

# The New Bisbee Review

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Priceless

## BENGALIS RETURN TO WILD WEST!

### CURIOUS CYLINDER DISCOVERED

Bisbee – Authorities here are puzzled over the discovery of a cryptic wax dictation cylinder. The Edison machine cylinder was discovered by James “Boot Hill” Spade, the Brewery Gulch undertaker, while preparing the body of an unidentified man for burial. According to Spade, he was removing the deceased’s wooden prosthetic leg when he noticed a concealed compartment containing the cylinder.

The Bisbee Sheriff’s Office has turned the wax cylinder over to the Arizona Rangers for analysis. It is described as containing a “message in code.”

The one-legged man was unfortunate enough to be an innocent bystander when a poker game in the Brewery Gulch Saloon turned horribly wrong. He was drinking at the bar when an errant shot struck him in the back of the head. Ironically, the one-legged man was the only casualty. According to the bartender, the man had a strange accent. He carried no sidearm, but “Boot Hill” Spade says there was a unique spring-loaded stiletto blade attached to his left wrist.

### TROUBLE SOUTH OF THE BORDER: MEXICAN UNREST INTENSIFIES! American Interests Increasingly at Risk!



Mexican President, Gen. V. Huerta

the governor, Venustiano Carranza, called upon his fellow governors to do likewise. There are reports Huerta is preparing an expedition against Coahuila and Governor Carranza has abandoned the state capital of Saltillo for a more secure position in the hills. In Chihuahua, one-time schoolmaster and revolutionary Manuel Chao has attacked the federal garrison at Santa Barbara, signaling an increasing number of spontaneous local revolts against Huerta.

### AMERICAN AMBASSADOR URGES CALM AND RECOGNITION

Washington, DC – American Ambassador to Mexico, Henry Lane Wilson, is reportedly urging immediate recognition of the Huerta regime. He has ordered U.S. consuls throughout Mexico to promote the legitimacy of the new government. Ambassador Wilson is predicting a new era of peace and prosperity in Mexico and describes the suspicious shooting death of former president Madero as a “closed incident.” Perhaps this is not surprising, as the ambassador is widely suspected of having played a central role in the military coup and overthrow of Madero.

It is unlikely President Taft will formally recognize the new regime. Most expect he will defer to President-elect Woodrow Wilson. Secretary of State Knox is reportedly furious over the turn of events in Mexico.

### GENERAL HUERTA REVEALS IRON FIST

Mexico City – Mexico’s new president, General Victoriano Huerta, is moving swiftly to consolidate power in the wake of the uprising which ousted democratically elected President Francisco Madero. Madero and his vice-president, Pino Suárez, were shot and killed earlier this week, reportedly whilst trying to escape. Huerta’s federal army remains deployed on high alert throughout the capital and he appears firmly in command of the situation there.

Beyond the immediate limits of the capital region, the situation is anything but stable. The nation at large is in shock over the violent events of what is now being called, *La Decena Trágica* - the Ten Tragic Days. On the same day Madero was shot, President Huerta issued a manifesto threatening “rigorous measures” and demanding state governors recognize his new government. Thus far, the demand has received a lukewarm response. The Coahuila state legislature has refused to recognize Huerta and



Amb. Henry Lane Wilson