

gate it. Councils shows no disposition to do so, although the mayor has accused it of criminality. And citizens of Philadelphia, in general, whether "eminently respectable" or just plain folk, don't appear to care.

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NEWS NARRATIVE

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Mexico and the United States.

The activity of the mediators, Ambassador da Gama of Brazil, and Ministers Naon of Argentina and Suarez of Chile, has been unceasing; and there has been no overt act of war on the part of General Huerta or the United States. The three delegates appointed by General Huerta, Senator Emilio Rabasa, Augustin Rodriguez and Luis Elguero, left Vera Cruz on the 10th on the Kronprinzessin Cecilie for Havana, whence they will proceed to Niagara Falls, Canada, for the conferences that are to begin May 18. The Mexican Senate has approved General Huerta's nomination of commissioners, and conferred "full power and ample authority to judge, counsel, carry on business and sign any agreement or treaty whatever." President Wilson has appointed as American delegates Justice Joseph R. Lamar of the United States Supreme Court and Frederick W. Lehmann of St. Louis, former solicitor-general. It is now believed that General Carranza and the Constitutionalists will not be represented at the Mediation Conference.

Slight movements of troops at Vera Cruz, and the taking of Lobos Island, are denounced by General Huerta as a breach of the armistice. General Funston declares no advanced positions have been taken, that the troops have merely been shifted in the present lines to meet the threats of the Federal forces. Lobos Island, a sand dune off the eastern coast, south of Tampico, was deserted by the Mexican lightkeepers, according to report of Admiral Mayo, and men from the destroyer tender Dixie are now maintaining the light for the benefit of navigation.

The Federals still hold Tampico in spite of a week's hammering by the Constitutionalists, but there are reasons for expecting the city to fall at any time. The Constitutionalists have renewed their campaign in the north. Saltillo was not evacuated by the Federals, as at first reported; but

the garrison cannot hold out against present assaults. The Constitutionalists under General Villa are making ready to move on Mexico City, and General Zapata with a large force is advancing on the city from the south.

Reports are to the effect that a consignment of arms and ammunition for General Huerta from Germany has been landed on the Gulf coast, and that another consignment from Japan has been landed on the Pacific coast. The United States had no right to seize the arms unless the ports were blockaded.

Two newspaper correspondents made their way from Vera Cruz to Mexico City on the 9th, where, in spite of their credentials, they were held as suspects, but released on the 10th, and ordered out of the country. These correspondents report that every Mexican they met on the trip believes that the United States and Mexico are at war and that all Americans are necessarily enemies.

The fall of General Huerta seems so imminent, with Villa on the north and Zapata on the south and General Velasco's allegiance under suspicion, that the representatives of foreign governments are urging the United States to have an army ready at Vera Cruz to maintain order. President Wilson declines to send more troops to Vera Cruz at present, lest it be considered a breach of faith. But transports are gathering at Galveston and two brigades of troops under Major General J. Franklin Bell are ready to embark.

Federal Woman Suffrage Parade.

At Washington on the afternoon of May 9, five thousand woman suffragists representing nearly every State in the Union marched along Pennsylvania avenue to the east steps of the Capitol, where they massed to sing "The March of the Women":

Shout, shout, up with your song;
Cry with the wind for the dawn is breaking;
March, march, swing you along.
Wide blows our banner and hope is waking.
Song with its story, dreams with their glory,
Lo, they call and glad is their word.
Louder and louder it swells,
Thunder and freedom, the voice of the Lord.

Long, long—we in the past
Covered in dread from the light of heaven;
Strong, strong—stand we at last,
Fearless in faith and with sight new given.
Strength with its beauty, life with its duty,
(Hear the voice, O, hear and obey!)
These, these—beckon us on;
Open your eyes to the blaze of day.