

ATLANTIC FLEET TO MEXICO

President Wilson Tuesday ordered practical the entire Atlantic fleet to Mexican waters to force a public salute to the Stars and Stripes from the Huerta government as an apology for the arrest of American bluejackets at Tampico last Thursday.

No ultimatum has been issued—that is, no specified time has been set within which the Huerta government must comply—but the naval demonstration has been ordered as a concrete evidence of the fixed determination of the United States to back up Rear Admiral Mayo's demand for a salute.

The decision to send the fleet was reached after the President and Secretary Bryan had conferred for an hour with John Lind, personal representative of the President in Mexico, and after a two hour cabinet meeting, during which dispatches from Charles O'Shaughnessy revealed that the Huerta government denied the right of American sailors to be ashore at Tampico, and contended that its recent public statement of apology was ample.

The humiliation of American marines and insult to the American flag are offenses which will never be tolerated by the people of this country. The President, inspired by the same feeling that animates the whole body of the people, will see to it that the insulted flag receives a salute, and that an apology is made that will stamp itself upon the minds of Mexicans.

The President rightly interprets the feeling of the American people when he demands immediate and ample apology from Mexico for its invasion of American rights and its insult to the American flag.

The people unanimously approve of the President's action in sending the fleet to Tampico to support and enforce this demand.

CALL FOR ROOSEVELT

Frantic efforts are being made by leading members of the Progressive party to get in touch with Theodore Roosevelt. Communications have been sent to the Brazilian government in an endeavor to enlist its aid in reaching the party of the one-time President at the earliest moment, if possible, before the uncertain date when he is expected to emerge from the wilds at Manaus.

Some of these messages have strongly urged that he lose no time in returning to the United States, and adding the weight of his influence to the opposition to the enactment of the bill to repeal the coastwise exemption feature of the canal tolls act. Others, it is understood, have merely set forth the facts of the situation as the senders see it, and have asked for his advice and direction concerning the course for the Progressives to pursue.

It is known, of course, by members of his party that Mr. Roosevelt is strongly opposed to the repeal policy of President Wilson. He has gone on record against the British interpretation of the treaty in the strongest terms, his party's platform called for "free tolls," and he is at heart as anti-British as any of the elements that have joined in the howl of "surrender."

But in his absence the Progressive party is a ship without a rudder. Those who are devoting their efforts to an attempt to hold the remnants of that organization together are in the dark as to the policy he would have them pursue. It must, they say, be left to the colonel's political judgment whether it will be best for him and for them to let the treaty go through the Senate and make their fight after repeal has become an accomplished fact, or to delay action by the Senate until he can return and jump into the fray.

At the headquarters of the Progressive committee, in Washington, the chief business transacted is in connection with the preparation of elaborate digests containing records of all that has been happening during Mr. Roosevelt's absence. These have to do particularly upon three phases of the administration's foreign policy—Mexico, canal tolls and the Colombian treaty. They are designed to reach him when he arrives at Paris, at the mouth of the Amazon—Washington Post.

PARAGRAPHS

Folks who tell their own troubles will tell yours. Some folks are always in bad company—even when alone. Always put off till tomorrow the worrying you're doing today. The louder a man talks the easier it is to discredit everything he says. A woman glances into a mirror after washing—a man at the towel. Hobson's choice seems to be to congratulate his victorious opponent. Some women look as if they had put their complexions on wrong side out. Even though she does backbite now, and then spring it full of good intentions. When you borrow trouble you put a mortgage on something. Usually it is the liver. When whiskey kills a man some old soak will remark, sympathetically, "Too bad, but he didn't know how to handle it. Both Dr. Mary Walker and Uncle Joe Cannon endorse the tango. If they could be induced to dance it together the railroads might be persuaded to give excursion rates.

Opposition is known to look a man for the purpose of downing him. Old Booze is being kicked out of the U. S. Navy. Putting the navy in dry territory comes near being a paradox. Congressman Johnson quotes a paper written by Woodrow Wilson in 1879. How would you like to be held responsible for everything you wrote and said when you were twenty-three? A news item recites that "in the last twenty-five years the Irish population has been cut almost in half," but it is a safe wager that the police rosters of American cities tell an entirely different tale. Representative Charles C. Carlin was Tuesday declared the Democratic nominee to succeed himself in a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Democratic committee of the Eighth Congressional district of Virginia held in Alexandria. English sparrows are pronounced by experts in the government department of ornithology to be a perfect substitute for reed birds as a food. It is suggested that by trapping sparrows an excellent food could be supplied for the poor man's table, at the same time this would help to reduce a bird pest, for the English sparrow has long been recognized as an enemy of many birds who are the farmer's friends. Those qualified to vote for or against Statewide in September are—1st, old soldiers who are registered; 2nd, any man qualified to vote last November; 3rd, all men who may have paid before December 6, last, all State poll taxes for 1911, 1912 and 1913 that were assessed against them; 4th, any young man coming of age and paying \$1.50 poll tax before the election, September 22, next. Those who may register; any person conforming to above and is otherwise qualified, can register any day up to September 22. No one can vote unless registered. Application for charter for the Times-Dispatch Publishing Company of Richmond was made to the State Corporation Commission last week through attorneys for the new owners of the Times-Dispatch. According to the application the capital stock of the new corporation, is to be \$100,000 minimum, and \$600,000 maximum. Officers of the company, who also constitute the board of directors, are named as follows: President, Jules Breuchaud, of New York; vice-president, J. O. Winston, of Richmond, and secretary and treasurer, T. S. Winston, of Richmond. Founder's day exercises were held at the University of Virginia Monday, James M. Beck, of the New York bar, formerly assistant Attorney-General of the United States, being the orator of the day. In a stirring address on the subject, "The Scholar in Politics," the speaker paid high tribute to Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson, saying: "The most masterful spirit of contemporary politics is Theodore Roosevelt, a Harvard graduate, while Virginia's last contribution to the chief magistracy, President Wilson, aptly illustrates that a philosopher fresh from the classroom can guide the fiery steeds of Democracy like the most experienced charioteer in the political arena." Harry Kendall Thaw's petition for a writ of habeas corpus was granted by Judge Edgar Aldrich, of the United States district court Tuesday. The court said, however, that no order would be issued for the prisoner's discharge from custody until arrangements had been completed to take the case to the United States Supreme Court on appeal. Thaw's petition for admission to bail, the court left undetermined, taking the ground that it would be more appropriate for this to be passed upon by the supreme court. The result of the decision is that Thaw's guardianship and condition will be unchanged for the present; but that his petition for a writ of habeas corpus will go to the highest court in the land with a decision of the lower court in his favor. Nicholas van Nellenbogen, the Curacao King of Willemstad, on the island of Curacao in the West Indies, arrived in New York yesterday, aboard the steamer Rudolf Blumberg with a startling story of a bug whose bite produces intoxication. "A few months ago we discovered our trees infested with a new breed of bug," said Myneher van Nellenbogen. "The female of the species is the dangerous bug. Men who had been bitten by the Curacao bug became intoxicated. One bite was like drinking a cocktail. Several bites resulted in complete intoxication. One of our native workmen was bitten by an army of bugs, and he went into delirium tremens within a few minutes. Men who had never taken a drink in their lives became inebriated a short time after being bitten."—Washington Post. Oh! "Scats."

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COUNTY GRADED SCHOOLS EXHIBIT

WORK SHOWN IS SPLENDID

An affair which is creating much interest manifested and Exhibition Rooms have been crowded All Day—Needlework a Feature of Exhibition

Monday marked the commencement of a forty days campaign to raise \$50,000 for the new buildings of the Alexandria hospital.

Mr. Worth Hulifish, born and raised at Havmarket, and well-known throughout Manassas, is president of the Board of Trustees of the hospital.

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RAISING MONEY FOR HOSPITAL

\$5,100 IS ALREADY SUBSCRIBED

Good Progress Being Made By Committee Who are Raising Funds—Prince William, Will No-Doubt, Contribute.

This hospital cares for the sick from all sections of Fairfax, Prince William and other counties, and the people of these vicinities are awakening to interest in the building of that kind in this section of Virginia, and its great work already done, to help the suffering humanity in this section, would fully justify any aid that is given to the coming campaign.

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AUTHORS OF FARM-LAND BANK BILL TO ADDRESS CITIZENS TO-MORROW NIGHT

Congressman Ralph W. Moss, of Indiana, and Dr. John Lee Coulter, Chief of the Agricultural Bureau, Department of Commerce and Labor, authors of the Farm-Land Bank Bill, will address the citizens of Manassas and vicinity in Conner's Hall, to-morrow night, April 24, at 8 o'clock—Everybody invited.

TRACK MEET OF GRADED SCHOOLS

ON ROUND ATHLETIC FIELD, TODAY

As we go to press, nearly one hundred boy athletes, from all sections of Prince William county, are assembled on Round Athletic field, to compete in the big annual track and field meet of the county public schools.

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MINNESOTA ENDORSES BATTLEFIELD PARK

STATE MONUMENT PROPOSED

The following has been sent to each Senator and Representative in Congress from the State of Minnesota, as we see from the press of that State:

"Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Headquarters Commandery of the State of Minnesota, Lieut. Silas H. Towler, Commander, St. Paul, Minn., Apr. 17, 1914.

WHEREAS, the battle field of Bull Run lying near the nation's capital, and visited annually by thousands of people, is still private property, the important part of which, the Henry farm, can now be purchased on reasonable terms, and transformed into a national park, and

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ENTERTAINMENT, SATURDAY, MAY 2

EASTERN COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

The Ithaca Conservatory Entertainment Trio to Give Manassas People a Rare Musical Treat.

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