

return to the oil wells without being molested.

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.

Devises 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 administration 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 pretensions 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 nothing 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 government the revolution would not have made the headway that it has made. He has protested time and time again with respect to the inevitable 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 pushed 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 diplomacy.

They discussed every possible aspect of the situation today. The decision, reached was to acquiesce regretfully in the declaration 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 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 non-participation 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 discussed nor revealed. The conference broke up at 11:30 o'clock tonight. Another meeting of the mediators is scheduled for tomorrow.

They told colleagues, however, that they were not entirely dissatisfied with the situation. At least, they are in a position to exchange the views of the United States and Gen. Huerta and have not been foreclosed from approaching Gen. Carranza.

GEN. HUERTA OUSTS ROJAS.

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

Tonight Huerta sent Señor Alcosser, his minister of the interior; Señor Lozano, minister of communications; and Señor de la Lanza, minister of finance, to Rojas to demand his instant resignation. Rojas was in his office at the foreign ministry. The secretary 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 embroil 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 of Jalisco. He came into prominence last year by writing a brochure on the Monroe doctrine which he held was not binding on Europe and depended solely on the coercive power possessed by the United States.

MILITARY ORDER WILL OUST KERR

Brig. Gen. Funston Instructed to Abolish Civil Government 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 tomorrow.

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 administration policy is said to be the reason for the change, Secretary of War Garrison said no reflection on the man already chosen, as he did not know any of them, but that it was customary under military occupation 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 war.

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.

Kerr Enemy of Administration?

The reason for the order, it is believed, lies in the fact that the public statements during a recent visit to the United States declared 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 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:
I have just been offered a brand new typewriter to do the work that I will shortly tell you about and before commencing I am going to practice by writing a letter to you. Several times in my life I have been lucky, 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 telegrams, 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 departments. I presented the report (have kept a copy) at 9 o'clock last night and was with the admiral and his chief of staff until after 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, and he has just shown me the answer giving him free rein.

Uses Library on Warship.

"He then instructed me to get up his proclamation and the regulations under which a new government will be established. He offered me his library on his flagship and I spent this morning out there boning up on international law, particularly the law of military occupation.

"I have prepared the proclamation which will be issued tomorrow and am now working on the regulations. They contemplate the immediate appointment of a civil governor of all the territory in the hands of the troops, and by the time this reaches you, unless there is a decided change of plans, I will be the first civil appointee in Mexico with the title of civil governor of all the territory occupied by the American forces, with plenary powers, subject to the supervision of the commanding officer of the military forces over

Refugees from Puerto Mexico, Quit Vera Cruz for Galveston.

BY DUDLEY HARMON.
[BY CABLE TO THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE.]

VERA CRUZ, May 1.—[Special.]—The transport Hancock arrived this morning from Puerto Mexico with 432 American refugees. All were well and happy at being under the United States flag again. They were transferred at once to the Ward liner Monterey, which later in the afternoon sailed for New Orleans.

The refugees arrived at Puerto Mexico, the Atlantic terminal of the Tehuantepec railway, on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning from Mexico City. In all about 850 persons arrived, but the balance preferred to remain for the present at Puerto Mexico, hoping to be able to return to their homes 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 uncomfortable 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 Mexico City.

The battleships Virginia, Nebraska, and

Georgia arrived today and that gives the United States the most powerful, as well as the largest, fleet of war vessels it has ever had in a foreign port at one time.

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 Yanikton and the scout cruiser Chester, the ammunition ship Lebanon, the hospital ship Solace, the supply ship Celtic, the transports Prairie and Hancock, four colliers, and four armored tugs. There were four army transports also, but they sailed today for Galveston.

Reports from Tampico persist, but without official confirmation, and every once in a while rumors spread through the fleet and on shore that a squadron of battleships is about to go to that port to protect American property.

The sailors who had their first full night's sleep in nine days after they returned to the fleet yesterday have made today "clean up" day for themselves. The young tars 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 eighteen months solid practice at Texas City.

MEXICANS SEIZED U. S. BRIG ON FALSE RUMOR OF A WAR.

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

Washington, D. C., May 1.—An American brig was seized by Mexican federal officials at Mazatlan 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 fighting between the Constitutionalists and federal forces continues at Mazatlan.

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

Thirteen Americans have arrived at Mazatlan from mines in the interior and efforts are being made to reach other Americans in that district.

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

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PLAN TO PROTECT OIL PROPERTIES

Tampico Rebels Will Use Every Effort to Prevent Loss, Carranza Says.

GUARD FOR FOREIGNERS.

Overwhelming Force Being Mobilized for Final Attack on Federals in City.

Chihuahua, May 1.—Gen. Carranza will use every effort to protect the immense oil properties owned by foreigners, principally British, at Tampico. He telegraphed the British ambassador at Washington to that effect today.

An overwhelming force is now being organized to capture Tampico and the danger to the oil wells and to the great tanks was called to Gen. Carranza's attention by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice through H. C. Myles, British consul at El Paso.

Gen. Carranza also telegraphed George C. Cather, confidential agent of the United States at El Paso, declaring that in the forthcoming attack he would do all in his power to safeguard the lives and property of foreigners.

AMERICANS ESCAPED LYNNING.

Galveston, Tex., May 1.—Anti-American demonstrations continued nightly in Tampico and attempts to lynch Americans were frustrated by Federal soldiers, according to refugees on the destroyers Flusser and Preston, which reached here tonight. The refugees said that some of the oil tanks were burning and that threats had been made by Mexicans to burn all tanks and wells in the Panuco district.

Refugees on board the Flusser said they had been fired on while being transferred from the British cruiser Hermonia to the Des Moines. When the destroyer reached Tampico from Vera Cruz all the refugees were taken aboard and brought to Galveston.

Federals Quit Saltillo.

El Paso, Tex., May 1.—Saltillo, principal city of the state of Coahuila, where the remnants of various Federal forces rallied after their defeats at Torreon, Monterrey, and other lesser strongholds, was reported today to have been evacuated April 27, the troops retreating to San Luis Potosi, 300 miles south.

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