Astor hurried to Hopland House as soon as the news of her son's illness reached her.

### LOCAL TEAMS' GAMES OFF.

All the ball games of the local clubs, the Highlanders, Giants, Brooklyn Dodgers and Brooklods are off to-day on account of rain.

### BIG WAR FLEET ON WAY TO TAMPICO AT FULL SPEED; SHIPS READY FOR ACTION

NORFOLK, Va., April 15.—The battleships Arkansas, Vermont, New Hampshire and New Jersey and the despatch boat Yankton sailed from Hampton Roads to-day for Mexican waters at full speed.

The New Hampshire was the first to get under way. All but the Yankton were in their war paint of gray. The activities in Hampton Roads almost equalled some of the scenes preceding the departure of Rear-Admiral Schley's flying squadron during the Spanish-American war.

In preparation for the departure of the fleet the naval training station was drained of men to fill places of men on shore leave who could not be reached with the rush orders for Tampico. Many of the crew of the New Hampshire were on leave in Norfolk, Newport News, and Old Point Comfort. Much difficulty was had in locating the men, particularly of the New Hampshire. Coolers emptied their cargoes into the bunkers of the battleships all night long.

At daybreak the New Jersey, the Arkansas and the Vermont, whose supplies had been completed during a night of feverish activity, were moved from the Portsmouth Navy Yard to Lynn Haven Bay, about two miles east of Old Point Comfort. The New Hampshire, which had also been "stoking up" all night was nearly loaded at 10 o'clock and expected to sail within another hour.

Secret orders kept the commanders of the torpedo boats similarly active all night, but information early to-day indicated that these vessels would not put out of the Roads for some time.

Two thousand men worked feverishly piling supplies aboard the

### CONGRESS WILL BACK WILSON TO THE LIMIT IN MEXICO DEMAND

President Calls Leaders of Both Houses to White House and Says Official Messages Have Been Intercepted, and Arrests Made at Vera Cruz Following Tampico Incident.

### AMERICANS SINGLED OUT FOR REPEATED INSULTS

"No Such Indignities," the Official Statement Declares, "Have Been Offered in the Case of Warships of Other Nations in Mexico Ports."

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Huerta will salute the American flag or the Atlantic fleet will seize Vera Cruz and Tampico. What happens afterward depends on Huerta.

That is President Wilson's determination. Leaders in Congress with whom he conferred to-day agreed there was ample precedent for such action.

Not only the Tampico incident but a long series of indignities offered to the United States, to the conspicuous exemption of other foreign nations represented in Mexico, has convinced the President and his advisers that the United States has been singled out for "manifestations of ill-will and contempt."

The arrest of an orderly in uniform carrying mail for the American fleet at Vera Cruz; the interception of despatches to Charge O'Shaughnessy; the censorship over official despatches, and repeated offenses "against the rights and dignity of the United States" were given as additional causes of the dispatch of the Atlantic fleet to Mexico in an official statement representing the Administration views.

BLUEJACKET ARRESTED ON DOLPHIN'S BOAT. Another new fact brought out was that two of the American bluejackets arrested at Tampico actually were taken from the Dolphin's boat.

The bluejackets had gone to the Tampico wharf to load gasoline. Two of them were in the boat. The Mexican soldiers, after seizing the men on the wharf, boarded the American boat and took the two bluejackets forcibly into custody.

The incident, in any event, disposes of Huerta's claim that there is no ground for reparation because the men arrested were on Mexican soil, where, he maintained, they had no right to be.

The holding up of official despatches to Charge O'Shaughnessy and the arrest of the orderly in Vera Cruz have not been made known until to-day.

President Wilson told his advisers he stands for peace, but is determined to force Huerta to recognize the honor and dignity of the United States.

While these developments were taking place in Washington the ships of the Atlantic fleet were beginning to move toward Tampico. The first of the big fighters cleared from Hampton Roads and others in the Atlantic navy yards were ready to sail before night.

### OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE INSULTS.

The following official statement was issued as representing the views of President Wilson and the Administration:

"In discussions in official circles in Washington of the present Mexican situation the following points have been very much dwelt upon:

"It has been pointed out that in considering the present somewhat delicate situation in Mexico the unpleasant incident at Tampico must not be thought of alone. For some time past the de facto Government of Mexico has seemed to think mere apologies sufficient when the rights of American citizens or the dignity of the Government of the United States were involved and has apparently made no attempt at either reparation or the effective correction of the serious derelictions of its civil and military officers.

"Immediately after the incident at Tampico, an orderly from

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