

C. Juarez, the Unchangeable, a Contrast

Romance Dashes A-Horseback; Fresh Paint Marks the Century Old Church; Flowers Cover Graves.

By Norman M. Walker

JUAREZ is just as much Juarez as it ever was—only more so. After an absence of three months, due to the difference in political and atmospheric climate, revolutionary disturbances and distance from the centers of trade, Ciudad Benito Juarez looks just as dusty, equally filled with flies and crowded with sightseers a Sundaying on the other shore as it did during the pre-Villa days.

The old church has a coat of paint that makes it look like Sarah Bernhardt made up for the death scene in Camille. Fancy stripes outline its aged belfry and even the weather beaten beams in the bell tower have been painted a battleship gray.

Down Calle de la Paz dashed a rebel warrior bold, his high hat flapping in the stiff breeze, his spurs clanking as he drove the rowels into the lean sides of the cow pony and quirted his belly with a rawhide thong. His rifle jumped

and jolted in the rifle scabbard, his sword clanked against his right leg and his high leggings were splashed by the recent mud of the street intersection. Holding the horsehair reins in one hand, the revoluto gripped a cluster of deep cerise sweet peppers at his left hand as he dashed down the hillside, where he intended to lay his flowers on the altar of his affection and in the lap of the herbibonned.

Brigandlike warrior in all of his war scene riding a bucking bronco with a cluster of peace loving sweet peas, is not greater than the lights and shadows of the old town on the border.

A thicket of honeysuckle, sweet peas and ground ivy half conceal the Ochoa home, where William Benton is believed to have made his last appeal for his property, and a horse is stable in the room where little Col. Tamborelli met his death in the face of a rebel.

Heavenly, doing his duty. The old church, in its ugly drab coat of paint does not lose its artistic outline, nor do the arches of the interior ceiling lose their ancient backed because of the straight backed wooden benches

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Birds Conserve Public Health

Their Value to Farmers Long Ago Recognized, but New Relation to Public Health Only Recently Discovered; Kill Off Mosquitoes.

WASHINGTON, D. C. May 26.—New light is shed on the activities of birds as conservers of the public health in a communication to the National Geographic Society from Henry W. Henshaw, chief of the biological survey. The survey for a considerable period has been studying the foods of birds by examining the stomachs of specimens killed for scientific purposes.

"The value of birds to the farmer is plain enough, but we do not usually think of birds as having any direct relation to the public health," writes Mr. Henshaw. "To prove that they do, however, it is only necessary to state that in a killee's stomach hundreds of the larvae of the saltmarsh mosquito have been found, and that many shore birds greedily devour mosquito larvae."

DANGEROUS TO HAVE AN AFFINITY CLAIMS COMPANY

Leah Alexander Is Called a Hazard Which Van Baalen Overlooked.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 26.—That an affinity is a hazard and that the courts of an affinity by a married man is a dangerous undertaking, is the basis of a law suit that has brought beautiful Leah Alexander, slayer of J. D. Van Baalen, to San Francisco, into the limelight again.

Miss Alexander, who is declared to have been a "hazard" that may prevent the widow of Van Baalen from collecting his life insurance, is now in Los Angeles.

The insurance company declares the love affair of the beautiful woman and Van Baalen, which resulted in his death and her acquittal on charges of murder, was a hazard that Van Baalen ignored when in his application for \$5000 life insurance he stated that he was not engaged in any dangerous or hazardous occupation.

Thus the court must decide this problem. "Is an affinity a hazard?" The love letters Van Baalen wrote to his affinity wife, the chief witnesses for the insurance company. These letters will prove, according to the court, that Van Baalen declared he wanted to marry her and the contention of the insurance company is that such a declaration made by a married man was about as perilous a plan as a human mind could conceive.

Leah Alexander, who had been living quietly with her husband at 1515 Leola Shore avenue since the ending of her love tragedy, is declared to be a "hazard" under the law. Her husband's insurance policy was voided because of her presence.

Miss Alexander, whose deposition is to be the mainstay of the insurance company's case, does not believe that she was a dangerous hazard. The girl, who is working in a millinery store in Los Angeles, attributes to forget the tragic past, declared today that she hoped Mrs. Van Baalen would get the money.

ARMY POSTS ARE RENDERED VACANT

Some of the Largest Forts in the Country Are Temporarily Abandoned by United States Troops.

Washington, D. C., May 26.—The following posts having been temporarily evacuated by the medical staff, and the medical officer, stationed at each post shall whenever no line officer is on duty thereto exercise functions of commanding officer: Fort McPherson, Ga.; Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.; Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo.; Fort Douglas, Utah; and Fort Logan, Ariz.

DAILY RECORD.

To W. F. Williams, to build a shed, block 16, East El Paso, estimated value \$150. To W. R. Weeks, to make changes and repairs, Virginia, estimated cost \$125.

"Windjammers" Have Plenty Of Work

Army Musicians Drill, Hike and Toot, Besides Having Much Extra Work to Attend to Daily.

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