

# PANAMA CANAL MEXICO SITUATION

## Army Officers Compare Conditions in '40s With Those Now in Existence.

### CLIMAX LONG DEFERRED

#### Navy Ready to Blockade Ports in Both Instances, but Army Not Prepared—Regulars Must Be Relied On at First.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 20.—Officers of the War Department having a taste for historical research, have found a parallel between conditions of the present time and as they were before the Mexican war of the '40s. They have found that history repeats itself, and that, allowing for the advance which has been made in matters of transportation and communication, the situation now and before hostilities of 1846 is much the same.

They also find that the parallel in regard to preparation for war is carried out, as a Navy strong enough to take care of every Mexican seaport is available now, as then, while the Mexican army, an actual fighting force of infantry and field artillery, is not developed so as to meet the emergency, if it should arise. The Army, such as it is, will be ready at once, but, as for a second line and reinforcements, much time will be required for organization, drill and making them an effective force.

#### Events Run Parallel.

Here are the chief events of the years before the Mexican war and parallel events of the time leading up to the present situation as discovered by the historians, the facts in regard to the old events being copied from various histories of the Mexican war:

1828—Soon after Porfirio Diaz became President of Mexico he inaugurated a system of encouraging immigration into Mexico by the United States, such as both people and capital were sought in the United States. Particularly in California, where the United States citizens were encouraged to invest their capital in Mexican lands.

1834, desired to establish the Texas-Mexico boundary on the lands of Coahuila and Texas were free to do so, and it desired them by this law to consummate it.

The inhabitants of the United States promptly accepted this invitation, they not only received lands but were exempted from taxation on them for ten years. These colonists, due to their prosperity, soon brought other immigrants, which, with few exceptions, were natives of the United States. Their aims were directed toward the United States rather than Mexico.

#### Political Disturbances Begin.

1832—Political disturbances in Mexico began in 1832 when Porfirio Diaz became too elected President. He of course, started to revise the constitution, which had given him the absolute away for 30 years. Francisco I. Madero arose, and announced their opposition to the change, but were compelled by force of arms to submit. This was the commencement of the Texas revolution, which resulted in the independence of Texas and the Battle of San Jacinto.

In less than a year the independence of Texas was acknowledged by the United States (Van Buren Administration). Texas applied for admission to the United States, but it was declined, but it was involved war with Mexico.

Claims for the loss of life and property by citizens of the United States, who had been killed high in the State Department.

Ever since the present disturbances in Mexico, there has been a strong feeling in the United States, that the Mexican government had been carried on with a view of protecting Americans in Mexico. The Mexican government indulged in correspondence, and took pains to see that this correspondence reached the diplomatic officials of other nations. An American frigate appeared at Vera Cruz in 1844 and the Mexicans became alarmed, and the government in a moderate in its demands, finally asking if Mexico troops would be opposed in attempting to reconquer Texas. In 1845 Texas was annexed by the United States, and the Mexican Minister demanded his passports and returned to Mexico.

#### On account of this attitude on the part of the Mexican government and his demonstrations and rumors along the Rio Grande, Zachary Taylor's Sixth United States Infantry, under orders from the War Department, established a camp at Corpus Christi, at the mouth of the Rio Grande, in the Autumn of 1845. By the end of October General Taylor's command consisted of 2,500 officers and men. This was the entire Regular Army of the United States as it existed, with the exception of one regiment of cadets, and three of infantry.

#### President Would Avoid War.

About September 1, 1845, the United States through Mr. Black, American Consul at Mexico, reached official visit of John Washington. The effect that a negotiation might be opened with the

prospect of success. The President of the United States, anxious, if possible, to avoid war, directed an American Consul to ascertain details of the situation. The United States empowered to settle the dispute between the two countries would be received. The Mexican government acceded to the proposition, but afterwards refused to receive the envoy as a plenipotentiary. The American envoy, moved to Jalapa from the United States, renewed correspondence with the Mexican government, but brought no result and he accordingly left.

#### Just as in 1846, everybody is now convinced there will be no war, and there is no necessity for making any preparation for war. It is known that the people of the United States do not want to fight, and it is not desired then and it is not desired now, because the great loss of life and expense; but nations are forced into wars when peaceably inclined. There was every reason why Spain should not have gone to war with the United States, or Mexico, like Mexico, to the United States and the result was inevitable, as it is in regard to Mexico, and ended in disaster to the weaker nation. As a further parallel, it is known that it would be almost impossible to have any action taken to strengthen the army at this time.

#### Lack of Preparation Costly.

The War Department historians have gone further and briefly given the principal events of the war with Mexico, showing that the first battle of Palo Alto was fought May 8, 1846. That same month Congress was called on by the President to make provision for the war with Mexico. Anything like an adequate force would have settled the contest speedily, but then, as now, there was no such adequate force available. The first battle was fought with 2,285 men. Before the war was ended, early in 1848, there was a total of 10,284 United States troops engaged, of which 31,024 were regulars, 12,691 militia and 60,659 volunteers. The total cost of war for the Army was \$98,000,000.

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# WILSON CAN NOT FIX THE RATE FOR NOTING

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#### Caucus Rule Having Proved Effective With Tariff, President Has No Scruple About Its Application Elsewhere.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 20.—There is no reason to doubt that Congress will pass a currency bill in the next few days. President Wilson, but there will be a great deal of surprise if the currency bill passes as soon as the President wishes; for the Senate, in the present session. The President unquestionably has the Democratic majority in both Senate and House working in complete harmony with his legislative plan, and from that majority he can get exactly what he wants in the way of legislation. The majority, however, cannot be counted on for the passage of the bill, and for that reason the President is likely to be disappointed over the delay in completing the Glass-Owen bill.

Under the present arrangement the party in that body cannot be limited, even by the party in power, and a vote cannot be forced except by unanimous consent.

With the tariff bill President Wilson got just what he asked for and just what he insisted on because he was able to divide the majority parties in Senate and House. The President wanted wool and sugar placed on the free list. The rank and file of the Democrats did not favor these provisions, but yielded to the President. It is also true that the President wanted the tariff bill passed by July 15. This was fixed upon because the Democratic majority in the Senate could not force a vote by that time and did not attempt the impossible. So it will be with the currency bill. Those provisions on which the President insists will be incorporated in the bill as it finally passes, but the Senate and not the President will determine when the bill shall pass.

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#### COAST MEETING CALLED

EFFECT OF CANAL OPENING TO BE DISCUSSED.

#### Secretary Lane, John Barrett and Others of Prominence Will Be at Eureka Conference.

EUREKA, Cal., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Consideration of the effect which the opening of the Panama Canal will have on the Pacific Coast and of means for handling changed conditions which will be brought about by the opening of that waterway to traffic will be the purpose of a Pacific Coast commercial conference to be held in Eureka during the summer of 1914. Not only will the Congress be attended by leading business men and representatives of commercial bodies from all over the Pacific Coast, but also by the Secretary of the Interior, and John Barrett, director-general of the Pan-American Union. Several noted men have been invited to take part. The announcement of the conference comes as a result of extensive correspondence which Secretary Wilson, of the Humboldt Promotion and Development Committee has carried on for the last three months with executive heads of various commercial bodies of the Pacific Coast. Among those who have taken an active part are T. H. Martin, secretary of the Tacoma Commercial Club; Robert Newton Lynch, of the California Development Board; and the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and other leading development experts of the Pacific Coast.

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