

View of the City of Guanajuato.

(Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.) EXICO, closest Latin-American neighbor to the United States, is known in detail to few residents north of the Rio Grande. The average American, familiar enough with Canadian provinces, would be hard put to tell whether Chiapas is on the Pacific or Atlantic; where Nayarit is; if Campeche is east or west; or oven to pronounce Aguascullentes or to name five of the twenty-eight commonwealths of our neighbor republic.

In Mexico also are two territories. One is Lower California, dry, arid, mountainous and thinly populated. Fifteen hundred miles away from Lower California lies Mexico's other territory, Quintana Roo, farthest south

It is common to think of Mexico as a great horn sprouting south from southwest United States. The position of the two Mexican territories punctures this geographic myth. Mexice is not a thin antion. It is just as wide as it is long. While its westernmost city is Tiajuana, over the international line from San Diego, Calif., the outermost point of the Yucatan peninsula lies as far east as Indianapolis.

The United States has one smaller state than Mexico's smallest. Rhode Island is 300 square miles smaller than Tlaxcala, which lies 50 miles east of Mexico City. Collma, a state on the Pacific coast of Mexico directly west of the capital, measures less than Delaware. But the largest state of Mexico, Chihuahua, across the border from New Mexico, is much smaller than the American giant, Texas. It approximates Oregon, or Illinois and Indiana taken together.

Toluca a Pleasure Resort.

It was by a sign on the railway station at Toluca that Lindbergh, on his first flight to Mexico, in 1927, finally found his position, and then flew directly into Mexico City. The relations between Toluca and Mexico City might be compared roughly to those between Annapolis and Washington. Toluca la the nearest state capital to the federal city, and its state encloses the federal district just as Maryland encloses the District of Columbia. Phys-Ically, however, the comparisons are not so close. Both Mexico City and Toluca lie on a high plateau and are surrounded by mountains. Situated 40 miles from Mexico City, Toluca is visited by residents of the capital as a pleasure resort. It lies in one of the most beautiful "valleys" of the republic-the Valley of Toluca, From this upland plain come the spirited bulls for the bull rings of Mexico City. Cortez founded the city 12 years after the Conquest. It lies on part of the original grant made to the Conqueror by the king of Spain.

The state of Mexico, of which Toluca is the capital, embraces both upland plains and mountains.

Queretaro, the Delaware of Mexico, makes up for its limited areas by the richness of its mountains and valleys. The former contain minerals and the latter, deep layers of fertile, well-watered soll which grow pineapples. dates, bananas, pomegranates, figs, and lemons.

Indian Names Revived.

The states of Mexico were originally laid out to coincide roughly with the areas occupied by the Indian tribes which the Spanlards conquered. Then the conquerors apportioned the districts among themselves. Thus Hernando Cortez was "Marques del Valle" of Oaxaca. As marques he laid waste the Zapotec Indians' chief town, built a new city on the same site and named it Antequera, after a town of Spain near Malaga. When Mexico won its independence from Spain, the city resumed its old Zapotec name, Huaxiacae (modified in Spanish to Ouxaca) and the state took the same title. This is a story repeated with variations many times in Mexico,

Although the ancient Aztees, Zanotecs and Mayas are responsible for the boundaries of modern states of Mexico, the borders often outline definite geographic units. There is a classification handy for Mexican states which our republic cannot use to advantage. In Mexico there are low states, high states and higher states. The low states are the eastern seaboard units from north to south, Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon, Vera Crus and Tabasco. The Yucatan peninsula group of Campeche, Yucatan and

Quintana Roo also hugs sea level. Pacific coastal states are, for the most part, low states, too, but not as low as east coast states; Sonora, Nayarit, Colima, Michoacan, Guerrero, Oaxaca and Chiapas. Then come the high states, that is, those which are 3,000 fect above sea level. Chihuahua, Coabulla and Durango. The first two lie in the Rio Grande basin between the wide-open arms of the mountain ranges that border the famous Valley of Mexico.

Higher States Are Richest.

South of Durango are the higher states, and, it may be added the smaller, and the most populous and the richest states of Mexico. The average elevation of 11 states and the federal district is more than a mile above sea level. Orizaba peak, 12 miles southeast of Mexico City, is the key pin of a gigantic pair of dividers opened to a 60-degree angle. Each arm of the dividers is a mountain range, the left arm connecting with the Rocky mountains and the right losing itself at

Between the arms spreads the fertile mile-high or higher region of blue lakes and fruitful valleys, elevated enough to have an equable climate. Just as the mountain ranges converge on Orizaba, so the trade routes converge on Mexico City.

Just as the United States has, in the state of Washington, a commonwealth named for the hero of its Revolution. so Mexico has honored the father of its freedom from Spain, Padre Hiin the state of Gunnajunto, until he led the revolution in 1810. Dolores has now become Dolores Hidalgo. Hidalgo state is one of the most mountainous in Mexico. Six ranges cross the relatively small area creating a maze of peaks and ridges. In this tangle of mountains are some of the heaviest mineral deposits in the re-

A nearby area of 8,000 square miles of the Valley of Mexico has been carved out to make the state of Hidalgo. South of Mexico City, another relatively small state, Morelos, honors another hero of Mexico's war of inde-

Three Important States.

Straddling the Sierra Madre range running down the west coast of Mexico, Michoacan state judiciously places one foot in the fertile valley of Mexico and the other on the Pacific coast, But its valley acres, with sparkling lakes surrounded by farms, support the major part of its population. To Michoacan many traveled Americans go annually in the late fall, for the blue lakes beckon flocks of "American" wild ducks and geese wintering in the Southland. Because of the variety of its products Michoacan earns high rank among Mexican states. It is the greatest cereal growing state of the republic, and, in addition, produces coffee, sugar, fruits, vanilla, wine and

San Luis Potosi is one of Mexico's inland states, consisting of a high and dry temperate plateau intersected by a few deep tropical valleys. Where there is sufficient rainfall there are large upland plantations of corn and cotion, and in the warm valleys coffee and sugar are grown. Cattle raising is a chief industry on drier plains, and the mountainous districts are rich in gold and silver mines. The state is in a very old settled region, figuring largely in the Spanish colonization scenes of the Sixteenth century. An important railway connects the capital of the state, a city of the same name, situated in the cool highlands, with the port of Tampico on the Gulf of Mexico. The city of San Luis Potosi contains a fine old cathedral and many quaint houses of Spanish colonial

Vern Cruz is the richest of Mexico's Gulf Coast states. It is densely forested, low-lying and tropical along the coastal plain, but splendid mountain ranges rise along the western border, From the forests come some of the power. He repeated her words world's costliest cabinet woods and slowly. plantations of the lowlands are rich in cotton, sugar, coffee, cacao and

PARADE

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CHAPTER VIII-Continued

-14-Together they had everything. Youth, wealth, ambition. Their future was limitless. Suddenly she felt old and on the shelf. What was she doing, immured in her solitude, under gray skies, when the others were find ing life gay and happy together? She had been cheated of her girlhood, and now wemanhood had as tittle to offer. But if the senator's letter planged her into deeper depression, on the other hand it aroused her from lassifude and made action imperative.

She went to see Stevens, and fald a long mantla envelope on the desk before him.

"I want to leave New York," she sold. "These are the last. Will you see what you can do for me?"

The broker, a dry, flat man, drew the corners of the crackly parchment papers from the flap of the envelope and glanced at them. Light and Power . . . Traction . . . Little Mand Oil. . . . He smiled imper centibly.

"Well, we have placed a great deal of this stuff. Perhaps

"You said this was good, and I have kept it until the last," she interrunted impatiently. She was biting her an amazing sign of nervousness in her.

Mr. Stevens raised his yellowish brows.

"Unly a month ago . . . we for warded our check

"What of that? The securities had been in your hands since October!" "Very well. I will do what I can. He turned away. Brokers have a uniform antipathy to I Itable clients Linda, who had always swept in and out of that office as a queen, lingered hesitant at the door.

"There is an obligation which is troubling me. My bill at the St. Sevier has been running for a long time. They must have a payment from this money." She spoke thoughtfully, as 'f the stock was already sold and she had only to dishurse its equiv-

Mr. Stevens was shocked. This was an error in tactics for which he was unprepared. He had nothing whatever to do with the liabilities or embarrassments of his clients.

"The bookkeeper will forward the check to your address, Mrs. Roth," he said frigidly.

And so Livda assured the manager of her hotel that he would hear from her within the week. She was giving up her rooms for good-leaving New York. Politely asked for an address, she answered vaguely "Washington,"

She had been in that city many times, but now her heart beat as mad ty as any sixteen-year-old's who gets her first peep at the world through the historic if utterly dull and pledalgo was a parish priest in Dolores, being hordes that migrate to and from the political center at every season.

> She had sent no word of her coming to the two men who would be interested in seeing her, but twenty minutes after her bags were brought up she telephoned Converse to come to her. His response was so pleased and triumphant that she was smiling faintly when she turned from the telebhone.

> When they met an hour later, he still wore the manner of victory, but this disappeared at her first words

> "I have given everything into Stevens' hands," she said. "Soon the inst bit of paper I possess will be gone and then-you will be troubled with my poor little affairs no longer." She tried to speak lightly, disguising the meaning of her words with mockery. His face altered at once, but not with chagrin-rather it was with a closing down of pleasantry, a tightening of every muscle in that visage which beneath its purple mask of flesh remained crafty and sinister,

CHAPTER IX

From Mountain Top Into the Valley

Senator Converse made himself comfortable in the widest chair the coom afforded and selected a cigarette with care before he answered Linda. She watched this, striving to keep her choughts from her eyes.

"So our friendship is to end with the last bandred shares?" She winced from something in his tone.

"Were we ever friends?" He reflected upon this. "Possibly net. I am then to be of no further use to you. We will put if that way

n spite of baldness."

She interrupted warmly; "You nelped me with advice-with your in fluence in selling those stocks because con liked my father-not me-"

The senator burst out taughing. "Gad, what frauds you women are! Are you lying to yourself or just to me?"

It was going to be horrible but she must control herself. "I gave you no encouragement to

believe yourself my friend," she said coldly. "I would have-paid-you for what you did. That is how I have atways felt to you?" She realized that she had made an

error when she saw him start violent iy. She had angered him and he had

"So you would have paid me-but not with the coin I wanted-from rou," His giance traveled over her first,"

slowly and she cringed before it. She wanted to say that this was pay-as she had paid a hundred times in humillation, but that would have gained her nothing. After a little while he became merciful and turned his eyes away.

"I believed that you would turn to me some day," he said slowly,

"Turn to you? No, no, I could

"If there hadn't been another man," he went on, tonelessly, "you'd have got over that feeling you have for me -repulsion, I suppose you'd call it. You'd have got so-you could touch me without shivering. That was just youth-rad you speat your youth pretty freely. It's nearly gone, though you haven't lived so very many years I figured it would last about as long as the red and blue papers your daddy left behind blm."

"Red and blue papers," she repeated dully, though she knew it was just

He got up and took a step toward her. A thick dark velo stood out on his forehend like an ugly bruise and his hand trembled when it fell upon her shoulder. She would have screamed but there was no escape. She would be smothered-effacedbefore anyone came.

"It is another man, isn't it?" She could not say no.

"Then let me tell you-you can't have that boy. You'll ruln him-a woman like you. Why don't you let



"So Our Friendship is to End With the Last Hundred Shares?"

him marry that young girl? She's fresh, She'll give him everything She can have half a dozen children without remembering-"

That wrested a cry from her. "What have I done? 'A woman like

me!" Oh, you-you-" She began to sob, seeing his face through a blur of tears.

He laughed dryly.

"You're defending your virtue now -a woman can always do that, even when it's gone wrong. But, my dear Linda, do not misunderstand me. I'li admit that you have been pure-exemplary. But perhaps that is my fault. I made it easy for you. I have paved the way with-Stevens' checks." He had been smoking one cigarette after another-a puff, then flung awny. The ashes and stubs ifftered the carpet around where he sat. It was absurd to see the tiny paper rolls in his mouth, lost between his pendulous cheeks. At a glance he seemed to be burning up inside. "We are still blgoted enough to call the woman virtuous who has never given herseit to a man. I would be the last to rot you of that claim to superiority, my dear girl. We will say that you have accepted a casket-from me-to keep your virtue safely in. By this am biguity the truth is upheld and no one offended." He paused. "But even by-horrowers-there is a code to be considered."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Italian Language

The modern Italian language is developed from the Latin, The earliest definite traces of Italian speech may he found in a document of Monte Cassino, dated 900. Tucan, and especially Florentine, has been the classical liter ary language almost from the beginning of the national fiterature. During the first half of the Thirteenth century the mass of lyrical poetry was produced by the Sicilian school at Palermo at the court of the Emperor Frederick II. In the second half of the century the sent of lyrical poetry was transferred to Tuscany. The modern Italian literary language, however, is founded on the Florentine distect. which was the language of Dante.

His Punishment

An Irish threman rescuing a woman at a blaze, lost his hold near the bottom of the ladder and landed heavily with the woman on top of him. A doctor, hustily summoned pronenneed him sound, though hadty brubed. "You are a brave man," said the

doctor. "Brave, maybe, but no gintleman," replied the frishman rubbing his in juries, for i'd have let the tady po-

"Human Gorilla" Found Comrade in Adversity

A customers' man temporarily out of a job ran into a friend who owned a circus and asked him for some thing to do.

"Well, the gorilla recently died," said the friend, "and if you want to get his skin, swing on the trapeze, growl a bit and amuse the children, you can have the Job."

The customers' man filled the bill well until one day the rope or which he was swinging snapped and he was catapulted into the lion's cage.

The lion, seeing him, let out a lusty roar to which he offered a timid yelp. The ilon roared more menacingly. The pseudo-goritia tost his nerve and became entirely human, backed into a corner yelling "help,

The Hon thereupon came closer and said in a hourse whisper, "Shut up, you d-d fool, you are not the only customers' man out of a job."-Wall Street Journal.

Bee Expert to the Rescue Ernest-Meirose, bee expert, stepped of a bus in Oxford street, London, and saw traffic paralyzed by thousands of bees swarming on a street light. He received hundreds of cheers and only one sting after be borrowed a ladder from the electric light company, a cardboard box lined with glycerine from a drug store, a mosquito net from a'draper's, a pair of gloves from a department store, and got most of the bees in the box and several hundred of them inside his coat, shirt and trousers,

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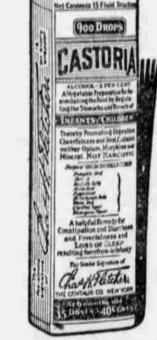
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