

## AMERICAN FLEET IS ORDERED TO TAMPICO

TO FORCE MEXICO TO MAKE APOLOGY.

Eleven Big Ships with 15,000 Men to Back Up Mayo's Order for Reparation.

Washington, April 14.—President Wilson today ordered virtually 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 sailors 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. Up to tonight Gen. Huerta had not made satisfactory response to that demand.

"Future developments depend on Huerta himself," was the way a high administration official close to the president summarized the situation.

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 Charge O'Shaughnessy revealed that the Huerta government disputed the right of American marines to be ashore at Tampico and contended that its recent public statement of apology was ample.

### Fleet Makes Ready.

Immediately after the cabinet meeting adjourned Secretary Daniels issued his orders to the Atlantic fleet and wireless messages flashed up and down the Atlantic coast to put the fleet under steam for Tampico.

It will be the largest fighting force the American government has assembled for possible action since the Spanish American war. Eleven great battleships with auxiliaries, carrying in all about 15,000 men, will comprise the force off Tampico.

Everywhere, at the White House, the State department and the navy department, the hope was expressed that the dispatch of the fleet would not lead to serious consequences and there was a confident prediction among administration officials that Huerta would satisfy the American demand and close the incident. Officials were careful to point out that negotiations with the Huerta government had not ended and that the war was still open to Gen. Huerta to make amends.

Meanwhile the navy department sent complete instructions to Rear Admiral Badger, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, on board the battleship Arkansas at Hampton Roads. Rear Admiral Fiske, chief of the bureau of operations, left here for the Roads tonight to convey personally to Admiral Badger the diplo-

matic side of the situation, and dispatches from Rear Admiral Mayo.

Indicating the exact ships which will accompany Admiral Badger, the navy department issued the following:

### Seven Battleships Sure.

"Admiral Badger will take with him the battleships Arkansas, Louisiana, New Hampshire, Michigan, Vermont, New Jersey and South Carolina, which last ship has been intercepted on her way from Haiti to Hampton Roads.

"The gunboat Tacoma now at Boston, Mass., has been ordered to Tampico by way of Newport, R. I., and will start today or tomorrow. The gunboat Nashville, now at Monte Cristo, San Domingo, has been ordered to Guantanamo to coal and thence to Tampico.

"The Rhode Island, Virginia and Georgia are now docking; it had not been decided yet whether they will join Admiral Badger's forces.

"The transport Hancock will leave New Orleans for Tampico today with the first regiment of the expeditionary force of marines."

The foregoing ships are in addition to the Utah, Connecticut, Minnesota, Des Moines, Chester, Dolphin and San Francisco at Tampico and the Florida and Prairie at Vera Cruz.

The torpedo boat flotilla at Pensacola, Fla., has been ordered to stand by for orders.

While the navy moved on the Atlantic coast, Secretary Daniels tonight was giving his attention to the situation in the Pacific. Most of the American warcraft in the Pacific already are in Mexican waters.

### Army Not in It.

While the navy was active, there was no army movement. Two explanations for this were advanced—the desire of northern Mexico, should not misinterpret the action, and the fact that the United States already has a big fighting force within striking distance of Mexico. Twelve thousand troops are at Texas City, where four army transports are at anchor, and thousands of cavalry and infantry are spread along the border where they can be moved quickly.

High administration officials do not expect critical developments, but they are prepared for any emergency. Secretary Bryan, who is ill, had intended to leave tonight for Miami, Fla. He canceled his reservation and announced that he would stay in Washington indefinitely. Senator Shively, acting chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, conferred with Mr. Bryan and called at the White House as well. He said that at the regular meeting of the committee tomorrow he would transmit all the information he had obtained today.

The status of the case as summed up by cabinet officers and other officials was described as follows:

"Assistant Paymaster Charles C. Copp and a boat load of marines landed at Tampico last Thursday to obtain supplies. They were arrested, but later discharged. In accordance with regulations in all navies of the world, Rear Admiral Mayo, on considering that an unwarranted arrest had been made, and that the uniform of the American navy had been disregarded, demanded reparation in the form of a salute of 21 guns. The American flag, while not taken ashore, was flying at the stern of the whaleboat and all the marines were in uniform.

### Gave More Time.

"Rear Admiral Mayo allowed the Huerta commander until 6 o'clock that evening to fire a salute but later extended the time to afford the local commander an opportunity to communicate with his superior officers in Mexico City. A statement of apology was issued in Mexico City by Gen. Huerta and the officer who arrested the marines was ordered punished. This did not satisfy the United States government and a salute was insisted on. Gen. Huerta himself at no time agreed to comply, but an undersecretary in the Mexican foreign office did inquire of Charge O'Shaughnessy if a salute fired to the gunboat Dolphin and responded to by the American ship would be acceptable. This was emphatically rejected by the United States, and word was sent that nothing short of a public salute to the American flag would be satisfactory."

This was the situation laid before the cabinet today by the president. Some administration officials were inclined to wait for more facts and do nothing until an investigation had been completed. Others suggested that Huerta would evade the issue and delay and that prompt and vigorous action was necessary.

John Lind, it is understood, in his conference with the president and Secretary Bryan had counseled a forceful move. For two hours the cabinet discussed the pros and cons and the possible consequences of drastic action, and the plan of sending the

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fleet as a warning to Huerta of the lengths to which the Washington government was prepared to go to enforce its policy was unanimously adopted. There was no previous indication that the naval demonstration would be ordered, but this as well as other moves had been discussed on many an occasion in the past.

### No Change in Policy.

Cabinet officers and others were insistent that no change in the general policy towards Mexico was imminent and that so far as possible the factions would be left to fight their battles unhampered by American interference. Officials declared with emphasis that no other phases of the Mexican situation beyond the affront to the flag at Tampico were involved in the dispatch of the fleet, though officials admitted the strategic value of having so big a fighting force in proximity to a country in which emergencies might arise at any time.

No direct statement in explanation of the developments of today came either from the White House or the State department, the announcements from the navy department of naval orders alone furnishing the key to the situation.

"Action, not words," was the way cabinet officers described the answer of the United States to Huerta's unwillingness to fire a salute when demanded by the American government.

Incidentally a copy of the naval orders issued by Secretary Daniels is understood to have been transmitted to Charge O'Shaughnessy so that the Huerta government might be informed of the course which the United States had adopted. It was said that there was no necessity of informing other foreign governments unless a State of blockade was declared.

### Pleasing to Congress.

News of the dispatch of the fleet to Mexican waters was received in congress with general satisfaction. In the house, Representative Murdock of Kansas publicly proclaimed the news of Secretary Daniels' order and there was a wild demonstration of approval. No public announcement was made in the senate, but the news quickly spread.

Tomorrow the situation will occupy the attention of the senate foreign relations committee. Members of the house foreign affairs committee today also manifested keen interest in developments, and Representative Flood, chairman, conferred with his colleagues about preparation for any emergency that might arise. Beyond asserting that the situation seemed to be a serious one, Acting Chairman Shively of the senate foreign relations committee made no comment.

Many senators and representatives expressed themselves in sympathy with the action of the administration in ordering more ships to Tampico, but declined to be quoted in view of the uncertainty as to what might eventually.

The dispatch of the fleet created only mild excitement in the national capital generally. Newspapers ordered their representatives to Hampton Roads and tonight the navy department had granted permission to 20 press representatives and photog-

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