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Anarchy Sure as US Leaves Mexico

*Promise of Huerta to Retire Not To Be Relied on—
Even in Vera Cruz Natives Think Americans Are in Fear of Them*

Vera Cruz, May 29.—The statement cabled here that when Huerta retires the American army is to be withdrawn is received with disbelief. Those who have for a long time lived in Mexico distrust any promise of Huerta to retire.

If such a promise is made they believe that back in the brain of the cunning old Indian is some excuse for not keeping that promise. They say he likes his job, that he has as yet not made enough money out of it to satisfy him, and now that he has the support of arms and ammunition from the Ypiranga any idea he might have had of resigning is no longer considered.

As to withdrawing our troops every one believes such a step would be impossible. Not only would it be death to what little prestige we still may possess, but it would be death to any white people remaining in the country. This is the opinion of an American who has for the last three years travelled all over Mexico. He is a well known official of our government, so well known to your readers that I cannot give his name, but he believes that without the menace of our troops Mexico will never carry out any conditions of the ABC findings except those that meet with her approval.

Already Mexicans, not only in the capital but even here in Vera Cruz, believe the reason our troops do not advance is because we are afraid. If now we withdraw altogether, having administer no punishment demanded, no reparation, our visit as it will be represented to Mexicans and as it will be interpreted by them will be for us a bluff that failed and for them another glorious victory.

All we have done in Vera Cruz to punish the Mexicans is to clean their city. That does not impress them. For three hundred years they have lived amid filth and flies. They are used to dirt. The day we sail away they will return to it and once more the buzzards will flop and quarrel in Main St.

Had we wished really to impress them and make them respect and even admire us we should have stood some of their prominent citizens who sniped our sailors against the cathedral and shot them or hung them to the trees in the plaza. No one ever will make these people believe he is serious who begins by treating them as he would treat civilized people or as he expects to be treated. To such conduct they are not yet educated. Magnanimity, justice or generosity is to them only a sign of weakness.

The day our troops are withdrawn anarchy will follow, but if our army is to remain one condition upon which we should insist is that it must occupy ground higher above the sea level than Vera Cruz. The army, while holding Vera Cruz, should be established also in the cool hills as far north even as Orizaba.

Between hurting the feeling of the proud and sensitive Mexican and sacrificing in this fleabitten city one soldier or marine I could without losing any sleep permit the Mexican to suffer.