

Devoted Mexican Women Share With Men All the Horrors of War

THE horrors of the civil strife in Mexico are shared heroically by the women—the wives and daughters of the poor, ragged soldiers of both forces. Their enforced part in the warfare has been going on for the last three years. They are the foragers and in that capacity are the advance guard of the army and do all the menial work in camp making. While they for the most part only occasionally take part in the actual fighting, their hardships are far greater than those of the men. The patience and devotion of the women of the poorer class of the Mexicans is astonishing. Mexican armies have no commissariat. The women carry the cooking pots, light the fires and get the food ready. A Mexican encampment is an astonishing sight. It is like a large picnic. Children swarm everywhere. Coffee and tortillas appear as if by magic. Somehow the women are always on good time.

Even the Constitutional government of Mexico gives semi-official recognition to women and children as being important adjuncts of the regular fighting forces.

The first definite knowledge that the noncombatants in Piedras Negras, situated just across the Rio Grande, had that the federals were about to take possession of the town was when a train arrived from the south, pulling several freight cars filled with women and children. They had been sent ahead to forage for food and have dinner ready for the hungry horde of soldiers who arrive an hour or two later. Each woman works for her own particular mess, if it may so be called. It usually consists of her husband and



Photo by American Press Association. THESE WOMEN ARE NOT CAMP FOLLOWERS, BUT ACT AS COMMISSARIAT.

perhaps another relative or two. There is much rivalry between the women in preparing meals for their respective patrons.

When the repast is over the men and the children lie flat upon the ground and enjoy a siesta, while the women busy themselves with other duties.

The uncomplaining women are often forced to perform services of the most dangerous and painful character. They have marched hundreds of miles through the cactus covered desert, carrying their smaller children and pots and pans upon their backs, while their older offspring trotted by their sides. When the son of one of these women reaches the age of twelve he is given a gun and becomes a soldier.

Seldom has the world seen such an example of devotion to men as is shown by these women. To be sure, these poor creatures are densely ignorant and have little knowledge of even the ordinary comforts of life, but their hearts are filled with deep love for the nomadic home and fireside, despite its humble surroundings.

The women frequently are sent out on scout duty and to discover the plans of the enemy. Only occasionally does a performance of this kind come to public notice. A notable instance occurred just before the fall of Torreon. General Trucey Aubert of the federals was anxious to learn the strength of the Constitutionalists. He needed all of his own officers and personal staff, and he did not care to intrust the important mission of learning the actual strength of the Constitutionalists to any man in the ranks of his troops.

He mentioned his need to Senorita Lomesa Bordaz, an ardent supporter of the government cause and daughter of a former banker of Torreon. She volunteered to make a trip through the Constitutional lines and visit their different camps. Disguised as an old woman of the peon class, Miss Bordaz set out on the back of a burro and for ten days traveled from place to place in the valley, visiting many rebel camps. At night she slept upon the ground.

Upon her return to Torreon she made a complete report to General Aubert, which showed that more than 6,000 Constitutionalists were within striking distance of the town. For the small force of federals to have remained in Torreon would have meant their utter destruction. The town was therefore evacuated by them.

Many women and children have been killed in battle. They perform the services of nurses upon the battlefield. Upon the women also falls the duty of burying their dead who fall in battle. In a multitude of other ways do they perform notable service for the men who are doing the fighting.

WOOD SEASONING.

Electricity Yields More Durable Product Than Air Drying.

In describing his latest researches in the electrical seasoning of timber, says the Electrical Review of London, Dr. Nodon claims that his process can be applied in the forest where the trees are felled, since no cumbersome or costly equipment is required. The process depends on the electrolysis of cellulose and its derivatives. The newly felled trees are sawed into thick planks and laid on a false flooring, one on top of the other, with the interposition, however, of moistened matting or similar material between each layer, to act as electrodes for the introduction of alternating current which is passed for ten hours or so.

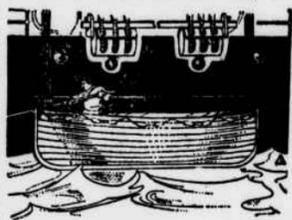
The effect of the current is to produce chemical changes in the cellulose and the sap, rendering them impervious to decay. Further, the sap loses those gummy and hygroscopic characteristics which normally prevent rapid drying. It is claimed that timber thus treated is ready for use a few weeks after it is felled and is harder and stronger, more homogeneous, easier to work and less warped by moisture than timber which has been seasoned by the ordinary air drying process.

Paving blocks treated by the Nodon process are said to have been in use at Bordeaux for six years without showing appreciable deterioration.

BOAT LOWERING DEVICE.

Capped Blocks and Bar Prevent Tackles From Twisting.

A device that prevents the tackles from twisting while a lifeboat is being lowered down the side of a ship has



DEVICE FOR PREVENTING FOULING OF TACKLES.

been invented by a sea captain of New York.

The anti-twisting device consists in fitting to each lower block of the tackle a cap having on each side three holes, through which is passed the rope as well as through the sheave holes of each lower block, an arrangement which is intended to keep the blocks from capsizing. A wooden scantling of proper length is also passed from one lower block to the other through each tackle, thus preventing both tackles from twisting.

ONE MAN FIRE BRIGADE.

New Fire Fighting Apparatus For Use on Shipboard.

A new kind of fire fighting apparatus for ships, which enables one man stationed in an out of the way compartment to detect and extinguish a fire in any part of the vessel, has been installed on one of the new ocean liners. The business end of the apparatus is a tall cabinet looking much like a small church organ, which stands among the compasses, switchboards, etc., in a little room on the third deck. Standing open in this cabinet are the ends of twenty-eight pipes which lead to the bunks, boiler rooms and every other compartment in the ship.

If a fire starts in any part of the vessel a curl of smoke or gas comes up the pipe and is detected by a man on watch. He immediately signals to find whether every one has left the burning compartment, and when it is empty he claps the nozzle of a large steam pipe in the end of the pipe from which the smoke is coming. Instantly the burning compartment is flooded with steam in such quantities that it forms a heavy moist blanket sufficient to smother any fire. One man is thus able to do the work of a whole fire brigade.—Popular Mechanics.

A Wind Deflector For Aeroplanes.

M. Constantin, a well known designer abroad, has applied the principle of the "saute vent" or wind deflector to the wings of an aeroplane, and it is said that surprising results have been obtained. The deflector comprises plates placed forward of the wing and curving upward toward the rear in such a manner that the wind is deflected up and away from the wing. Thus the wings of the aeroplane are protected from the direct force of the wind on their upper surfaces. The object of the device is to increase the rarefaction of air above the wing, thereby increasing the lift.

Setting a Band Saw.

In setting a band saw one is liable to have the first few teeth set a little too wide. To overcome this and have the teeth all in line use the following method: When putting the band saw on the wheels put it on upside down, so that the teeth will point upward. Then it is tightened until the saw set is drawn to the right width, whereupon the wheels are turned slowly by hand until the saw has made one complete turn. This will put any teeth in line that were out and save the trouble of using the set to draw them back a little.

Plug Cock Lubricant.

A good lubricating mixture that will prevent leakage, for use on plug cocks, is made of one pound of suet and one-half pound of beeswax, melted together. Mix thoroughly while hot; then strain and set away to cool.

A GREAT THING IS TACT.

Mr. Timkins Discovers This After Delivering a Sermon on It.

"**C**HILDREN," said Mr. Timkins, who had been suddenly moved to deliver a little sermon, as he swallowed his second egg at breakfast, "whenever you hear anybody say anything mean or unpleasant, act as though you hadn't heard it. Talk about something else and pretend you didn't hear. That's what we call tact."

Then Mr. Timkins took the 8:13 train to the city. When he got back in the latter part of the afternoon he observed that somebody had thrown his favorite golf clubs and all his golf balls over the front yard. Summoning his six-year-old daughter Glory, he said sternly:

"Glory, did you get all dad's golf things out and put them here, where anybody could steal them?"

"Dad," replied Glory with perfect composure, "isn't it too bad our ice cream freezer's out of order, 'cause Mary can't make any ice cream? But Mary's gone to the store to get some strawberries?"

"Glory, did you dig up all this turf knocking those balls around?"

"And Uncle Randolph came and took mother for a ride in his auto," continued the six-year-old. "When are we going to have an auto, dad?"

"But, Glory," said Mr. Timkins, "I want to know about these golf clubs. Did you strew them around here? Why don't you answer?"

"Well, yes, I did," said the young person, "but I was trying to change the subject, 'cause I didn't want you to know that I heard something mean and unpleasant."—Tit-Bits.

The Poor Innocents.

Little Anna was visiting the city for the first time. She had noticed the beautiful red and white swan boats as they passed through the park in the morning, and her aunt had promised that after the shopping was done they should come back and have a ride. Early in the afternoon they returned and stood on the bridge over the lagoon, watching the boats below and listening to the cry of the barker as he tried to induce the passers by to patronize the swan boats.

Anna clutched her aunt's hand tightly as she moved toward the landing and declared vehemently that she did not want to go. Her aunt was puzzled until she noticed the boatman's call: "Come one, come all! Ride clear around the pond. Only 5 cents for ladies and gents—children thrown in!"—Lippincott's.

Most Any Time.

The scene is set. A country road, trees, sky, summer homes, a lake in the distance. A steam railway line crossing the road at right angles. Enter, up the road, an automobile, well loaded and running at high speed. Enter at the far right an express train. Both automobile and train are rushing toward the crossing. Owner of automobile to chauffeur, "Can you make it?" The chauffeur, speeding up, "Sure I can make it." He doesn't.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Pa Gives a Hint.



Pa Himes—Sadie, I'm afraid that Hank is too extravagant for our family. Sadie—Why so, paw? Pa Himes—He's been callin' five years now and gave me two cigars.—Chicago Daily News.

Not a Laboring Man.

Tramp—Good morning, lady. I thought perhaps I might be able to get a bite here. Mrs. Snapp—Certainly not. Tramp—Oh, then I am laboring under a mistake. Mrs. Snapp—It strikes me you never labor under any circumstances.—London Opinion.

She Saw First.

"Is Fraulein Elsie at home?" "No, sir." "But I saw her at the window just now." "Yes, and she saw you too."—Fle-gende Blätter.

Explaining His Taste.

"Binglewood has put that wild boy of his on a farm, and the youngster writes home that he likes it." "Likes it? Well, farming ain't what it used to be."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Domestic Tyrant.

"What's the conclave at your house about?" "We are discussing the advisability of impeaching the cook."—Pittsburgh Post.

Guess Again.

"Health is wealth," quoted the snigger. "Oh, no, it isn't," replied the stranger. "I am a doctor."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

PUMPING OVER THE OCEAN.

Squirt Guns May Come Into Use For Propelling Vessels.

Running a ship by a squirt gun and operating a ship by having a motorman in the pilot house use a controller just as does the motorman of an electric car are two ideas that have been seriously advanced recently by engineers of high standing. The ship's motorman idea could easily be applied to a great freight vessel that will begin its trips through the great lakes and connecting canals next spring.

It has just such a motorman now, but he stands with his controller in the engine room instead of up in the pilot house. A longer cable attached to his controller is all that is necessary to enable him to do his work in the pilot house. Oil engines are used to generate electricity, and the electricity is used to turn the propellers. So electricity runs the ship in much the same way that it does a trolley car.

The squirt gun idea is to propel a ship by squirting out water through pipes at the stern of the ship, where propellers ordinarily are located. Water would be taken in from the front end by great pipes, given a push when it reaches the engine room and then sent rushing out at the stern of the ship. This same scheme has been thought of before, but never put into use because it cost so much to give that push to the water.

The wonderful efficiency of a new pump, which now pumps some of the water supply of London and has attracted the attention of engineers everywhere, makes the scheme appear less absurd. In this pump water is admitted into the chamber until the chamber is nearly full, and then gasoline or some other oil, in the form of vapor, is admitted into the chamber and exploded just as an automobile uses gasoline. The explosion of the vapor forces the water out, and the same operation is repeated over and over again. It does the work surely and cheaply. The inventor of this new type of pump has drawn plans for a squirt gun propeller that will get the push on the water from two of these pumps.—Saturday Evening Post.

BULGARIA IS SULLEN.

An Anecdote That Reflects the Temper of the People.

It would be extreme optimism to believe that peace has now come to stay in the Balkans, for in all probability it has not. All of the states are jealous of one another. Their governments are given to intrigue, and neighboring European powers are always ready to play the game. The Bulgarians, the strongest and most virile people in that part of the world, have been humiliated almost beyond endurance. They are sullen and revengeful.

The temper of the people as a whole is that of the Bulgarian soldier who lost a leg in the war against Turkey. The queen of Bulgaria, who was very active in charitable work among the soldiers, was visiting the hospital in which this soldier lay wounded, and, seeing his condition, attempted to cheer him up by the promise of a new leg. She told him that in course of time she would be able to give him a very good wooden leg, but as these particular legs had not yet arrived, she would in the meantime see that he had a peg leg fitted to his stump. The soldier saluted his queen and replied: "Your majesty, I do not want a peg leg. I gave a perfectly good leg to my country, and I want a good one in return."—James Davenport Whelpley in Century.

Statues of Paris.

Alarmed at the steady increase of statues in the city, the Paris municipal council has practically decided that in future one statue must be the regulation allowance to a famous man or woman instead of four or five, as is now the case in some instances. Orders have been given to take from their pedestals three Joan d'Arc, three Voltaire and one Diderot statues. In order to make room for Beethoven, Mme. de Stael, Gautier, Haussmann, Bouguereau and Turgenieff—to name a few personages for whom monuments are being demanded daily.

Historic House Lost.

No. 35, St. Martin street, Leicester square, London, is now being demolished. Isaac Newton lived there from 1720 to 1725 and used to say that the happiest years of his life were spent in an observatory on the roof. Dr. Burney, the musician friend of Dr. Johnson, afterward lived in the house, and here was born his daughter Fanny, afterward Mme. d'Arbly, who wrote her first novel, "Evelina," in the house. Much of the internal work has been saved, but the London county council found it impossible to preserve the house.

Why They Know About Us.

We learn from the Almanach Hachette for 1914, just received from Paris, that the vice president of the United States is "M. Bryan"; that the United States is composed of forty-six states and four territories; that the senate has ninety-two members and the house 391; that the constitution was adopted Sept. 17, 1784, and revised March 20, 1870. It is such painstaking devotion to historical accuracy which enables Europe to be so well and wonderfully informed about American affairs.—New York World.

Pretty Slow in London.

It is proposed that our public telephone boxes shall be equipped with writing pads. It would be an act of humanity if at the same time a shelf of readable books could be added to enable one to while away the weary hours of waiting.—London Punch.

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