

REBUILDING ROADS IN NORTH MEXICO

Railways Wrecked by War Being Reconstructed by the Military Forces.

ACTIVITY OF GEN. VILLA FEATURE OF OPERATIONS

Much of the Work Is Restoring Lines Destroyed by His Own Army.

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Special Correspondence of The Star. TORREON, Mexico, May 29.—Reconstructive railroad work under military control has gone forward rapidly in northern Mexico.

This has not been the case with Villa. He had the destroyed sections of the railways rebuilt with the same un-Mexican energy and effectiveness that marks his military movements.

Villa an Adept. Destroying the railway lines and the destruction of stock always has been the favorite pastime of armed forces in Mexico, whether they were regular or revolutionary.

Much of the repair and reconstruction work on the lines in this border section has been to rebuild what they themselves destroyed.

The master hand in railway destruction in Chihuahua and the northwest was Pascual Orozco.

It was to curb Orozco's destructiveness that Madero sent Huerta to take command in the north with the finest body of troops ever sent outside the capital.

"No Orders." Huerta's officers watched the wild destruction of Orozco's bandits through their field glasses, and when asked why they did not take their troops out to stop it, shrugged their shoulders and replied "No orders."

Miles of twisted rails and skeleton cars and iron and steel debris are still the mark of Orozco's activity.

It was this effectiveness that enabled him to transport the ammunition and to concentrate his troops so effectively in the desert for the campaign against Saltillo.

A daily passenger train is now running between Juarez and Torreon in the morning and reach Juarez the next morning or to leave Juarez the next morning.

In peace times it used to be possible to get to Palmar with windows of double thickness and even then the dust sifted through.

Trains Are Armed. It is possible now to make the journey in a day coach and pass the night with a medium of discomfort.

While there is passenger movement both ways, the greater movement seems to be toward the border.

It has been the experience in the most recent border wars that the men appear quite unexpectedly and burn a bridge or tear up the rails or even attack the train.

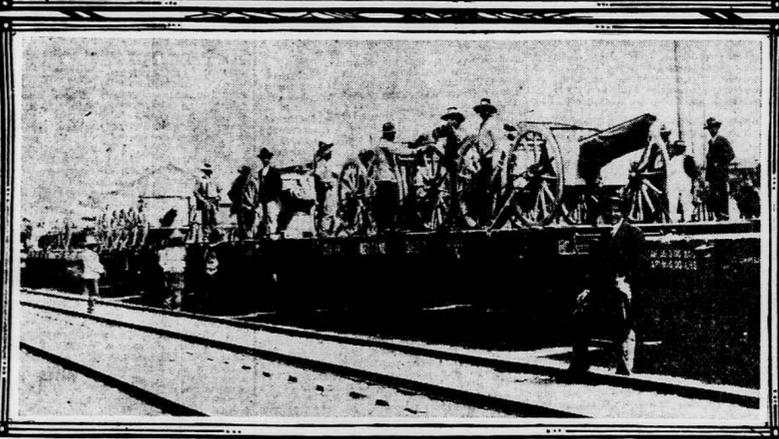
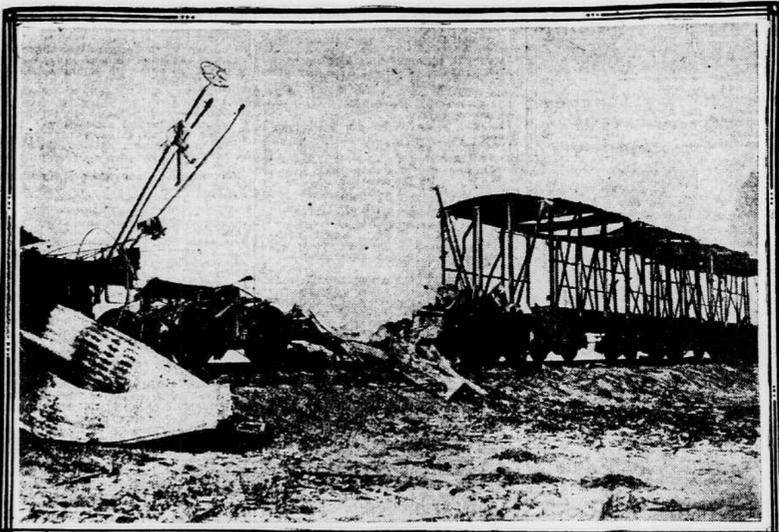
Freight-Conditions. While passenger facilities are not superabundant and some nights a proportion of the occupants of the coach have to stand up or content themselves sitting on the baggage, there seems to be more than enough rolling stock to handle all the freight that is offered.

More Ships to Have Libraries. The Department of Agriculture aims to bring these organizations closer to the farmer and coordinate their work.

Charles Joseph Stoll, vice president of the Baltimore Wholesale Grocery Company and a well known resident of Brooklyn, Anne Arundel county, died Monday at his home in Brooklyn.

Some of the Americans who left their business hurriedly the latter part of April, when the State Department through the consuls urged all Americans to get out of Mexico—it was the proper thing to do in the circumstances—have returned to see if they can save any thing

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from the wreck and put matters in shape temporarily while they await developments. They are given every encouragement by the military authorities to remain permanently, and several of them may do this, as the disposition of the majority of Americans, as of other foreigners, is not to be too captious over their losses.

Wounded in Battle. Another young surgeon was just going to the front "for the experience," he said briefly. A lieutenant who was in charge of one of the machine guns limped from a bullet he had received in the leg at Torreon, and had also been wounded in the leg during one of the earlier battles.

HONORED BY SCOTTISH RITE. Mahogany Cathedral Chuck Is Presented to Stirling Kerr, Jr. Stirling Kerr, Jr., one of the two living past masters of Temple-Notley Lodge, No. 32, F. A. A. M., and who for five years has been deputy in the District of Columbia for the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

Plans Stock Exchange Regulation. Senator Owen, chairman of the Senate banking committee, yesterday finished drafting a favorable report on his bill to regulate stock exchanges. He said he would submit it to the Senate as soon as members of the committee had had time to suggest changes.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD. A big increase in the number of private garages built during the past year will be shown by the annual assessment of new buildings and improvements in the District of Columbia, according to statements today by members of the board of equalization and review.

PRIVATE GARAGES IN NUMBER

Increase Shown in the Review of Assessments by District Board.

As the board has not yet completed the annual assessment, it probably will have to work nights in order to have the tentative ratings ready for approval by the Commissioners July 1 and the annual assessment ready for property owners to inspect by the same time.

Stylish Summer Gloves 38c. Women's Washable Chambray Gloves with 2-class style and 16-button length.

55c. Regular \$1.00 Milano Silk Gloves of superior lustrous quality, 16-button length, in black and white. Pure silk and made with double finger tips.

\$7,000,000. These ratings will be subject to appeal during the first two weeks of July.

Consideration of protests filed against ratings carried in the annual assessment, which is expected to show a forty-million-dollar increase, was commenced in earnest today by the board.

Assessor Richards stated today that, while there will be equalization as between lots and lots and squares and squares in the valuations carried in the annual assessment, the increase of \$4,000,000 on property in the business section probably will only be slightly affected by the review on appeal.

Apron Gingham 5/4c. A moose and a g brand, fancy checks of all sizes.

Oilcloth 14c. 25c Santas Oilcloth, in white and fancy patterns.

Towels 8 3/4c. 18x36 Size Heavy Huck Towels, with red borders.

Knocked Over Embankment. William L. Stoddard's Automobile Struck by Another Machine.

An automobile belonging to William L. Stoddard of the Home Life building, 15th and G streets northwest, while standing near the old Pierce mill, in Rock Creek Park, was struck about 4 o'clock last night by another car, run at excessive speed, and knocked down an embankment on Beach drive.

Kalbfus to Demand Salary. It is understood that legal steps will be taken by counsel for Mr. Kalbfus to collect from the District all salary payments made to Mr. Oyster, which are estimated to approximate the sum of \$2,500.

Fire Sale Wonders in Thread Silk Hose At 38c. Women's Pure Silk Hose, with fine lisle tops and soles.

At 49c. \$1.00 High-Class Hose, of pure thread silk, in a good range of colors.

King's Palace. Fresh New Goods Just Unpacked Join Thursday's Wonderful Fire Sale Bargains. The heavy assaults of armies of shoppers on our stocks left big gaps—but these are more than filled tomorrow with fresh, new merchandise.

A Mammoth Lot of Children's Wear \$1.25 and \$1.50 Garments, 79c. Boys' Oliver Twist Suits, Boys' Bloomer Suits, Girls' Middy Blouses, Children's Dresses, Infants' Dresses.

Thank the Fire Sale for This Wonderful SILK EVENT \$1.00 and \$1.25 SILKS, Choice... 59c Yd. All colors. All new and stylish.

Miles of These Popular 12 1/2c, 15c and 19c Wash Goods, 6 3/4c. Never before such a chance to choose from fresh, dainty, new dress materials at such a low price.

New, Dainty Laces and Embroideries. Fire Sale prices are small fractions of the real values. 50c Shadow Lace Flouncing, 23c. 50c Demi-Flouncings, 18c.

Values Up to \$15 in These Silk Dresses, Tailored Suits, \$4.90. Superb garments brimful of new style and clever workmanship.

Suits and Silk Dresses, Worth \$20, \$25, \$30, \$8.75 and \$35... Beautiful Silk Poplin, Serge and Crepe Cloth Suits in the season's most exclusive styles.

\$3 Cloth Skirts \$1.69. In serge, mohair and shepherd checks; latest models showing tunic and tier effects.

Lovely \$1.50 Waists, 69c. In colored crepe and filmy white fabrics. Some of the most fetching styles shown this season—latest "hits" for summer.

\$1.50 White Wash Skirts 89c. Smart new summer styles, including the popular tunics, elegantly tailored of white plique.

Sensational Values in These Undermuslins. Beautiful new models in Gowns, Princess Slips, Corset Covers and Drawers; made of nainsook and silk crepe.

Just Unpacked! Men's 39c Summer Underwear 18c. Cool, Trim-fitting Egyptian Balbriggan Underwear, hygienic and latest in style.

19c White Crepe Plisse 9 3/4c. No daintier white fabric is to be found among the new materials. Exceptionally beautiful crinkled weave.

High-class Trimmed Hats. Charming summer creations in black, white and colors. Newest productions of our own workrooms.

W. & J. SLOANE New York WASHINGTON San Francisco SUMMER RUGS to answer every requirement. Every desirable variety of Summer Rugs is found here.

A Good Way to Invest Capital Is through the Business Opportunities column of The Star. Read this column on the classified pages.