

MEXICO CITY

Capital of Mexico Presents Many Strange and Interesting Scenes.

"In all the world one can not find a more remarkable capital than Mexico City," says William Joseph Shonwiler, in a communication to the National Geographic Society, concerning an interest center of the present Mexican revolution.

"Situated in a valley whose floor is a mile and a half above the level of the sea and whose borders are surrounded by towering mountains; located where the beautiful volcanoes, Popocatepetl and Ixcatehuatl, rear their snow capped heads above the plain and stand eternal guard over it, its situation is one of rare beauty and grandeur. Its climate is mild, the temperature ranging from 35 to 70 degrees with a mean of 65 degrees. No man sleeps without a blanket in Mexico City, nor needs an overcoat at mid-day.

"Prior to the conquest the lakes of the Mexican valley were extensive and the barges of the Aztecs sailed uninterruptedly from the gates of Chapultepec to Ixtapalpa. A large number of canals intersected the ancient metropolis of Tenochtitlan and connected with the lakes in the suburbs, making it a sort of new world Venice.

"In 1879 a huge drainage canal 30 miles long was begun, which was completed in 1900, at a cost of about \$8,000,000 American gold. Its completion removed the danger of inundations from Mexico City and solved the problem which occupied the thoughts and engendered the fears of the Aztecs as far back as 1449.

"Mexico City is the most complete mixture of the ancient and the modern to be found in the New World. The old city might date anywhere from the tenth century, from its appearance. The new city is ultra modern, and you step from the 16th to the 20th century by walking across the street.

"The parade ground of Mexico City is the Avenida de San Francisco. This short street extends from the Mexican White House to the Alameda, and is only about 24 feet from curb to curb. Here, at the approach of twilight, every smart equipage in the capital comes. Down the one side of the street and up the other side moves the procession at a slow walk, while everybody looks at everybody else.

"As Avenida de San Francisco unites the old and the new cities, so does the Cinco de Mayo (Fifth of May) unite the cathedral, statelyst of all the religious edifices on the continent, with the theater, most beautiful of all the amusement places in America. The Cinco de Mayo is the Wall street of Mexico, and the buildings which line it are modern in every respect.

"The Paseo de la Reforma, extending from Chapultepec to the Avenida de Juarez, a short avenue connecting the Jasso with Avenida de San Francisco, is one of the finest driveways of the

world. "The city is full of interesting places. Whether it be the cathedral, which rears its majestic towers to heaven on the very spot where the sacred temple of the Aztecs stood, and where tens of thousands of human beings were sacrificed to the sun; whether it be the Hospital de Jesu built on the site where Cortes and Montezuma first met, and supported to this day from the revenues of the estate of Cortes; whether it be the Jockey club, housed in the beautiful House of Tiles; whether it be the bronze equestrian statue of Charles IV. of Spain, declared by Humboldt to be second only to the statue of Marcus Aurelius at Rome, or whether it be Chapultepec, with its memories of the American triumph in Mexico, there is no place with more attractions from a historic standpoint than Mexico City.

"The national pawn shop is one of the unique institutions of the capital. It was founded by Pedro Jose Romero de Tereros, the owner of the fabulously rich mines at Real del Monte. Her money may be borrowed on chattels at very low rates of interest, and everything is pledged, from a pair of cook's spurs to an automobile and from a silver ring to an iron safe. The smallest loan made is 12 cents and the largest \$4,000.

"From the American standpoint burial customs in Mexico are very strange. A grave may be rented in perpetuity or for a term of years. If the latter option is taken and the rent is not paid promptly at each recurring period, the bones of the occupant are ejected and thrown upon a great bone pile. These bones from time to time are cremated.

"At Mexico City's great city of the dead, where 100,000 people have been buried, there is a cave which contains hundreds of tons of human ashes. The Mexican law forbids services at the grave since the separation of church and state under Benito Juarez."

Death of Mrs. J. W. Rose.

Blaney, S. C., May 25.—Mrs. Mary Rose, wife of J. W. Rose of Blaney, departed this life on May 16th. She had passed her three score and ten years of age, and leaves a husband and five children and thirty-nine grand children to mourn her departure. She was a good wife, a loving mother and a christian woman, being a member of Blaney Baptist church. Her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Union Baptist church on May 17th at five o'clock in the afternoon in the presence of a large congregation of sorrowing relatives and friends, the services being conducted by Rev. W. F. Sutton, pastor of the church. She was a sister of Mrs. Sallie Smith of this county, who preceded her to the grave by only a few days. Six of her grand sons acted as pall-bearers.

Tomorrow at the Majestic See Johnny Ray in "Father's Close Shave," adapted from Geo. McManus' "Bringing Up Father" Newspaper comics.

The boll weevil has already put in its appearance in Hampton county for the year 1920, although cotton is just now being chopped out. One prominent farmer of Brunson was in Hampton Monday and exhibited a full grown specimen that had been found on a cotton plant hardly two inches high. This farmer, while only planting fourteen acres of cotton to seven plows stated that the appearance of this weevil had about decided for him to plow up the fourteen acres of cotton so planted and plant some other crop. The cold weather has hurt the cotton to some extent anyhow and the outlook for a cotton crop in Hampton county this year is exceedingly gloomy.

Letters From The People

Some years ago our city council had constructed a series of cement crossings connecting the pavements of Main and DeKalb Streets. At several points these crossings were put down under the supervision of an engineer, and were supposed to be left at a proper grade as established by experiments of highway experts at various times. I am told now that it is proposed to raise the middle of these crossings to conform with that of the streets, as they are now with the increased level caused by putting on them the soft which has been hauled there during the past week or so. The question which naturally is raised in my mind is:—Has a competent engineer been consulted as to these grades and has he condemned the grade as established by the first engineer? Or are our authorities going at it blind fold and laying up for our people further trouble and expense which will happen when the cement crossings are lowered to the level as they now stand. Should this new level they propose to establish prove to be too high as to the level of the center of the street.

This matter is one of great concern to us, for to attempt to raise these walk ways of cement, there is great probability that they will be broken in the first moving, and not unlikely entirely destroyed in the probable second placing. Thus doing away with the only comfortable crossing on our main thoroughfare during a wet season, and again jeopardizing the only bit of constructive work any of us have ever seen attempted on our streets. It seems to be a pity, that such an act should be done unless it be with the advice of a competent engineer and then only that could be put into effect without seeming act of vandalism.

Tax Payor.

Wants--For Sale

TIRES! TIRES!—If you need any auto tires at the old price call to see me. Tubes also. Main Street Filling Station and Garage, Camden S. C. Spl.

WANTED—Salesman for Camden and vicinity. Commission contract only, for spare time or full time. We will teach you to sell income protection through our free school of instruction and help you build a business of your own. Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company, Accident and Health Dept. Saginaw, Michigan, Capital \$1,500,000.

FOR SALE—Million Porto Rico and Nancy Hall potato plants. We are shipping carload a day. Rush your orders. Now is the time to put out plants for early eating. Only \$2 per 1000 by express. J. E. Gillis, Rembert, S. C. 7tf

FOR SALE—Twenty five white Pekin ducks. Two to eight weeks old. 50c and 75c each. B. J. Truesdale, Westville, S. C. 8-9-10pd

TAKEN UP—Two pigs, one red with black spots, the other black with red spots. Owner can get same by identifying and paying for this advertisement and the keeping of them. Apply to Charlie Sanders, rfd 3, Box 2, Camden, S. C.

WANTED—A competent double-entry book-keeper. Camden, S. C. Man or woman. Apply in own handwriting, Drawer 262, Camden, S. C. 8tf

TAKEN UP—Red and black spotted pig, about two months old. Taken up about 3 weeks ago. Owner can have same by paying expense. John Pegues, Jr., 1211 Campbell Street, Camden, S. C.

CEDAR FENCE POSTS—Large round ones, 7 feet long, average 4 1/8 inches across small end with plenty of large ones mixed in for gates and corners. 30 cents each delivered in car lots of 1200 or more. Draft with bill lading attached. Fred G. Auld, Eastover, S. C. 8-9

JUST ARRIVED—One case of Ford wind shield and glass. It's higher now than when my order was placed, so see me at once if you want one. C. B. Spradley, 1218 Main Street Spd

FOR SALE—Laths for sale. Apply Henry Savage, Camden S. C. 1f

PAINT—Save money on your painting. Ask about the Southern Cotton Oil Co's Blue-Win-King at G. M. S. Camden, S. C. 21f

LOANS—Improved real estate, easy terms. E. C. von Tresckow, Camden, S. C. 45

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AGENT WANTED—For Worthmore Hair Preparation. See or call on Madam K. E. Belton, 1713 Gordon Street, Camden, S. C. 201f

HARRIS SOUNDS WARNING

Says This Is No Time to Live Out of Tin Cans.

"Are we any better off now than we were before the great war in Europe? In many respects we are, from a financial standpoint. Especially is this so with the farmer whose own garden furnishes vegetables; whose own cows provide milk and butter, whose meat and poultry and bread are raised on his own place," says Commissioner Harris in philosophizing over the situation.

"Such a farmer as this is able to hold to his crops produced for cash, until such time as he sees fit to sell and get a profit for growing it. The farmers that have practiced this method have had an easy time to get ahead and to lay up some cash by reason of the war time prices.

"Folks who continued to live out of tin cans and paper sack during the entire war period have not laid by much cash.

"There are some things that the law can't cure and this is one of them. You can't legislate more meat and bread; this can be done only by use of muscle and well directed brain. Now, if there was ever a time when we needed an increase in food products, both for man and beast, it is now—for we are facing a young famine. Not only in the United States, but virtually the entire world.

"I want to urge upon every farmer in South Carolina the great importance this year to so arrange and diversify his crop as to make his home self-sustaining. The farmer who fails to do this and has to buy next year everything to eat for his stock and his family will pay the highest prices that have ever been known. The party who thinks that living is going to get cheaper is just fooling himself.

"The lateness of the season, both in the south, and in the corn belt states, combined with the scarcity of labor at the present, assures us that we can not make a bumper crop. So I want to warn all farmers to prepare for war in time of peace. Now, if there is not enough food to go around, what good will your money do?

"Money can't buy any food if there is none to be bought, so take heed, farmers, while you have time to prepare for your own homes, for you can raise these things for less than one-half of what you will have to pay for them. So, from a business standpoint, it will pay you handsomely to raise them. Remember, when a farmer raises his own supplies, he has half financed his cotton crop."

Lancaster Lawyer Marries

John T. Green, a member of the Lancaster bar, was married in Atlanta last week to Mrs. Mary Alice Lallande of Birmingham, Ala.

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COUPE	- - - -	\$750	with dual electric starting and lighting system and demountable rims	\$850
SEDAN	- - - -	\$875	with dual electric starting and lighting system and demountable rims	\$975
TRUCK CHASSIS			with solid tires and clincher rims	\$600

(With pneumatic tires and demountable rims \$640)
These prices are all f.o.b. Detroit.

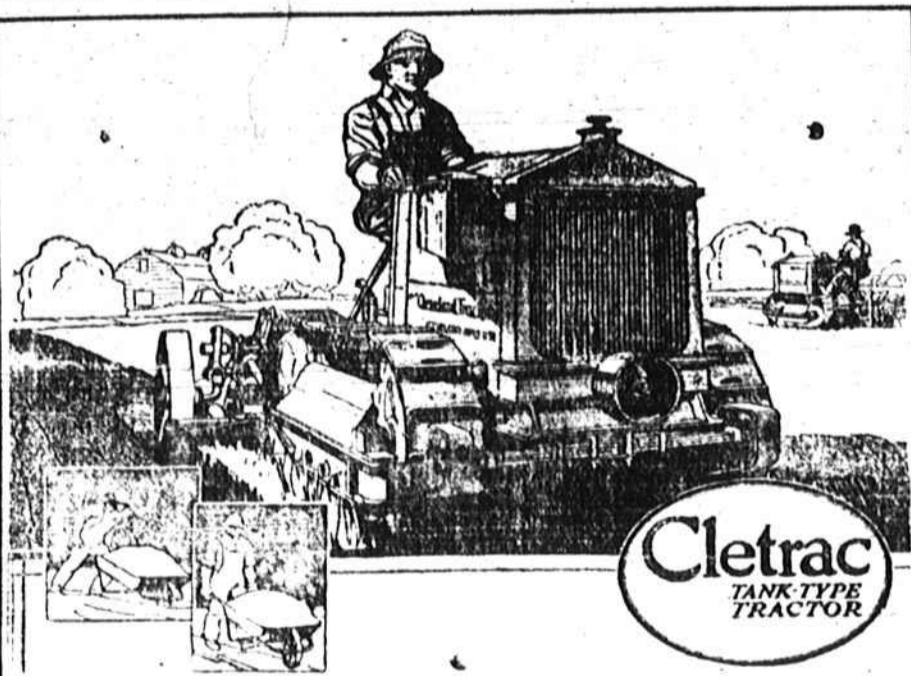
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