

Figure 3. Ambos Nogales buffer zone, circa 1916. In 1896 by presidential proclamation buildings previously built up to the boundary on the Nogales, Arizona, side were razed and set back sixty feet. This created a 110-foot buffer between the two halves of Nogales because Mexico had created a fifty-foot setback in 1884. In this view looking west from Chureas Hill, a favorite vista point for photographers, no fence exists, but the boundary line is foreshadowed by the telephone poles immediately north of the Mexican kiosks. Several Model T automobiles with open carriages are discernible on the Mexico side near the railroad track. Kiosks stand at the boundary where Calle Elías meets International Street and at Railroad Avenue. The two-story brick building southwest of the kiosk is the Banco de Sonora. On the Arizona side, the triangular building at the corner of International Street and Morley Avenue is the Ville de Paris store, opened in 1901. The long roof of the new railroad depot built in 1905 to replace the original structure, which burned, is visible just beyond. An arroyo that cuts across the boundary near present Grand Avenue is discernible by the Bonillas Bridge, a stone structure across this channel west of the railroad corridor. This arroyo was filled and leveled in 1918.