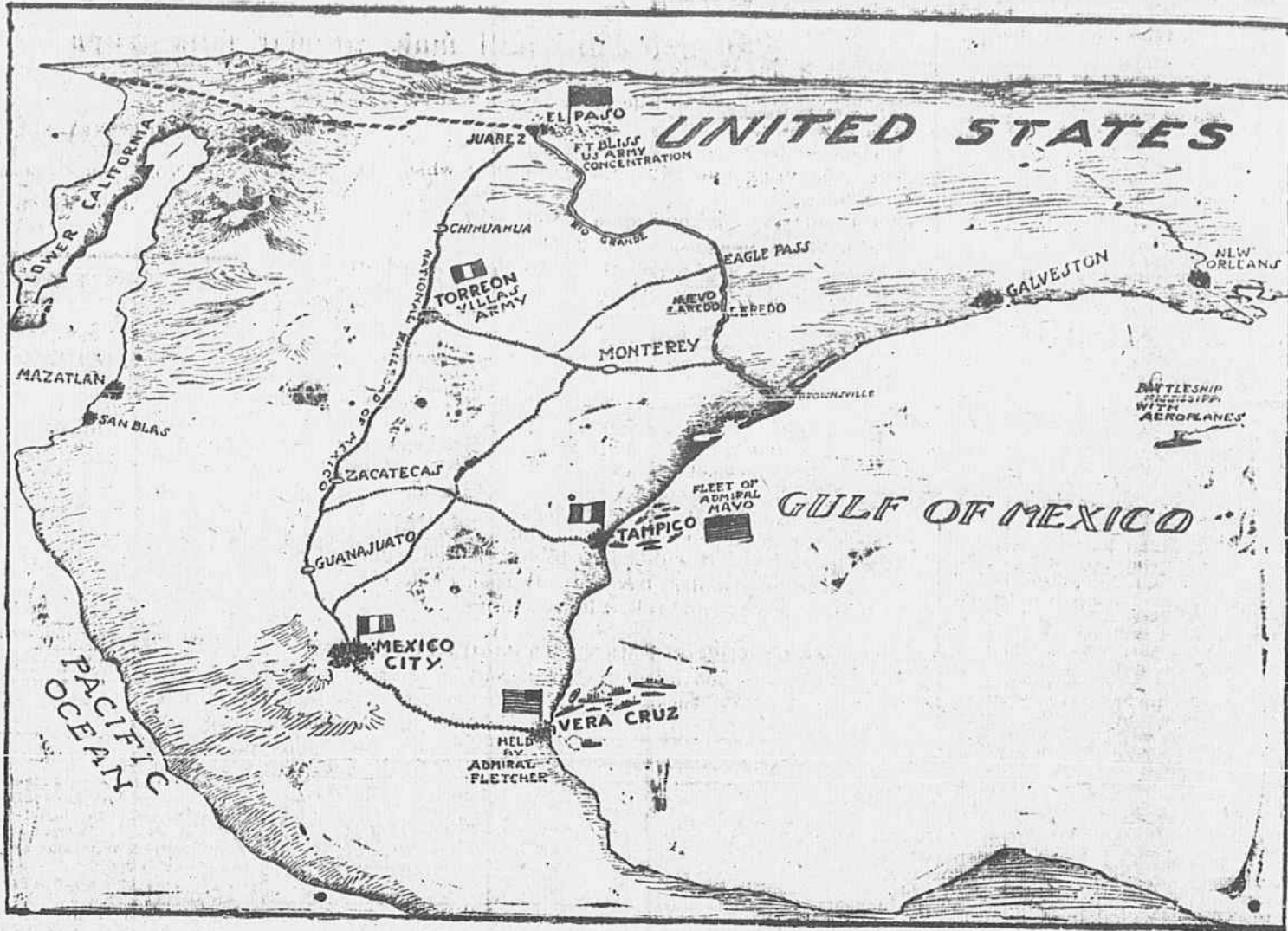


Some Information About the Geography of Mexico



With reference to Vera Cruz—El Paso, Texas, and Juarez Mexico, might be compared with the situation of Chicago in relation to Charleston. Juarez, or to give it the full name, Ciudad Juarez, formerly known as El Paso del Norte, is in the very middle of the northern boundary line of Mexico, and Vera Cruz is the principal port, and is located on the eastern coast, toward the southernmost part of Mexico.

This gives some idea of the wide area covered by the American forces at this time. Secretary Daniels had a patrol arranged to scout along the Gulf of Mexico, and the 4,500 miles of the northern border of Mexico is being patrolled by the United States army.

The population of El Paso, Texas, is given at 39,379 in 1910, but there are of course many more residents there, because this count does not include the suburbs. Half of the residents are said to be Mexicans. There are a great many South Carolinians in El Paso, among whom might be mentioned W. D. Mayfield and family, formerly of Greenville. Mr. Mayfield went there for his health directly after he finished his term of office as state superintendent of education. From the roof of his home he and his family have witnessed many battles and skirmishes in Juarez, which is just across the Rio Grande river.

Juarez has been in the hands of half a dozen different factions in the last three years. Madero, Zapata, Villa and others have started their way to success in this northern capital of the revolutionists. Juarez is a wicked city, given over to horse racing, and chicken fighting, and other half civilized pursuits. It is 1,000 miles northwest of Mexico City, and Mexico City is 263 miles from Vera Cruz, and almost due west. Mexico City is almost equi-distant from Vera Cruz on the Atlantic and Acapulco on the Pacific. The port at Acapulco is now blockaded by the battleship California, which was built and is now commanded by Capt. N. A. McCully of this city.

One hundred miles due south of Juarez is the considerable city of Chihuahua, which is now the capital of the Constitutionalists, under Gen. Carranza. Three hundred miles southeast of Chihuahua is Torreon, the strategical point where the bitter fighting was carried on a few days ago between Villa on the one side and Velasco and Maas on the other. And five hundred miles southeast of Torreon is the capital city, "the home of the Montezumas," that proud and gentle aristocratic race of kings that was butchered by Cortez, who came in the name of Christianity, under the banner "In Hoc Signo Vinces," and drenched with blood the lovely Aztec city and looted the palaces and the temples, and gave to the simple and confiding race of people their first impressions of greed, treachery, rapine and blood-thirstiness. Mexico has been a charnel house and a shambles ever since.

City and State of Vera Cruz as They Are Today; Scene of First Bloodshed

Following is a description of Vera Cruz, city and state, where the first American blood was spilled in the present conflict.

Vera Cruz, or Villa Nueva de la Vera Cruz (the new city of the Real Cross), an important city on the east coast of Mexico, about 81 miles east of the city of Mexico, with a population in 1885 of 28,000, composed of a molly collection from many nations. The city is built in a semi-circle facing the sea, and is regularly laid out; the streets, which are wider than is usual in the tropical countries, running east and west from the harbor, with others crossing them at right angles.

The town is well defended by a strong wall and other substantial works, as also by the castle of St. Juan de Ulua, which stands upon an island of the same name, about a half mile from the shore. The principal buildings are the cathedral and other churches, built in the Moorish style; several monasteries; the court house and prison, which stand on one side of the great square in the center of the city.

There are a few good hospitals, the drainage of the city flows down open channels in the center of the streets, which are almost on a level with the sea. This, combined with the wretched water which the inhabitants are compelled to drink, the marshy and utterly barren nature of the surrounding country, and the pestilential nature of the climate generally, easily

accounts for the frightful ravages of yellow and other fevers. Yellow fever is best prevalent from May till November. Although it is the chief port for all Mexico, Vera Cruz has no harbor, but only an open roadstead between the town and the granite, volcanic hills behind the town; prevent many vessels are wrecked on the adjoining shore. A breakwater is in process of construction which will do much towards improving the harbor. A railway between this city and Mexico was begun in 1864, and completed in 1869. There is also to be an inter-oceanic line to Acapulco.

The chief exports are the precious metals, cochinal, sugar, flour, indigo, provisions, sarsaparilla, leather, vanilla, tainag, soap, logwood and pimento, and the imports, cotton, woolen, linen and silk goods, brandy, iron, steel, wax, quills, silver, paper, hardware and cutlery, earthenware, etc.

Old Vera Cruz—a village to the north, was the first Spanish settlement on the coast.

State of Vera Cruz.

Vera Cruz, a marvellous state of Mexico, consisting of a bit of territory about 50 miles long by 80 miles broad, stretching along the southwest coast of the Gulf of Mexico, 28,201 square miles. Population in 1895 855,000, chiefly Creoles and Indians. The land region, a strip about 30 miles wide in low, level and sandy, is most

characteristic feature being its lagoons. In the southeast corner of the state is the Isthmus of Tehuantepec (I. T.). Its climate is hot and unhealthy, yellow fever prevailing from May to November. The interior slopes toward the volcanic mountain range of the Sierra Madre, by which it is traversed, culminating in the peak of Orizaba, 17,314 feet high. It presents all varieties of climate from tropical to arctic, and a corresponding variety of vegetable products both of the torrid and temperate zones. The middle region is arctic and covered with a magnificent forest and plantations of sugar, coffee, tobacco, corn, etc., and is agreeable and healthy. Among the mineral products are gold, copper, iron and lead.

Brownsville is the southernmost point on the coast of Texas, and just across the mouth of the Rio Grande river from Brownsville is Matamoras. Tampico, sprung into worldwide notoriety in the last few days, is 150 miles south of Brownsville and midway between Vera Cruz and Brownsville. Galveston is about 200 miles north of Brownsville, and in the environs of Galveston is Texas City where 10,000 regulars have been hardening and training for a year.

Among the citizens of Anderson who have more than a passing acquaintance with Mexico is C. J. DeCamps, the well known real estate man and engineer who some years ago was engaged in railroad construction in that country. He declares that while the climate at Vera Cruz is wretched, being subject to malaria and yellow fever on account of the outlying lagoons, yet this territory, at sea level soon gives way to foot hills and then to towering mountains. Within twenty miles of Vera Cruz is the railroad bridge which holds the key to the situation in approaching the capital city. Forty miles out from Vera Cruz one has passed the fever infested jungles and morasses and has begun to ascend, in fact the altitude here is something like 4,000 feet, Asheville, N. C., being only about 1,900. This whole backbone of Mexico, flanked on each side by narrow coastal strips, is of volcanic origin. The rail line ascends to a maximum of 10,000 feet before it begins to approach the City of Mexico, which is one of the most beautiful in the world, and is on a plateau 7,500 feet above the sea. The highest mountain east of the Rockies is Mount Mitchell in North Carolina, which is 6,711 feet and towers above the other spurs of the Blue Ridge.

The danger of Mexican bullets, therefore, is not the only terror to be encountered in Mexico. While the climate of the plateau country is equable, more so than in any point in South Carolina, yet in Vera Cruz, Acapulco and Tampico there is to be encountered the dread yellow fever and the approaching season of the year is the period when yellow fever is most prevalent.

Look to Your Plumbing.

You know what happens in a house in which the plumbing is in poor condition—everybody in the house is liable to contract typhoid fever, or some other fever. The digestive organs perform the same functions in the human body as the plumbing does for the house, and should be kept in first class condition from time to time. If you have any trouble with your digestion take Chamberlain's Tablets and you are certain to get quick relief. For sale by Evans' Pharmacy.

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RABID DOG KILLED

Making the Second for This Week—Unmistakable Signs.

Two rabid dogs have been killed in Anderson this week. At this time of year this is unusual. One was killed on Church street Tuesday, and again yesterday a rabid dog was discovered on Franklin street, at the home of Judge Brezale.

This was a collie, and was acting queerly, foaming at the mouth and having fits. It ran the cook into the house, but so far as is known made no attack on any animals in the yard or in neighboring yards. Mr. E. B. Drikel was summoned and put the dog out of the way with a shot gun.

EDGAR ALLEN POE

(By Rev. Thomas B. Gregory.)

Sixty four years ago died Edgar Allen Poe, the most interesting figure in American literature.

If there was ever another man just like Poe it would be exceedingly difficult to place him. We remember Shelley, trail as the paper boats he loved to sail; and John Keats, who was killed by a critique, and whose name was "write in water," but of no finer fibre even than Shelley or Keats was Poe. The most delicate Eolian Harp he was, upon whose soul the faintest rephry of experience played like a tempest. A thousand times more sensitive than the most delicate instrument ever devised by the hand of man. Poe was treated by his contemporaries as though he were an ordinary man, thick-skinned, pugacious and prepared to stand any amount of rough usage from the world.

And because from the rough usage Poe sought relief in drink—a thing he ought not to have done, of course—they called him a common drunkard and degraded soul.

That Poe drank to excess at times cannot be denied, but excess with him was nothing with other men! A teaspoonful of brandy would make him drink, so exquisitely fine was his mental organization.

This wonderful man died at the age of 40, worn out not by his dissipation but by the wonderful friction for which he was unprepared. But as brief and troubled as his life was, it was not snuffed out before he had written the "Raven," the "Annabel Lee," the most remarkable productions of the human mind. The popularity of the "Raven" is world-wide, and justly too, for not even Shakespeare composed a sublimer piece. The poet loses his early love, Leto's (innocence) and is visited by the raven (remorse). In other words the Raven is the only story of the tragedy of a soul seeking to ally its immortal thirst for truth and beauty with falling at last in the shadow of disappointment and sorrow.

BRYAN ORDERS CONSULS QUIT

HUNDREDS AMERICAN REFUGEES ON WAY HOME FROM MEXICO NOW

2 MORE ARE DEAD

Navy's Advice During Day From War Zone Is That No Serious Riots Occurred

(By Associated Press)

Washington, April 24.—Secretary Bryan announced tonight that all American consuls in Mexico, whether in federal or constitutional territory, had been authorized by the State department to leave the country.

The navy department tonight received reports that the steamer Esperanza has left Vera Cruz via Tampico for Galveston, with refugees on board. The Jason also will go to Galveston, stopping at Tuxpam for refugees. The gunboat Nashville was sent south from Vera Cruz to pick up refugees at Puerto, Mexico.

Reports from Mexico to the navy department also stated that refugees were boarding American war vessels at nearly all the ports where ships have been stationed.

The fuel ship Justin with 18 refugees left Guaymas and will go to San Francisco, stopping at San Diego. Thirty seven American refugees were reported on board the Glacier at Topolobampo. Admiral Mayo reported that the collier Cyclops had been sent north to Galveston from Tampico, carrying 350 refugees. The steamer Trinidad was chartered at Tampico and loaded with 275 Americans bound for Galveston. One hundred employes of the Huasteca Company at Tampico also are on their way to Galveston in a yacht.

The ships at Tampico, Admiral Mayo reported, still have about 1,100 refugees on board and there are 200 or 300 on shore.

They have agreed to divide the time for the use of wireless telegraphy as follows: Six hours for the American fleet, six for the British and the remainder for other nations.

From Tampico it is reported that the port is crowded with refugees. Rear Admirals Badger and Mayo are making every effort to send them north. The steamship Trinidad has been chartered for this purpose by Rear Admiral Mayo and several hundred have been sent to Galveston on board the Cyclops.

No overt action on the part of the Mexicans has been reported from any of the ports.

The torpedo boat tender Dixie and the destroyers now at Tampico will be used to send these refugees to Galveston. The destroyers Patterson and Paulding were detached today and sent from Tampico to Tuxpam to look out for refugees.

Admiral Badger reported the arrival of the French cruiser Conde and the British cruiser Lancaster at Vera Cruz. A dispatch from Admiral Badger, made public at the navy department today, adds to the list of American dead at Vera Cruz the following:

Louis Frank Boswell, chief gunners mate, home address Culterville Ill., next of kin, father, William H. Boswell.

Handolph Summerlin, private marine corps, home address Willacochee, next of kin father, Benjamin F. Summerlin.

Orders to hold up all shipments of arms across the Mexican border were sent today by the treasury department to all collectors of customs. The orders are in cooperation with the war department's efforts to hold all ammunition.

President Wilson today told Chairman Fitzgerald, of the house committee on appropriations, who had come to the White House to learn if any war funds were needed, that no appropriation was required "for the present."

LAZY LIVER Stir up your liver a little, just enough to start the bile nicely. One of Ayer's Pills at bedtime is all you need. These pills act directly on the liver. Made for the treatment of constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, sick-headache. Ask your doctor if he knows a better pill for a sluggish liver. Then follow his advice.

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