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The most important Mexican town on the Pacific coast is Mazatlan, with a population of 17,582; next comes Guaymas, which, having rail communication with some interior points, is a more or less important distributing point. The State of Sonora, in which it is situated, is a great mining region. There is a railway from Altata to Culiacan in the State of Sinaloa, and another is being constructed from Topolobampo to Chihuahua via el Fuerte. San Blas has to-day no trade, which has been diverted to Manzanillo, where important harbor works are being built. A line of railway connects Manzanillo with the town of Colima. It will be some years before Colima will be connected with Tuxpan, the

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50,000	35.	C. Union F L. & M	50	5	59 60
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35,862	20	London Ass. Corp.	25	125	56 57
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153,776	35	Phœnix	50	5	35 36
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