

Why on earth would I want to play a game set in the Mexican Revolution?

Mexico revolted against their long standing dictator in 1911, faced ongoing rebellions against the new regime throughout 1912 and a coup in early 1913 which led to a fresh outburst of revolution as the game starts.

The leading participants in the revolution were a mixture of chancers & ideologues, out for themselves or for their people. Most of the participants were unknowns, bandits, peasants or businessmen with no political or military standing in 1910 but any of them could become president. It is an unusual situation where any character* can achieve greatness**, based on their success as a politician or as a soldier or probably both.

The revolution was also a popular uprising and the ideals of the revolutionaries - Land Reform, Universal Suffrage & No Reelection drove the common people to take arms to support the leaders that shared those ideals, or at least that purported to do so....

This leads to a constitution writing theme where getting the country a new constitution in alignment with your own political agenda is another objective to strive for.

The period has the ideal combination for a political/military game where the military activities directly feed into the politics - you can only be president if you have the support of a winning coalition. On the other hand you can talk your way into a job if you do the right deals with the people with the armies. Military success is measured in the resources you can secure to carry out your plans. Extortion & printing money are expected but to buy arms you need products you can sell for hard currency - cattle & copper chief amongst them.

The press were very influential in the war & the US hovered menacingly over the border & intervened a couple of times as their interests were threatened.

So a classic military game in a political framework in an exotic setting featuring cattle rustling & copper looting to the tune of the corrido La Cucaracha

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B_27Hi1In6o

*These characters were all men but in the game almost anyone can be regendered as desired.

**While there is only one president there are a lot of other senior positions in government as consolation prizes.

