## THE LAW IN MEXICO

引NMISTAKABLY, Gen. Pablo Gonzales was guilty of hav ing been the Carranza candidate for president of Mexico and of being caught. This, in a Mexico running true to
form, should have been enough to cause his death in a regrettable attempt to escape from an armed escort".
But Gonzales is alive! Tried by court-martial on the charge of having led in Nuevo Leon a brief and unsuccessful "rebellion" against the Obregon government, he was found guilty; but the
cours at the same time seems to have declared its lack of jurisdiefion. At best, the effect of turs in the logic of the old days shoula have been to set the general free, but subject to rearrest and trial before some tribunal more confident of its powers. the unfortunate candidate. War Minister Gen. Calles instructs the local chief of military operations that "the government cont icers itself sufficiently strong" in public opinion not to fear
"that Gonzales will continue to be a peril" to its stability. He i to be set "absolutely at lberty:"
If Gen. Gonzales does finally pass what has hitherto been in Mexito the dead-line of getting caught in an unsuccessful uprisingt that fact should indicate a striking advance in government methods. It should show that Gen. Obregon was perhaps not actingily emotion for effect upon an outside world when he an-
grily denounced the killing of Carranza. With the decision of the Nuevo Leon court martial, it might even mean that Mexico is beginning to discover the use of Law.-New York World.

## A REFERENDUM IS A REFERENDUM

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 OME ill-advised partisans make the argument that even shoudd Governor Cox be elected as president, a twothirds majority might be hard to command in support of the peace treaty in the senate.
Not at all. It is accepted on both sides that the presidential election is a referendum on the peace treaty. The Chicago
platform hails it as such and so do the democrats. Senator Harding has officially announced his readiness to accept the election as a referendum. Governor Cox does likewise. whatever it may be will be respected. There can be no hope for the peace treaty nor for the League of Nations if Harding is eleoted. Even the staunchest supporter of the league will ad-
mit this. By the same token the irreconcilables cannot expect mit this. By the same token the irreconcilables cannot expect
to have their way if Cox is elected. The election of Cox will be notice from the American people that they desire America to enter the league. There will be but one hongrable course open to the senate in case the referendum is favorable to the treaty, That will consist in ratification of the treaty with such clarifying
reservations as may be deemed wise. To claim that regardless of the ele
will refuse to sign is to claim that the United States senate will try to defy the will of the people as given in what both sides accent to as a "solemn referendum." Such a claim is ill founded
because the senators are rsponsible to the people and such men usually heed the writing on the wall when they see it.
The appointment of W. R. Taylor as his brother's successor in the sheriff's office will have general approval. The ofrice is Taylor very soon. Such men are rare. The new sheriff will have the good wishes of the people who wish most of all just
now for the capture of the men who broke jail Sunday and in now for the capture of the men who broke iail
their break killed the most popular official in Eastern Oregon.
SSiturday there was too much wind off Sandy Hook and on
Monday there was not enough breeze to make a race. The susMenday there was not enough boseeze thard on those most concerned.
But the wheat price is still pretty good, despite that drop.
It has been a tragic year for Pendleton.


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