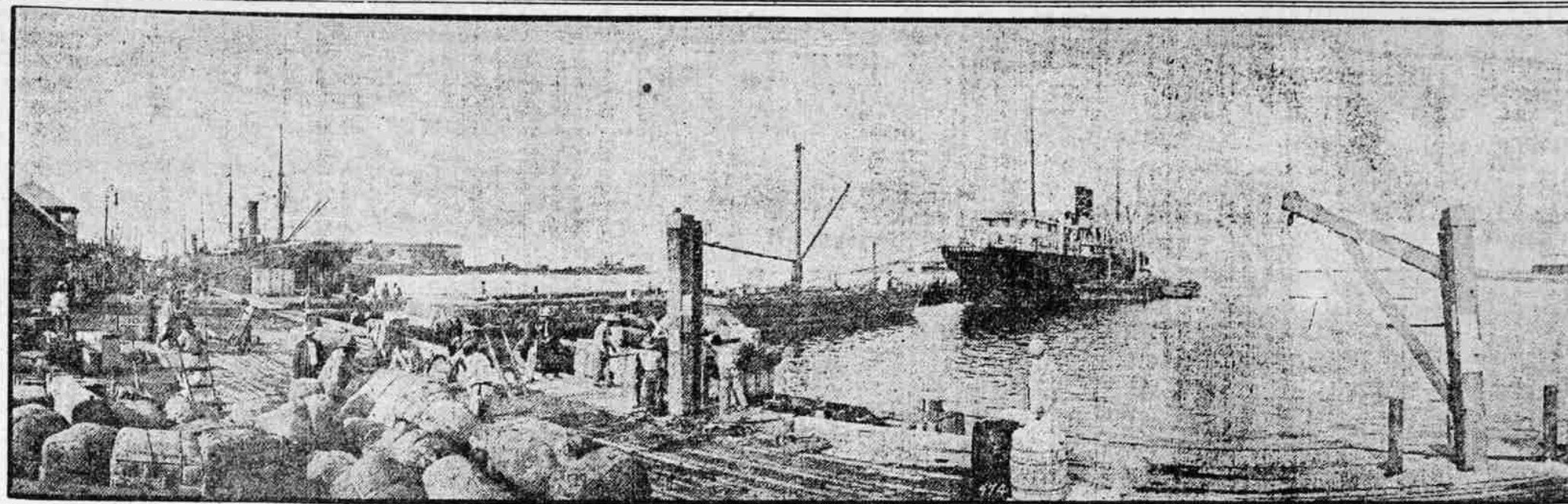


# VERA CRUZ harbor and piers where the United States battleship Georgia has landed.

## Below is shown the Georgia which is the first of the American warships to arrive in the theater of war.



THE U. S. BATTLESHIP GEORGIA.  
PHOTO BY ILLUSTRATED PRESS BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D. C.

## "HANDS OFF" POLICY IS ADOPTED BY TAFT

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the transports will be dispatched from Galveston, Texas, instead of Newport News.

No new orders resulted from the conference, but Mr. Stimson and General Crozier were told to be ready for any emergency. The president was still of the opinion that intervention would be unnecessary. He reiterated that he would direct intervention only in case of a wholesale murder of American citizens. If congress chooses to find a casus belli in the casualties incident to street fighting in Mexico City, the president will not oppose it.

### Taft Is for Peace.

The president said he hoped that the disquieting dispatches from Mexico would not arouse the American people, and that the pressure upon congress would not become so great that a majority would feel called upon to respond to a demand for intervention. According to his latest information there is little sentiment in congress for intervention.

A troop movement from Galveston probably would be made by commercial steamers, which the war department may have at a few hours notice, according to arrangements which have been in force for some time.

### Troops on the Border.

The drafts would be made from the army posts in the border territory, at which troops have been on marching orders for months. The troops available for a quick movement are the Third, fourth, fifth, and sixth cavalry, First, Second, and Third regiments of the Twenty-second infantry, Fort Bliss; one troop, Third cavalry, at Sierra Blanca and one troop at Shafter, Tex.; one troop, Fourteenth cavalry, Fort Clark; one troop, Fourteenth cavalry, Eagle Pass; one squadron, Fourteenth cavalry, Fort McIntosh; several troops, Third cavalry and two battalions of the Third field artillery at Fort Sam Houston.

In posts in Arizona, New Mexico, Kansas, Wyoming and Oklahoma are several regiments of infantry and field artillery.

### Where Marines Are.

In addition to this force, there are available at the Guantanamo naval station 2500 to 3000 marines, which could be transported to Mexican ports within seventy hours. Ten battleships

about peace in Mexico, is hardly less a sensation in official circles here than the Mexican situation itself. The two affairs divide attention today.

The state department's memorandum last night, characterizing Director Barrett's proposal as "mischievous activity, sensationally and anathema to policy," dropped into official circles like a bomb. Coupled with the protest of the American colony in Mexico City, forwarded by Ambassador Wilson, it produced a situation, startling, to say the least.

The Pan-American union is supported by the United States and the republics of Central and South America. Each pays towards its support by contributions based on population and each nation has one vote in the selection of a director.

### Barrett's Statement.

Director Barrett today gave out a statement defending his mediation proposal. He said he honestly believed that his action would strengthen the attitude of the administration against intervention.

"To brand as amateur politics the suggestion of mediation by a great and accepted board and practical agency of international friendship and to call mischievous activity and sentimentality the application of international co-operation to stop immediately actual fighting and protect lives, seems to be the result of misunderstanding of what I actually had in mind," the director said.

"In view of the severity of the complaint of the American colony and the attitude of the state department, I am forced in self defense to make public a fact that I would infinitely prefer never to mention, were I not the subject of such criticism."

"Late last night, and before I had been informed of the report from Mexico City, I received an anonymous letter. As best I can quote and recall, it was as follows:

### Warning Letter.

"As a friend of yourself and your southern republics, I want to warn you. You are in danger of attack from two opposite sources on account of the statement you have given out in regard to the settlement of the Mexican situation. One of these is a certain influence in the state department and military occupation and is bitter against the president and state department for their holding out against intervention. It is now incensed at your suggestion and may turn on you both here and in Mexico. The other influence is a man in a great department, who cordially dislikes you and everything South American."

"I cannot believe that this anonymous statement is worthy of actual credence. I have the most profound respect and regard for the head of the department to which this letter may have referred, and I don't believe for a moment that it refers to him. It must refer to some subordinate, but who he is, I cannot imagine."

### Asks for Troops.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 15.—Governor O. B. Colquitt of Texas sent a telegram tonight to President Taft urging that United States troops in sufficient numbers be sent to Laredo and Brownsville, Tex., to protect that section of the border against Mexican bands that might cross the boundary bent on looting. In the event federal troops are not ordered to the border, the governor asserts he will establish a militia patrol along the Rio Grande.

It was learned tonight that Governor Colquitt appealed to President Taft three days ago to intervene in Mexico. In reply a dispatch from Secretary of State Knox to the governor stated that events up to that time were not considered as warranting alteration in the "hands off" policy maintained by the government.

### PLAN DEVELOPMENT OF POTASH INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Legislation needed properly to develop the potash industry of the United States was discussed at a hearing today before Secretary Fisher. The general opinion expressed was that a solution of present difficulties would be accomplished by an adequate leasing law and it was said that as a result of the hearing Secretary Fisher doubtless would recommend to congress the passage of such a statute.

Clinton E. Dolbear of San Francisco declared that the chief fault with the present mining laws was in the right given for unscrupulous persons to take up and hold large tracts, not for the purpose contemplated under the law, but for some foreign purpose, such as timber land, townsites lands or water power sites.

### Fotis a Foul Plot.

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## Peculiar After Effects of Grip This Year

LEAVES KIDNEYS IN WEAKENED CONDITION.

Doctors in all parts of the country have been kept busy with the epidemic of grip which has visited so many homes. The symptoms of grip this year are very distressing and leave the system in a run down condition, particularly the kidneys, which seem to suffer most, as every victim complains of lame back and urinary troubles which should not be neglected, as these danger signals often lead to more serious sickness, such as dreaded Bright's Disease. Local druggists report a large sale on Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, which so many people say soon heals and strengthens the kidneys after an attack of grip. Swamp-Root is a great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, and being a herbal compound, has a gentle healing effect on the kidneys, which is almost immediately noticed by those who try it. Dr. Kilmer & Co., Birmingham, N. Y., offer to send a sample bottle of Swamp-Root, free by mail, to every sufferer who requests it. A trial will convince any one who may be in need of it. Regular size bottles 50c and \$1.00. For sale at all druggists. Be sure to mention this paper. (Advertisement.)

## IMPORTANT ALASKA MINING SUIT DECIDED

VALDEZ, Alaska, Feb. 15.—Stockholders throughout the western and central states are affected by a decision handed down today in the United States district court by Judge Lyons. The court granted a nonsuit yesterday in the case of George Treat, T. J. Donohue and J. Y. Ostrander against the Hubbard-Elliott Development company.

## LONG EXAMINATION OF FREEMAN ENDED

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The long ordeal of Albert Freeman on the witness stand ended today at the afternoon session of his trial with Julian Hawthorne, Josiah Quincy and Dr. William J. Morton on the charge of using the mails to defraud in promoting mining claims. He had been under examination every court day for more than three weeks.

The Saturday session of the federal court was held, contrary to custom, in an effort to hurry the long-drawn-out trial to a finish. During the examination it was developed from Freeman that he and the other mining promoters on trial had realized nearly \$600,000 from sales of stock of the Temagami, Elk Lake and Montreal-James mining companies alone. What was gotten from the public for stock of the Hawthorne Silver & Iron Mines company was not testified to by Freeman, but Assistant United States Attorney Dorr in a question intimated that long before the sales had been halted, \$800,000 had been taken in from this source.

## Barnes Confers With Hillis.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Republican State Chairman William Barnes, Jr., of New York had a short conference today with Secretary Hillis. Mr. Barnes said he came to Washington to attend the memorial exercises in senate for the late Vice President Sherman, and declared he did not discuss with Mr. Hillis the proposed meeting of Republican leaders in Washington next month.

## A Disease That Develops Unsuspected

Many People Are Afflicted With Kidney Disease Before They Have Any Idea Anything Is Wrong.

No wonder doctors consider kidney disease one to be most dreaded. It most often attacks without any particular previous warning. This puts a watchful care of the kidneys right up to every individual.

Dr. Loomis, the great specialist on kidney diseases, says: "There is not one person in twenty-five at 40 years of age who has healthy kidneys." This information gives one a shock. Who can claim offhand to be one of the lucky four in every hundred!

This condition imposes upon every one the necessity for occasional self-examination—every two or three months. Thousands, of course, must have kidney trouble right now without knowing it. You should make a test, and if you find your kidneys are diseased there is not a moment to lose. You should begin at once to take Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Remedy, with a reputation of thirty-five years in the successful treatment of kidney, liver and bladder troubles.

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## Madero Snubs Senators.

A resolution was adopted that a committee of the whole wait upon the president at the palace. Twenty senators proceeded there, including the president of the senate, but were given little satisfaction. They were informed that Madero was not in, and it was intimated that he was on the firing line with General Huerta.

Only a few minutes before, however, Madero had been in conference with the Spanish minister, to whom he made his declaration of defiance to the rebels.

Mexican attorneys say the senate has no power to force the president to resign. Joint action of the two houses practically is impossible because there probably are not enough deputies in the city to make a quorum. It is also considered questionable whether any action of the senate would be valid in view of the proclamation of martial law.

## May Issue Manifesto.

It is expected that the senate's manifesto will be issued before tomorrow morning. The imminent danger of intervention is referred to and the people are urged to exercise their patriotism to the fullest extent in order to avoid such action.

The news of the senate's intentions and the failure of Madero to receive the committee was given to the public by Senator Sebastian Camacho, a rich and aged Mexican of the old regime, who stood on a street corner and told the people what had been done. He described the preparations made by the United States for the protection of Americans and other foreigners, in view of which the senate had decided to depend on the patriotism of the people.

## JUAREZ REGULARS IN FAVOR OF DIAZ

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 15.—A general movement of rebel forces toward Juarez was begun early today, according to ranchmen arriving here. Rebel agents here have opened negotiations with the federal commander in Juarez for proclaiming a truce. Authorities here fear trouble across the border because the federal volunteers are not disposed to join the Diaz revolution.

Of the 1000 federal force at Juarez nearly one-half are irregulars, officered by captives who fought in the Madero revolution and who have since remained loyal to the president. Colonel Ignacio Escarte, the volunteer commander, has declared in event of Madero's defeat he will disband his troops. "We will quit if Madero does," he declared.

But Colonel Juan Vasquez, a regular, insists that he is in full command of the Juarez garrison. Rebel agents say that Vasquez and his officers tend toward recognizing the Diaz revolution. The rebels offer to bring General Inez Salazar, who leads more than twelve hundred rebels, into Juarez and assist the regulars if any trouble occurs with the volunteers. Salazar's forces for some days have been camped within fifty miles of Juarez along the Mexican Northwestern railway.

No telegraph or railways are operating below Juarez and no word has been received for two days from the American settlements in the Chihuahua district or at Chihuahua City, the state capital.

Manuel L. Lujan, rebel agent, returned from a visit today to General Salazar's camp and reported that under no circumstances would the rebels make an attack on Juarez. They were, however, to enter the town peacefully as the Carrero rebels had done at Chihuahua. In case of trouble between the regular and volunteer troops, Lujan said, Salazar was ready to assist the regulars if they joined the Diaz revolution.

"General Orozco's whereabouts remain in doubt," said Lujan. "I could not find him. Salazar claims complete leadership of the northern rebels in view of Orozco's disappearance, and I was made sole agent in the United States."

## SAYS MEDIATION TALK IS USELESS

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 15.—"Talk of mediation is as useless as talk of intervention. Mexicans would welcome neither. This is our own affair," said Manuel Lujan, former Orozco ambassador to Washington and now sole representative in the United States of the northern revolution, on his return from a visit to the rebel camp below Juarez.

"If Taft and Madero remained presidents for six years more intervention might come. Mexico intervention is remote. Mr. Barrett is doubtless well intentioned, but he does not know what he is talking about. Foreign intervention surely would be a combination of the rebels and federalists of all parties," he declared. "I believe the majority of the Mexican people at large, who so far have taken no active part for or against the revolution, would be broken."

"Americans should be glad that Mexicans at least are really fighting and that an end is at hand of the Madero rule. The trouble will soon be ended and peace will follow. Why mediation while there

## GOMEZ PROCLAIMS HIMSELF PRESIDENT

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 15.—Emilio Vasquez Gomez, recently released on bond at San Antonio, Tex., today crossed the border at Columbus, N. M., and proclaimed himself president of Mexico.

It is reported that Gomez was met below the line by a band of rebels, led by Colonel Fuent, General Salazar's chief of staff, who has always been a Vasquezista, as the followers of Emilio Vasquez Gomez are called.

Emilio Vasquez Gomez and his brother, Dr. Francisco Vasquez Gomez, played prominent parts in the Madero revolution. Emilio was a member of the De la Baza provisional cabinet.

During Orozco's occupancy of Juarez, during the Madero revolt, Emilio came to Juarez to become provisional president, but was put in jail by Orozco. The estrangement of the two rebel leaders has been explained. Recently he was released on bond at San Antonio, and his whereabouts have since been unknown until today.

In telegrams sent here today, Senator Gomez said that he will appoint his cabinet at once, declaring himself provisional president of Mexico by virtue of the plan of San Luis Potosi, which was reformed at Tacubaya and Ayala. The Tacubaya amendment to the original programme of Francisco I. Madero, Jr., proclaimed Gomez president and was accepted at the time by the rebel generals, Orozco and Zapata.

The Vasquezistas assert that this stand of the rebels for Gomez has not been altered since, and that now they will rally to his call. The difficulty with Orozco, it is pointed out, will not matter now, as Orozco has disappeared and Salazar is the acting commander-in-chief of the northern rebels. Colonel de la Puente will be sufficient to bring Salazar and Gomez to a satisfactory understanding.

## Nuevo Laredo Captured.

LAREDO, Tex., Feb. 15.—Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, was captured by the rebels this afternoon without a shot being fired, without harm to any citizen and with inconvenience to few.

Colonel Pascual Orozco, Sr., father of the rebel leader of northern Mexico, rode in an automobile to the federal barracks at the head of a small party of revolutionists, where the garrison of 200 men formally swore allegiance to the rebel cause, and the city was proclaimed under control of the revolutionists, with Andres Garza Galan, who figured prominently in connection with the Reyes revolt of last year, in command.

The municipal officers and customs house were taken in charge and the chief of police and other city officials imprisoned. The local branch of the National Bank of Mexico closed its doors, but there was no pillaging. Saloons were closed and tonight everything is quiet. Twenty Americans were given safe escort across the border.

## Fred Luzador Is Dead.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 15.—Fred Luzador, the well-known horseman, is dead. He had been ailing for some time, but none of his friends knew his condition was critical.

Here is a message of hope and good cheer from Mrs. C. J. Martin, Boone Mill, Va., who is the mother of eighteen children. Mrs. Martin was cured of stomach trouble and constipation by Chamberlain's Tablets after five years of suffering, and now recommends these tablets to the public. Sold by all dealers. (Advertisement.)

RING STOPS  
THIS MORNING  
AT 2 O'CLOCK

Twenty-four Hour Armistice  
Arranged in Mexico  
City by Ambassador  
Wilson.

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and a narrow escape from a rifle which whistled close to his head at the embassy. Shortly before 5 the German legation was struck by shell.

## American Killed.

There were numerous casualties among non-combatants. A strange fatality seems to have followed B. M. Smith of Troy, O. He was slightly wounded two days ago while passing through the streets. Today a shell fell into Porter's hotel and killed Sidney Sutherland, a reporter on the American Herald, an American, was killed by the same shell.

The situation in Mexico City, apart from the terrifying aspect, is a remarkable one. Friends of President Madero expected his resignation; but as he was along he became more determined to retain the reins of power. To the Spanish minister Coloman y Coloman, he will not resign. I was elected to the people. I am the constituted president. I will die before I resign."

## Censorship Applied.

And amid all the confusions and at 5 o'clock the Mexican government applied the censorship to all cables and cable messages. This greatly increase the difficulties of getting the outside world of the news within the Mexican capital. It will effectively suppress incoming messages regarding conditions in other parts of the republic.

Through messengers went about the waiting senators and asking them to attend a special session in order to study the situation and attempt a plan of what is recognized by all Mexicans as critical.

## Repeats Itself.

The scene was almost identical with the one congress met to consider the possibility of bringing about the resignation of Porfirio Diaz. In one respect it differed. There were no police or soldiers drawn up on the streets, and it was only a considerable time that a detachment of rurales, spared from the line, appeared and dispersed the crowd. This required little effort, already by the incidents of last week, the hundreds moved away from the building, before the building.

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