

POWERFUL FLEET READY TO STRIKE

United States Has Twenty-Five of Latest Fighting Type in South.

OPPONENTS ARE FEEBLE

American Warships Include Nine Battleships and Five Cruisers.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The formidable fleet of the American navy...

There are at present 25 ships of the United States navy scattered along the Mexican coast...

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WOODROW WILSON LIKENED TO LINCOLN

Tribuna of Rome Pays Compliment to Occupant of White House

ROME, April 23.—The Tribuna compares President Wilson to President Lincoln...

BRAZILIAN LEGATION TO GUARD ARCHIVES

American Embassy in Mexico City Will Be Relieved of Responsibility

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Secretary Bryan announced today that arrangements have been made with the Brazilian Government...

POSTING A BATTERY AT INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES

American Forces at El Paso Strengthened by Infantry and Artillery.

EL PASO, April 23.—A squad of the 12th, a battalion of the 20th infantry and battery C of the sixth artillery...

FOUR HUNDRED REBELS HAVE REACHED JUAREZ

JUAREZ, Mexico, April 23.—Four hundred rebel troops from Chihuahua arrived here today bringing the strength of the local garrison to 900 men.

VILLA AT JUAREZ

JUAREZ, Mexico, April 23.—Gen. Villa, with his escort of two hundred soldiers arrived here at 4 p.m. today.

Pills Cured in 8 to 14 Days. Druggists refund money if PAIN OINTMENT fails to cure itching, blind, bleeding or protruding piles.

PLAN OPERATIONS AGAINST HUERTA

Energies of Administration Bent to Getting Ready for Fight.

STATEMENT BY WILSON

Declares Intention to Enforce Reparation When Flag is Insulted.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—After issuing a statement declaring the intention of the United States to enforce reparation, "whenever and wherever the dignity of the United States is flouted," President Wilson bent his energies of the administration today to the planning of operations in Mexico.

From dawn today, the war and navy departments, Secretary of State Bryan, and other cabinet officials, hurried from conference to conference...

At the war department Secretary Harrison, General Wetherpoon, Chief of Staff, Major-General Leonard Wood, who has been designated to command the army in its Mexican operations...

SITUATION ON THE BORDER

The situation on the Mexican border was the subject of all the day's conferences. Any contemplated movement of the army to Vera Cruz by transport, it was reported, would be held up as a result of the Carranza message of last night until border conditions would permit withdrawal of troops there.

BRITAIN MAY SEEK TO PROMOTE PEACE

LONDON, April 23.—An offer by Great Britain of her good services in accordance with The Hague convention "with regard to the war between the United States and Mexico" was suggested by David Marshall Mason, a Liberal member in the house of commons today.

In reply Premier Asquith asked Mr. Mason, in view of the importance of the matter, to repeat his question next week, when, he said, perhaps Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, would have returned from France, where he is accompanying the King.

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PLANS MOVEMENT UPON VERA CRUZ

General Maas May Attempt to Retake City With Reinforcements.

PROCLAMATION IS OUT

United States Will Operate Customs House Indefinitely, Admiral States.

VERA CRUZ, April 23.—Gen. Gustavo Maas, former Mexican commander at Vera Cruz, was reported today to be intending to move against the city with strong reinforcements brought up from Puebla.

The first proclamation issued in this city by Americans since the last war ended in 1848 was posted on the walls today, and read with interest by the Mexican inhabitants.

Rear-Admiral Fletcher had printed his original statement, assuring the citizens that he and his force of blue-jackets and marines proposed to assist them in the restoration of civil government. He added that the American armed forces would hold the city out that Mexican officials were invited and urged to return to their posts.

The proclamation concluded by stating that the only place the Americans intended to operate indefinitely and directly was the customs house.

Major Butler of the marine corps was despatched on outpost duty with a detachment of marines to a position a few miles beyond the western limits of the city on the railroad. They took up light arms and were joined by the men were drawn from the Panama battalion formerly commanded by Major Butler.

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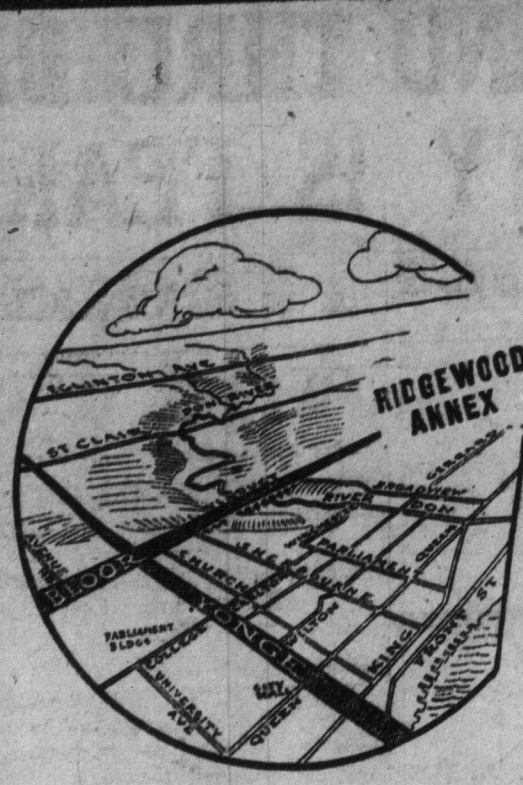
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SIDE ISSUE DWARFS HEART BALM SUIT

Counsel Threatens to Prefer Forgery Charge Against County Constable.

CONFLICTING EVIDENCE Judge Makes Caustic Comment Re Testimony in Davis-Wettlaufer Suit.

A tense situation developed in the jury session court yesterday afternoon during the hearing of the \$10,000 breach of promise suit brought by Miss May Davis against George Wettlaufer, when J. M. Godfrey, counsel for the defence, made a threat of having a charge of forgery preferred against County Constable James McMullen. The threat followed a re-examination of the constable in regard to a number of letters which had been sent to the plaintiff by the defendant, which had been sent to the plaintiff by the defendant, which had been sent to the plaintiff by the defendant.

HANDS PASSPORTS TO O'SHAUGHNESSY

Huerta Makes Sensational Move That May Be Prelude to War.

WASHINGTON IS ACTIVE Army and Navy Board Prepares to Act on Instant Notice.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the American chargé at Mexico City, has been handed his passports by Gen. Huerta and is preparing to leave Mexico City.

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HUERTA CANNOT LAST FOREVER

He Knows It, But Meantime Has a Good Time.

Special to The Toronto World.

GALVESTON, April 23.—Victoriano Huerta, styling himself president of Mexico, and a hundred times betrayed by the hand of the capital and some outlying states and cities.

He sits in his castle, a grim, apparently unshaken usurper. He leans at his minister of foreign affairs, receives with all formality the accredited ministers of most other nations of the world, and sends despatches to his envoys at the capitals of Europe.

Huerta himself doubtless knows that he cannot last forever. Whether it will be by the victory of the wise and able hand of a besieging army, or from so-called natural causes, it is, of course, true that Huerta must go. Meanwhile, however, he continues to make sport of the situation, and if he himself is not enjoying it, certainly no one else is.

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