

Senora Maria Sanchez, said to be a wealthy Castilian, whose brother was shot by Federal regulars. She gave up the comforts of a luxurious home and begged permission to take her brother's place.

Recently at Monclovia a son of Senora Pimental of that city had been sentenced to be shot. The mother, it is said, entered the Federal jail by stealth and stabbing two guards, released her boy. Both escaped to the Constitutionalist headquarters at Hermanos.

In the Federal ranks there is told the story of the wife of an officer, who led the Constitutionlists into an ambush at Puerto Carmen and, though fired upon by the angered rebels, galloped through the lines to her husband's side.

When less than a month ago the Federal army of Gen. Maas occupied the Constitutionlists' provisional capital at Piedras Negras, "soldaderas" played an important part in the bloodless capture. A small group of them pitched their tents on the overlooking hills two days before the soldiers arrived. When the army came, fully 500 of these soldier-women accompanied the troops, most of them guarding the wagon trains, which their skill as foragers had supplied. After the city was occupied, the women spread food for the entire army in the plaza. The "soldaderas" are expert with both knife and rifle.

One of the famous women fighters is Mrs. Alonzo Alanis, who recently surrendered to the Huerta garrison in Juarez and was pardoned by the Government. She is the wife of a former Maderist commander and developed as a leader during the revolt against Madero. One night at the head of a picked band she rode into Juarez, held up the police station, took all available arms and escaped to the hills. She remained at the head of her troops for several months.

WOMEN FIGHT ON BOTH SIDES.

Some War for Revenge, Others Join Relatives to Serve in the Ranks.

DEL RIO, Mex., Nov. 2.—Women of Mexico are playing a prominent part in the warfare of the southern republic, either as "soldaderas" foraging for their men folk in the armies, or occasionally as actual fighters.

This is true probably because the present revolution has touched individuals and homes more intimately than any other conflict of recent times in Mexico. Many women have left their homes rather than remain alone and a few have gone under fire to get revenge.

In the siege now in progress at Monterey a valued member of Gen. Pablo Gonzales's rebel command is