PORT OF VERA CRUZ FALLS INTO HANDS OF ALIENS FIVE TIMES

Fever Ridden Port on East Coast of Mexico Has Figured in Nation's History.

ONCE CAPTURED BY U. S.

Troops Landed With Little Trouble, but City Was Taken With Great Loss of Life.

By a Veteran.

Washington, D. C., May 2.—The fe-ver port of Vera Cruz had been captured four times before Uncle Sam seized it on April 21. Once it fell to General Winfield Scott; once to the allied forces of France, England and Spain, and twice to the buccaneers of the Spanish Main.

It was March 7, 1847, when the fleet bearing General Scott and his little army appeared off Mexico's principal The troops landed without bombarded; but it took a sanguinary riege of 13 days to capture the defences. Trenches were dug and regu-

lar operations conducted. So our troops this time commence their march toward the capital with much 18ss of a handicap than Gen-

eral Scottis.

While the troubles of the United States which culminated in the civil war were brewing Mexico grew arrogant to this country, and to Euro-

The crowning insult was President Miramon's seizure of \$630,000 in sperie from the British consulate. Great Britain, France, Spain and Prussia decided to move. Meantime the great Benito Juarez, the General Washington of Mexico, was conducting a rebut the foreign troops kept on Cruz was seized by a Spanish force un- of North Carolina said to the governor der General Prim. The result was the of South Carolina? Well, the application of Maximilian to the throne, the of the Carolina principle made is it famous?"

Rive gold be and, after the European troops had Victor Blue famous. been withdrawn, the unfortunate Aus-

1683. They burned, slew and robbed what a peculiarly broad gauged train stupidity.

for many days before they were drivery dispatcher, with collateral authority er to their ships. In 1712 the collateral authority examining

A Japanese Execution. was much amused by the ill-in-

formed, if well-meaning, persons who cried out that Dictator Huerta had given sufficient reparation for the sult to the flag at Tampico by his meager and half-hearted apology. From the files of the navy depart-

"Hiogo, Japan, March 14, 1868. "Hon. Gideon Welles, Secretary of eral. the United States Navy, Washington,

cete the particulars of the execution bottles of the best whiskey that ever of the Japanese official, Tati Zanzutaro, retainer of the Matsdaira Bizen, No Kami, who ordered his troops to "will you join me in a toast to Cuba fire on the foreigners at this place on libre?" the 4th ultimo.

General R. B. Van Valkenbergh, and is sides. The general began to gaze on "I left the logation about 9 P. m. in

to Hiogo, where we were met by a fair Cuba?" where the execution was to take ful of whiskey that was charged with "There was a large number of peo-

ple on each side of the street leading that young gentleman fair upon the to the temple, and quite a number of soldiers drawn up inside and about the temple. We were shown into a room adjoining the Japanese officials, where we were asked if we wished to question the person about to be executed. to which we answered in the negative. They also took the names of every official present. "After waiting about half an hour.

we were conducted by the Japanese officials into what appeared to be the son, but that was not enough. Samp-principal room of the temple, which was lighted with candles, and in front of the altar was raised a platform of about a foot in height, which extend- the hills which locked Santiago harbor. ed across the room, and which was Blue went back another night-in danplaced on the right of the altar, within a few feet of where the execution the grass—and climbed a tree which was to take place with the Japanese overhung the harbor's edge. There he officials on the left.

"In front of the altar was a green cloth, and in front of that a red one. We were informed that the execution would take place on the red cloth. Seating ourselves upon the mats on the platform, we awaited the execu-

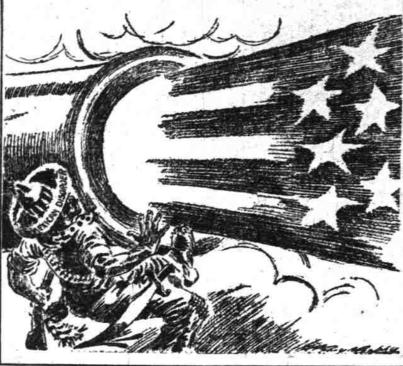
the executioner who was his numit and academic and absurd. most intimate friend. He walked with a steady, firm sten in front of the alwhere he knelt and made the confesthat he was sorry for what he had alluded to it since.

we replied in the effirmative.

we were informed that all was over, and hard as they should, in spite of when we arose and took our departure. The whole scene was one of great other in the press. When Blue got sclemnity, and very impressive. "Very respectfully your obedient

"J. BLAKELY CREIGHTON. "Commander."

THE MEXICAN SITUATION AS SEEN BY MEN WHO EXPRESS THOUGHTS IN PICTURES ROOSEVELT'S NEW

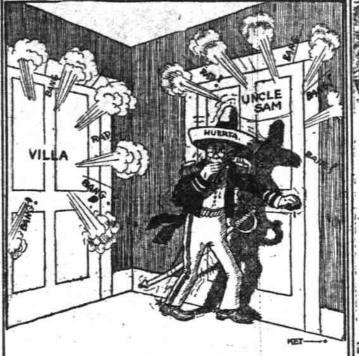


Vera Cruz.





-From the Philadelphia Ledger "Wherever you steer, I'll pull, Mr. President."



-From the Oakland Tribune The lesser of two evils.



Opening of the cyclone season.

WINS PROMOTION BY

Heroism in Locating Cervera cleaned the yellow fever out of New Orleans. His associates say that Ru-Awarded Recognition.

Just now he is Rear Admiral Blue, in command of the bureau of naviga-The pirates with force equal to a re- tion of the navy department. That spectable army caputred Vera Cruz in bureau is to the navy a good deal er to their ships. In 1712 the notort- over the general manager, might be ous buccaneer kings Laurent and Van to a railroad. It practically runs the Horn seized the port and held it 10 department. During war time it would They killed hundreds of Mex- be Blue's duty to see that the ships carried away women captives, are provisioned and coaled and manned. and did an immense amount of dam. Between times he gives the commanders their sailing orders. The chief of To this day the nurse girl of Vera this bureau is the eyes and legs and Cruz, seeking to still the fretful child, right hand of the average civilian secsays: "Be quiet, or 1 will give you to retary of the navy. When he was Lieu tenant Blue, Sampson's fleet was lying outside Santiago harbor, waiting for Cervera's fleet to come out. It didn't

"I'll find out," said Blue.

He went ashore alone, depending of the guidance and escort of the Cuban been badly skinned up that day in a ment I have dug up a report from Sharp skinned up that day in a sharp skirmish with the Spaniards. The Cuban chief was one of the Spaniards, who witressed Japan's atonement for an ofencountered. Wounded patriots were fense against our bluejackets. It lying all over the camp groaning. Blue asked for guides and an escort.
"Not a man!" said this savage gen-

"Not a damned man!" He meant it. That was obvious, So Blue didn't argue the case with him# But in his slender baggage were two

softened the heart of man. "My general," said Blue, softly,

Would he? He did. Blue handled "This execution was witnessed by the bottle, and filled a tin cup so full me at the request of our minister, of whiskey that it dribbled down the

him with misty and affectionate eyes. "My general," said Blue, "before I company with the officers attached to go, will you not join me in a toast the foreign legations and proceeded to the allies—the United States and The general did, in another tin cup-

> conversation and love. Pretty soon he put his arms around Blue and kissed

Aid Is Forthcoming.

the general, "and I refused you. Alas, eheu! Take 100 men, my hero!" through the tall grass until he came to the precipitous edge of Santiago harbor. Sparkling in the darkness below him he saw the lights of Cervera's ships. He reported to Sampson wanted the position of every ship elevate their guns and shell them over populous Spanish fort, and Spanish sol-

For that exploit Blue was jumped tar, where he knelt in prayer. He five numbers in rank, for "extraordi-then arose and went to the red cloth, where he knelt and made the confession that 'he was the officer that or- Hobson, although the latter's feat was dered his troops to fire upon the for- more spectacular. Also, Hiue didn't go eigners, and also to fire upon them out on a kissing expedition when he when they were trying to escape, and

vorably with the guns of any other

Promotion Is Rapid.

brough with them they always did He was promoted to a captaincy somewhat out of the routine order when rouble began to threaten with Mexico. and Secretary Daniels placed him in ommand of the bureau of navigation ecause of the complete confidence he ment's medical service.

When Victor Blue came up for ex-

you should have been thoroughly posted. Don't you really know for what Terre Haute is famous?" Blue admitted that his ignorance was still abysmal.

Prompt End to Mutiny in Brazilian Navy at Rio.

By Herbert Corey.

"You're a chump," said one of the other day Germany and France, not "I have directed the

mand of the situation. Rio's fertifications would not have endured a sinere bombardment from the heavy of the Brazilian gunboat. Her capguns of the fleet. Mello had served tain paid no attention to it. Benham notice upon President Peixoto to re- was a Mayo sort of man. When acsign forthwith. Peixoto had not re- tion seemed desirable he didn't waste signed. But the time was coming time over it. His next hot crashed when resignation would be forced on through the Brazilian's stern. Her Commodore Stanton reached the captain struck her flag and she scutharbor of Rio in command of the Amer- | tled for shallow water. Mello's fleet ican squadron, bearing instructions to had cleared and his men were stand-preserve absolute neutrality. Stanton ing by their guns. But the Americans

The rebels had maintained a "peaceful" blockade of Rio harbor. For months vessels of all naticalities had lain there, gathering moss. Their valing reduced to bankruptcy. Benham thought it over. Then he served no.

"I have directed the captains of American vessels lying at anchor here to discharge their cargoes," was Benham's statement in effect. "Do not in-

Mello Shows Fight.

Admiral Mello was in practical com- down the harbor. Benham signalled "Clear ships for action." He fired one shot across the neant well-but in the opinion of were ready. The mutineers dared not Washington he erred. He saluted the accept the challenge.

Brazilian flag upon the shore. Then he, Benham's enforcement of neutrality fired the same salute in honor of the rights-which put an immediate end Brazilian flag floating over the war to the "peaceful blockade" Mello had ing in the Brazilian government's troubles were soon at an end. The rebellion collapsed. Brazil has never missed an opportunity since then to make known her friendship for the

Greatest Industry

Mining is the most productive industry of Mexico. Mines of some deconsiderable production of coal, cop-

Coast Artillery to Handle Large Guns the size he indicates in the region.

Officers of the various companies of

the coast artillery, O. N. G., are in Portland today and are scheduled to leave at noon for Fort Stevens, where the Madeira and Tapajos, but none of they will put in a week practicing with the regulars handling the big guns at the fortress.

The occasion is the annual "schoel" miles in length, and the character of vessels held by the rebels. A protest maintained—saved the day for the was promptly lodged and Admiral Ben- government. Rio had been in serious artillery drill with the 10 inch rifles ing would not permit a river of this ham succeeded Stanton in command. need of almost everything that is bought and sold. With supplies comcontrol apparatus; camp hygiene artillate country. lery drill, and general discussions of on one trip and for six months on an control apparatus; camp hygiene, artil- the country.

definitely determined until late in the no large areas in Brazil that the white week, owing to the disturbed condi- man has not penetrated. Perhaps he tions in Mexico. The fact that medi- has not written books about them or ation is being attempted, however, told of his findings to the world, but but a different complexion on the sit- he has been there just the same. nation and Adjutant General Finzer "I know that country well; I have issued orders for the artiflerymen to written two books about it, I have proceed to Fort Stevens,

artillery in Oregon stationed as fol- ish like a native and I know the nalows: Two companies in Portland and tive dialects and the tribes and I one each at Ashland, Medford, Rose- doubt seriously whether Roosevelt has scription are to be found in 26 of the burg, Cottage Grove, Eugene and Al- discovered a new tribe as he claims

Among the officers who will attend matter with him. the school are Colonel Creel Hammond of Eugene; Lieutenant Colonel B. K. guay river and across the Serra Geral. Lawson of Salem; Majors George F. I have been all through that country Willoughby and Stanley J. Hammel; as well as into the land of the Print-Captains George E. Spencer, William intions Indians, His river may not be mus W. Deane and Charles O. Brown floated rafts upon it and treated with

R. R.'s Controlled

and Porty-six Thousand Miles of Telegraph Lines in Republic.

The total mileage of railways in bing pieces of granite together. Mexico is 15,251, and that of telegraph lines 46.112. Cruz to the City of Mexico in 1857. It there wear all sorts of clothes, some was not completed until 1873.

of President Porfirio Diaz. The two railway lines running Doubt, well, I doubt it." northward from the capital to the Slingerland deprecates the idea that American frontier, popularly called the Roosevelt is bringing out the large

Mexican Central and the Mexican Na- collection of skins and other curiositional, were merged in 1908 with an ties mentioned in the reports of his aggregate capital of \$460,000,000, Mex- expeditions. "The difficulties of travel ican money, of which the Mexican gov- are too great," he said, "to carry anyernment holds a controlling interest.

MEXICO IN PARAGRAPHS

Unidos Mexicanos" and "Republica Mexicana. Mexico has an area of 767,290 square

The greatest length of the country is, from northwest to southeast, 1900 miles; its greatest width, 750 miles; and its least width a little short of 140

The outline of Mexico is sometimes

te opening toward the United States, trict judge for middle and northern the Pacific side, including the Gulf of | this afternoon The coast lines on the Gulf of Mex t 1,00 miles, and

here are 327 miles on the Caribbean

Sweet potatoes are exposed to the attacks of about a dozen serious in-

CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED HIMSELF

ANDY WEINBERGER HAS BUN CONSTABLE'S OFFICE MORE THAN SUCCESSPULLY.



fidates for the office of constable, one can see, at least those that understand the success of the present office, only Andy Weinberger, Andy, as he is called by all who know him, is a man above everything and a man for the position above all others. The success of this office under his managewhich the fighting personnel consists ment has been more than pleasing to Huerta has converted the boys of of 1200 officers and enlisted men. The all. It shows double profits and has Mexico high schools into an armed whole Mexican fleet of nine vessels put itself above its old station a petbrigade, and has had the girls organ-would not have the slightest chance ty collection agency. These little arti-ized as a uniformed Red Cross corps. against a single American warship of cles we are glad to publish as paid advertisemuits.

RIVER STORY GIVEN SORT OF BLACK EYE

Portland Man, Who Has Been Through Brazil, He Says, Has His Doubts.

TRIBE YARN ALSO SCORED

William E. Slingerland Would Like to "Discuss" the Matter With the Ex-President, He Declares.

Theodore Roosevelt's reported discovery of a river in Brazil, the upper reaches of which were hitherto unknown to man and the lower portion uncharted, arouses the credulity of William E. Slingerland, a Portland man who has spent 12 years in in-

terior Brazil. "Colonel Roosevelt's cablegram de scribing the location of a new river lying between the thirteenth and fifth parallels and being the largest affluent of the Madeira, would place it be tween the Madeira and the Tapajos rivers. I have been all through that country and there is not a river of

"Not only have I been through there but other white men have, too, It is Annual Training Stunts Will Be Held a region rich in natural resurces, par-at Fort Stevens, at Mouth of the ticularly rubber and cacao, and it has been explored for mercantile purposes, "President Is Mistaken."

"There are several rivers from the Serra Geral to the Amazon going down the kind mentioned by the ex-president. He is mistaken. A river such as he describes would be a thousand

Decision to hold the school was not other, and I think I know. There are

mined in various portions of Brazil There are eight companies of Coast and I have railroaded. I speak Span-I should like very much to debate the

"Roosevelt's route lay up the Para-White, John A. Buchanan, Frank on the map, but rest assured that Powell, James C. Johnson, Arte- other white men have seen it and the Indians that live along it.

Will Beturn to Brazil, Slingerland expects to go back to

Brazil next fall. He has spent many By Government years there and thinks it is a land of promise for ambitious young men. In his trips he invariably had to boil his diet of the India: s, roots, nuts, and fish, and at times even having to make fire night after night by rub-

"The river banks of the region," he said, "are alive with turtles and turtle A concession was granted for the eggs form one of the most popular construction of a railway from Vera articles of food. The Indians down more, some less, just as we do here, Actual railway construction did not and I can't see that the discovery of begin until 1878, during the first term a naked tribe means an entirely new tribe. And as for the 'River of

> thing more than the bare necessities of life."

Mexico is officially called 'Estadoes Senate Confirms Clayton Nomination

President's Choice for United States District Judge for Worthern, Middle Alabama Is Pavorably Acted Upon.

Washington, May 2 .- President Wilson's nomination of ex-Congressman compared to a huge cornucopia, with Henry Clayton as United States dis-There are 4574 miles of coast line on Alabama was confirmed by the senate

CARTER



For Governor BEPUBLICAN

"PROTECT THE HOME" REDUCE TAXES LOWER COST OF LIVING Encourage home industries. Author of initiative petition to out off super-

fluous boards and commissions.

OF MULTNOMAR

(Paid Adv.)

But they are cruel and bloodthirsty, like their ancestors who offered human sacrifices on stone altars in Montezuma's time. In his desparate efforts to arm him-Between commands—and he has held self against the constitutionalists, many and important ones—he has been Huerta sent squads from the tired

peon class almost in serfdom.

fight another day.

The peons possess no national spirit.

They must be impressed into Huerta's

army. They cannot be disciplined.

would fight.

"A man you asked me for," Blue took eight men and wriggled mapped, so that the Americans could managed by miracle to make a perfect map of the position of the Spanish ships. Between times he had to come down out of the tree and boot his impetuous patriots into giving up their guns. The tree hung directly over a "In a few minutes the prisoner came His Cubans wanted to get a few scalps diers were within easy potting range. in, dressed in the usual Japanese dress before they went back to the jungle. of a person of rank, accompanied by Blue's map making struck them as (By the International News Service.)

that the march to the City of Mexico, were it to occur, would be a simple matter, more or less of a parade. But the heads of the army and navy here are suffering under no such delusion. It is generally and quite correctly taken for granted that the United States would win in the end, but vic-Blue is a tall, heavy shouldered.

"He then disrobed himself to his thin walsted man, with a brown muswaist and reached out for a knife that tache and an acute case of ingrowing was near him, which he thrust into his modesty. In profile his eyelids seem and, drawing it toward his heavy, giving him a rather sleepy look. right side, and leaning forward at the When one directly confronts him he same time the executioner, with one seems almost startlingly awake. He blow from his sword, severed his head is a North Carolinian by birth, a South frem his body. This occurred at about Carolinian by adoption, is 49 years old, and looks to be about 35. The navy "The Jananese then bowed to the holds that he is one of its most valufloor, on which we all did the same, able officers. For a time he was in We were then asked if we were satis- charge of the bureau of ordnance. At fied with what we had witnessed, when that time the American guns were not shooting as straight as they should, "After the lapse of a few moments, or as often as they should, or as far the compliments we used to pay each

nation on earth.

Lime was one of the earliest mater. a sharp on slipbuilding. Every now troops he kept as his bodyguard in the used to improve soil, being menand then he would be sent to this ship-timed in the writings of Plate and various to see that the contractors nearby Indian Villages which cluster delivered the goods. When Blue got in the valley of Mexico.



"That." said the officer, "is where Secretary Hunt comes from." Rack for Motorcycle. wire rack to be suspended over and rient in Brazil in 1893.
on both sides of the rear wheel.

The Brazilian navy h

1893 American Navy Puts

Washington, May 2. - Diplomatic bread cast upon the waters sometimes lain there, gathering moss. returns after many days. Brazil is act-ing as the "next friend" of the United American vessels were numerous American people. States in Mexico today because the among them. Their skippers protested United States once saved the Brazilian to Benham that their owners were be-When Charge O'Shaughnessy got

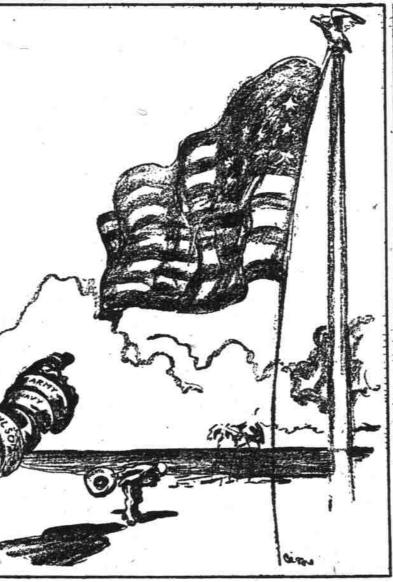
to mention smaller powers, offered to care for the interests of American citizens in that semblance of a republic. Brazil was selected, possibly be- terfere." cause the administration at Washington hoped that thereby the fears of So that a large number of small for their larger neighbor in the north gunboat came helter-skelter after her.

Mello replied that the blockade Yankee aggression which have been would be maintained. One American per and from entertained by some of the smaller captain, more daring than the others, South American republics might be pulled up his mudhook and started also include petroleum, asphalt, platallayed. Brazil's offer was prompted for an anchorage where he could be inum, graphite, sodium and marble. by the gratitude Brazilians have felt reached by the lighters. A Brazilian parcels can be carried on a motorcycle ever since Admiral Benham came to The Brazilian fired a snot across the outskirts of the city of Durango-a come. No one was even positive that a Californian has designed a woven the rescue of the established governity wire rack to be suspended over and rient in Brazil in 1893. The Brazilian navy had revolted and zilian rebel fleet began to move slowly to be almost a solid mass of Iron.

The mineral resources

31 states and territories. There is also bany, The most celebrated iron deposit is that of the Cerro del Mercado, in the

patriots who were camped in the tall HUERTA DEPENDS UPON UPPER CLASSES FOR SUPPORT; DICTATOR HAS LITTLE TO EXPECT FROM THE PEONS Fifteen Thousand Miles of Bailroads water to keep away malaria, live on



-From the New York Sun.

The mailed fist-My most humble apologies.

Many photographs received here ent accounts from 75 to 95 per cent. Washington, May 2.—The ease with show these press gangs at their work, which the marines landed in Vera Cruz—actually stealing men from the ance although he is himself at least General Scott's army in 1847, and were ans with their enormous hats, are seen diers through the streets to the barracks where they are driven into the recruiting office to "volunteer." Little Change Since 1847.

When General Scott, in the first the flower of the descendants of the Mexico City and fought the battle of proud Spanish conquerors, that small Molino del Rei, he found barring his ligent Mexicans live. fraction of the Mexican nation which further progress an enormous barri-

> races in Mexico as follows: Whites, 15 per cent:

cades which they had just erected.

Black, 1 per cent. Illiteracy runs according to differ-



bosoms of their families. The Indimarching in a hollow square of solthe aborigines of the United States. tory would only come on vanquishing Mexican war arrived just south of beautiful country has been sweeping department, at present, 42,701 regular

possesses almost all the property of cade. Santa Anna had had this erect- zens in Piedras Negras 500 volunteers sion comprises more than 6000. There the country which is not in the hands ed by the Indians of the neighborhood. were organized and armed to resist were about 6000 troops in the district of foreigners and which holds the The Indians did not know why they any possible invasion. In the district around the capital and approximately had put up the barricade. They did immediately surrounding Mexico City the same number in the vicinity of Huerta's principal reliance is the not know what the quarrel between warlike preparations long have been Saltillo, south of Torreon, cultured upper class. They don't love Santa Anna and "Yankuas" was about, going on to an extent undreamed of by There was said to be Huerta, but they love Mexico. They All they knew was that they were most Americans. The shipment of 15,- troops in Sonora, 2900 in Sinaloa, 800 armies marching around with ban- 000,000 rounds of ammunition on the in Tepic, 6000 in Jalisco, 1100 in Co-Huerta's principal weakness is the ners flying and bands playing. So it German steamer Ypiranga, which was luma, 4500 in Zacatecas, and 1250 in vast peon class, sunk in ignorance. Is related General Scott ordered these seized by Admiral Fletcher at Vera Guerrere. They would fight and run away to same Indians to tear down the barri- Cruz, was undoubtedly meant for American heads-and it had taken fore the seizure of Vera Cruz, were The Indians demolished their work some time to arrange for the purchase reported to be 1250 in San Luis Potosi, for General Scatt with as much read-iness as they had put it up for Santa Even without this shipment Huerta's Anna. The Indians of today are little troops do not lack ammunition. There detachments in various southern changed from those of 1847.

Is a good ammunition factory at states at the tremendous importance of this Chapultepec, the beautiful hill near cific ocean. is a good ammunition factory at states at the larger towns on the Pa-

> Mixed (mostly part Indian), 54 per ent; Indians 30 per cent.

half Indian. There is a small percentthe famous patriot, Benito Juarez. Many Indians joined the army of Villa armed with long bows and arrowsweapons which have been discarded by But a great wave of loyalty to their the large towns, where the more intel- soldiers available for field duty. These At a mass meeting of Mexican citi- in various towns, and no single divi-

indifferent attitude of the Indians is Mexico City, which is the site of the West Point.

He can also depend upon the brave fairly up-to-date type,

boys of Chapultepec. The heroic General Scott's army in 1847, and were decimated. Scott's bold Americans were stirred to admiration by the way these young men from the best families of Mexico went to their deaths. Huerta's Forces Number 42,701. Huerta has, according to the best information of the United States war

are scattered throughout the republic There was said to be about 3500

On the Atlantic coast the forces, be-4100 in Vera Cruz, and 1000 in Puebla. In addition to these there were small

Besides the land forces enumerated, seen when one notes the division of national military academy—Mexico's Huerta has an insignificant navy, of

Looking over the list of three can-