HUERTA HIMSELF IS MAN WITHOUT FEAR

Dictator Walks Streets of City Knowing There Are Many Who Desire His Death.

INDIAN BLOOD GIVES PRIDE

Energy Is Abundant, Sympathies Are Democratic, Sense of Humor Irreverent--Correspondents Invited to Hear Story.

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MEXICO CITY, March 5.—Don Victoriano Huerta paused for a moment in his rapid discourse, his hand was extended and poised in vehement gesture as the new thought passed through his mind, his face, which had been tense and earnest, grew a little—not much—softer, and with but the faintest trace of any thought at humor, he said:

"These bandits! They are worth but 18 centavos each—for it takes only that much with which to buy a piece of rope to hang them."

The poised hand was flicked to one side with a sudden jerk; the whole question had been disposed of and General Huerta had epitomized in a few words all that he intended to impress on a group of foreign newspaper correspondents whom he wanted to believe that the forces of the North which are making so much trouble for his government are composed of bandits, and not rebels, and that, sooner or later, these bandits will be chased from the face of the earth.

Foe Held in Contempt.

There is no questioning that Huerta has contempt for his enemies, but it is more than likely that he has more respect for them than he would admit.

It was just like Huerta to indulge in the fantastic notion of sending out over the whole world and bringing to Mexico City a large number of newspaper correspondents who would learn the "truth about Mexico" and who would set forth his side of the case. It was all his own thought. It occurred to him suddenly and before the day was over the invitation had been sent broadcast. Later he informed his Cabinet Ministers and other advisers what he had done. Huerta received several responses and yesterday he received a score of newspaper correspondents who came to Mexico City with their expenses paid by the government. There were several from the United States, some from Cuba, two or three from France and one from Italy. The correspondent of the Tribune and The Oregonian was also invited to attend, although he is not the guest of Huerta's government.

Impression of Strength Given.

To watch Huerta for two hours is a privilege that comes to few foreigners, particularly newspaper men, whom he avoids. But on this day the old Indian had a story to tell—a case to present—and he did it effectively. It is true that he exaggerated his own position and minimized the strength of the revolution in the North, as anyone who knows anything about the situation realizes, but even so he made a profound impression and left no doubt in anyone's mind that he was aught else than a strong man.

Huerta is intense, forceful and earnest, a man of temper and passion, no doubt, but to meet him as on yesterday there was nothing to indicate the tyrant and dictator, nothing to suggest that this man was the murderer of Madero. He had his own statements to make and he set forth what he wanted to tell speedily and forcefully, but after he had finished his set discourse and went to the dining salon to smoke and drink with his guests he become a genial host, a man of lively wit and great good humor. He told stories and cracked jokes. He was gay, with a gaiety, however, which his face little revealed. He has a way of saying his drollest things without laughing much himself.

Huerta Reminiscent of T. R.

If Huerta wants you to listen to him, you listen whether you feel like it or not. In his vehement gestures and his nervous activity, as well as in his breadth of chest and apparent power of body, Huerta is a bit reminiscent of Roosevelt. He stood yesterday in the middle of a room, with a group of foreigners around him. In accordance with Mexican etiquette he first set the whole country at the disposition of his visitors. Then he launched forth into what he had to say. He spoke with strength. His words came without hesitation and he punctuated his sentences and phrases with a violent movement of his right hand. It was something more effective than the usual Latin use of the hand, which often is mere gesticulation, which sometimes seems ludicrous to American eyes.

He is not a large man, so far as height goes, but his shoulders are broad and his chest is deep. His face is one of great strength. He has a strong jaw; rather thin lips. There are deep lines that reveal experience, trials and age. His mustache is close-cropped. His hair, what there is of it, is also cut short. The vigor of his countenance is accentuated by his heavy lense glasses. His eyes are bad, one of them does not see at all, and those spectacles and the rather peering aspect his ailment gives him makes his face all the more aggressive.

Fondness for Brandy Unconcealed.

There has been a good deal of talk and discussion about Huerta's personal habits. In the United States it has been frequently said that he is besotted with brandy and that he is given to all kinds of dissipation. This is one of the kind of things which is difficult to prove or disprove. That Huerta is fond of brandy and that he takes a good deal of it there can be no doubt. He makes no effort to conceal it and drinks freely in public cafes or wherever he likes. He seems to show no ill-effects and appears to be one of those men who can drink heavily without great harm.

His courage is remarkable. He goes about the streets at will, with scarcely a guard. He has his favorite cafes and visits them frequently. He dines in one of Mexico City's popular restaurants every few days, going back into a corner and sitting there with friends. There is no private room for him; he sits in the public places without regard to who is around him. He walks the streets freely and drops in at the clubs when he feels like it. Considering that there are more than a few men in this town who would like to see Huerta dead, his courage is to be admired.

Humor Mixed With Irreverence.

Huerta's humor is a matter of much comment. He is known as a jolly fellow. Before he became President he was one of the jolliest in Mexico City. Sometimes his humor is a bit irreverent. Someone asked him yesterday how long it would take to "clean up" the bandits of the north. Huerta thought a minute and then, explaining that what he was about to say was a joke, he said:

"I would like to ask you, please, to tell me how old God is?"

Huerta, speaking more seriously, said that the task would be accomplished as soon as possible. Here another characteristic of the man is revealed. He never makes promises or predictions. If he knew how soon he could do away with the bandits he would be glad to tell, no doubt, but not knowing he does not say.

One time there was a report that Senora Huerta had fled to Vera Cruz, which, of course, was of high importance. Newspaper men rushed to Huerta and asked him if the thing were true. Huerta said that it was not.

"Do you want to know where she is?" he continued. "Well, she's now in the church, praying for money. But it won't do any good; God hasn't got any money."

Visit to United States Described.

In the course of the conversation Huerta revealed what few people here seem to know, that he once visited the United States. It was when he was 25, which was some 38 years ago. He went to New York, Washington, Chicago, St. Louis, all of hich names he enunciated with an effort at an American pronunciation. He finally got to Galveston, from where he sailed for Mexico. There, he said, the Sheriff gave him a banquet. The interpreter said that the General had said Sheriff, but that the interpreter believed that he mant Mayor. The chances are that he meant Sheriff. They asked him to make a speech in English. He said he would if one of the Americans would speak in Spanish. He says he staggered through his effort, which was bad and very brief, and then settled back to listen to the American try out his Spanish. This, too, was bad and the American stumbled on the word for left, "isquierdo." He had to ask Huerta how to say it and Huerta considered that he came off with the best of the competition, but also firmly resolved never to speak in English again.

He knows a few English words, however, and uses them. He is fond of talking to an American in Spanish, and then at the end saying "You understand?" He can say "How-do" and "Goo'-bye," and does so with evident pleasure. When he makes use of an English expression he shakes his head with satisfaction and says:

"I spik Englis'."

Dictator Is Man Alone.

Huerta stands almost alone in Mexico. He is surrounded by men who, while they are loyal, are politicians and bear constant watching. Huerta knows his Mexican politics well and he fully understands that any day the tide may turn against him. Then his generals of today will become enemies of tomorrow. His vigil must necessarily be ceaseless, and when one hears of inexplicable and sudden shifts of troops and commands there is probably some deep significance in the event which never is known to the public. Then, too, Huerta is surrounded by men of another type than his.

"This," he says, "is an Indian country. I am an Indian."

As such he has little in common with the wealthy landholder who is rich and lives on the fat of the land and the toil of the peon. Huerta knows this species, but he is more at home with the peon himself. He came from the soil and his sympathies are largely with the poorer classes. He is on terms with his servants, knowing them all and all about their affairs.

One would expect that Huerta would go about surrounded by courtiers, men of wealth and high rank who sought his favor. This is true at times, but often he wanders about the streets without any such men. I saw him today in the Jockey Club, the most fashionable and exclusive of Mexican clubs. He came in to get a bit of cognac, and was accompanied by three men. Two were guardians from the secret service, the other was a not important official of the palace. Huerta joined a group of men at the little bar set in the corner of the patio. The contrast between the small, heavily-built man, with his Indian blood wholly apparent, and the dapper, well-dressed members of the fashionable club who chanced to be there was marked.

Huerta does not often go to the Jockey Club; he prefers the cafes. But when he does he often stops and talks with the doorman or other servants. He speaks to each one as "son," and asks them about their wives and sweethearts. His secret service men ride in the limousine of his armored automobile with him in a truly democratic manner. This automobile, the casing of which is of steel, was bought by the late President Madero only a few days before he was assassinated.

PROMINENT GRAND ARMY MAN DIES.

Joseph Glessner.

Joseph Glessner, for 24 years a resident of Portland, died yesterday at his home, 34 East Eighth street North. He was born in Wawnesburg, O., February 3, 1845. At the age of 16 he enlisted in Company I, 76th Ohio Infantry, and served during the Civil War. He was senior vice-commander of the Lincoln-Garfield Post, No. 3. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. G. W. Powis, and a son, Joseph Glessner. The funeral services will be held from Finley's undertaking room tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, under the auspices of the G. A. R.

BOYS' CLUB IS DYNAMITED

Explosion Follows Threats Against Active Temperance Worker.

ROCKFORD, Ill., March 28.—An explosion, which the police believe to have been caused by a bomb, wrecked four windows and did other damage in the clubhouse of the Knights of Daniel Club early today. No one was hurt.

S. S. Tate, president of the club which carries on temperance work among boys, sleeps in the clubhouse, but had moved his room last night, after receiving two anonymous letters threatening his life. The bomb is believed to have exploded on the window ledge of room Tate formerly occupied. The letters have been turned over to the police. Tate has been active in the local "wet" and "dry" fight. Before he became a temperance advocate Tate was a saloonkeeper in Montana.

An educational drama, "The Pale of Prejudice," a moving-picture film illustrating chiropractic method of drugless healing. At the Majestic Theater, beginning today.—Adv.

LACK OF GRENADES IS CHECK TO VILLA

Rebel Leader's Supply of Missiles, Essential Against Mud Walls, Gives Out.

LIST OF WOUNDED IS LONG

One Brigade Said to Have Lost 25 Per Cent of Its Men—Positions in Heart of Torreon Are Made More Secure.

JUAREZ, Mex., March 28, 10:30 P. M.—A telegram just received from General Villa says that the capture of Torreon is a matter of minutes, not of hours. No details were given.

JUAREZ, Mexico, March 28.—General Villa's attack on Torreon last night is said to have proved abortive, because the hand grenades became exhausted. It is the most useful weapon for street fighting among one-story adobe houses. The attack was renewed today and Villa was quoted as saying that he intended to take the whole town tonight.

The positions already taken in the business section, it is said, were made more secure last night, and the smelter, like the bull ring and the principal hotel of the city, are said to have become rebel property.

The forenoon today was devoted to disposing of the dead and making more comfortable the quarters of the wounded at Gomez Palacio and in the field hospitals.

One telegram was received from General Villa. It says that at noon, having received a fresh supply of hand grenades, he renewed the attack on the last of the federal defenses.

Cost of Victories Large.

He urged that hospital supplies, including quicklime, bandages, absorbent cotton and antiseptics, be rushed to the front in the most urgent haste.

The cost of his victories is now known to have been heavy and the fact that more hospital supplies must be sent from here despite the large store which Villa took with him on the campaign adds confirmation. The aragosa brigade, which left Juarez 1300 strong, is said on excellent authority to have lost 25 per cent in killed and wounded. Some of the loss was at Sacramento, when General Benavides was hewing a path into Gomez Palacio, and some when the brigade was joined with the column of General Monclovio Herrera and the dash into Torreon fro mthe east was made.

General Maximo Garcia was shot in the kidneys and is expected to die. General Trinidad Rodriguez has a bullet wound in one arm. Major Macedonia Andana was shot in the chest and Juan Guiterrez, chief of police of the City of Chihuahua, was killed.

Suicides of Federals Reported.

A private telegram from a subaltern at Gomez Palacio to his father today said that it was rumored in the barracks there that General Refugio Velasco, federal comander at Torreon, had committed suicide rather than fall into the rebels hands. Little faith attached to the story. There were stories also that three other federal generals reported killed in action—Pena, Reyna and Anaya—really took their own lives, firm in the belief that they would be executed if captured.

In street-fighting Mexicans say rifles are of comparatively little use against enemies using adobe walls as defense. These must be shattered with shells or attacked with hand grenades. The average adobe house is one story high, the right-angled walls of which rise two or three feet above the flat roof. It is customary for troops to station themselves on these roofs behind projecting walls and in attacking such defenses the grenades, thrown by galloping cavalrymen, is the most effective weapon. Bullets do not pierce the thick mud walls.

Men Slain Trying to Surrender.

A private letter from the front dealing with the preliminary fighting before Gomez Palacio tells a story of the fatalities which followed an attempt of a body of 300 federals to surrender.

According to the letter the rebel column already had accepted the surrender of 200 federals who found themselves hopelessly outnumbered when in the distance 300 omne federals were observed approaching.

Two rapid-fire guns were turned on them and they lost heavily before the rebels observed that their fire was not returned and that the detachment was coming steadily forward. The rebel fire was then checked and it was learned that the 300 also wished to give themselves up.

AUTOMOBILE DEALER OUT FOR LEGISLATURE.

Charles M. Menzies.

Charles M. Menzies announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination to the Lower House of the Legislature from Multnomah County yesterday.

In his platform he advocates good roads, economy in public affairs, semi-annual or quarterly payment of taxes without penalties, and the abolition of useless commissions.

Mr. Menzies is 39 years old, and has lived in Oregon nearly all his life. He is a taxpayer, is married and has one child. He was reared on a farm, but since he was 16 years old has been making his own way. He began as an office boy for the old Albina Light & Power Company. He is now in the automobile business.

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LITTLE FALLS, N. Y., March 28.—Eugene Gianini, a 17-year-old boy just out of a protectory, is held in the Herkimer County jail tonight as a suspect in connection with the murder of Miss Lydia Beecher, teacher in a country school at Poland, whose body was found in a clump of woods in the outskirts of that village today.

The boy, who had been expelled from Miss Beecher's school some time ago and had been pleading with her for reinstatement, was reported to have confessed tonight that he had killed her, striking her first with a monkey-wrench and then stabbing her to death with a knife.

Boy Troublesome as Pupil.

Miss Beecher, who was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. William A. Beecher, of Sennett, near Auburn, and who was only 20 years old, had taught school in Poland for two years. Gianini was one of her most troublesome pupils. On her complaint he was expelled from the school last June and sent to St. Vincent's protectory in Utica, from which he was released a month ago.

He sought out his former teacher, told her he intended to do better and importuned her to visit his parents, who are reputable and well-to-do people in Poland, to explain how he might be reinstated in the school.

Repentance Obtains Sympathy.

Miss Beecher had been studying for missionary work and it is believed that, becoming interested in the boy because of his repentant attitude, in her desire to reform him she walked with him to the lonely place where she was killed on the way to the Gianini home and about half a mile distant from it.

Charles Gianini, father of the youthful prisoner, was a furniture manufacturer of New York, first coming to Poland to spend a Summer and finally taking up his home there five years ago. He is an ornithologist of some note and has contributed numerous articles on that science to magazines.

Absconding Debtors Go Free.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 28.—(Special.)—An absconding debtor is not subject to arrest under the laws of Washington, the Supreme Court has decided in the case of J. J. Hamilton vs. the Pacific Drug Company. Hamilton sued the drug company for alleged illegal arrest, resulting in a final ruling on a point that has been disputed in the courts for many years.

DR. SMITH QUITS BOARDS

Governorship Aspirant Resigns From Health and Curricula Bodies.

SALEM, Or., March 28.—(Special.)—Governor West today announced that Dr. A. C. J. Smith, of Portland, aspirant for the Democratic nomination for Governor, had resigned as a member of the State Board of Health and the State Board of Higher Curricula. Dr. Smith says in his letter to the Governor:

"This action would have been taken some time ago had it not been for certain uncompleted matters before these boards. My term having recetnly expired on the last named Board, formal resignation as to it is perhaps unnecessary.

"Public office should be a public trust, and it seems to me a man cannot be an officeseeker and at the same time do his full duty as an officeholder. The temptation to neglect the peoples' affairs for one's private ambition is too great."

"SUSPECT" SUES ACCUSERS

Man Freed on Murder Charge Demands $100,000.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., March 28.—John Young, who was arrested on a charge of conspiracy with the murder last year of William Steele, a wealthy farmer, but who later was released, today filed suit for $100,000 damages against John Steele, a son of the murdered man, Homer Rose, Vila Rose and J. W. Ray.

William Steele, Jr., son of the murdered man, filed a $50,000 suit recently against the same defendants. Both Young and William Steele, Jr., declare that their arrest was part of a plot to defraud them out of a share of a large estate.

POWER COMPANY FORMED

Spokane and Inland Empire Men Organize $400,000 Concern.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 28.—(Special.)—H. M. Boomer, senior partner of Boomer & Hughes, railroad contractors; C. L. MacKenzie, of Colfax; Edward Rigg and other Spokane and Inland Empire business men have formed a $400,000 corporation to develop water power. The name of the concern is the Salmon River Power & Light Company.

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