

# HUERTA A PROTEGE OF GENERAL DIAZ

Former President of Mexican Republic Early Recognized Possibilities of Man Who Practically Succeeded Him in Power.

Has Seen Hard Service, and From the First Has Been Recognized as a Ruthless and Determined Man—Seemingly Knows No Quality of Mercy.

Once intended by old Porfirio to be a second Diaz in Mexico, now, like his former chief, a fugitive from the wrath of his compatriots, Victoriano Huerta sees himself at sixty forced to resign the presidency of his country. He will, it is believed, go to Europe where, like other Latin American presidents, he will end his days with little enjoyment save that of reminiscence.

Huerta was born to wealth. Unlike Diaz, who is of plebeian origin, a mongrel, mostly Indian, Huerta comes of one of the most aristocratic families in Mexico.

He was born in Chihuahua, with which state the Huertas have long been identified, in 1854, or 1857, reports differ. At the age of seventeen the aristocrat was appointed by Diaz, then ruling Mexico with an iron hand, to the military school of Chapultepec.

Huerta served his four school years passably well. He was neither at the head nor the foot of his class. He was graduated with honors, being about the tenth in a class of nearly a hundred, and immediately went to join a regiment on the west coast as a second lieutenant of engineers.

When President Diaz began his reorganization of the Mexican army Huerta was promoted captain of engineers, and while holding this rank devised the plan for a Mexican general staff corps. He was an active member of the military map commission created to draft a staff map of Mexico on a large scale, and he had charge of all the topographical work of the commission, leading exploring and surveying parties over the wildest regions of the republic.

President Diaz soon after began to place confidence in Huerta. He believed he saw in the lieutenant colonel of engineers, to which rank the soldier had succeeded, traits which would make him a worthy successor in the executive chair. Huerta was placed in charge of a station in Matanzas, far removed from the capital. There plots could be easily hatched, and Diaz was loath to leave in charge any officer in whom he had not implicit trust.

Huerta was barely thirty-five when this incident occurred. One afternoon while he was riding with an escort of but three men through a mountain pass in the vicinity of his station, six or seven masked men stepped from the roadside and covered his little party. Naturally they threw up their hands.

The highwaymen proved to be members of the band of Flores Zegaza, the bandit who kept the community on the feather edge. It was his habit to descend on the towns along the coast and levy toll whenever hunger or caprice impelled him to do so. Huerta soon stood in front of Zegaza's hut, an adobe dwelling, much dilapidated, far up the mountain.

There Zegaza made the proposition which was not at all unusual in Mexico then, and which is, in fact, quite the vogue today. He proposed that Huerta should keep him informed as to the days when the military force would be marching in a direction opposite from the town.

On such days Zegaza would make it a point to call, with his followers, and collect from the natives such stores of money and clothes and food and wine and tobacco as had accumulated since the last visit.

Zegaza was not at all surprised to have Huerta accept his proposition to receive in return for the promised information a share of whatever loot fell to the bandits.

Ten days later Huerta sent word to Zegaza that he would be away from the station on the following Thursday.

Promptly on Thursday the bandits rode into Matanzas, confident there would be no opposition except from the sporadic popguns of the overfrightened storekeepers. As they turned into the main street, discharging their revolvers to frighten every one away, a squad of Huerta's soldiers closed in on their rear and another squad appeared in their front.

A number of Zegaza's men were killed in the street. The remainder, with the bandit chief himself, surrendered. A week later Zegaza was shot in the quartet of the prison attached to the station.

Huerta is no drawing room soldier. He has seen much active service. In 1901 he took command of the infantry in the campaign against the Yaqui

Indians. After this campaign he was again put in charge of the general staff's topographical work in Sonora. He participated in subsequent Yaqui campaigns and also in the campaign in Yucatan against the Maya Indians.

Huerta commanded all the detached government forces in the state of Guerrero at the beginning of the Madero revolution. When Madero succeeded to the presidency, General Huerta was sent back into Morelos with a force to put down the Zapata rebellion. As a result of ill feeling growing out of this campaign, Huerta was recalled. Subsequently he led the army sent against Orozco, and was in command at the battle of Bachimba. For this service he was promoted to major general.

In the second Felix Diaz revolution, which resulted in the overthrow of the Madero government, Huerta was immediately called to active command as the senior ranking general then in the capital. He escorted Madero from Chapultepec castle to the palace on the first of the ten days' fighting and was placed in entire command of the forces of the government. He directed the government troops during all the subsequent fighting, and the conduct of these operations led to severe criticism on the part of Madero's friends.

It was charged that he did not carry out the operations with any spirit and that he disobeyed the commands of President Madero. It is said that before Blanquet entered the city the generals had a conference at which the fate of the Maderos was sealed.

Huerta was the moving spirit in the consummation of the plot that resulted in the seizure of the person of President Madero, his brother, Gustavo, and Vice President Jose Pino Suarez. The assassinations of the Maderos and Suarez followed, and in the meantime Huerta, with the military behind him, had been recognized as the provisional president.

Huerta at once sought recognition of the United States, for it is understood in Latin-American countries that none of their presidents can hold office long without being recognized by the American government. President Wilson, however, refused to treat Huerta as chief executive of Mexico.

In the meantime, General Carranza, the successor of Madero in the dream of a justly governed Mexico, was winning over the North. His military commander, General Villa, repeatedly defeated the federal forces. Practically all of the North came under the constitutionalist sway. In the South Zapata held out against Huerta.

Then the United States came down upon him, seizing the city of Vera Cruz as a result of an affront to the Stars and Stripes. Mediation at the instance of Argentina, Brazil and Chile followed with no satisfactory results.

## HAVE FAITH IN CARBAJAL

Huerta's Successor a Civilian and a Man of Acknowledged Probity—His Honorable Career.

Mexico City.—Francisco Carbajal is forty-four years old, a native of the state of Campeche, and a lawyer. Almost ever since the start of his career he has occupied posts in the judiciary. In the Madero administration he was a senator, but relinquished his post to re-enter the supreme court, of which he was chief justice at the time General Huerta appointed him minister of foreign relations.

When General Porfirio Diaz determined in 1911 to treat with the Madero revolutionists, Senor Carbajal proceeded to Juarez as his commissioner. Senor Carbajal has a reputation for possessing considerable intellectual force and independence of character. His demeanor is quiet. He shuns the exuberance in verbiage and gesticulation to which Latin-Americans are prone. He is courteous, but a man of few words and little given to elaborate compliments.

Besides, he is neat and well groomed in appearance. His features indicate pure European descent, without any admixture of Indian blood.

Altogether he is a man who conveys an impression of reserve power. He is a good man of business.

His probity has never been questioned. He has been sagacious and successful in investments and, while not rich, is a man of independent means. He is a man of family.

depends as the ramming of the Empress of Ireland and the drowning of hundreds.

Two Regrets.

"I 'sposed John is still takin' life easy?" said the woman in the tram.

"Yes," answered the woman who was carrying a bundle of clothes. "John has only got two regrets in life. One is that he has to wake up and eat, an' the other is that he has to give up eatin' to sleep."—Pearson's (London) Weekly.

## WILL STICK TO WHITE SOX

Ray Demmitt Admits He Gazed on Federal League Gold, but Was Weaned by President Comiskey.

Ray Demmitt will cavort about in the uniform of the White Sox in 1915 and 1916. He will not play with a Federal league team as planned, having changed his mind after a conference with President Comiskey.

Demmitt admitted he had Federal league aspirations and that he was negotiating with the outlaws, but said these faded before the eloquence of the Old Roman, who convinced him that his dollars would go just as far as those of a Federal league magnate.

The Sox regular left fielder admitted the lure of Federal league gold had no fascination for him now and that he was bound to play for Comiskey by an iron clad contract that was binding. The ten-day clause is eliminated from Demmitt's new contract.

"I can play just as well for Comiskey as for the Federal leaguers," said Demmitt. "I have a contract that suits me. I like Comiskey and Chicago and the Sox club, and after thinking it over carefully I'd be foolish to

sign with a Federal league club for the same money.

"Comiskey and Callahan have treated me fairly and given me the chance to make good, which I did not get in Detroit, and that is another reason why I should tie to the Chicago club. We have a binding contract and I want it to be binding."

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Meyer to Stick to Springfield.

Sol Meyer's heart has been touched by pleas of Springfield fans, and he makes it known that the Springfield team will not be transferred to Kokomo or some other jumping off place, Springfield fans have again promised to come to the aid of the club with some support in the way of attendance. This is about their dozenth promise of the sort, but Meyer is willing to go the limit with them and give them a few more chances.

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Sunday Ball in Washington.

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## PITCHING THE FAMOUS "FADEAWAY" BALL



Here is the record-breaking left of Rube Marquard and the famous right of the "Peerless" Matty, holding the little horsehide-covered pill just before delivering their famous "fadeaway" ball. The lower photo shows the south wing of "Rube" Marquard and the upper photo shows the arm of Christy Mathewson, the "peerless" twirler for the Giants.

## NAPS HAVE BEST SOUTHPAW FIRST TO USE THE SPITBALL

Eddie Collins Calls Vean Gregg of Cleveland Team "the Left-Handed Walter Johnson."

"The left-handed Walter Johnson." That's what Eddie Collins of the Athletics calls Vean Gregg, Nap southpaw. In an article in the American Magazine Collins discusses Gregg and other pitchers under the general subject of "Pitchers I Have Faced." Of Gregg, Collins says:

"Vean Gregg of Cleveland is one of the best southpaws I ever faced. The best compliment I can think of is to call him a left-handed Johnson. To Gregg pitching comes natural; he possesses abundant speed, but it is a wonderful curve ball that rounds him out as a great pitcher. He gave more bases on balls last year than any pitcher except Houch of the Athletics, yet his control was always perfect. Gregg's wildness is not a handicap; on the other hand, it is often an asset. Let me show you what I mean:

"One afternoon last year the Cleveland battery was Gregg and O'Neill. They seemed to be having a lot of trouble with their signals, and Gregg was having difficulty in locating the plate. Finally O'Neill walked out to the box and said something to Vean. I never knew what it was, but I felt the effects when I came to bat the next inning, with two runners on base. Before I knew it I had three and not-

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# Libby's Soups

Soup making is an art. Why trouble with soup recipes when the best chefs in the country are at your service? A few cans of Libby's Soup on your pantry shelf assures you of the correct flavor, ready in a few minutes. There are Tomato, Vegetable, Chicken, Oxtail, Consomme, Mock Turtle and other kinds.



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Wonderful income assured, right young man to act as our representative. All we require is honesty, ability and ambition, all or part time. This is an exceptional opportunity for a young man to get into a big paying business without capital and become independent for life. Our goods are staple necessities and sold to Grocers, Drug and general stores. Write now for full particulars. Give age and references. E. C. Hazard & Company, Long Branch, N.J.

## PATENTS

At No Expense. "Old Scraggs committed suicide by filling his room with gas." "That's just like Scraggs. He knew he wouldn't have to pay the bill."

REMARKABLE LETTER FROM A WELL KNOWN WASHINGTON DRUGGIST. In reference to ELMER STRICKLETT's great remedy for chills and fever and all malarial diseases. Within the last five months I have sold 3,000 bottles of ELMER STRICKLETT'S Malaria Chills and Fever. Our customers speak very well of it. Henry Evans, 22 F St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Literary Works Now Available. Literature in Turkey has responded to the liberty that followed the revolution. Large numbers of translations and adaptations of European scientific and literary works and books of a popular nature are now available.

Why Shouldn't He Worry? Tucker—"Why do I look so troubled? Well, last night I dreamed I died and was buried, Parker, and I saw the tombstone at the head of my grave." Parker—"Saw your tombstone, eh? And what of it?" "Why, I'm trying to live up to the epitaph."

His Tricks. "I went out motoring with that popular amateur magician, and that transformation trick do you think he pulled off before we had gone any distance?" "What was that?" "He made the automobile turn turtle."

In London. Dressmaker—"If I were you, madam, I would have the skirt slashed up the front, and it would look well to have the sleeves slashed up the side, and the bodice slashed for insert on the front—"

Tourist—"Hold on, please! Do you take me for a fighting suffragette?"

London Has Ambulances. London, which has never yet had an ambulance, has at last ordered six of them, and expects them to do all the work for the entire city. In case of past accidents the policemen have had to commandeer the nearest wagon, depending on the generosity of the driver, as they were not able to offer him anything.

GOOD CHANGE. Coffee to Postum.

The large army of persons who have found relief from many chronic ailments by changing from coffee to Postum as a daily beverage, is growing each day.

It is only a simple question of trying it for oneself in order to know the joy of returning health as realized by an ill, young lady. She writes: "I had been a coffee drinker nearly all my life and it affected my stomach—caused insomnia and I was seldom without a headache. I had heard about Postum and how beneficial it was, so concluded to quit coffee and try it."

"I was delighted with the change. I can now sleep well and seldom ever have headache. My stomach has gotten strong and I can eat without suffering afterwards. I think my whole system greatly benefited by Postum."

"My brother also suffered from stomach trouble while he drank coffee, but now, since using Postum, he feels so much better he would not go back to coffee for anything."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in page.

Postum comes in two forms: Regular Postum—must be well boiled—15c and 25c packages. Instant Postum—is a soluble powder. A teaspoonful dissolves quickly in a cup of hot water and, with cream and sugar, makes a delicious beverage instantly—30c and 50c tins. The cost per cup of both kinds about the same.

"There's a Reason" for Postum. —sold by Grocers.



Ray Demmitt.



Vean Gregg.

# STORIES OF THE DIAMOND

Charles Herzog has corralled another outfielder. The newest arrival is McLaughlin of Colgate university.

Fred Clarke is not in favor of umpires alternating behind the bat and on the bases. He says they should stay in one place.

Jimmy Murray, Buffalo International league star, who was purchased by the Braves, is playing only fair ball and is hitting occasionally.

What is the matter with Tris Speaker? Ever since he signed the famous contract calling for \$18,500 a year Tris has not looked himself.

Manager Griffith believes he has a good scheme to keep his players from pulling off bones. He says he'll fine every man that shows he is not thinking.

Artie Butler of the St. Louis Cardinal club has always wanted to play in the outfield. He worked in the garden a few months while at St. Paul and during that time batted over 300.