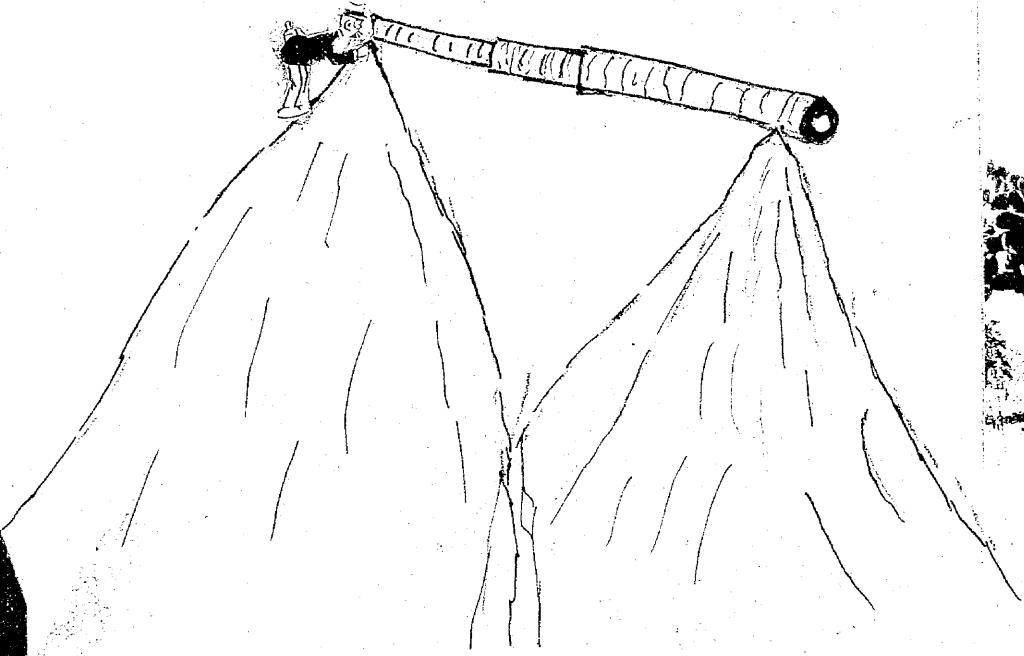
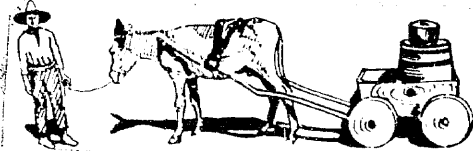


Searching for Revolutionists



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Post Cameraman in Mexico Fails to Find Much Revolution

It is one thing to talk and read about revolutions and turmoil in Mexico when one is north of the Rio Grande.

It is quite another thing when a fellow goes out to find these great armies about which Americans read in glaring headlines. They simply don't exist.

That's the way O. A. Aultman, El Paso photographer, sums up the revolutionary situation in northern Mexico.

He is home today after searching for revolution action pictures in Durango for two weeks. He didn't find any.

Can't Find Armies

And if there had been anything obtainable Aultman would have found it. He is a veteran, with a big file of war pictures to his record.

He was sent to Durango by the Newspaper Enterprise Association, the syndicate which supplies the El Paso Post with pictures.

"I have searched the cities, the hills, the plains, but all in vain," he said.

Kill 'Em Off

"When hundreds were reported, I find a few poor misguided wretches paying the penalty of ignorance before a firing squad."

Gen. J. G. Escobar, former Juarez garrison commander, quickly smashed the little uprising in the hills. He is combing that country like a fine-tooth comb.

Army of Four

"Gen. Julio Ibarra has organized a force of hill people to run down Juan Galindo, bandit leader."

"Galindo doesn't amount to anything from a political standpoint. He has got along by raid-

ing ranches and collecting tribute from cattlemen who pay him to stay away. He operates with four to eight men.

"When he became too ambitious and got 60 men together he received the most severe beating he ever received in his life. His horse was shot out from under him and he was wounded on Sept. 24.

"The few persons who took up arms against the government had no power to resist an organized government force, and, what is worse, no ambition to resist."

Big Force; Only in Mind

"They are told the whole country is in revolt, that soldiers are deserting and refusing to fight, that thousands are up in arms and cities are falling easy prey to their attacks. Almost before they find out what it is all about they are facing a firing squad of well arm-

ed and seasoned soldiers.

"In hunting for field activities I rode into the hills with a guide. Then I went to El Solta, a lumber camp 95 miles from Durango City. I heard a big force was near there. But I found that in reality nine men had held up the camp and got away with 18,000 pesos a few days previously. They were captured. All but one were executed."

Not Like Real Battle

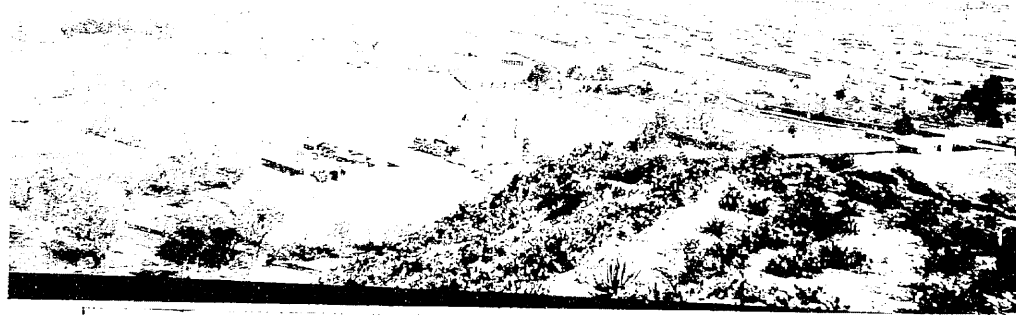
"I was informed that about 150 men have been killed in the entire campaign in Durango. That's not like they killed them in the days when revolutionary armies were armies and not a handful of stragglers."

"I am not trying to leave the impression the people are contented with the present government. They are not. But they see nothing to gain by a revolution."

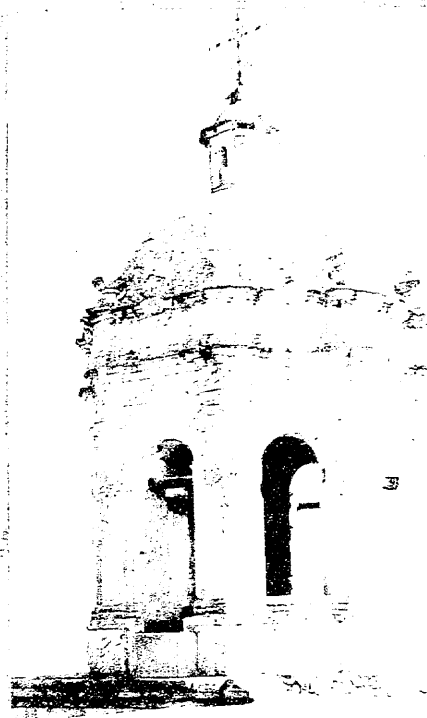
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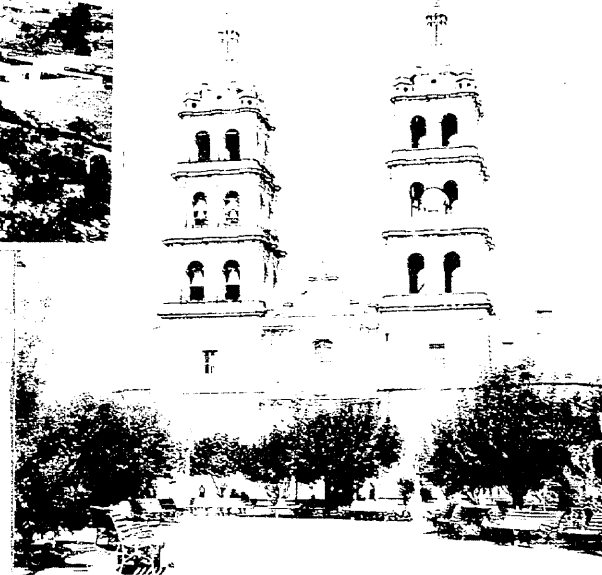
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