

Sidelights on the Revolution in Mexico

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MEXICO CITY.—I want to give you some sidelights on the Mexican situation. The whole country is changing. Everything is in a state of revolution, and this revolution means more than the fighting which is now going on in so many different quarters.

The country is having an intellectual revolution as well as a physical one. The common people are waking up. The peons have begun to think for themselves and even the rich are changing their ideas as to the division of property. Labor at last is claiming its rights. Within the last few months we have had a big strike on the railways, and a large part of the debates in the chamber of deputies is as to the raising of wages, and the cutting down of hours of work in the factories.

The Brigands and Bandits.
At the same time the whole republic is in a state of fear as to where trouble will break out next. Many localities have no order whatever, and the brigands and bandits commit their outrages with little fear of the result. They dynamite tunnels, burn bridges and tear up tracks of the railroads. At this writing nearly every railway system is more or less out of commission.

Stray bands of rebels will hold up a passenger train and go through the pockets of the travelers. If there are soldiers on the train, they may fire upon them without regard to the passengers, and at such times they have no regard for the train employees.

A few months ago some of these rebels captured a steamer who was trying to protect his engine. They threw him alive into the fire-box of the locomotive and he was burned to death. Another engineer saved his life by taking off his coat and assuming the uniform of a conductor.

Railway Troubles.
These railway troubles have now extended to most of the roads in the republic. The upper part of the Mexican Central, which runs between El Paso and Mexico City, has been out of commission for more than two years. The conditions were so bad there that the Madero government contemplated making military cars with double walls of sheet steel and sand in the middle. These were to be used for soldiers, and were to be traveling fortifications. They were painted in checker-board fashion, the black and white checkers disguising the loopholes.

The losses have been so great on parts of that road that certain American lines have not let their cars go into Mexico for fear of losing both cars and freight.

The railway situation in the western part of the country has been exceptionally bad. The Southern Pacific lines have been damaged to the extent of millions of dollars, and many of the western roads are now in the hands of the rebels.

As to the National line from Laredo to the Mexican capital, this has been open right along until the last revolution. The only trouble has been the burning of a few bridges and a small station now and then. But since Madero was killed there has been more or less trouble along that system, and it is only now that the cars are again running regularly.

Hanged from Telegraph Poles.
Of late the conditions have been very bad in southern Mexico and not far from Mexico City. The Zapatistas have committed scores of outrages, burning up haciendas and the cane on great sugar plantations. They have attacked the trains, and both freight and passengers are unsafe.

The federal troops now and then guard the trains. They pursue the rebels and festively hang the prisoners from telegraph poles. The passengers coming in on a recent train reported a fringe of hanging bodies from such poles on the edge of the federal district, and said that some rebels could be seen hanging to some trees by the side of the road.

You would naturally think that this would stop travel. It does not. At the hotel registers here you may see the names of Americans who are coming in and going out to and from all parts of the republic. The trains are open to the isthmus of Tehuantepec, Vera Cruz, Guadalupe and to Tampico, Laredo and elsewhere, and business, although it stops now and then, is still going on everywhere. This may be seen by the last report as to exports. This shows that more goods were shipped out of Mexico in 1912 than ever before. The exports in 1912 were in round numbers \$28,000,000 whereas in 1911 they were \$23,000,000, and in 1910 \$20,000,000 less, and \$60,000,000 less in 1908. These figures are Mexican silver. The Americans say they know they are in danger every time they take the train, but that it is about ten to one that they will get through all right, and if held up will probably not lose more than ten dollars.

A Land of Suspicion.
One of the worst features of the present situation is the suspicion that prevails everywhere. None of the leaders seems to have much faith in his fellows and the partisans of Huerta and Diaz are afraid of each other. It is the same with the rebel bands throughout the country. Every man seems afraid of his partner and the air is full of treachery and rumors of plots. It is doubtful whether the truth has been told as to the tragedies of the recent past. You can get a half dozen different stories as to

Aunt Sally's Advice To Beauty Seekers

Lydia says: "I've tried most every thing for my freckles, but can't lose them. What do you suggest?"

Answer to "Stella." The treatment suggested I've never known to fail in any case of freckles or other cutaneous blemishes.

F. J. K. asks: "Is there anything better than massage to remove wrinkles?" Too much massage may aggravate a wrinkled condition, tending to soften and loosen the tissue. I advise bathing the face in an astringent lotion made by dissolving an ounce of powdered salicylic acid in a half pint of witch hazel. This is remarkably effective.

Stella writes: "My complexion is horridly muddy. What shall I do for it?" Get an ounce of mercurized wax at your drugist's. Apply this nightly like you'd use cold cream, washing it off mornings. This will cause the offensive cuticle gradually to make way, by a process of gentle absorption, for the clear, velvety, healthy skin underneath.—Woman's Realm.



The Rank and File of the Revolution

how Madero was killed and three-volume romance out of the reported plans of Huerta and Diaz.

The supporters of Diaz claim that any treachery connected with his recent actions have been warranted by his capture and captured him at the mouths of their guns.

I am told here in Mexico City that this treachery was a money transaction, and that Madero paid the man who took Diaz a fixed sum. There is one man here who says he saw the check for \$100,000, which Madero signed, and that this check was cashed on one of the banks of the capital. I do not believe that at all. When men pay money for such things they do not do it by checks.

According to another story, the man who deceived Diaz and sold him out bought immediately afterward an estate which cost 200,000 pesos, and this notwithstanding he was known to be poor. The soldiers who carried the handkerchiefs on their bayonets and aided in the capture are said to have received goodly sums and it is claimed that the capture cost the government \$1,000,000 in silver. This may or may not be true. I state it only as one of the sidelights of the troubles we have been having here. There is one thing that is sure, and that is that the treasury was practically empty when Huerta came in.

Muzzling the Press.
A great deal has been published in the United States about the censorship of news dispatches and of the Mexican press. Much of this is true, and it is safe to say that our people have but a mild idea of the situation over the border. At the same time the daily journals of the capital are not at all backward in making criticisms. They denounced Madero and they are handling Huerta and Diaz without gloves. They demanded that Madero retire, and they compared him to Charles First, Louis Philippe and other rulers of the past.

In a recent editorial as to the existing situation one of the Mexican dailies remarks as follows:

"This government is one which points out the guilt of many and still is unwilling to see its own faults. Let it listen to the words of Mendiz, an ancient Chinese politician, who while conversing with his emperor questioned him thus: 'What do you do with a friend who administers your business badly?' 'I break with him,' answered the emperor. 'And with the magistrate who does not carry out your commands?' 'He is deposed,' said the emperor. 'And if the provinces are badly governed what is done then?' 'The emperor becomes deaf and dumb. The attitude of the emperor of China is similar to that of the Mexican government. It changes the subject or refuses to speak every time any one insinuates that it is responsible for the situation.'

American Newspaper Men in Jail.
The above editorial and many others which I see daily in the Mexican newspapers lead me to think that the press is free. I am told, however, that there is a rigid censorship of everything sent out of the country, and that every effort is made to keep the United States in the dark as to the outrages now being perpetrated by the rebels and bandits.

I saw an instance of this as I came into Mexico last fall, when I met at Laredo, Tex., two American newspaper correspondents who had been sent out of the country. They were Messrs. Dunn and Caracristi, both of whom had been expelled as pernicious foreigners.

Mr. Dunn told me how he was arrested one night on his way to the opera, and put into jail without trial. He says that the most of his money and valuables were taken from him and while in prison he had trouble getting enough to eat and drink. He was charged a dollar for a cigar of water, 50 cents for a package of cigarettes and other things in proportion. He says he had on deposit in one of the leading banks of Mexico City \$2,000, and that the Mexican government fined him this amount and confiscated it.

After a few days he was taken by armed guards, put on an express train and carried to Laredo, Tex., where he was set down on American soil, with a notice that if he came back to Mexico it would be at his peril. Mr. Caracristi was treated in the same manner, with the exception of the fine. He luckily had no money in bank.

I am told here that Mr. Dunn had severely criticized the president in his telegrams in the guise of market reports out of the country. Mr. Caracristi had also been reporting on Mexican conditions to Senator La Follette, and the administration thought his leaving the country would be for the country's good.

I understand that a claim will be made



Mexico City Policemen

American news-man

against the government on the part of Dunn and Caracristi, as will also claims for other Americans who have been outrageously treated. In last November two Americans were kidnapped on United States soil, carried across the boundary and delivered into the hands of General Juan Navarro at Juarez. The charge against them was that they had been serving in the rebel army. The Americans say that their health and lives were endangered by the unsanitary conditions of the jail, and they understand they put their damages at \$50,000.

Twenty-three Americans who were wounded or had relatives killed or maimed by shots across the Mexican border in April and May have been reported by a commission of our army officers entitled to indemnities aggregating \$86,000, and this will probably be paid. All of these claims were reduced by the commission from the amount originally asked.

In addition to these there are a great many other demands on account of personal damages, and there will be a large amount asked for on account of damages to property.

The Mexicans Dislike Us.
Americans are not popular in Mexico. This is especially so among the middle and higher classes. They are jealous of our success as a nation, and also of our success in making money out of Mexican investments. They realize that some of the best properties in Mexico belong to our people, and while they want American capital, they feel sore because we make money out of investing that capital here.

In a suit at law an American has but little chance with the Mexican with the evidence is altogether in his favor, and if he gets into trouble, he is liable to find himself in jail when the right is all on his side. Indeed, the red tape surrounding the law here is such that most foreigners here submit to petty thefts rather than be involved in lawsuits. I know of an American who had an umbrella and some hats recently stolen from him by a Mexican. He announced the fact to the authorities, and policemen came and arrested all the servants in the house. The American was called before the court again and again. He went a half dozen times and lost many days from his business and

at the end could not see that he was any nearer finding his property than at the beginning. He finally sent word to the judge that it was all a mistake. He had not lost any hats, coats or umbrellas, and he hoped that no further account would be taken of the matter. He had to write this fact on the court book and the case thereupon was dismissed.

One of the troubles connected with justice is the graft which is universal on the part of the police and other officials, and sometimes even the judges. Some Americans claim that judges are compelled to give decisions as to important cases by higher officials, and one man who has a big mining claim which is to come before the Hague intimated to me that President Porfirio Diaz had forced the judge to change the decree and decide against him.

Great and the Jury.
One species of graft worked by the police is blackmailing the foreigners through service upon the jury. The foreigners know that if called they are liable to two or three months of daily sittings in a court room listening to a language they cannot understand. They have also found that they cannot beg off on the plea of not knowing Spanish, for the court will say that it will furnish interpreters. The result is that a man is willing to give all the way from \$10 to \$100 to have himself and his clerks left off the jury list. The policemen know this and they take the names of responsible foreigners living in the city and blackmail them in this way.

I was told of one queer blackmailing attempt last night. In this instance one of the grafters saw the sign "Scott's Emulsion" printed on the window of a drug store and thought that this must be the name of the American owner. He therupon went to the court and had Senator Scott's Emulsion put on the jury list. He served his papers, and, finding his mistake, came back to the court and said the man was not present. The subpoena was sent out again and again, and the court had at last to be told that Senator Scott's Emulsion's real name was Mr. Cod Liver Oil, and that the said senator would not pay to be released from jury duty. FRANK G. CARPENTER.

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Get at any good drug store one ounce of simple alcohol. It will cost you one dollar. Apply this solution freely with the finger tips on the hair you want removed. Keep the hair moist with it until it has dissolved. This will take but two or three minutes. Then wipe off with a warm damp cloth and wash the skin with warm water and apply a face cream.

MISS MALINDA.—There is no excuse for falling hair, no excuse for thin, sick hair or bald spots. No hairy features can make up for a distressing lack of hair growth. My formula given here does positively force hair to grow, and the result of it is that I am known as the only woman on the American stage who does not wear any artificial hair.

The formula I found and now use constantly is as follows:

With a half pint of water mix half a pint of alcohol. To this add one ounce of beta-quinol. Shake thoroughly, and it will be ready to use. If you prefer, you can use imported hair rum instead of the water and alcohol.

The beta-quinol you can get at almost any drug store for not more than fifty cents. This formula makes one full pint of the best hair grower, and it costs you much less than a dollar.

This formula should be applied very freely after brushing the scalp generously for a few minutes all over. Rub the lot into thoroughly into the scalp with the finger tips.

CLARISSA.—Yes, even mothers who have suffered loss of bust development may regain it fully and completely. Dissolve two ounces of rustone and half a cup of sugar in half a pint of cold water. Mix thoroughly, and after meals and at bed time take two teaspoonfuls at a time. This makes four doses a day. It is perfectly safe and also acts as a splendid tonic. Its effect on the development of the bust is really remarkable. The development is natural and healthy. Mechanical contrivances such as vacuum cups should not be used under any circumstances. Also avoid pads if possible. You will be able to get the rustone from your druggist for one dollar.

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Rub in well until the cream disappears. This cream will not grow hair.

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