

MUCH INTEREST IN MEXICAN PROVINCE

Washington, June 30.—The prominence which the Mexican state of Tamaulipas is occupying in the morning bulletin, issued by the National Geographic society from its Washington headquarters, of timely interest.

"Owing to the border outrages committed by bandits who have invaded Texas at points opposite the Mexican

state of Tamaulipas, public interest is focused on this political division of the southern republic which has immensely rich resources, both minerals and agricultural, but which has not been developed by American and European capital as have other sections of the country.

Rich Oil Fields.
"Tamaulipas is about the size of Maine, but with only about one-third the population of the New England commonwealth. Its gulf coastline, low, sandy, hot and moist, extends north and south for 250 miles from

the mouth of the Rio Grande to the mouth of the Panuco river, where it situated the important seaport of Tampico with its fabulously rich oil fields. This coast is indented with many shallow lagoons formed by the islands and sandbars at the mouths of the Rio Grande, Conchos, Soto la Marina and Tamesi rivers. In winter it is swept by violent 'norther' which are exceedingly dangerous to navigation and which cause great discomfort to the natives.

"That portion of the state bordering Texas is flat and is very dry for

eight months of the year but when irrigated is extremely fertile, producing bountiful grain crops as well as sustaining numerous herds of cattle. The southern and central sections produce sugar cane, bananas, coffee and tobacco in the well-watered valleys. In the mountainous regions, back from the coast, the state possesses immense potential wealth in its undeveloped gold, silver, copper, marble, asphalt and salt mines. Even in the Tampico district the great underground reservoirs of petroleum

have been tapped only within recent years.

Salubrious in Mountains.
"The mountains of Tamaulipas, which boast a salubrious climate, team with game, and sportsmen of Mexico City make annual excursions to this region to hunt deer and the vast flocks of wild-fowl which nest in the neighborhood of the numerous lakes that dot the state.

"Tamaulipas owes its commercial importance largely to its textile fibre industry and to the great volume of trade passing through Tampico, which

ranks next to Vera Cruz among Mexican gulf ports. Its total commerce for 1915 was more than \$48,000,000, while Vera Cruz trade was \$33,000,000. From Tampico to New Orleans by steamer is 705 miles, about the same distance as from Philadelphia to Savannah. From Tampico to Galveston is 450 miles. The capital of the state, Ciudad Victoria, has a population of about 10,000 and is situated in the mining district, 850 miles north of Mexico City and 150 miles northwest of Tampico."

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