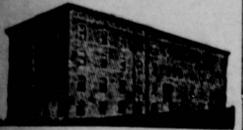


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'BLOCKADE MEXICO, THEN MARCH TO CAPITAL'

Military Strategist Declares It Will Take 100,000 Soldiers to Subdue the Interior



Artillery Required to Storm Passes Between Vera Cruz and Mexico City—Gun Carriage of the Sixth Regiment.

(Editor's Note.—Professor Robert Matson Johnston of Harvard University, who writes the following article on "How to Invade Mexico," is considered one of the world's greatest authorities in the world on military strategy. He is the author of some of the most authoritative works published on military tactics.)

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If real war has come between the United States and Mexico the question arises: How can that war best be conducted? That is a question of national or grand strategy. To answer we must first consider the objects and resources of the combatants.

It may be said that we have three possible lines of action. First, WE CAN ACT ON MEXICO ECONOMICALLY BY CLOSING HER UP BY SEA AND LAND. This course is a

cheap one, and humane; it should be perfectly effective against a strong government; against a weak one, however, it may be slow in action, which is undesirable economically, undesirable in view of the interests of other nations, and undesirable in view of limiting our freedom of action in case of international complications.

Our second line of action is the direct advance on the City of Mexico from the nearest point. To occupy a large city and capital, especially that of a weak government, is usually DECISIVE because of the MORAL SHOCK.

When, as in this case, the demands to be imposed are not heavy ones, it should lead to a reasonable settlement. On the whole this appears to be the quickest way of arriving at a result. Everything seems to point to a rapid advance on the City of Mexico, following the closing of the Mexican ports and frontier.

A march to Mexico City is a considerable military undertaking. The almost incredible success of Winfield Scott and his little army in 1847 should not blind us to present realities.

On a small scale the brilliancy of our general and his army on that occasion has rarely been surpassed. ASSUMING A LOWER STANDARD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AND A STRONGER RESISTANCE, WE COULD PROBABLY ATTAIN OUR GOAL WITH A FORCE OF 100,000 MEN.

Of these one-half or more would be required to hold the 263 miles of rail back to Vera Cruz and to fill the wastage in the field force at the front, which would probably have to be kept up to 40,000 men.

It does not seem likely from what has recently occurred in Mexico that Huerta, under the best conditions, could place more than 25,000 men in the field.

Although the Mexican field piece is good, we could probably beat them in howitzers and long-range guns. Making every allowance for passes that lie between Vera Cruz and Mexico City, and for the action of irregulars, it seems pretty certain that a minimum of 40,000 men at the actual front, HEAVILY supported with ARTILLERY and SUPPLIES, could go through from the coast in a few weeks.

But there is another possible line of action, and some danger that we may thoughtlessly drift into.

This would be the partial occupation of Mexican territory at various points.

This policy should be steadily resisted. If we are drawn into policing the country we may have to pay a heavy price for it in men and in money, and we may tie our hands internationally for a long time to come.

Any attempt to enter Mexico at all points, to hold down every province, to guard every railroad, is almost foredoomed to failure.

There is no serious strategic proposition before us in Mexico, taking proper account of our national needs, beyond the two steps already indicated: First, the closing up of Mexico at every point as rapidly as possible, and, second, if that is fruitless, an advance to Mexico City from the nearest point. Our resources and our interests will permit of nothing more. With our fleet and perhaps something less than 100,000 men, we can seal up Mexico. If we raise double that number of troops, we can reach Mexico City.

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The Map Shows the Railroad Route From Vera Cruz to Mexico City; the Lower Road Will Be on the Line of March

WOMEN WILL SET HOSPITAL PARALYTIC UP IN BUSINESS

The world looks brighter for Leroy B. Thorpe. Thorpe is the paralytic, you remember, who has been at the County hospital for five years, and who says Dr. Richardson's two huskies jumped on him and choked him because he didn't want to change rooms.

Several Seattle women have been interested in Thorpe's case. County Mrs. W. S. Beardley has been conducting a campaign in his interests, and just this week, aided by Mrs. E. G. Browne and members of a benevolent committee has finally completed a deal for a little store-room in Georgetown, which Thorpe is to use.

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COUNCIL PASSES UP NEW PROFFER OF RENTON LINE

The city utilities committee of the council, by unanimous vote, has turned down the proposition to take over the Renton line on a basis of paying 25 per cent of the gross receipts for 25 years.

This offer had been submitted to Mayor Gill by Attorney Harold Preston, representing the receivers of the line.

According to the committee, the total payment would amount to about \$2,000,000 for a line that was worth only one-third of that. The council will demand common user rights on the Renton line so as to make connection between Division A and the Lake Burien line.

COUNCIL TURNS DOWN HEBB SITE AT A MILLION

Without much ado the city utilities committee of the council Tuesday voted to reject the offer of the Hebb power site for \$1,000,000. The proposition, the councilmen declared, was in no wise a new one, and had heretofore been sufficiently discussed and disposed of.

The Chamber of Commerce sent a communication protesting against resubmitting the Cushman power site transfer of bonds at the charter election. As there had been no intention of so doing, the council will comply with the chamber's request.

CULLOM LEAVES SURPRISE PARTY

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Were it not for the ancient motto that of the dead nothing but praise shall be spoken, it might be in order to allude to the fact that the estate of the late Shelby M. Cullom proved to be more than \$100,000, an amazement to his many friends and supporters, since the old chap has for years run for office and held office on the platform, "he is poor and honest and he needs the money."

INJURED BY TREE, GIRL IS ARRESTED

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 29.—Injury, arrest, imprisonment and deportation were the rewards that came to Elsie Fletcher, a Minneapolis girl, who tried to be a man in Canada.

Unable to get work here she went to a lumber camp near Port Arthur, Canada. She entered it as an ordinary laborer, having donned a woodsman's suit. Tall, strong and of heavy voice, she played the part well and was chopping her way to a bank account when she was injured by a falling tree. Then her deception was discovered.

After her injuries were treated she was taken to Port Arthur, accused of masquerading, and sentenced to three months in jail. She served the term, was rearrested and deported.

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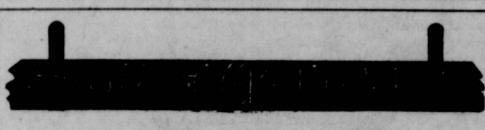
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