

## TUMULTY DENIES CRISIS PENDING OVER VERA CRUZ

Secretary to Wilson Says  
Funston's Dispatches Contained Only Wild Rumors and No Cause for Alarm.

**BULLETIN.**  
WASHINGTON, May 8.—That a crisis is pending at Vera Cruz was denied at the white house today. Secretary to the President Tumulty stated that the dispatch from General Funston, which was the cause of a hurried conference between the secretary and general staff, was nothing more than a recital of rumors received by General Funston. Asked why the receipt of rumors should cause excitement at the war department and a midnight conference there, Secretary Tumulty replied: "I don't know anything more than what I have told you."

By W. N. TAFT.  
(Special Correspondent of the International News Service at the White House.)

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Mediation occupied second place in the minds of official Washington today and a new crop of sudden development in the Mexican situation occupied the attention of President Wilson and his advisers.

Following a long despatch from General Funston at Vera Cruz which contained such important news as to cause Secretary of War Garrison to summon a hasty midnight "war council" at the department, a cipher message was received from Admiral Badger at the navy department. Strict secrecy was maintained at both departments relative to the latest developments, and Secretary Garrison, after his conference with the entire general staff, would state only that no further orders to the army had been issued.

**SHIPS WITH AMMUNITION.**  
It was learned unofficially, however, that the report of Admiral Badger stated that two German ships of war from Vera Cruz harbor with munitions of war for General Huerta and asked for instructions as to what to do.

It also is rumored that advices have reached the state department and White House that a crisis is impending in Mexico City.

Today's cabinet meeting and a conference between President Wilson and Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the charge d'affairs just returned from Mexico City, are expected to play a large part in determining the future course of this government.

The continued absence of information concerning vice consul John R. Stillman, at Saltillo, believed to have been taken prisoner by the Mexican Federals, added to the seriousness of the situation.

**Foresees War.**  
One high government official summed up the state of affairs with this remark:

"There is going to be war in Mexico unless Stillman is found soon."

There were hints about the capital of a march on Mexico City following the conference at the war department, but army officers generally showed a tendency not to make any move that might embarrass the mediators. Yet there is no secret of the fact that they are prepared for any eventuality.

Among close observers of the situation and in official circles the opinion is almost general that the prospects of mediation are rapidly fading away, but everything possible is being done to help the "A-B-C" envoy.

**Funston Wants Men.**

Funston's despatch is understood to have warned the administration of the necessity of large reinforcements.

Badrer's despatch added another complication. It was a warning ship, the Ypiranga, loaded with war munitions consigned to Huerta that precipitated the occupation of Vera Cruz by the United States naval forces. Just what will follow what is said to be the latest attempt of Huerta to arm himself against the United States, is conjectural, as no official action yet has been taken on Admiral Badger's despatch, but that it will be a severe blow to mediation is taken for granted by army and navy officials who see in it a forecast of actual fighting between Huerta's forces and those of this country.

The manner in which the dispatches from Vera Cruz were received by the administration and the strict enforcement of the censorship here indicated that the situation at the Mexican port held by General Funston has grown critical.

**Funston in Predisposition.**

Army officers say Funston's lack of artillery actually invites attack. They declare that Funston has not a single mobile field piece of importance and has to depend for artillery support upon the field guns sent ashore from the fleet. These guns are designed only for landing operations and not for extensive field work. His position, should the Huertists attack in force, would be most uncomfortable, it is believed here. He would have no difficulty in holding the town, backed by the ship's guns in the harbor, but if the Mexican Federals should capture the waterworks, the American forces would be in a serious predicament.

It was admitted by officials at the war department, that although no mobilization orders have been issued there is no likelihood of this being done soon. It is understood that the general staff in the conference in the early day upon Secretary Garrison the necessity of sending artillery and cavalry to Funston and organizing a large field force to enter Mexico from either Vera Cruz or Tampico.

**OBSERVE MOTHERS' DAY SUNDAY**

Sunday's services at the Central Christian tabernacle will be in observance of Mothers' Day. The church plans to make Mothers' Day the most successful one that has been held. All mothers of the city are urged to attend and transportation for those unable to come to the tabernacle will be furnished.

At the services tonight, Rev. Leonhard will speak on "Where Shall I Spend Eternity?" Phillip Gates, a well known local musician will give several selections on the French horn.

Ammonia bombs are being used successfully as fire extinguishers.

## American Aviator Does Scouting For American Army at Vera Cruz



## ROBERTS ACQUITTED OF ELECTION FRAUD

Verdict Meets Approval of Terre Haute Henchman Who Celebrate Lusty.

[BY LEASED WIRE]  
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 8.—After deliberating but half an hour and taking but one ballot, the jury which heard the evidence in the trial of Mayor Dunn M. Roberts, charged with complicity in election frauds, announced its verdict of not guilty in circuit court shortly before midnight. The trial had consumed forty-six days of the court's time to the entire exclusion of all other business.

After expressing surprise at the verdict, Special Prosecutor Joseph Roach declared that in view of the "conclusive evidence" the state had piled up it would be persecution to try the dozen or more others indicted for election crimes in Terre Haute.

The announcement of the verdict precipitated a scene never before witnessed in a circuit court room anywhere in Indiana. After waiting with breathless interest to learn the fate of the defendant, the great crowd of spectators broke into applause and cheers and for more than ten minutes there was a bedlam of shouts of approval.

Roberts Makes Speech.

Hundreds rushed forward to grasp the hand of the acquitted mayor and the juries were overwhelmed with congratulations. Mayor Roberts was compelled to mount a table and make a brief speech in which he thanked his friends for their manifestations, thanked the court for the fair treatment and voiced his appreciation of the loyalty of his attorneys.

## Hot Mexican War News

**BANDITS KILL FOREIGNERS.**  
WASHINGTON, May 8.—One American and two British subjects have been killed near Guadalajara, Mexico, and eight American and British citizens are cut off by bandits in the same district and their fate is unknown. This information was received today by Sir Arthur Spring-Rice the English ambassador from the British vice consul at Guadalajara.

**FIVE REBELS ARRESTED.**

LAREDO, Tex., May 8.—Five Constitutional soldiers were arrested today by United States troops upon orders from Col. Crane, commander of the Ninth United States infantry. The arrests were the result of a violation of an order issued by Col. Crane that no Mexicans should be allowed to come to this side of the Rio Grande for any purpose whatsoever.

REFLECTS WAR SCARE.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Danger of an outbreak of a general war with Mexico was reflected in a joint resolution offered in the senate yesterday by Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, chairman of the committee on militia affairs. The resolution declared that "at the present time there exists a condition that may at any moment require to be made of the regular army of the United States," and provides that in times of special emergency the president may suspend the present legal maximum strength of the line of the regular army, fixed by the act of 1901 at 100,000 men.

FLEE MEXICO CITY.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The state department advised today by Consul Canada at Vera Cruz that a train carrying Edward W. Ross, Burton Wilson and between five hundred and six hundred other American refugees left Mexico City today for Vera Cruz.

## REFUGEES ARRIVE ON THE YPIRANGO

[BY LEASED WIRE]  
MOBILE, Ala., May 8.—With two hundred refugees from Tampico and Vera Cruz, Mexico, the German steamship Ypirango arrived at Fort Morgan today. These refugees are practically all Germans.

The vessel will be detained at Fort Morgan for several days until the quarantine requirements are satisfied.

The Ypirango's presence in the harbor at Vera Cruz precipitated the seizing of the custom house at that port. Bound from Hamburg for Vera Cruz with a large cargo of arms and ammunition and artillery supplies consigned to the Huerta government, caused President Wilson to give the order for the seizing of the vessel.

## FIRE ALARMS T. P. A. GUESTS AT WESTCOTT

A lighted cigar placed on a bureau in a room on the third floor of the Westcott hotel started a blaze this afternoon and caused considerable excitement among the guests of the crowded hotel. A small rug and a part of the bureau caught fire. The cigar was soon noticed and an alarm promptly sent. The fire was extinguished with inconsequential loss.

The occupants of the room were not in when the fire started. The ladder truck ran over a dog at Eighth and Main streets, killing it instantly.

King George was an earnest student of meteorology.

## T.P.A. Souvenirs

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## INDIANAPOLIS LIVESTOCK

INDIANAPOLIS, May 8.—Cattle supply light, market steady, choice \$8.75@ \$9.00, prime \$8.65@ \$8.80, good \$8.55@ \$8.70, butchers \$7.75@ \$8.00, fair \$7.00@ \$7.50. Sheep, medium \$5.50@ \$7.50, common to fat bulls \$5.50@ \$8.00, lambs \$4.00@ \$5.00, fresh cows \$3.75@ \$5.75, heifers \$5.50@ \$8.25, bulk of sales \$6.55@ \$6.65. Cattle: Receipts 1,000, market steady, heifers \$7.40@ \$7.60, cows and heifers \$3.75@ \$4.80, stockers and feeders \$6.60@ \$8.35, Texans \$7.25@ \$8.50, calves \$8.50@ \$9.75. Sheep: Receipts 12,000, market steady, natives and westerns \$4.50@ \$5.70, lambs \$5.60@ \$6.80.

**CITY STATISTICS**

Deaths and Funerals.

LOUGH—The funeral of Melissa Lough will take place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of Mrs. J. W. Lough, 114 North Eleventh street. Burial will be in Earlham cemetery.

PENNSY WORKERS AT HARRISBURG QUIT

[BY LEASED WIRE]

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 8.—Two hundred shopmen employed by the Pennsylvania railroad went on strike yesterday in support of their demand for recognition of the union. At Altoona, one of the 14,000 shopmen obeyed the strike order, according to railroad officials.

At Wilkes-Barre about 300 shopmen, trackmen, car inspectors and clerks on the Sunbury division of the Pennsylvania railroad struck today because of the refusal of the company to recognize the union.

Vendors of newspapers in Berlin are

to be limited to cliling out the names of the journals they sell. To make known the contents of the papers or to indicate any particular item of news is forbidden.

## INDIANAPOLIS GRAIN

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 8.—Cash wheat No. 2 red 95@ 96c. Oats No. 2 white 29 1/2@ 40c.

## MEXICANS PLEASED TO WORK UNDER U. S. FLAG AT PORTS

BY THOMAS F. COATES, Special Staff Correspondent of the International News Service.

VERA CRUZ, May 8.—Mexicans seeking work under the American flag flocked to General Funston's headquarters today to apply for positions on the police force now being organized by the American military authorities.

One hundred and ten men were selected and assigned to work under Pedro Bolanos, assistant chief of police. The city has been divided into three districts, all of which will be patrolled by the Mexicans. They will report to marine officers placed in charge of sub-divisions of the main sections.

When Bolanos accepted the post of assistant chief he made a speech, expressing thanks "for the luck that brought the Americans and real freedom to Vera Cruz." It is expected that by night 200 Mexicans will be on Uncle Sam's payroll.

The next step in the program aimed to establish native government insofar as compatible with military control, will be the appointment of Mexicans to serve as civil judges to serve in the minor courts.

Refugees from Mexico City give a description of the decorations that President Huerta will confer upon the naval cadets who defended the academy when the city was seized by the American forces. They will be gold and silver stars, inscribed to the deathless heroes of April 21.

By J. Wolotira, D. C. chiropractor: A man got cured of deafness, 15 years standing, in two months; boy of infantile paralysis, in three weeks; man of weak eyes, deafness and chills in six weeks. Another boy of a stroke in two weeks, and lot of others got cured of such as Stomachs, Headaches, Rheumatism, Heart, Lungs, Kidneys, Lumbago, Neuralgia, Insomnia, etc., in fact no matter what part of the body you are affected, or what the name of your sickness may be, there is a cause for it and to cure disease, you must remove the cause. Come and let me remove it for you. I can remove it without pain. J. Wolotira, D. C. chiropractor. Rooms 306 and 307, Colonial bldg., third floor, cor. 7th and Main, Richmond, Ind. Phone No. 1953. (Take the elevator.)

He can easily find fifty for the trip and can accommodate between 400 and 500 farmers, or business men who are interested in the growing of alfalfa.

## What Wonderful Results Are Produced

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## SUGGEST ARBITRATION

[BY LEASED WIRE]

DENVER, Colo., May 8.—The first direct attempt by the special session of the legislature to settle the coal strike was made this morning when the house unanimously adopted a resolution yesterday by Representative Sweet of Denver, requesting the striking coal miners and operators to submit their differences to an arbitration board to be appointed by the president of the U. S.

## PERFECTS DETAILS OF ALFALFA TRIP

To boost the alfalfa automobile tour of the county June 2 and 3, a general meeting of the Better Farming association and the board of directors of the organization will be held tomorrow afternoon in the court house.

It will be an important meeting as several of the townships have perfected their organizations and have elected the director to the county organization. The board members are only temporary, but most of them have been confirmed in their respective townships. Other important organization details will be presented.

Instead of securing thirty automobiles, as first planned, Mr. Cobb be-

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Three No. 2 Cans Tomatoes	21c
Three No. 2 Cans Corn	21c
Two No. 3 Cans Plums	21c
Three Cans Old Dutch Cleanser	21c
Five Bars Ivory Soap	21c
Five Bars Flake White Soap	21c
Seven Bars Lenox Soap	21c
Seven Bars Gloss Soap	21c
One 10c Can and One 15c Can Veribest Pork and Beans	21c
Two 15c Cans Pimentos	21c
Three 10c Bottles Ammonia	21c
One 25c Can Saniflush	21c

## Fresh Vegetables

New Green Beans	Radishes
New Peas	Green Onions
Cucumbers	Kale
Spinach</	