

Wilson Asks Authority to Use Arms Against Huerta

Resolution Granting President Power Passes House and Bill Appropriating \$50,000,000 for War is Up

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MEXICAN QUESTION VERGES ON WAR

PRESIDENT PUTS MEXICAN ISSUE UP TO CONGRESS

to Joint Session in House Executive Delivers Special Message Chamber at 3 P. M.

TAMPICO INSULT IS REVIEWED

Two American Flags Flying from Raided Whaleboat.

MEN TAKEN FROM THE CRAFT

Two of Them Were Still Aboard It When Arrested.

Officials Refuse Satisfaction for the Insult to Flag.

MAKE APOLOGY FOR ARREST

Administration Takes Ground that Admiral's Position is Strictly in Accordance with International Usage.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—President Wilson today answered Huerta's defiance by asking congress, assembled in joint session, for approval to "use the armed forces of the United States in such ways and to such extent as may be necessary to obtain from General Huerta and his adherents the fullest recognition of the rights and dignity of the United States."

The president did not ask for any appropriation of money at this time nor for authority to call out the national guard.

"There can be no thought of aggression or of selfish aggrandizement," declared the president to the sober faced throng of senators and representatives which packed the hall of the house.

"This government can earnestly hope, in no circumstances, to be forced into war with the people of Mexico. If armed conflict should unhappily come as the result of his (Huerta's) attitude of personal resentment towards the government, we should be fighting only General Huerta and those who adhere to him and give him support, and our object would be only to restore to the people of the distracted republic the opportunity to set up again their own laws and their own government.

The message follows:

The Message.
Gentlemen of the congress:
"It is my duty to call your attention to a situation which has arisen in our dealings with General Victoriano Huerta at Mexico City which calls for action, and to ask your advice and co-operation in acting on it. On the 9th of April a paymaster of the United States ship Dolphin landed at the Iturbide bridge landing at Tampico with a whaleboat and boat's crew to take off certain supplies needed by his ship, and while engaged in loading the boat was arrested by an officer and squad of men of the army of General Huerta. Neither the paymaster nor any one of the boat's crew was armed.

Two of the men were in the boat when

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Tuesday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity—Fair and warmer.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday	
Hours	Deg.
5 a. m.	55
6 a. m.	55
7 a. m.	55
8 a. m.	55
9 a. m.	55
10 a. m.	55
11 a. m.	55
12 m.	55
1 p. m.	55
2 p. m.	55
3 p. m.	55
4 p. m.	55
5 p. m.	55
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11 p. m.	55
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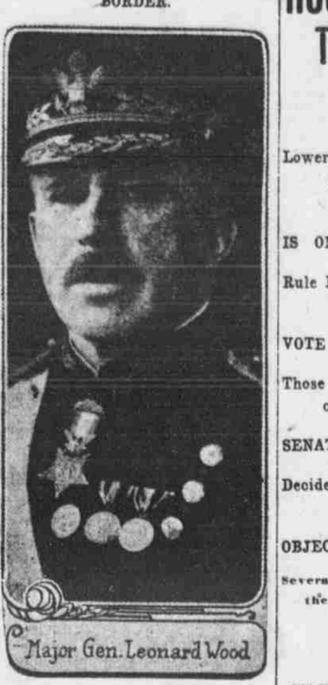
Comparative Local Record

1914 1913 1912 1911	
Highest yesterday	71 82 75 82
Lowest yesterday	34 37 25 32
Mean temperature	55 58 55 58
Precipitation	.00 .00 .00 .00

Normal temperature.....55
Deficiency for the day.....0
Total excess since March 1.....0
Normal precipitation......00
Deficiency for the day.....0
Total rainfall since March 1.....2.17 inches
Deficiency since March 1......00 inches
Excess for cor. period, 1912......00 inches
Excess for cor. period, 1911......00 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

WILL COMMAND ARMY ON THE BORDER



Major Gen. Leonard Wood

FIFTH BRIGADE TO VERA CRUZ

War Department Plans to Send Five Thousand from Galveston.

FLEET IS STILL ON THE WAY

Torpedo Flotilla in Pensacola Harbor is Ordered to Join Admiral Badger's Forces—Pacific Coast Troops Ready.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The joint army and navy board, headed by Admiral Dewey, today had its first session in many months. It discussed plans for co-operation of the army and navy in case it becomes necessary to adopt measures in Mexico. Major General Woods, chief of staff, and Major General Witherspoon, assistant chief of staff, attended the meeting.

Will Send Brigade to Vera Cruz

HOUSTON, Tex., April 20.—The Second division of the United States army, here on a practice march, today began a hurried movement back to Texas City and Galveston, on orders received from Washington at 3 o'clock this morning.

The Fifth brigade of the division, consisting of about 5,000 men, was rushed aboard troop trains, but the remainder of the army unit, which brought nearly 10,000 men here, was ordered to make the sixty miles back to the coast on foot. Plans were made for the Fifth brigade to go aboard transports, although it was said no sailing orders had been received.

Emperor of Austria is Seriously Ill

VIENNA, Austria, April 20.—The emperor Francis Joseph passed a fairly comfortable night. His health is not unsatisfactory.

Rebels at Juarez Hold Conference

JUAREZ, Mex., April 20.—The conference between General Carranza and General Villa, considered of great moment by rebels, began at Chihuahua today, according to an official report received here.

ABERDEEN FARMER DROWNS IN SHALLOW STREAM

ABERDEEN, S. D., April 20.—(Special Telegram.)—John Kobernick, aged 55, a farmer residing four miles north of Aberdeen, was drowned in eighteen inches of water following an attack of heart trouble. Kobernick was driving across the creek when his buggy struck in the mud. He got out of the vehicle to release the buggy when he was stricken and fell face forward into the little stream and was drowned. His body was not found until several hours afterward.

PENROSE DECLARES THAT CONGRESS IS WITH WILSON

PHILADELPHIA, April 19.—Every senator and representative in congress regardless of political views will stand by the president in support of any measure he may now propose for upholding the dignity and honor of the American flag. United States Senator Boies Penrose said in an address tonight before the Darby camps, Sons of Veterans.

HOUSE PASSES THE MEXICAN RESOLUTION

Lower Chamber Adopts Joint Motion to Justify Use of Armed Force.

IS ON WAY TO THE SENATE

Rule Providing for Immediate Consideration First Voted.

VOTE IS A VIVA VOCE ONE

Those Opposed So Few that Democrats Laugh in Derision.

SENATE RECESSES TILL LATER

Decides to Wait Until Lower Chamber Has Acted.

OBJECTION IN THE COMMITTEE

Several Members Protest Against the Language "Individuals—Ink Huerta," Used in Resolution.

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The senate resumed its session to consider the resolution at 9:45 o'clock. The house recessed until 10:30 to await the action of the senate.

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The vote was 237 to 27.

The resolution was passed at 9:35 and went to the senate.

The house shortly before adopted the rule providing for immediate consideration of the resolution. This was adopted by a viva voce vote. The negative votes were so few the democrats laughed in derision.

The Resolution

A joint resolution justifying the employment of the armed forces of the United States in enforcing certain demands against Victoriano Huerta:

"Resolved, by the senate and house of representatives, in congress assembled, that the president of the United States is justified in the employment of the armed forces of the United States to enforce the demands upon Victoriano Huerta for un-

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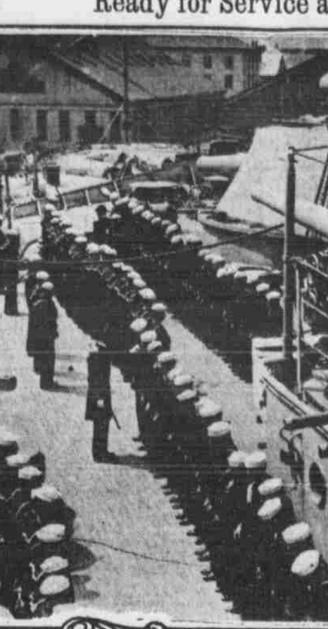
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Ready for Service at Any Minute



Inspection on Board the Battleship Texas Just Before it Sailed for Mexican Waters.

MILITIA READY TO MOVE

State Troops Could Start for Mexico Inside of Six Hours.

ONLY WAIT FOR WORD TO GO

Major Sterricker Has the Omaha Battalion Completely Organized and in Readiness to Start.

The entire force of state militia stationed in Omaha could be ready to move for Mexico within six hours if the word were given. This is the assurance of Major E. E. Sterricker in command of the battalion in Omaha.

Dispatches from Washington stated that President Wilson would probably ask the senate to pass the volunteer act providing for the pressing into regular service the militia of the various states.

The troops under Major Sterricker's command in Omaha consist of four companies, a band and a hospital detachment, a total of 35 men. The companies are the A, B, C and D of the First battalion, Fourth infantry. The companies at present consist of fifty-eight to sixty-five men each, which is not war strength for companies of the American army. Regular war strength is considered to consist of about 125 men to a company.

"We have all equipment ready in the armory," said Major Sterricker. "There has been no special preparation on account of the recent developments, but we must simply keep in readiness all the time. We have our guns and ammunition at the armory, as well as all the rest of our equipment. All we have to do is call the boys out there and start."

"We have everything there to equip every man with all that a soldier needs in the field."

Many Inquiries Received

LINCOLN, Neb., April 20.—(Special.)—Nebraska troops are ready for the fray. That is practically so, according to Adjutant General Hall, who has not allowed the guard to lose any strength since the trouble in Mexico began months ago. On the other hand, he has two regiments of well-drilled companies, which can be made ready in a few hours' notice for mobilization at any point in the state, and a third regiment, unorganized, which in a week can be ready for service.

Added to this is one of the most efficient and best equipped signal corps in the country and a hospital corps under most efficient management.

Numerous calls from commanders of companies over the state to the adjutant general anxiously inquiring what chances there were for a call to arms indicated that the present membership in Nebraska's guard is just as anxious to make history as were the members of that first Nebraska which went to the Philippines.

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