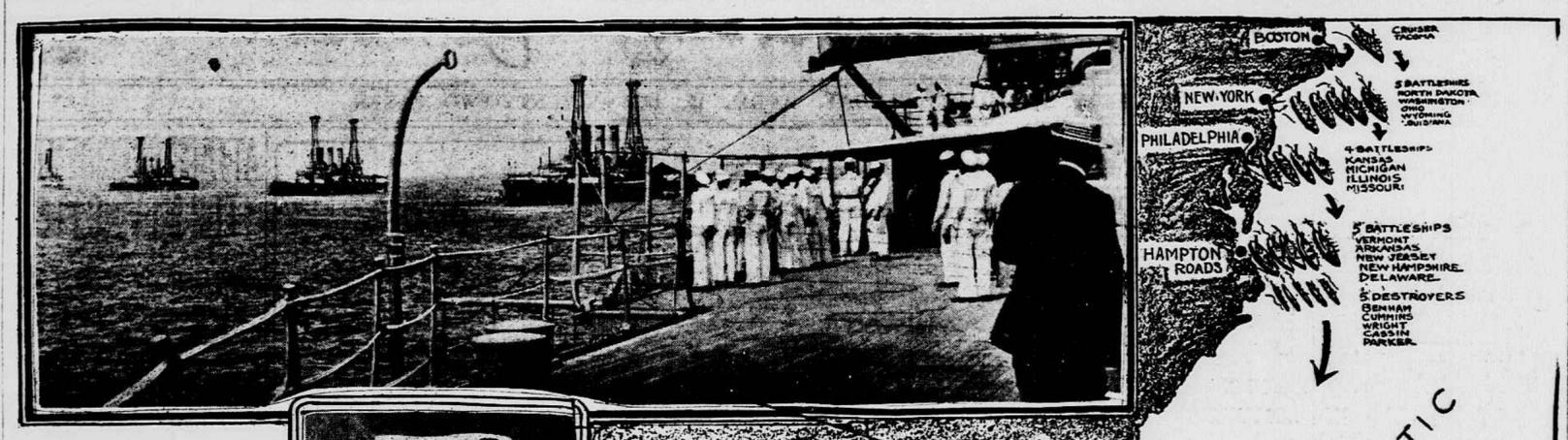


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The town, after first taking away in a steamer such persons as desired to go. The bombardment was in installments, an interval of several hours being allowed between for an apology. But this was not forthcoming, and a landing party destroyed the town by fire with out loss of life. The American force then withdrew.

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There is a strong feeling among members of Congress that the United States should not be provoked into a war with Mexico, and that the breaking point has been reached. The insult to the American flag at Tampico is only the last of a long series of acts on the part of the Mexicans which have exhausted the patience of this country, it was said. The slightest provocation on the part of the Mexicans, the destruction of American property, the seizure of the official dispatches sent from Mexico, the arrest of American citizens, the imprisonment of an orderly from one of the ships at Vera Cruz when he went ashore for mail, have all led up to the present situation.

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If the flag is not saluted at Tampico, and the President should then communicate with Congress, it would be the part of Congress to say what should be done. There is no question in the minds of many members today that Congress would not hesitate to authorize the use of arms or to declare war, if the Mexican federalists should refuse to salute the American flag at Tampico, and in the event of the failure of Huerta to order such a salute, will authorize the use of arms or will declare war, was evident today.

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Huerta Has Formal Notice That American Warships Are on Way to Tampico

Secretary Bryan today declined to discuss recent events in Mexico, admitting that the State Department is in uninterrupted communication with Huerta, and that he had no announcement to make concerning the nature of the exchanges nor would he discuss the significance of any of the events.

He would not comment nor enlarge upon official statements concerning other insults to Americans in Vera Cruz, or the capture of an American ship, nor the reported interception of an official dispatch from Washington to the American embassy in Mexico City.

Must Congress "O. K." Blockade at Tampico, Is Debated Question

Whether authorization of Congress would be necessary to institute a peaceful blockade at Tampico and whether such a blockade might be landed on foreign soil to police the territory occupied by the valuable American oil properties, without sanction by Congress, are questions that are causing considerable discussion in Washington today.

A peaceful blockade usually has affected only the commercial intercourse of the states immediately concerned, the ordinary peaceful relations of other powers with the blocked ports or coasts not being interrupted without their consent. The recent tendency has been to use the pacific blockade as a measure of redress on occasions which in former times would have given occasion for a declaration of war.

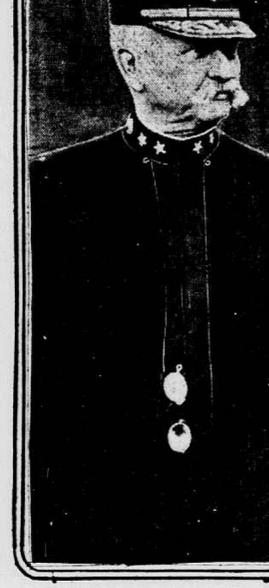
May Go to Florida. Thinks Executive Has Power.

Many international lawyers contend that insasmuch as the executive branch of the government was not able to deal with the question without the consent of Congress.

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In this statement the President and the administration frankly point out that with other nations having representatives in Mexico, none of them has found it necessary to ask apologies, and that the United States does not propose to suffer any further insult of this kind.

This statement of the administration follows:

Text of Statement.

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