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BULL-FIGHT RETURNS AFTER FOUR YEARS TO MEXICAN CAPITAL

Public Clamors for Revival of Sport and Authorities Relent; 25,000 Fans Encircle Ring for Dazzling Event.

BY RALPH H. TURNER.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 10—Bugles blared, eighteen thousand Mexican throats fasted the full capacity of eighteen thousand pairs of Mexican lungs, a gate swung up on one side of the pit and a shouting bull, its head describing a vicious circle, rushed into the full glare of an afternoon sun. The bull fight had returned to Mexico.

Back in 1915, the Carranza government barred the bull fight from the federal district, in which the Mexican capital is located. And for four years the public has been clamoring for its revival. The authorities finally relented. A propitious time for its return, they decided, was during the visit here of the marines and naval officers from Argentina, Uruguay and Cuba, who came to Mexico with their warships as an escort to the body of the Mexican poet, Amado Nervo, who died while on a diplomatic mission to South America. So the bull baiting, in a way, was in their honor.

Bull spared, Horses Die.
But more than that it was to appease the demand of Mexican public. In an effort to be humane the authorities ruled that the battle should contain all the trimmings of a regular finish fight—except that the bull should not be killed. And anybody knows that to spare the bull removes all the thrill from any toreo. Anyway, the bull escaped the slaughter house but in their crusade for humanity the authorities overlooked the horses. Three of them, pitiful victims of a bull's savage horns, were killed during the afternoon. But that's part of the game, and always has been, so the paradox causes no comment here. What Mexico City wants is dead bulls.

Dead and alive, the bulls and the sport they provided presented to an American all the picturesque features which had been promised by stage and fiction. The bull ring, said to be the largest in the world, not excepting the one in Madrid can accommodate 25,000 persons. Rising from the circular arena, tier after tier of seats were filled with fans, with the dignitaries occupying the boxes at the top. The dyed-in-the-wool fans, the bleachers of Mexico's national sport, filled the "sun section." Here are the cheap seats, from one to three pesos, for one half of the amphitheater is in the sun's glare; the high priced seats are in the shade.

Preceding the fight was the usual procession of performers—just like the opening scene under any "big top" in the States. Banderillos, matadors, picadors all appeared in an array of color and fancy costumes that dazzled the eyes.

Tricks Infuriate Animal.
This over, the arena was cleared. Bring on the bull! As the bovine rushed out, a small, thin dagger, with colored ribbons attached is planted between his shoulders. This is to provoke the bull. Then the boys with the red flags get busy. The bull lowers his head, snorts and charges. He misses. But he finally gets a horse, maybe two. When the animal appears sufficiently weary and angry, the first act has ended.

Next, the banderillos. It is the duty of these gentlemen, armed with sticks two feet long, the end of the stick containing a barb to drive their weapons into the back of the bull's neck, behind the head. They comply—three banderillos, each with a pair of barbs. If by this time the bull hasn't displayed sufficient fury, some sort of TNT charge may be attached to one of the barbs. This explodes in the animal's hide; that gives him pep.

Finally, the matador, the executioner who first toys with the bull, waving his cloak under his nose, the bull charging one way, then another. After thoroughly proving the superiority of man over brute intelligence, the matador places himself in a strategic position, raises his arm and drives home the death sword, at the same time pointing at the neck. But on this occasion the sword was a "dud."

The bull was spared. His fate in the future is now in the hands of the federal authorities.

CLEMENCEAU URGES FRENCH FAMILIES OF FROM TEN TO TWELVE

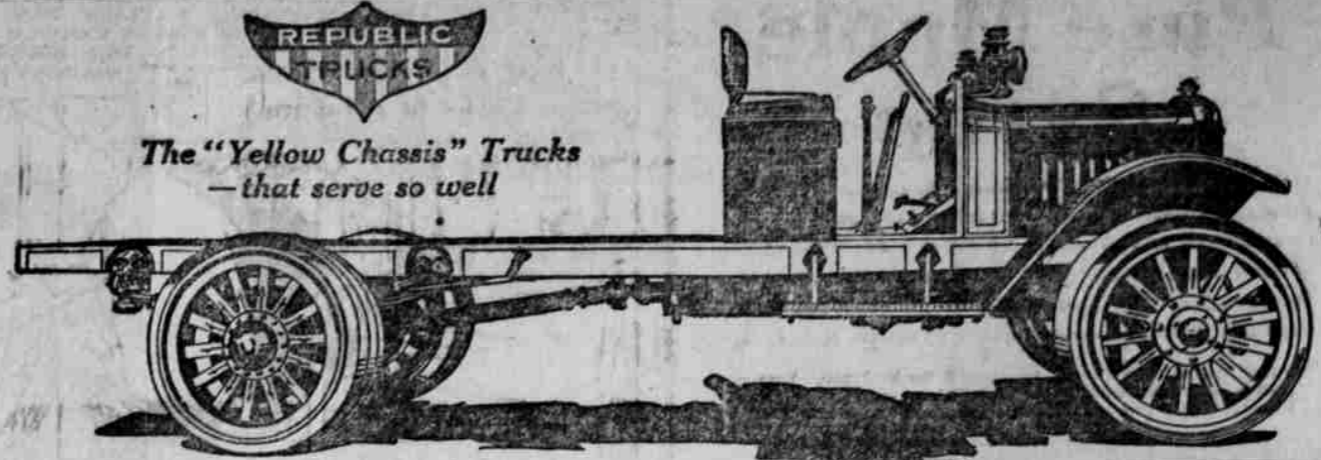
PARIS, Jan. 10.—Families of ten and twelve children are being urged by Premier Clemenceau, who is touring the Department of War, his constituency in the Chamber of Deputies. Mr. Clemenceau points out to his rural audiences the need of re-peopleing France, laying emphasis on the fact that large families are more common in Northern than in Southern France.

While the Premier is adhering to his determination not to talk politics while on his trip, he is giving wholesome advice to the throngs who come to see him.

"Do not expect taxes to be satisfactory to you," he said. "Taxes never please the payer, but the duty to pay is as imperative as that fulfilled by the soldier, who is in danger if the taxpayer fails. Our allies have outstripped us in this. In England, for example, the charge on the taxpayer is much heavier than in France. Our country assuredly suffered greatly through the war, but has today an improved material situation, which demands sacrifice on the part of her people."

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