

The United States Army and Navy Are Making Preparations for Two Possible Wars—One With Mexico, the other With Japan. Here is Heavy Artillery en Route to Hawaii.

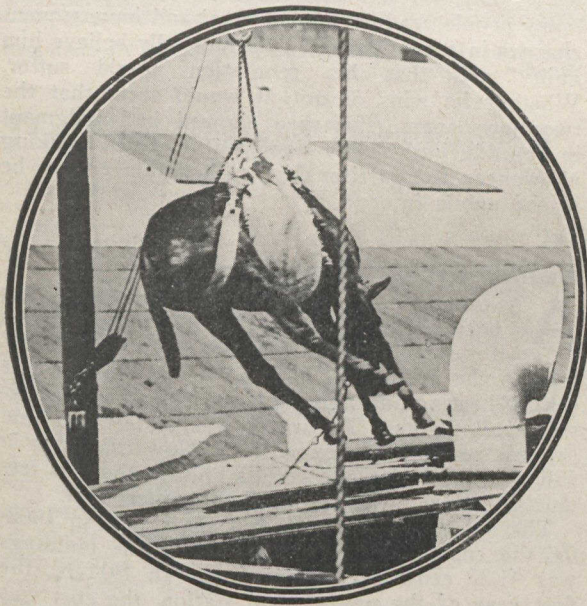
# If the United States Invades Mexico

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**A**GITATED by newspaper reports, the United States people went to war with Spain and the same course of events may lead to war with Mexico. In all the wars of conquest in which the United States has been engaged, with the possible exception of the attempted conquest of Canada in 1812-13-14, the people have forced the hands of the executive. This is interesting, because it would

10,000 men are to be concentrated at the new fortifications of Oahu. The General Staff is anxious to have at Oahu a garrison that will hold out against all assaults until the American Atlantic fleet can arrive in Hawaiian waters—a matter of perhaps forty days.

Likewise, the aeroplane division of the army has been keyed up to great activity. A number of ex-



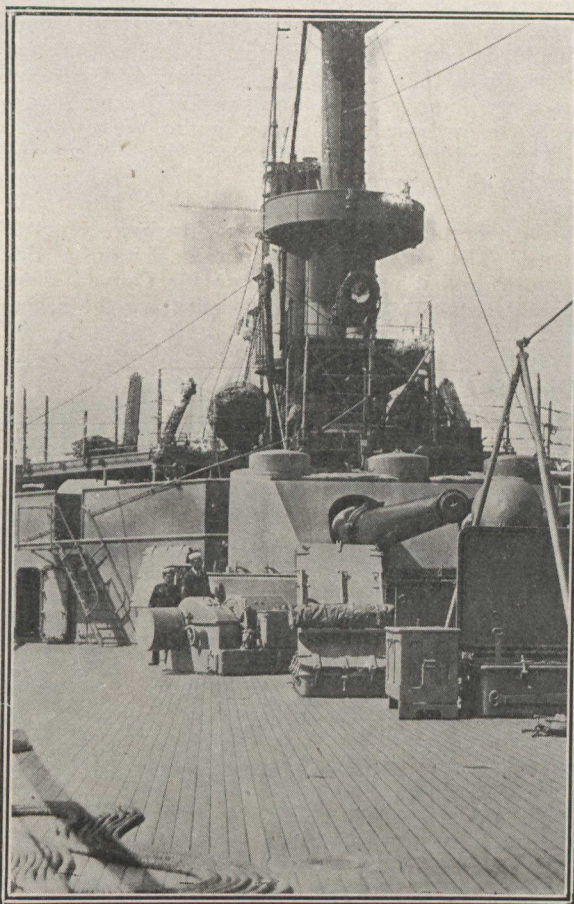
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seem to offer fairly convincing proof that the democracy of to-day is not vastly superior to the oligarchy of the middle ages in regard to international struggles. History may repeat and Mexico may be invaded. Then Canning's principle, known as the Monroe doctrine, must needs be enlarged.

Canada is interested in Mexico. There are a large number of Canadians living there and there is considerable Canadian capital invested in rails and power plants. So far as the material interests of the Canadian people are concerned, a United States protectorate over Mexico would not be displeasing. Internationally, there might be a different view.

**P**RESIDENT WILSON is in favour of non-interference. In the recent diplomatic struggle with Japan over the anti-alien legislation in California, he worked hard for a peaceful solution. The military and naval branches of the government were in favour of open preparations for war. The joint army and navy board recommended that the major portion of the Atlantic battleship fleet be sent immediately to the Pacific Coast. President Wilson put on the soft pedal, and no spectacular move was made. He is pursuing the same plan with Mexico. There will be no spectacular moves unless the great necessity arises.

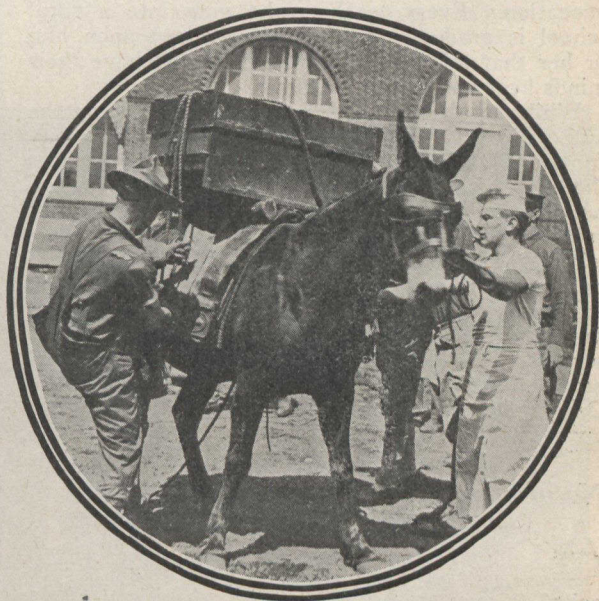
Whatever President Wilson's good intentions may be, it is quite clear that the war party in the United States has an excellent



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opportunity to make him uncomfortable and perhaps to drive him along a road he hates.

**T**HE threatened trouble with Japan had already produced great military activity. Two battleships were ordered home from the Mediterranean. Several companies of artillery were sent to Hawaii, which is being fortified as the key to the Pacific. To make this a secure naval base, not less than



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perienced airmen have been added to the force, and many new machines are being constructed.

**A**LL this preparation for a possible Japanese adventure puts the United States in a position to make short work of a Mexican occupation if such should be necessary. Great Britain, Japan, Spain, Italy, Germany, Russia and Austria-Hungary have recognized Victoriano Huerta as provisional president of Mexico. The United States alone refuses, and Huerta is angry. The Powers are saying that the United States must either recognize Huerta or step in and restore order. President Wilson is trying to evade both horns of the dilemma.

Because of non-recognition, the position of Americans in Mexico is insecure. Further, the Wilson administration is being accused of a deliberate desire to allow Mexico to be ruined and wrecked preparatory to occupation and annexation. It was so in Texas, and New Mexico, why not in the case of Old Mexico?

The El Paso Herald, a leading Texan newspaper, sizes up the situation thus:

"Bad as things were under Taft and Knox, the Washington end is being even less intelligently and less forcefully handled under the present Administration. The United States has lost as heavily in prestige, influence, friendship, property, and trade during the last four months as during the year preceding the change of Administration."



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