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EDITORIAL

Vera Cruz Should Be Evacuated.

The story of a clash at Vera Cruz between General Funston and Carranza may or may not be true. There is just enough possibility of its truth to make clear the urgent need of speedy withdrawal from that place. Keeping soldiers in foreign territory is not the easiest way to maintain peace. Besides, with the departure of Huerta all cause for further occupation of Vera Cruz was eliminated. Let Funston and his army be recalled.

S. D.



Brutality.

First it was the "unspeakable Turk" who was charged by Christian nations with reverting to savagery, and practicing indescribable cruelties. Then it was the Bulgarians and Greeks. Later, the Mexicans furnished incidents to point a moral and adorn a tale. Now the Servians complain of the Austrian treatment of prisoners and non-combatants, and the Germans are condemned by the Belgians. But these things are not new. There were charges and counter charges between the armies of our own Civil War, in the war of the Revolution, and in all other wars. Cruelty and brutality are the inseparable accompaniments of war. Let no one be surprised if the greatest war of history marks the lowest depths of human passion.

S. C.



The Difference.

The difference between "civilized" and uncivilized warfare has been made clear. In uncivilized warfare looting and pillage of captured cities is allowable, as also is indiscriminate killing of non-combatants. In "civilized" warfare looting and pillage is forbidden except through levy of a tax on a captured city. Such a tax must be no greater than the sum total of wealth which the city contains. In killing non-combatants the "civilized" warrior must confine himself to drop-