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FIRST AMERICAN BLOOD FLOWS IN MEXICO---FOUR MARINES DIE IN BATTLE FORCES OF HUERTA MAKE STUBBORN RESISTANCE TO THE U. S. TROOPS

(By Associated Press)
 Washington, April 21.—Marines and blue-jackets from the American navy today took the customs house and a large section of Vera Cruz with a loss of four killed and twenty wounded. The loss of the Mexican garrison was not officially known here tonight, but was estimated at 200 killed. This was the first step in the program of reprisal by the United States against the Huerta government for the arrest of American bluejackets at Tampico and other offenses "against the rights and dignity of the United States."

First Open Clash.
 It was the first clash between forces of the United States and Mexico since revolution broke out in the southern republic in 1910,

and gave the Washington government a Mexican problem.

Though fighting had not ceased at a late hour tonight, Rear Admiral Fletcher had warned the Federal commander that he would use the big guns of the American fleet if his men did not stop firing. The American forces had orders to fire only to defend themselves. The United States intends to take no offensive steps for the present. The salute to the flag which Huerta refused will not be satisfactory reparation. It is understood a declaration of apology as well as a salute and a guarantee that the rights and dignity of the United States would be respected can alone cause a withdrawal of the American forces.

Senate in Debate Long.

While American marines and bluejackets

were fighting, the senate debated the whole Mexican situation before crowded galleries. The joint resolution that passed the house supporting the president's proposal to use the army and navy to obtain reparation was being debated in the senate at midnight with prospect of an all night session. Many republican senators wanted the resolution broadened to authorize steps to obtain reparation for all offenses committed against Americans in Mexico.

The president went ahead on the authority of the executive, in accord with precedent, because he believed an emergency existed. He gave Rear Admiral Fletcher authority to seize the Vera Cruz customs house to prevent the landing there today by a German merchant

vessel of a big consignment of arms and ammunition for the Huerta government.

Germany in Game.

Secretary Bryan conferred with the German ambassador, Count von Bernstorff, and it is believed the influence of the German government will be interposed to prevent the consignment from landing elsewhere in Mexico and complicating the situation. The ship carries fifteen million rounds of ammunition and two hundred rapid fire guns and thousands of rifles.

The president conferred with the secretaries of war, state and navy early tonight. No army orders were issued, but Rear Admiral Badger was ordered to Tampico, where another customs house may be seized. The president intends to act slowly to force Huerta to yield, and

hopes to avert war. With the taking of the railroad a few miles inland from Vera Cruz, and the two customs houses, it is believed no other aggressive steps will be taken. Many officials admit that offensive action by Huerta may draw the American forces into a conflict.

No Militia Called.

The militiamen have not been called on. The national capitol was thrilled with excitement. Crowds thronged the senate and listened to the debate. Newspaper bulletins were eagerly read by thousands as were the frequent extra editions. In executive quarters clerks and officers of the army and navy were busily at work all night. Cabinet members were at their desks after midnight and the whole executive machinery of the government was adjusted to the Mexican crisis.

CAME HERE TO INSPECT MILL

Students From Clemson College Paid a Visit to An Anderson Mill Yesterday

(From Thursday's Daily.)
 Eight Clemson College students of the textile classes, came to Anderson yesterday for the purpose of inspecting the Brogan Mills. The young men were under the supervision of Prof. Cromer and from Anderson they went to Greenville, in which city they were also to go over a few of the textile plants.

The visitors here yesterday were much impressed with what they saw at the Brogan Mill and said that their text books could hardly give them a very clear understanding of such magnificent equipment as was shown them on their tour of inspection through this modern mill.
 Every one of the eight declared the time spent here was most instructive and highly enjoyable feature.

DRAINAGE MEN CHEER MARINES

National Drainage Congress At Savannah Listens to Gov. Slaton

Savannah, Ga., April 22.—Delegates attending the opening session of the National Drainage Congress here today warmly applauded the announcement that senators and representatives who were on the program for addresses were compelled to remain in Washington through a sense of greater duty to the people. The morning session was brief.
 Governor John M. Slaton, in welcoming the convention, provoked a demonstration on account of the trouble at Vera Cruz.

President Edmund T. Perkins of Chicago, and E. J. Watson of South Carolina briefly discussed the plan

and scope of the congress. Mr. Watson asserted that Secretary of the Interior Lane had expressed to him the hope that the Washington administration would make national drainage the issue of paramount importance at the next regular session of the federal congress.

"I have yet to find," said Mr. Watson, "one man in public life who opposes the reclamation of our vast area of swamp lands."

Members of the convention went this afternoon as the guests of the city to Seabee Island.

R. W. TRIBBLE HAS BOUGHT COMPANY

Becomes Sole Owner of the E. W. Tribble Company in This City

R. W. Tribble, heretofore president and part owner of the R. W. Tribble Company, one of Anderson's leading mercantile houses, has secured the entire stock of this company and is now sole proprietor of the business. The concern will hereafter be known as R. W. Tribble.

Mr. Tribble is just back from the Northern markets where he has been spending the last few weeks, buying an extensive line of goods, and he says that this season will be one of the most successful that his firm has ever enjoyed. He has bought his stock anticipating a large business and says that he can see no reason for being disappointed.

STALLION AT CLEMSON

The pure bred Percheron stallion and pure bred Hereford bull recently purchased in Illinois by Prof. R. L. Shields of Clemson college, have arrived at the college. Prof. Shields will secure native cows and native mares for breeding with these sires. Both animals are of fine breeding and come of prize winning stock. Experiments are to be made with them for the purpose of showing the farmers how to grow into the live stock business by the use of pure bred sires with native dams.

CLEMENT TRIAL ON THURSDAY

Young Couple are Charged With Murder of Two-Months Old Baby

Spartanburg, April 21.—Glyde C. Clement, the college boy who has been in jail here since February 3, jointly charged with Miss Fleda Pendleton, a girl telegrapher, with the murder of a two-months-old baby found drowned, will be put on trial Thursday.

Frequently swallowing and moistening his lips but otherwise showing no signs of nervous tensions the youth, son of Robert C. Clement, a prosperous North Carolina planter, stood in the prisoner's dock for five minutes and heard the clerk of court read in informal old English the solemn charge that he did away with Virginia Viri Pendleton "against the peace and dignity of the state."

"What say you?" asked the clerk at the conclusion of his long recital. "Are you guilty or not guilty?" "Not guilty, answered the prisoner in a shrill—almost falsetto—voice.

"How will you be tried?" "By God and my country." "Are you ready to come to trial?" "No, sir."

The lad smiled painfully when the ordeal was over and he was allowed to step down from the dock, where he had been the focus of 2,000 eyes, and taken back to jail.
 A colloquy between Judge Shipp, presiding, and Solicitor Hill, resulted in Thursday as being set as the date for the trial to begin. Judge Shipp said he set this date with the understanding that he would entertain motions for a continuance. Such motions are almost certain to be made by Clement's counsel.

The spectators who hoped to see Miss Pendleton the co-defendant were disappointed. Her counsel, Colonel Alvin H. Dean, waived the formality of arraignment. Solicitor Hill was inclined not to accept the waiver, but the matter was allowed to drop. Clement was pale but otherwise appeared to be in good health. He had

groomed himself carefully for his appearance in court. His hair was fresh cut and his attire was immaculate. He wore a new suit of blue serge.

Clement's lawyers will yield or waive nothing. They demand a strict and literal compliance with every rule of jurisprudence bearing on the case. This attitude is expected to prolong the trial well into next week.

The indictment against Clement and Miss Pendleton was the first given to the grand jury yesterday. After a few witnesses had been heard a true bill charging the two defendants with murder was returned.

MITCHEL'S FOE PUT ON TRIAL

Man Who Attempted to Take Life of New York Mayor Appears Crazy

New York, April 21.—Michael P. Mahoney, who attempted to shoot Mayor Mitchel and wounded corporation counsel Frank L. Polk, was arraigned today. He pleaded to an indictment charging him with attempted murder in the first degree.

"I don't want any lawyer," the prisoner insisted, but Judge Mulquhen assigned counsel.

It is likely that Mahoney will be committed to an institution for the criminal insane.

FLIES AND RATTLESNAKES

Atlanta, April 22.—With the impending arrival of the fly season, the city fathers and others interested in the public health are endeavoring to frighten Atlantians into protecting themselves properly with screens by citing the fact that the fly is more dangerous than the rattlesnake.

They have found, they say, by actual figures that where the rattlesnakes have killed dozens, the fly as a spreader of disease has killed thousands.

NOTHING TO HIDE SAYS GARRISON

In Reply to Special Delivery Letter From the Governor of South Carolina

(By Associated Press.)
 Washington, April 21.—Secretary Garrison today concluded his correspondence with Governor Cole Blease, of South Carolina over the revocation orders establishing a summer maneuver camp for state militia and regular troops at the Isle of Palms. Failing to receive a response to his demands upon Governor Blease, Secretary Garrison stated that the camp would be attended by the militia of North Carolina and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, and would be held outside of South Carolina. Later he received a long letter from Governor Blease to which the following reply was sent today:

"I cannot understand of what you complain or why you indulge in suspicions and imaginings concerning a matter that is entirely free and clear. All communications between the division of militia affairs and the National Guards of the several States are held with the adjutants general. There was nothing done in the present case that was not in accordance with the custom and strictly in keeping with courtesy and propriety.
 "It seems to me to be unfortunate that you felt impelled to object to this matter being treated in the customary way, but since you did, I had no other alternative than to adopt the course that I did."

W. J. HARRIS FOR GOVERNOR

Ex-Senator Will Make the Race for Executive's Chair.
 Atlanta, April 21.—Hon. W. J. Harris, former state senator, and now director of the United States census bureau, is positively going to run for governor of Georgia. His formal announcement may be expected in the next few days.

While no definite arrangements on the subject have yet been made, it has been suggested here that his probable

campaign managers will be Herbert Clay, son of the late U. S. Senator Clay and Hon. Jesse Mercer, former editor of the Fitzgerald Enterprise and former state game commissioner.

An interesting coincidence in the probable selection of Mr. Clay to handle the campaign lies in the fact that the late Senator Clay, before his death, predicted that Harris would one day be governor of his state and United States senator.

Mr. Harris as a young man, first became a public figure as the private secretary to Senator Clay, a post which he occupied for 12 years. It is understood that Secretary Redfield, and the administration at Washington do not think it will be necessary for Mr. Harris to resign as director in order to make the race for governor. Senator Harris is going to make his gubernatorial race, it is understood, not as a candidate for the national administration, but on his Georgia record as a former member of the state senate and a successful business man.

ANDERSON FOLK TO HEAR OPERA

Many Planning a Trip To Atlanta For Grand Opera During Next Week

A number of Anderson people are planning a trip to Atlanta next week for Grand Opera, when some of the world's finest stars will appear there. Portions of all the United States will be represented and it is probable that the number going from this city will be large. Among those who have already announced their intention of making the trip are: Miss Stranathan, Miss Anna Tribble, Miss Eva Mayfield, Miss Ruth Watkins, Miss Ruth Fretwell, Miss Elizabeth Fretwell, Miss Zenobia Welch, Frank Johnson and Clarence Beatty. Doubtless there will be still others in the party when the start is made for the Georgia city.

John McInnis, a Boston painter, fell five stories to the bottom of an elevator well, and was picked up smiling. He sustained a broken ankle and several bruises.

DESPAIRED OF GETTING HOTEL

Promoters Have Given Up Their Efforts and Say That Proposition Will Drop

Those Anderson men who have been working so earnestly during the last fortnight for a new hotel in Anderson have given up hope and said yesterday that they were ready to throw up the whole proposition and quit in disgust.

One of the gentlemen behind the movement for a new hotel said that he is now convinced of the fact that Anderson people do not want a new hotel. He said that he had heard numbers of them complain very bitterly about the inadequate hotel facilities here but they showed how much they meant this when they turned down the Richmond proposition. It is understood that the matter will now be allowed to drop.

Pendleton Democratic Club.

The Pendleton Democratic club will meet on Saturday the 25th, at 3 o'clock.
 Emanuel McCrary, President.

ALGARA READY TO LEAVE

(By Associated Press)
 Washington, April 22.—Senador Algara, charge of the Mexican embassy here, having received messages from Mexico City early in the day, intimating that he might be recalled at any moment, was in constant expectation tonight that General Huerta would notify him to request his passport. In anticipation of his recall, Senador Algara spent the day in getting his personal affairs in shape so that he could leave the city promptly.