× return to the oil wells without being mo-

May Be Under Fire. It does not follow from these assurances that the operators will be protected after their return. They will be under fire, if a Federal attack from the direction of the oil wells should take place. Gen. Huerta, to whom similar representations were made, has not yet been heard from.

Secretary Bryan is not entirely displeased with Carranza's attitude in reference to the oil field. He intimated to the British ambassador and others that to neutralize Tampico and thus protect the oil fields and the shipping plying with that port might operate to deprive the Constitutionalists of the revenue they would obtain should they succeed in capturing the port.

Huerta Forces Demoralized.

Reports received here are to the effect that the Federal forces are demoralized as a result of the American occupation of Vera Cruz and the presence of American warships

This demoralization, it is believed, will aid Gen. Villa in the capture of Saltillo, which is held by 8,000 or 10,000 Federals. Reinforcements, with heavy guns, have been sent to Tampico, and the fall of that point within a few days is expected.

Constitutionalist victories at this time will destroy the prestige of Huerta, according to the administration view. Once this takes place his elimination is certain.

Devise Means to Aid Huerta. Impressed with these considerations, which Secretary Bryan is said to have conveyed to them, the mediators are endeavoring to devise some means whereby Huerta can save his face.

There are, however, flaws in this admin istration forecast. It was believed that when Torreon was captured by Villa Huerta would be overthrown in Mexico City. Huerta. is still in office.

Granting the elimination of Huerta by the Constitutionalists, the administration will have Carranza and Villa in power. These men will be urged to hold a fair and free election. That they will call an election is to be expected. That they will control the result is more certain.

So that, according to some diplomatic observers, the United States will have to deal with a situation similar in every respect to that which now exists, the only difference being that instead of Huerta it will be Carranza who will be in command at Mexico City

Dictator Will Remain Stubborn. That Huerta, will consent to eliminate himself, especially with Carranza occupying an attitude of independence, is not believed even by the mediators.

The administration had hoped that Carranza could be induced to abandon his pre-tensions for the presidency, which would make it less difficult for Huerta to retire.

But Carranza's attitude was disclosed by the significant omission from his reply of any reference to the proposal of the mediators to deal with the pacification of the country. Huerta has everything to gain and noth-

ing to lose by pursuing a course which will alienate the United States and the Constitutionalists. He has contended from the beginning that without assistance from the American gov-

ernment the revolution would not have made the headway that it has made. He has protested time and time again without result. The invariable answer has been that he must get out.

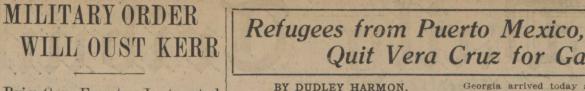
Pitfalls for President.

Some officials of the administration are apprehensive that through the diplomatic moves now being made President Wilson will be suchred into a position of open hostility to the Constitutionalists. The advantage of such a situation to Huerta is obvious.

It is altogether probable that in every dispatch he sends to the mediators the dictator has this purpose in view.

The president and his entire cabinet are aware of the pitfalls being spread for their

situation today. The decision reached was to acquiesce regretfully in the declination of Carranza to suspend hostilities; to look with favor on his efforts to defeat the Federals wherever he attacked them; to continue to give the Constitutionalists tacit support, and to bring every force possible to bear



Brig. Gen. Funston Instructed to Abolish Civil Governorship at Vera Cruz.

ARMY RULE IN ITS PLACE.

Will Relieve Wilson of Embarrassment as Result of Chicagoan's Appointment.

[BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.] Washington, D. C., May 1.-[Special.]-Robert J. Kerr of Chicago, civil governor of Vera Cruz. will be removed by Brig. Gen. Funston probably tomororw

To relieve the administration of an embarrassing situation, Secretary Garrison ordered Gen. Funston to install a complete military government at Vera Cruz. This order. automatically relieves of their duties all civil officers named by Rear Admiral Fletcher.

The order was issued, it is said, because the administration) became aware of Kerr's friendliness to the Huerta government and his opposition to the Wilson Mexican policy. By restoring military rule Kerr will not be given a chance to protest against his removal. according to the administration, and Huerta cannot seize upon it as a further indication of the unfriendliness of the Wilson administration to him.

No Reflection on Kerr Intended. While Kerr's enmity toward the adminstration policy is said to be the reason for the hange, Secretary of War Garrison said no effection was intended on the men already chosen, as he did not know any of them, but that it was customary under military occu-pation for all officers to be directly responsible to the war department

He said Admiral Fletcher had chosen civilians because the navy did not have the machinery for a municipal government, the army having legal officers and others qualified to handle a government such as was the case in Cuba after the Spanish-American

According to war department officials, it is absolutely necessary to make the courts at Vera Cruz military tribunals or damage suits against the civil government there might result in claims against the American government, martial law removing that possibility

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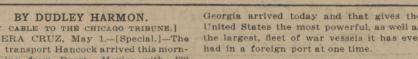
Kerr Enemy of Administration? The reason for the order, it is believed, lies in the fact that Kerr made public statements during a recent visit to the United States feclaring the Wilson-Bryan Mexican policy identical with the Standard Oil Mexican policy.

At the time he made his speech before the Chicago City club the administration was fully advised. News of Kerr's selection by Rear Admiral Fletcher came as a distinct shock to the administration.

Secretary of State Bryan and Secretary of the Navy Daniels today washed their hands of responsibility for the Kerr appointment.

The state department has kept in close touch with all Americans in Mexico for the last few months, and especially with those who have returned to this country to speak against the Wilson administration's attitude toward the Huerta government.

Secretary Bryan received a copy of Mr. Kerr's speech before the City club of Chicago within a few hours after it was delivered on March 7 last. That speech is on file



Quit Vera Cruz for Galveston.

ing from Puerto Mexico with 432 American refugees. All were well and happy at being under the Inited States flag again. They were transerred at once to the Ward liner Monterey, which later in the afternoon sailed for New Orleans. The refugees arrived at Puerto Mexico.

he Atlantic terminal of the Tehuantepec railway, on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning from Mexico City. In all about 650 persons arrived, but the balance preferred to remain for the present at Puerto Mexico, hoping to be able to return to their omes at the capital or in the interior quickly if peace becomes permanent

Conditions are so favorable at Puerto Mexico that the officers of the Hancock did not advise against it. The city is in the control of 1.500 federal soldiers. All demonstrations have ceased in the town and there are plenty of steamers available in case it becomes necessary for them to get out.

All report the journey from Mexico City incomfortable but uneventful. They had a British train-crew and the British flag was prominently displayed. They passed through many towns and cities, but except for curious crowds which rushed up every time there was a stop, there were no demonstrations. So far as they could learn the country through which they traveled was quieter than it had been in a year. It was Zapata's own territory part of the way, but that bandit

leader was not to be heard of since his new made peace with the administration at Mex-The battleships Virginia, Nebraska, and eighteen months solid practice at Texas City.

the collection of taxes, the port, postoffice and courts. I have told him I would serve long enough to get the work well organized. Today Capt. Burnside, military attache

at Mexico City, came out with Chargé O'Shaughnessy and also my old friend, the lawyer, Buckley. Admiral Fletcher immediately ordered me to consult with them. have done so, explaining my plans, which

meet with their approval, and I am about to write out the details. They both recommend me for the position. Of course, I am not looking for a job, but think of the opportunity to serve my coun-

try and be identified in an honorable way with the new government. I am very happy over it. Addresses the City Council,

Last night I addressed for an hour (in Spanish) the ayuntamiento (city council], explaining the intentions and plans of the admiral, and today they have decided to be good, but the other and more important officials have refused and there now seems no doubt that the martial law plan will go hrough. Capt. Burnside was provost marshal at Manila at the time of the establish-

ment of the government there and we have the benefit of that experience. loes not develop will probably leave last of next week. If it does it is a matter of five or six weeks I should think. Love to all the

TWO MISSING MISSIONARIES SOUGHT BY ILLINOIS FRIENDS.

Secretary Bryan Wires Canada at Vera Cruz to Locate Grace Hollister and Rena Handley.

Mexico City for information as to the where-

abouts of Miss Grace Hollister of Loda. Ill ..

and Miss Rena Handley, also of Illinois,

Neither of these young ladies is included

in any of the lists of refugees at the state

department. Neither are they included in

POPE FAVORS WILSON COURSE

ADOPTED IN MEXICAN MUDDLE.

Has Been in America, and Is Said

[BY CABLE TO THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE.]

Mgr. Kennedy has made special inquiries

oncerning the situation, the result of which

The vatican approves, it is said, of the

course taken by President Wilson and Secre-

Will Bear Samuel Marten's

Remains North.

two Methodist missionaries in Mexico.

as to their whereabouts.

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he United States.

he reported.

Washington, D. C., May 1.-[Specis']--Secretary Bryan today wired Consui Canada

United States the most powerful, as well as the largest, fleet of war vessels it has even

The question uppermost in the minds of naval men is what Washington is going to do with it? If Admiral Badger and his staff know they have not revealed it to the others. There are fourteen big battleships, the armored cruiser Montana, the gunboats Nashville and Yankton and the scout cruise Chester, the ammunition ship Lebanon, the hospital ship Solace, the supply ship Celtic, the transports Prairie and Hancock, fou colliers, and four armored tugs. There were four army transports also, but they sailed today for Galveston.

Reports from Tampico persist, but with out official confirmation, and every once in a while rumors spread through the fleet and on shore that a squadron of battleships is erties owned by foreigners, principally Britabout to go to that port to protect American ish, at Tampico. He telegraphed the Britproperty

The sailors who had their first full night's sleep in nine days after they returned to ganized to capture Tampico and the danger to the oil wells and to the great tanks was the fleet yesterday have made today " clean day for themselves. The young tars called to Gen. Carranza's attention by Sir up' were just as busy trying to get the color back into mudstained uniforms as they were in cleaning up the city a week ago. The ships' barbers all worked overtime

The men who returned will slip back into the routine of the ship by tomorrow. Even now they are wondering whether it will be possible to organize a series of baseball games with the army. The navy thinks it can win all the soldiers' pay at the national game, even if the infantrymen have had

MEXICANS SEIZED U.S. BRIG

Released It Immediately When They Found Report Was Untrue-Refugees Flock to the West Coast.

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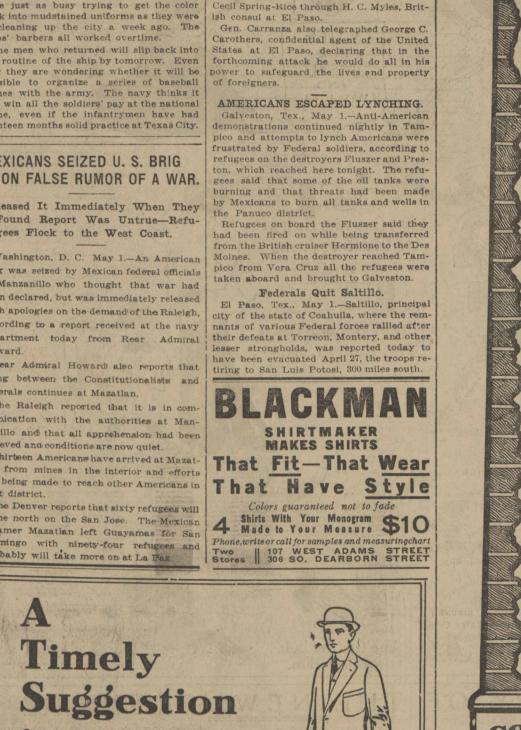
Washington, D. C. May 1.-An American brig was seized by Mexican federal officials at Manzanillo who thought that war had been declared, but was immediately released with apologies on the demand of the Raleigh, according to a report received at the navy department today from Rear Admiral Howard.

Rear Admiral Howard also reports that firing between the Constitutionalists and federals continues at Mazatlan

The Raleigh reported that it is in communication with the authorities at Manzanillo and that all apprehension had been relieved and conditions are now quiet.

Thirteen Americans have arrived at Mazatlan from mines in the interior and efforts Am well and thin, thank heaven! If this | are being made to reach other Americans in that district

The Denver reports that sixty refugees will ome north on the San Jose. The Mexican steamer Mazatlan left Guayamas for Sar Domingo with ninety-four refugees and probably will take more on at La Paz.



PLAN TO PROTECT

OIL PROPERTIES

Tampico Rebels Will Use

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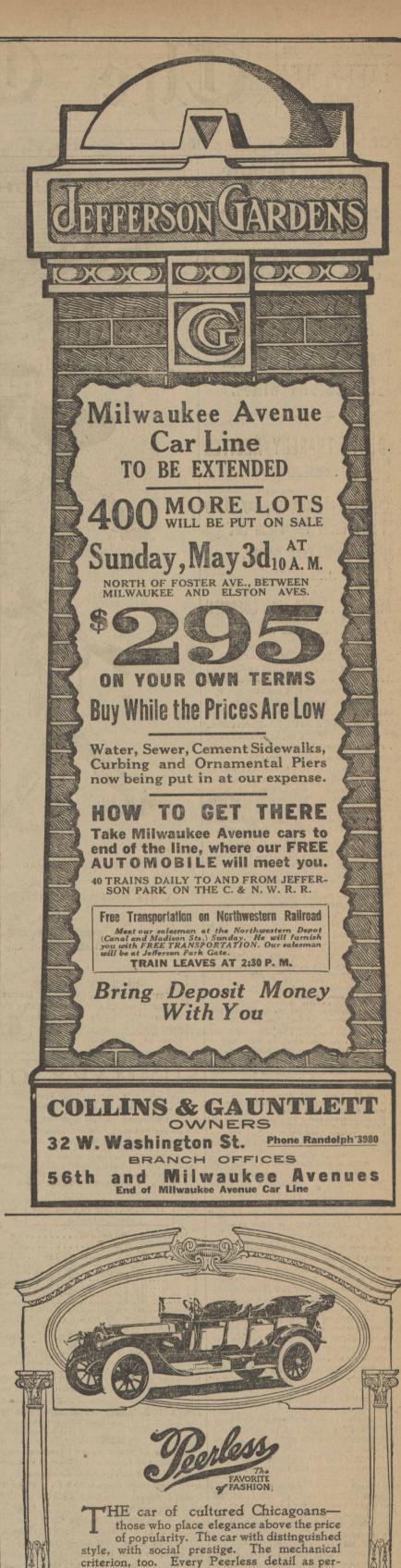
Federals in City.

Chihuahua, May 1.-Gen. Carranza will use

every effort to protect the immense oil prop

ish ambassador at Washington to that effect

An overwhelming force is now being or



in order to drive Huerta from power. Then the Constitutionalists will be dealt with

The mediators held a short meeting this morning. While they were in session the Spanish, ambassador arrived with a cablegram from Gen. Huerta. Its contents are kept secret.

There is reason to believe, however, that Gen. Huerta, regarding himself as the president of the Mexican republic, is willing to continue the mediation, in spite of the nonparticipation therein of Gen. Carranza.

Envoys in Night Conference. Ambassador Da Gama of Brazil and Señor Naon, the Argentine minister, were in conference at the Argentine legation tonight. What had occurred to cause this conference neither was disposed to reveal. The conference broke up at 11:30 o'clock tonight. Another meeting of the mediators is scheduled for tomorrow.

"hey told colleagues, nowever, that they were not entirely dissatisfied with the situation. At least, they are in a position to ex-change the views of the United States and Gen. Huerta and have not been foreclosed from approaching Gen. Carranza.

The last named did not refuse to discuss the question of the pacification of Mexico, he merely declined to recognize it as a subject of consideration. Under such circumstances the mediators do not regard the door as having been shut against any future proposals which may be for the benefit of all Mexico.

Must Overcome Huerta Objections. The difficulty the mediators face, of course, is in inducing Huerta to agree not to be a candidate for election to the office he holds. It is to this feature that they particularly are addressing themselves, and it has been a subject viewed from every angle at the various conferences that have been held.

It is understood that various plans have been telegraphed to Mexico City for the purpose of ascertaining how they are regarded by the dictator.

GEN. HUERTA OUSTS ROJAS.

Mexico City, May 1.-A surprise was sprung by Huerta tonight when he forced Seño: Lopez Portillo y Rojas, his foreign minister to resign his portfolio and quit the cabinet.

Tonight Huerta sent Señor Alcocer, his minister of the interior; Señor Lozane, minister of communications; and Schor de la Lama, minister of finance, to Rojas to demand his instant resignation. Rojas was in his office at the foreign ministry. The subsecretary of foreign affairs, Señor Esteva Ruiz, was with him.

At first neither Rojas nor Ruiz could credit the demand. When Rojas handed over his portfolio Señor Ruiz also at once resigned with his chief as a matter of delicacy.

It is thought that the final step in the breach came when Rojas failed to induce the European governments to join in and embroi the mediation

Comes as Surprise to Minister. Rojas had no notion of his coming fall at his interview with the newspaper men tonight. His last official message to them was of the arrangement for the suspension of hostilities

Señor Rojas became foreign minister early this year. Previously he was governor o Jalisco. He came into prominence last year by writing a brochure on the Monroe doc. trine which he held was not binding on Eu-rope and depended solely on the coercive power possessed by the United States.

at the state department now.

KERR'S LETTER HOME. Robert J. Kerr's letter to his father under date of April 25, telling of his impending selection as civil governor of Vera Cruz, was

given out yesterday by the father, Samuel Kerr. It follows: "Vera Cruz, April 25,1914. 'Dear Father:

the lists of Americans known to be at war-'I have just been offered a brand new tain places. typewriter to do the work that I will short-Friends from all over Illinois have been y tell you about and before commencing besieging the department for information

am going to practice by writing a letter you. Several times in my life I have been ucky, but the greatest stroke of luck I have had in years was that which brought me into the harbor of this city on the morning after the American occupation began.

'As you have learned from my brief tele-Hears Report of Mgr. Kennedy, Who grams, I immediately offered my services to the admiral in charge, with the result that he asked me to interview for him all the civil officials in line with the enclosed proclamation which was gotten out on the 22d I did so and prepared a long written report which has gone to the state and navy de-partments. I presented the report (have kept ROME, May 1 .- Pope Pius X., who is greaty interested in the Mexican situation. granted an audience this morning to Mgr. a copy) at 9 o'clock last night and was with Chomas F. Kennedy, rector of the American the admiral and his chief of staff until after college in Rome, who has just returned from

midnight, with the result that he decided to declare martial law and establish a civil government.

"I assisted in the preparation of his cable to Secretary Bryan announcing this fact and he has just shown me the answer giving him free rein.

Uses Library on Warship.

tary Bryan, being convinced of the sincerity of the efforts of the administration at Wash-"He then instructed me to get up his ington to reëstablish peace. proclamation and the regulations under which a new government will be established. MONTANA BRINGS HERO'S BODY. He offered me his library on his flagship and Admiral Badger Wires That Battleship spent this morning out there boning up on international law and particularly the law of military occupatio

'I have prepared the proclamation which will be issued tomorrow and am now working Abraham M. Liebling, publisher of the on the regulations. They contemplate the Jewish Daily Press, received the following immediate appointment of a civil governor telegram yesterday from Senator L. Y. Sherof all the territory in the hands of our troops. man and by the time this reaches you, unless there is a decided change of plans, I will be the first this afternoon that the battleship Montana civil appointee in Mexico with the title of

will leave Vera Cruz within two or three civil governor of all the territory occupied days for New York unless conditions change. by the American forces, with plenary pow-Vessel will carry remains of Samuel Marers, subject to the supervision of the comten and other sailors and marines killed in manding officer of the military forces over | battle.

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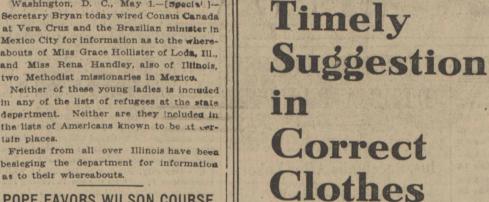
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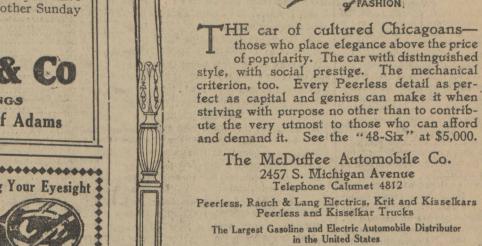
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