

MEXICAN SOLDIERS KEPT UNDER LOCK

Huerta Recruits Troops From Lowest Class, Calling on Jails for Share.

ARMY STRENGTH QUESTION

Outcome of Struggle in South Still Problematical—Native Not Reliable Fighter and Rebel Is No More Dependable.

BY PHILIP H. PATCHIN. (Published by special arrangement between the New York Tribune and the Oregonian.) MEXICO CITY, March 2.—(Special Correspondence.)—It would be a wise man who would say what the outcome of this revolution is to be. It would be an equally sage person who would tell with definiteness or confidence just what Huerta's arm amounts to.

No better illustration of the futility of doing these things can be shown than the fact that Huerta himself is not entirely sure what will be the outcome or as to the number of men in the ranks of the federal army. Officials of the government will glibly tell you that there are 150,000 men in the federal army, that is, 150,000 regulars, with a number of irregulars which will bring the total of fighting men up to 300,000.

It is a significant thing about the Mexican army that one never sees Mexican soldiers on liberty with the general exception of bandmen, who have special privileges. The reason is that the soldiers are kept locked in their barracks and have little freedom. If they were turned loose, as are American soldiers, they would disappear forever, as far as the army is concerned.

Opposing Warriors No Better. It needs imagination to think that these soldiers ever win victory; yet they do. The reason is that their adversaries are no better soldiers. The rebel of the North has more incentive to fight. He knows that victory means extension of the area in which he can steal and plunder.

Senators' Regulars Good Soldiers. In Mexico City Huerta has a force of 5000 regulars who seem to be splendid soldiers. They are well equipped, well trained and paid with regularity. They are well paid, too, the ordinary soldier getting \$1.50 a day. With exchange at three for one, i. e., three pesos for one peso gold, which is more than usual, that means \$15 a month, which is about as much as an American soldier, who is one of the best-paid soldiers in the world, receives at the end of each month.

Senator Brady is Chosen Idaho Member to Help Redraft Army Appropriation Bill. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 22.—Notwithstanding he has been a member of the committee on military affairs only a short time, Senator Brady, of Idaho, was chosen one of a subcommittee of five to redraft the Army appropriation bill, recently passed by the House.

MORE LATE MEXICAN WAR PHOTOGRAPHS



TOP, VILLA AND, AT HIS RIGHT, MAJOR RODOLFO, ALLEGED SLAYER OF BENTON—BELOW, REFUGEES ON THE MARCH.

VILLA CLEARS WAY

Irrigation Ditches Being Utilized as Entrenchments.

MEN FIGHT ON HORSEBACK

Engagement North of City Becomes Steepchase as Rebels Hotly Pursue Enemy—Losses of Federals Reported Heavy.

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Palacio and Torreon is laced with irrigation ditches and in the irrigating season is rich with cotton and other crops. It is thickly settled. Into some of the ditches it is reported the federals have let the water to impede the rebel advance, while others are being utilized as trenches for the protection of riflemen and rapid-fire guns.

Retreat Like Steepchase. The appearance of the rebels was so sudden, however, that the retreat became almost a rout. The federals, like the rebels, were mounted and the encounter became a sort of a steepchase, with the pursuers, smothered in the dust kicked up by their mounts, firing blindly from the saddle, not in the least impeded by the scattered bullets which the federals sometimes turned to fire.

Dead Left on Field. At a great irrigation ditch shortly after leaving Bermejillo Benavides came upon a federal force which he estimated to number 400. An hour's engagement ensued, as a result of which the rebel commander reported to General Villa the rout of the enemy, leaving 90 dead on the field. His own loss he reported as three killed and seven wounded.

Couple Killed by Train. The train was being run for real estate viewers by Umbdenstock & Larson and among the passengers were a large number of women. Several fainted when the body of Mrs. Ellis, carried beneath the train came in view in the middle of the track behind the second

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TOLLS EXEMPTION FORCES STUBBORN

Opponents of Repeal Predict Surprises Before Controversy Is Settled.

FILIBUSTER IN PROSPECT

Rivers and Harbors Bill in Way of Settlement of Tolls Dispute. Jones Resolution Demanding Information Refused.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Believing that their cause is gradually gaining ground in Congress, opponents of the proposed repeal of the exemption provision of the Panama Canal act expressed satisfaction today over repeated delays in getting the controversy directly before Congress. They are earnestly at work in the meantime on Senators and Representatives who are still wavering.

As the fight against repeal progresses, those directing the opposition maintain their propaganda is producing results and that some surprises are in store for the Administration before the controversy is settled. On the other hand, Administration champions, while aware that the fight is the most stubborn and unyielding that has developed since the Democratic party came into power, insist that repeal of toll exemption will triumph and that final action cannot be delayed many weeks.

Harbors Filibuster Charged. Charges that some of the Democratic and Republican opponents of the repeal in the House are filibustering on the rivers and harbors appropriation bill as long as possible continue to be heard. Failure to complete the bill yesterday made it impossible to take up, as originally planned, the Sims bill and it was announced tonight that the repeal cannot be taken up tomorrow. Monday being reserved for District of Columbia legislation, consideration of the rivers and harbors bill will be resumed Tuesday and it is possible that the proponents of the repeal bill will not get an opportunity to open their general debate this week.

With this prospect of further delay in the House, Democratic Senators who are supporting President Wilson in the tolls fight expect to make another effort to have the Owen repeal bill taken up for consideration by the inter-oceanic canal committee of the Senate. The committee is expected to make a minority report. This will precipitate discussion in the Senate again and furnish the opportunity for another popular skirmish on the important issue.

Besides appropriation bills which are being disposed of rapidly, the Senate and House are expected to have several important questions. The judiciary committee of the House must consider impeachment charges made by Representative Park of Georgia, against Senator O'Gorman of Washington, requesting the President for information as to what foreign nations are opposed to toll exemption. The Senate committee on the calendar of the District of Columbia Supreme Court.

Nicaragua Treaty on Calendar. The pending Nicaraguan treaty, under which the United States would acquire exclusive rights to a canal route across the country, a naval base in Fonseca Bay and coaling stations in the Pacific and Caribbean on the calendar of the foreign relations committee and is being pressed for action. The committee postponed its consideration last week owing to the absence of several members, including Acting Chairman Sweeney.

Investigations in the Michigan copper mines will be resumed tomorrow by the House committee on mines and smelting, with John Mitchell, formerly president of the United Mine Workers, on the stand.

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