

WHERE THEY FIRE OFF PISTOLS TO KILL TIME

Except for the Annoyance of Vagrant Bullets, Stephen Graham Finds Chihuahua, Mexico, a Very Interesting City.

(By Stephen Graham in New York Evening Post) Chihuahua, Mexico, Jan. 15.—There are a thousand miles of sand and shyness after you pass the frontier from America. The Santa Fe country seems to extend endlessly southward. Desert just enters the train and almost stifles you. From the window of the railway carriage you see the yucca's extended arms and the dead cactus extends to you a dusty hand, welcoming you to no man's land. The contour of the mountains are as in New Mexico—wind-worn, wind-shaped—and there are great rounded hats of rock, gray and sun-washed. Occasionally one comes to wretched mud-built villages where the whole population turns out in rags to sell coffee and chili sandwiches to passengers at the halting places. Three hundred miles south of El Paso the wilderness is broken by Chihuahua, of which Cunningham Graham has written, fondly pronounced Chihoo-ahoo-a in London but locally Chih-wah-wah. I broke my journey in this city which enjoys the refreshment of spirit which comes when suddenly you escape from winter and change one country grown familiar for one which is unfamiliar. Chihuahua, capital of one of the United States of Mexico, is a fine city, or the ruin of one. Not so deep as Pompeii, yet it lies well under the dirt. War and revolution have battered it. Mud has swept over its street car lines. Economically it seems to be a piece of the United States. American goods alone are in the shops and at prices 50 to 100 per cent higher than in America itself. Even food, such as butter and sugar and cheese and bacon, seems to be largely imported and heavily taxed. There is much poverty and want. But what a spacious city it is! The gardens are fresh and flowering with violets. Fountains are playing. The tradition of Spain is strong in the architecture, which expresses the dignity of human life—and of being a Spaniard. Alas! the most striking characteristic of the city is, I suppose, characteristic of all Mexico, and that is the pistol and ivory grained revolver. There are shop windows full of revolvers and pistols. Every other man has some such weapon in his hip pocket. Fire-rings are discharged at all moments—or joy, or to kill, or through mere habit. The Mexicans fire them off to kill time. On Sundays, a Bullfight. The city seems to have two regular restaurants, and you either dine with "jump or dine with Sing. The city and plays in front of Porfirio Diaz's "Palacio Nacional every afternoon. At the other end of the city you may watch soldiers drilling, though hardly in the style of the Guards. In the

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Negroes Fighting on Trolley Car Subdued by Police Chief—Speedy Arrests. Mount Holly, N. J., Feb. 1.—Two Philadelphia negroes, caught in the act of robbing a home at Moorestown, near here, attempted to shoot the Chiefs of Police of that place and Meple Shade, when they had been cornered on a trolley upon which they were fleeing. The negroes were quickly disarmed and locked up in the jail here. They gave their names as James Stafford and Max Evers, and said they returned to their home about midnight and noticed a front window open and a light upstairs. On the second floor they found two armed negroes, who ordered them to the first floor after they had taken Mrs. Lytle's watch and the sum of money she had. They then fled.

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4 HOURS' SCHOOL A WEEK DECREED FOR CHILD TOILERS New York, Feb. 1.—Under a new regulation of the Department of Education, all children between 14 and 15 years of age who live or work in New York City, who have graduated from the elementary schools and who are regularly employed, will be required to attend continuation schools for four hours a week. This will include not only those who graduate from the elementary schools at the close of this month and who will not enter high school, but also pupils now enrolled in the high schools who leave school to take up employment at any time after Jan. 31. Attendance is required up to the age of 17. No iron rails have been made in the United States since 1911. The first mortgage was supposed to have been issued about 2100 B. C.

CROWD SEES MAN KILLED BY TRAIN New York, Feb. 1.—Edward Bailey, forty-five years old, a laborer of 151 Bleecker street, fell from the platform of the Bleecker street station of the east side subway and was run over and killed by a northbound train. Two women who witnessed the accident faintly and were revived by their escorts. Northbound traffic on the local tracks was tied up for thirty minutes. Many persons on the platform saw him killed. The motorman told the police that as his train was coming into the station he saw the man fall and he applied the emergency brakes, but was unable to bring the train to a stop until two cars had passed over the man's body. He said Bailey, who appeared to be dazed, succeeded in getting to his feet just before the train struck him and then staggered and fell. Persons who witnessed the accident on the platform to see if a train was approaching when he lost his balance and fell. Train guards summoned Patrolman De Nizzo of the Mercer Street Station. The body was taken from beneath the train and carried to the station platform and later removed to the morgue, where identification was made by John T. Hennessy of 160 Bleecker street.

FLEES THROUGH TOWN IN HIS NIGHTSHIRT John Yurick escaped from St. Joseph's Hospital, Saultury, Ont., last Saturday morning and fled through the streets and after removing to the morgue, where identification was made by John T. Hennessy of 160 Bleecker street. He was captured by officers two hours later hiding in a box-car over a mile away. It was his fourth escape from custody in three weeks. He escaped from the District Jail while being transferred by the town police to serve time on a vagrancy charge and was recaptured; escaped again and was caught by a Finnish trapper; escaped from him and froze both his feet in the get-away and was brought to the hospital for treatment. He is thought to be mentally deranged. Paving with stone was first practiced in 1163.

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