

MEXICO AGAIN IN STATE OF REVOLT

Three Sections of Nation Are Simultaneously Taken By Opponents of Established Order.

Mexico City, March 3.—Revolt flamed on three sides of the capital tonight. The state of Vera Cruz was almost entirely held by rebels, the Isthmus of Tehuantepec to the south was reported in their hands, and another group had taken the northern border state of Sonora without bloodshed.

Several cities and towns in the state of Vera Cruz were reported captured by army units, which revolted today under the leadership of Gen. Jesus Maria Aguirre. A simultaneous revolt, led by General Manzo, was said to have broken out in the northern state of Sonora.

Vera Cruz, Jalapa, Orizaba, Perote and several other cities and towns were said to have fallen to the rebels. Aguirre was military commander of the state of Vera Cruz and seven army "units" (of what size was not reported) were said to have served him.

Former President Plutarco Elias Calles, who was succeeded last December by the provisional president, Emilio Portes Gil, after the assassina-

tion of President-elect Obregon, was recalled to active military duty to meet the situation.

The capital was in a state of high excitement. Trucks filled with armed and equipped soldiers dashed through the down town streets. A strong guard hastily was thrown around Chapultepec palace.

Meanwhile all communications between Mexico City and the Gulf ports was cut off. No trains ran and the national telegraph line and the telephone lines were cut. The population here waited events while rumors spread rapidly.

As soon as it became apparent that a serious movement was under way, President Portes Gil summoned military leaders to the national palace to plan the campaign.

The rebel army units were reported officially to be in control of most of the state of Vera Cruz.

While the capital was buzzing with conflicting reports and martial preparations were going forward on every side, United States Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow, with his wife and daughters and Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, was at Cuernavaca, 40 miles south of the capital. There is no telephone in the residence of the ambassador, but it was expected that the embassy staff could reach him through

the telephone at his next-door neighbor's, the British minister's.

Vera Cruz is about 250 miles by rail from Mexico City. The nearest point to the capital reported to be in the hands of the rebels is Orizaba, which is about 80 miles distant. The stoppage of train service, which was the first indication that an uprising was under way, checked all trains at a point less than half-way from Mexico City to the port.

Gen. Gonzalo Escobar, military commandant of the state of Coahuila, also had joined the revolt, according to reports from other than government sources. He is another veteran of the internal wars of Mexico and was at one time commander at Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso.

Several Americans in business in Vera Cruz but temporarily in the capital were desperately attempting tonight to get airplanes to carry them to their families in Vera Cruz, from which they are cut off by every other means of transportation.

The American embassy was unsuccessful for some time in its efforts to reach the ambassador at Cuernavaca. So far no fighting or other disturbance had been reported in that direction.

President Portes Gil called a ses-

sion of the supreme war council and also the cabinet in his residence at Chapultepec palace. Military dispatches poured into his headquarters from all parts of the republic.

Late tonight the president ordered the commander of the Valbuena army air field used by Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and the place that he cracked up last Wednesday in landing, to have all aviators ready to fly to the front at a moment's notice.

Gen. Francisco R. Manzo, reported to be leading the revolt in the state of Sonora, is a seasoned fighter, who has campaigned throughout the west of Mexico and knows the entire country. In Sonora he long commanded outfits of Yaqui Indians, known as among the fiercest fighters of the world.

The secretary of war, Joaquin Amaro, one of whose eyes was removed only a few days ago because of an injury received while playing jai alai, got up from his sick bed tonight to take personal direction of the federal campaign.

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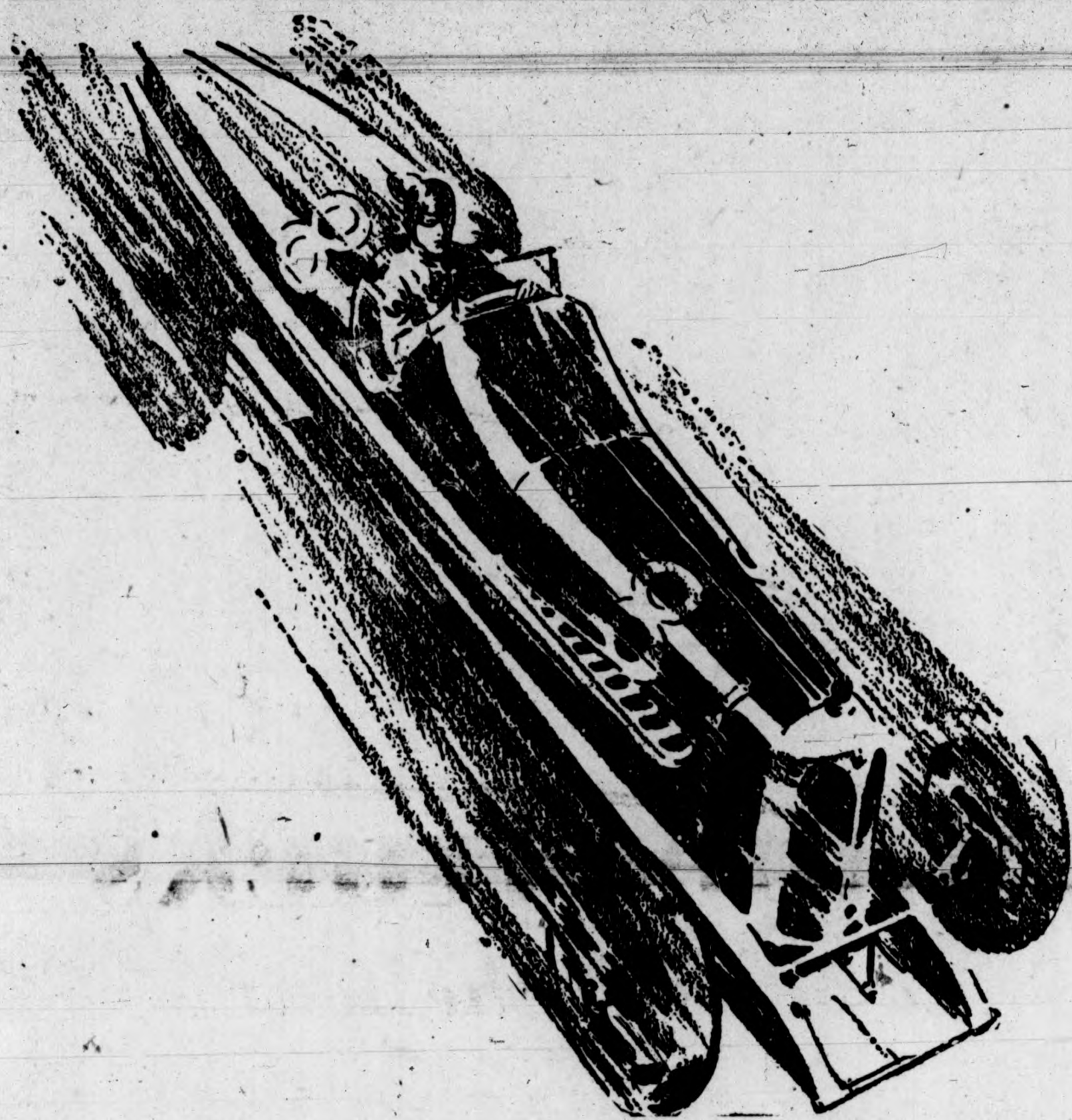
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