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EDITORIAL

A Truly Glorious Military Achievement.

Vera Cruz is to be evacuated. Why? Not because we are forced out. There is enough brute strength at the command of the American government to hold possession indefinitely. We are evacuating simply because we have no right to be there—because the Mexican people do not want us there. To the barbarous minds of Central African savages, or of white-skinned jingoes, such reasoning may seem incomprehensible. The civilized mind accepts it as a matter of course. It is no exaggeration to declare the evacuation the most glorious military achievement in American history, or probably in the history of any nation.

S. D.



Belligerent "Peace Lovers."

There is one way open to the government of each of the warring nations to prove sincerity in its protestations of desire for peace. That is to unconditionally accept President Wilson's offer of mediation. No government can reasonably claim that war was forced upon it, when it rejects a chance to secure peace.

S. D.



Impious Prayers.

Edmund Vance Cooke, the poet and philosopher, in a letter to the Cleveland Press, calls attention to the impiety which in imploring God to restore peace, places by implication, responsibility for the war upon Him. Speaking further, Mr. Cooke says:

To pray for peace and for peace per se, is a good deal like asking God please to stop the explosion of kegs of gunpowder, upon the heads of which we are engaged in cooking our daily dinners, so to speak. It might be desirable to ask Him to help us to remove the gunpowder, or to put out the fires, but why, why in the name of all that is sensible, why ask Him merely to prevent the explosions? Plain in the sight of every man are several fires burning upon the European powder-kegs. There is the fire