

## MEXICO FACES GRAVE SITUATION

## Troubles Along Northern Border Of Republic Have Developed Various Features

TORREON IS STORM CENTER

**Movement Fomented by Agitators  
With Headquarters in the  
United States**

**Mexican Government Thinks—Ring  
Leaders Captured in U. S. May be  
Tried for Violating Laws**

City of Mexico, June 29.—The internal troubles in Mexico which developed several days ago along the northern border of the republic, have developed serious features. Today the storm center is around the city of Torreón and in the country between that place and Juarez, where bandits are operating.

and Jarral, where bandits are operating in conjunction with the **insurrectionists**. Government troops are rushing to the scene. Already 1,500 federal soldiers have reached Torreon to reinforce the garrison there, 200 more have reached Juarez, and in Chihuahua

In view of the latest developments, Ambassador Creel, who has been here on what promised to be a long leave of absence, has been instructed to return to Washington without delay.

It is the belief of the Mexican government that the revolutionary movement now in progress was fomented and directed by band leaders who have long made their headquarters in the United States. On this ground, it is believed, Ambassador Creel will appeal to the United States authorities to assist in apprehending some of the revolutionists, particularly those who were concerned in the attack on the United States consulate at Las Vacas.

The request will be made also that if any of the ringleaders of the movement are captured in the United States they should be tried in the courts of that country on charges of violating the neutrality laws.

AT LAS VACAS.

At Las Vacas, where the first serious attack was made, the government has gained the most complete victory.

now in complete control of the situation in that city, the rebels and bandits who composed the attacking force having been driven back to the mountains. They will not be permitted to rest there undisturbed, however, as

the government purposes to make an example of its forces as an object lesson to others who might join the movement in other sections. To this end a large force of cavalry has been sent in to the hills to the heels of the fugitives and the chase is now in progress.

It is the view of the Mexican government that Mexican citizens who were concerned in the recent raids are common criminals and that the contention to the contrary on the ground that their acts were committed in furtherance of a revolutionary movement will not hold.

**WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS**

Washington, June 29.—The state department is carefully watching developments in the insurrectionary situation along the northern boundary of Mexico. The department officials feel that the international aspect of the trouble will be adjusted satisfactorily and every effort will be made for the preservation of neutrality. The exact

The state department has received from the attorney general of the United States who has at his command district attorneys, numerous marshals, deputy marshals and other officers, and from the governor of Texas assurances that every possible effort will be done to enforce the neutrality laws. These assurances have been transmitted to the Mexican charge here.

For the moment there appears little

more that this government can do except that the responsible officials urge upon those charged with the immediate execution of the laws the utmost vigilance in preventing any infraction of them. Independent of the present in-

stance of trouble in Mexico, the American ambassador, Mr. Cresswell, carries out the letter as well as the spirit of the neutrality laws, constantly impresses upon its officials the necessity of strict watching for any alleged attempts at carrying out the letter of the law in Mexico, where previous troubles not unlike the present have occurred.

**CRESSWELL'S RETURN.**

At the state department nothing has been given out regarding Ambassador Cresswell's contemplated return to Washington. Several months the ambassador, who is also governor of Chihuahua, has been on leave of absence from his post here in Mexico, and he has worked as governor. This time has elapsed. At the Mexican embassy to

day it was stated that no official information has been received concerning the return of Ambassador Creed though the fact that his coming is quite natural and as likely to throw much light upon the real situation in Mexico. So far as known here, the activity of Mexicans in the United States has been confined to the conduct of revolutionary newspapers and perhaps to the purchase of such arms and ammunition as might be secured

The penalty for violation of neutrality laws is that every person who, within American territory, begins, sets on foot or assists any military expedition or enterprise against any govern-

ment with whom the United States is at peace, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 and imprisonment for not more than three years.

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**COL. W. F. TUCKER SAW  
INSIDE OF HIS STOMACH**

Mount Clemens, Mich., June 29.—Col. William F. Tucker, son-in-law of Mrs. John A. Logan of Chicago, is probably the only living man who ever saw the interior of his abdomen.

He submitted yesterday to the uncommon and perilous operation known as amentoplexy. The anaesthetic was applied locally only, and he remained conscious while surgeons slit his abdomen and set things to rights therein. Success of the operation is predicted by the physicians.