

attributed to her to the effect that women must rally to the aid of the Church, as there was "no real men left in Mexico."

Señora Perches asserts that a police agent manufactured this statement in order to discredit the Women's Defense League.

She states that the police entered her home at San Angel a few days ago to search for arms and ammunition and that they found only a few papers relating to the league. Señora Perches charges that the chief detective and the police agents violated the privacy of her home, as they had no written order to search the house.

Held Incommunicado, She Says.

She asserts that the police and soldiers forced the women in the hospital to march through the streets to the jail, where they were not permitted to request the assistance of friends or lawyers.

The trouble in San Angel last Sunday, she says, was caused by a report that anti-Catholics would attempt to seize the church. Catholics gathered at the doors when the police arrived and the crowds were forced to abandon their position.

During the tumult, Señora Perches says, a young lawyer, Señor Mier y Teran, stepped to a balcony of a house and appealed to the crowd to disperse and prevent bloodshed as the police were determined to start trouble.

She charges that the police seized women by the hair and dragged them from the church to the street. A young society woman, Señorita Novoa, the statement says, offered to accompany the police to jail if the crowd would go quietly home. Several women were then taken through the streets to the jail here, where they remained for several days.

Another Says Rooms Were Damp.

Señorita Novoa, in a statement, made public by the Episcopate today, declares she was kept in rooms in the jail that were so damp that previous prisoners had called them "Venice."

During the night, she says, several women of the streets were arrested and put in an adjoining room where their profane language was audible to the young society women under arrest. She charges that liquor was given to the former and that they and employes of the jail held a dance.

Señorita Novoa asserts that eighty-six prisoners were confined in the small rooms without the slightest attempt on the part of the authorities to give the women privacy.

The women, she continues, were called before the Chief of Police and the chief detectives daily, while friends who tried to visit them were driven back with the butts of guns in the hands of the soldier guards.

Señora Perches and her companions were kept in jail from Sunday until Wednesday before they were called to appear before an agent of the Attorney General.

During her testimony Señora Perches insisted that the phrases against the Government which she was charged with uttering were really spoken by an agent of the police.

The earnest statement of Señora Perches convinced the Attorney General's agent.

Another prisoner, Señorita Gomez Linares, charged with distributing circulars attacking the Government, also made a successful defense.

Taken in Friends' Automobiles.

When the whole group of prisoners was taken from jail yesterday for examination by the Attorney General's office, leading society women offered their automobiles to convey them so that the cultured women would not have to walk through the streets surrounded by soldiers.

At the hearing all the women prisoners were released on bond, but seven men, charged with plotting against the Government, were held in jail.

It is reported that Government officials, after a careful examination, have found that the alleged plot, which resulted in a sudden movement of troops into several towns in the Valley of Mexico last Saturday night and Sunday, was of small importance, consisting mostly of talk.

The officials, however, are said to believe that plans probably were laid by others for an uprising to join with that planned by General Enrique Estrada, but that the capture of Estrada by American authorities last Sunday caused the entire plot to fail.

ALL WOMEN FREED IN PLOT. Senora Perches Charges They Were Not Allowed to Consult Lawyers.

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MEXICO CITY, Aug. 21.—All the women alleged to have been leaders in a plot against the Government have been released from jail, but seven men are still held for examination by the Attorney General's office.

In a statement issued today, Señora Perches, a woman doctor who was accused of being the ringleader, declares that the charges are absolutely false and emphatically denies the statement.