

MEXICO FRIENDLY TO U. S., VISITORS SAY THEY FIND

Party of Portland Men Spends Four Months in Southern Republic; Capital Greatest Need.

There is no appearance of anti-American feeling in Mexico and that nation would welcome proper aid from the United States. These impressions were gained at first hand by G. Evert Baker, R. C. Miller, A. K. Finley and H. M. Lambert, officers of the Glenwood colony in the Mexican state of Vera Cruz, who, with the exception of Finley, have just returned to Portland after spending four months in Mexico.

Baker, as spokesman for the travelers, who are interested in land holdings on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, said: **FIND NO RACE HATRED**

"Among the people with whom we come in contact race hatred does not seem to exist. The kindest consideration was shown us. Mexicans went out of their way to accommodate us—maybe because we had money to pay as we went.

"From all appearances Mexico is in need of outside capital. From many quarters we heard it said that if the United States would come with assistance agreeable to Mexico it would be welcomed and thereby establish for itself trade relations of importance.

"Entering Mexico at Laredo and going to Vera Cruz, Mexico, via Montebey, Saitillo, San Luis Potosi, Mexico City, we found trains were running on regular scheduled time, being daylight runs, except the last night into Mexico City. A night stop was made at Saitillo. **SOLDIERS ESCORT TRAINS**

Each train was escorted, with an engine and car, with a detachment of soldiers running ahead of the train, with another detachment of soldiers on the train at the engine, and another at the rear of the train. Along the railroad lines in the most strategic points military houses are built, where a detachment of soldiers are stationed. Bridges are guarded, also detachments of soldiers are kept at the most important stops. "The roads are kept up in good condition, and the service on the train is excellent. From every point the government is sparing nothing to keep its railroads open and its train service near normal.

"In places we saw good herds of cattle, sheep and goats. Some small patches of cultivation, where water was had for irrigation, production was good. **CULTIVATION EXTENSIVE**

"From Mexico City to Vera Cruz cultivation was more extensive, especially after reaching the tropics. In some fields many teams were tilling the soil, preparing for crops or removing crops all ready matured.

"Outside of the railroads no public improvements are being made. In Mexico City and Vera Cruz public buildings started five years ago are still uncompleted; in fact nothing more has been done since said time.

"In Mexico City several fine buildings were being built, also business places repaired and new places under construction.

"Business seemed to be carried on as though no trouble existed. While it is not heavy, everything as before is in operation.

4000 KILLED BY QUAKE

"Much has been said of the recent earthquake of a small mountain near Mt. Orizaba called Mt. San Miguel. As near as we have been able to obtain figures, about 4000 lives were lost. Very few were injured or crippled. Several small villages of about 200 persons were destroyed.

"Outside aid or help is not needed. The Chamber of Commerce has the situation well in hand. Sufficient supplies are on hand and provision is being made to house and shelter those who are unable to care for themselves.

"Hotel rates and living expenses are about the same as in the states.

SMALL CURRENCY SCARCE

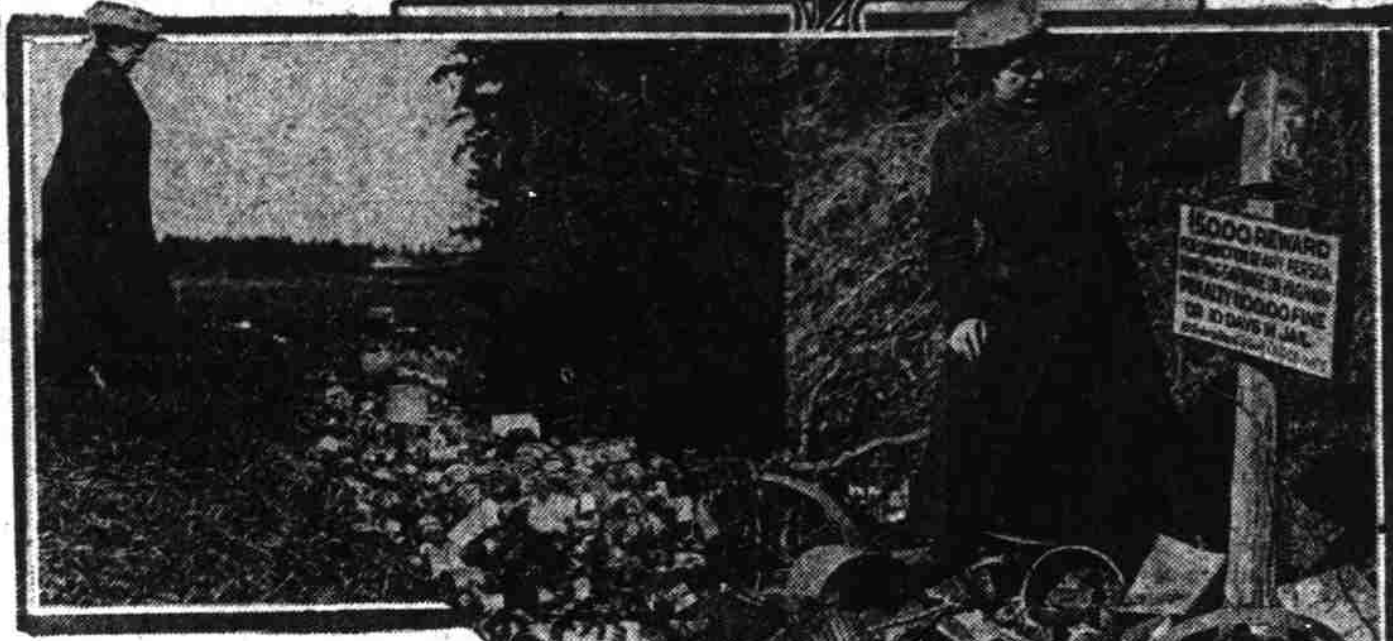
"Small change is very scarce. It is reported that the silver coin has been melted into silver bars, as the silver is more valuable than the coin. Paper money in small denominations is just coming into circulation.

"Sugar cane is a big industry. In fact, it is the only industry of note now, unless it be the banana industry. Much of the food products come from without. The natives seem to have no desire to till the soil. A large majority have moved into the villages.

AMBITION DESTROYED

"Small hamlets or villages during the

UNSIGHTLY PILES OF CANS MAR BOULEVARD



J. C. PENNY STORE IS HOST TO THROGNS ON OCCASION OF OPENING

Saturday Night Marks Entry Into Portland of Great System of Chain Stores.

The new J. C. Penny store at 111 Fourth street marked its entry into the commercial life of the city by a grand opening Saturday.

The Penny store occupies the entire ground floor and basement of the Couch building, formerly the home of the Schwab Piano company. The ground floor and a mezzanine floor around three sides of the room are used for sales and display of merchandise, principally clothing, men's furnishings and women's and children's ready to wear garments.

Earl A. Ross, manager of the store, has been in the employ of the J. C. Penny company for several years, and a number of members of the sales force have been connected with the concern in other cities in the Northwest. The Portland store is one of 100 new branches being opened this year throughout the country by the Penny company. There are now a total of 237 branches in operation, according to Ross.

The J. C. Penny company was first organized at Kemmerer, Wyo., about 20 years ago, with a capital of \$500. The present capitalization is \$15,000,000, and the volume of business handled annually amounts to approximately \$30,000,000. Headquarters of the company are in New York city.

Idaho Treasurer to Seek Governorship

Boise, Idaho, March 27.—John V. Paegle, state treasurer for five years, tonight announced his candidacy for Republican nomination for governor. He will oppose the cabinet form of government. His name will go before the Republican state nominating committee at Pocatello on August 24 under the new primary plan.

Irish Loan Committee Meet

Committees working on the Irish loan drive will meet this afternoon in the Portland hotel assembly room at 2:30. This is the last meeting and it is expected that all who have taken part are interested in Irish freedom will be present. A complete report will be rendered. A musical program has been arranged by Professor Little. Frank Hennessy will sing. The meeting is open to the public. Dan Kellaher will act as chairman.

Last five years have grown from a few hundred to over 2000. They are anxious for an opportunity to work, but have no means on which to start. Their little holdings during the revolution have been destroyed, and their ambitions killed.

"We saw very few Germans. We went out of our way to learn from them their views. In every case they are anxious to have and hope that the United States will give assistance. They say it is the only hope for Mexico.

"We found no Japanese in the territory traveled over by us. There are, however, many Chinamen. They are favorably spoken of and seem to be doing a good business."



Mrs. Bessie F. Colwell, chairman of the anti-tin can committee of the Portland Women's Advertising club, disgustedly viewing an accumulation just over the bank beyond picturesque Willamette boulevard in Portland, and a defiled anti-tin can sign and announcement of reward on Craig road east of the city in Multnomah county. Insert (left)—City Commissioner C. A. Bigelow. Insert (right)—County Commissioner Rufus C. Holman, to whom, jointly, has been committed the conducting of an official campaign against the tin can nuisance and its perpetrators.

Mexican Who Broke Jewelry Window Is Taken at Road Camp

After being followed from grading camp to grading camp by Pinkerton operatives for weeks, Ramon Diaz, a Mexican, was arrested Saturday at Idaville, Tillamook county, and is now lodged in jail at Tillamook, according to Pinkerton officials.

Diaz is charged with having broken the show window at the Grossman jewelry store in Third street, January 2, taking watches and rings valued at several hundred dollars. No clue was left by the thief, but reports were received from a road camp at Burton that a Mexican laborer was selling watches among his companions. An operative was sent to investigate, but the man had gone. Trace was lost, but the name of the Mexican was obtained and when other reports came in from other road camps the chase was resumed.

Diaz will be brought to Portland to answer the charge.

Separation From Russia Announced

Washington, March 27.—(I. N. S.)—The inhabitants of the central portion of Eastern Karelia have declared their separation from Russia and have demanded the withdrawal of all soviet troops, according to a dispatch to the Finnish legation here this afternoon. The soviet forces are reported to have begun to retire toward the Murman railroad.

Fined for Pushing Auto Away
George Adams was fined \$20 by Municipal Judge Roseman Saturday afternoon on a charge of pushing Harry Chenoweth's automobile out of his way with the heavier machine he was driving.

Union High School Wins
Chehalis, Wash., March 27.—At a special election a proposal for the establishment of a union high school for the Oakville, Garrad Creek and Cedarville districts was endorsed by a vote of 77 to 31.

Laura Brooks
Laura Brooks of Berkenfeld, Or., died Wednesday of bronchial pneumonia, at the age of 41 years. She was born in Kentucky and removed to Berkenfeld two years ago. She is survived by her husband, J. W. Brooks. She was a member of Rebekah lodge of Boring, and the I. O. O. F. Funeral services were held at Finley's chapel Tuesday, the Rev. Mr. Thompson officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Scott cemetery.

Percy Wallace Shaver
Percy Wallace Shaver, 148 East Twenty-third street, died Friday, aged 25. Shaver was a clerk with the United States shipping board, and had lived in Portland 10 years. He was born in Quebec, Canada, and came to this country at the age of 10. He is survived by his widow, Mary Shaver, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Shaver.

Medford Clothier Buys Part of Block
Medford, March 27.—S. T. Richardson, president and manager of the Model Clothing company, has just purchased the west half of the Miles block at 136 East Main street, the lower floor of which is occupied by the company's store, of Mrs. Julia Doubleday of Butte Falls, formerly of Medford, owner of the block. The sale is important because as the building has one of the most advantageous business locations on Main street.

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TIN CAN HECKLERS TICKLE SELVES BY REAL FUNNY JOKE

Rubbish Warning Sign Post on County Road Piled High With Assortment of Cast-off Debris.

By M. N. D.
Humorists? The woods are full of 'em. Every tin can, figuratively, wags its devilish fingers at court-tutted authority. The comedians leaf their joke books on solitary roads during shaded and somnolent hours.

There's a jangle about their quips, though. The rattle comes when they turn the gunny sacks upside down. And the joke is on the county commission.

Some time ago the Portland Women's Advertising club went on the warpath. They decided that people who border country roads and scenic highways with heaps of the cans are merely stealthy cravens of perverted spirit, or anything else equally condemned.

REWARD IS OFFERED
County Commissioners Hoyt, Holman and Muck and Sheriff Hurlburt decided that the tin can outrage had gone quite far enough. So they offered to pay a reward of \$25 or \$50 to any public-spirited citizen who would furnish information leading to the conviction of the person or persons throwing tin cans along the highways and byways of the county. A fine of \$100 was purposed for each conviction.

The tallest heaps of tin cans were cleared away and signs were erected at the previously infested spots on which peremptory words gave notice that no rubbish could be dumped, that the person doing so would be fined \$100, and the person giving information would be rewarded.

Out on Craig road last week, Bessie F. Colwell, chairman of the anti-tin can committee of the Women's Advertising club, found the greatest assortment of cans, old wash boilers, broken bottles of sirup cans, flower pots, nutmeg graters, corset stays and parts of filters that you ever saw in your life, all gathered intimately about the spot that supported the warning sign like chickabiddies around the mother hen.

CAN HAD RESERVED SEAT
One of the most garish of the tin cans was even roosting tipily atop the post as if to say, "The man who brought me here wasn't afraid of you and I won't be, either."

Municipal Commissioner Charlie A. Bigelow will not, however, admit that the joke is entirely on the county commissioners and sheriff. His is the problem of tin can accumulations along Willamette boulevard, in South Portland and elsewhere in the city. After much watching and waiting he succeeded in catching a couple of culprits red-handed and had a witness. Then Municipal Judge Roseman, apparently not knowing that a crusade against the tin canners was under way and that hor-

rible examples were wanted horribly, assessed \$25 fines—and suspended sentence. Mrs. Colwell called attention to another bit of incongruity when she told the county commission that a hopeful citizen who called the health bureau seeking information as to where tin cans might legally be left, was courteously told, "Oh, anywhere outside the city limits."

SHERIFF HAS TROUBLES
Even Sheriff Hurlburt had his individual troubles. On information that was apparently reliable he secured the arrest of a tin canner, nor did the raptorate, who drives a good machine and could pay the expense of having tin cans hauled away, deny his guilt. But the informer found that the tin canner was a friend of his and refused, even for the reward, to appear against him. The contrite violator went to the spot where he had left his cans and broken bottles and gathered them all up again. Thus were the ends of justice served.

In conference with the anti-tin can committee of the Women's Advertising club and some equally indignant men, the county commission agreed last week to start anew, to work out a joint program in which County Commissioner Holman and City Commissioner Bigelow will be collaborators and as if by the time the Rose Festival and Shrine week come, the piles of rubbish can at least be reduced sufficiently to see the scenery over them.

Bids Asked for New School in Centralia
Centralia, Wash., March 27.—The Centralia school board yesterday issued

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a call for bids for the erection of a new Lincoln school building, authorized recently by the voters of the Centralia district by a special election. The building will be of brick, one story, with six classrooms across the front and two more as wings on the rear corners.

Extending back from the center, with entrance directly opposite the main entrance to the building, will be a standard size gymnasium, which also will be used as an auditorium. The building will cost about \$50,000. Bids are to be opened April 20.

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