

ABOUT GEN. PORFIRIO DIAZ.

Remarkable Career of the Many Times Elected President of Mexico.

Students of the life of Porfirio Diaz made the claim that history does not hold, this side of the crusades, a personal record so varied and eventful, says the San Antonio Express. The man of Mexico is credited with the most kaleidoscopic career since the days of Richard the Lion-Hearted. Hale and hearty at 70 years of age, clear-eyed, and firm-footed, his life spans half a century of incredible adventure, and stands for political development which probably is shown by no other nation in the nineteenth century.

Within the memory of San Antonians Mexico was the most revolutionary of countries; so infested by bandits, so powerless to afford security to life and property that parties in the United States suggested this failure of government as a pretext for assisting Texas in her struggle for independence. To-day, outside of the United States, Mexico is probably the best governed country on the hemisphere.

Porfirio Diaz was born in the city of Oaxaca Sept. 15, 1830, the night before the anniversary of Mexican Independence day. His great-grandfather, coming from Spain, had married a woman of the native race and to that extent he is an Indian.

He was left an orphan at 3 years of age. When a mere boy he helped at a country store. At 17 he cut himself off from the help of friends by leaving the theological seminary, but he gained the friendship of Benito Juarez, the great commoner of Mexico, then Governor of Oaxaca, who obtained for him a librarianship. At the age of 19 he was made a professor of Roman law.

In a plebiscite offered by Santa Ana Diaz was one of two in Oaxaca who dared openly to register a vote against the dictator. He paid the penalty of banishment, escaping narrowly with his life.

He now tasted warfare in a guerrilla organization operating against Santa Ana, and within eight years had risen from a captaincy to commander-in-chief of the Mexican armies and to a place in the government second in importance only to President Juarez.

During that time he won many sensational victories and made a series of hairbreadth escapes. At the same time he evinced a remarkable talent for civil administration. In the midst of the stress and rigor of war he paused to establish girls' schools in Oaxaca, which are now the models for similar institutions all over the republic. At practically the same time he gave Mexico one of her national holidays by winning on the Cinco de Maya the battle of Puebla with raw Mexican levies pitted against armies trained in France.

In April, 1877, he was elected President and except for the interregnum of Gonzales from 1880 to 1884 he has been at the head of Mexico ever since. The chaotic country experienced its first peace in seventy years.

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