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VERA CRUZ, May 27.—The German steamer Bavaria has been held here upon her arrival without manifest at Brigadier General Funston's order. The Bavaria recently landed a large quantity of ammunition on Mexican soil.

It is estimated that the Bavaria put ashore 1,800,000 rounds of ammunition. The cargo was destined for Vera Cruz, but was diverted to Puerto Mexico. The steamer reached here Sunday. The captain could not produce a manifest declaring it had been taken away from him by the American authorities. Later he admitted landing the cargo, which included also 8,000 rolls of barbed wire.

General Funston understands the ammunition and wire were shipped to Cordoba yesterday by way of Tierra Blanca.

The Hamburg-American steamship Bavaria, on May 8, was reported to be on her way to Mexico with a shipment of arms. Later it was understood that the war supplies were to be returned to Germany. The Bavaria arrived at Hayana on May 17 and sailed two days later for Progreso.

Captain Liable to Fine
The Bavaria's captain is liable to a fine under the American laws and these are the laws that are being administered by the Collector of the Port. The landing at Puerto Mexico of arms consigned to Vera Cruz is the second violation of the absence of a manifest, a second violation. The Bavaria is held here only because clearance will be refused until the matter of fine is adjusted.

The customs officials assert that so far as they know the arms shipment on the Ypiranga of the same line which precipitated the seizure of Vera Cruz by the American forces, still were aboard when that vessel left here for Puerto Mexico two days ago. They assume that there is no possibility that the 200 machine guns, 16,000,000 rounds of ammunition and other war material aboard the Ypiranga would be landed at the German Government and were ordered to Puerto Mexico by the German Minister to get up German regiments.

Getting Arms Right Along

Rumors have been current that some of the materials for which Huerta had contracted in Germany had been flouting through the Federals by way of Puerto Mexico. The Bavaria incident is the first positive information of the landing of supplies received, although there have been intimations that the army and navy have knowledge of other landings, or attempted landings.

General Funston admitted that he had no information as to just because the statement after it reached Cordoba, and it is assumed that it already is on the way to Mexico City. The barbed wire will be of immense value to small garrisons protecting Federal lines of communication.

Garrisons north of San Luis Potosi have been repeatedly attacked by roving bands of Constitutionalists.

Huerta to Build Block Houses

President Huerta's defense plans, as announced prior to the American landing at Vera Cruz, contemplated the construction of a series of block houses along the railways in the vicinity of the smaller towns, each to be protected by barbed wire entanglements.

There is no evidence to indicate that the Federals around Vera Cruz are making any elaborate preparations. Rumors have been current of the building of concrete breastworks and field gun batteries in the mountains along the Mexican railroad, but reports of eye-witness tell only of field guns mounted on flat cars and no great number of these.

Huerta Ready to Quit

VERA CRUZ, May 27.—Reports reaching here today through private sources declare President Huerta has committed himself specifically to turn over the government to a commission of prominent members of various factions in the republic. He is said also to have agreed to relinquish power to any successor the committee may select.

The belief is held in the capital that the Mexican peace delegates will be named to represent the Huerta faction on the proposed commission and that may return soon to Mexico City. It also is thought that possible representatives of the United States A B C mediators may accompany them and that the final plan for the restoration of peace and for a constitutional election may be drafted in Mexico City.

Sullivan Ordered to Washington

VERA CRUZ, May 27.—John R. Sullivan, American vice consul at Saltillo, who arrived here yesterday from Mexico City, received orders from the Department of State today to report to Washington. It is probable he will sail on the steamer Jason within a week. He is still feeling the effects of his experiences and says he will welcome a few days of rest.

The battleships New York and Texas, newest super-dreadnaughts of the navy, have come to the port of maneuvering. Other units of the fleet, Admiral Wilson's powerful special service squadron, also are going out for practice runs on the Gulf. The Americans departed last night for a similar purpose.

The remaining American war vessels, devoted today to experiments with variations of landing drill, Marines from the Wyoming and a shore battalion of blue jackets manned their boats in quick time and strings of sailing launches filled to their utmost capacity with men were rapidly headed for the shore in tow of picket launches. (Continued on Page Two)

CARRANZA SEIZES FIVE FOREIGN OWNED MINES

SAYS THEY WILL BE CONVERTED TO THE USE OF CONSTITUTIONALIST CAUSE

EAGLE PASS, May 27.—Acting on what they declared were direct orders from General Carranza, Constitutional officers today confiscated five coal mines near Sabinas, Mex. The mines, owned by French and American capitalists, are the largest in Mexico. At Constitutional headquarters at Piedras Negras it was stated that the mines would be operated as public properties.

The confiscaing order also included 15,000 tons of coal and 25,000 tons of coke which, it is stated, will be sold and the proceeds used for the Constitutional army. Machinery, houses and various property connected with the mines were confiscated with them.

The mines ordered seized were known as Escondido, Aiquita, Manzanillo, Candido and Lampacito. The companies operated under Mexican charters, but practically all of the stock was held by foreigners.

Several American mine superintendents here tonight told of the evolution, but declined to be quoted in regard to it.

Masquel said that the mine companies had opposed the Constitutionalists cause and that also coal and coke was needed by the Constitutionalists who desired to open the smelter and mills at Monterey.

AND RELATIONS WITH OTHER POWERS

Same Rules of Conduct Abroad as at Home Will Insure Trade Development

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Five hundred manufacturers and representatives of commercial organizations launched the first National Foreign Trade convention here today. At a banquet tonight Secretary Bryan outlined the administration's attitude toward the campaign for industrial exchanges with other countries.

"So far as it is possible to do," the Secretary said, "it is our desire to obtain for Americans equality of opportunity in the markets of the world. But while this government wishes to expand its foreign trade and encourage capital and labor it cannot assume responsibility for or guarantee the market standing of Americans who engage in commercial or other enterprises beyond the boundary of the United States."

Mr. Bryan said if wrong were done an American citizen in his legitimate business relations with foreign governments diplomatic officials would be instructed to employ their good offices to secure justice, but that the "support promised by this government does not imply obligation to interfere by force or by the methods of force in the financial or political affairs of other countries."

The State Department, he added, must exercise its right to act upon each case independently, "according to its merits."

Should Apply Same Rule Everywhere

That the American business men should be subject to foreign trade, to restrictive import and export in domestic trade, which are not imposed on their competitors, was the keynote of discussions of papers read by numerous industrial leaders.

Secretary Redfield, of the Department of Commerce, told the manufacturers he knew of no one who tried to restrict or hamper export trade. He promised to employ his aid to remove any barriers that might stand in the way of foreign trade.

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