

INVASION IS PART OF PLOT, SAYS VILLA

Rebel General Refuses Plea of Maas to Join in Driving Out Americans.

REPLY GIVEN POSTERITY

Slayers of Madero Charged With Inciting Internal Troubles and Provoking Foreign War to Cover Up Trails.

TORREON, Mex., May 4, via El Paso, Tex., May 5.—General Villa's answer to General Maas, in command at Saltillo, refusing to make common cause with the federalists in "avenging the American occupation," was delivered to the federal commander today. The correspondence in full was thereupon given out at rebel headquarters. General Maas wrote: "To General Francisco Villa: I have received instructions to notify the revolutionary chiefs that American intervention in Mexico is an accomplished fact. The United States of the North have committed a grave offense against Mexico by disembarking troops in Vera Cruz April 21 and by taking similar action at Salina Cruz two days later. This act alone constitutes the initiation of war and this is the supreme moment to call on the patriotism of all Mexicans to present a united front and forget our differences in the intense love of a country of which we are possessed. We can consider the enemy only as the invading Yankee, most unjust and ignominious manner has stepped upon the holy soil of our fatherland."

Appeal to Patriotism Made. "It is well known that the North Americans, following the hypocritical and undignified conduct which they have used in all cases of intervention, have declared that they will not fight against the revolutionists, but only against the government, but it is clear to all eyes that this conduct is for no other purpose than to keep us divided and make easier their conquests. As Mexican patriots we should not permit foreign nations to mix in our internal affairs."

"We, therefore, call upon brothers to rally to the common cause for the defense of the national integrity. You could not more nobly yield your present position than for the purpose of the rallying to the cause of the whole of Mexico that all may march together against the revolutionists. I have such faith in your patriotism that I do not doubt that the forces of your command will rally to fight the invasion of the Americans. I refer you to your assurances of my distinguished consideration."

VILLA RETORTS WITH CHARGES. General Villa's answer follows: "In answer to your letter of April 25, in which, in accordance with your instructions, you have asked me to march with you against the foreign invasion of our country, I would say that I understand your actions fully and also the present situation of the country. I know that as an accomplice you took part in the infidelity and treason of February, 1913 (Madero's death). This is perfectly well known to me and you should know that we cannot pardon it, and also know that it will be the cause of your ruin."

"I know that the centrifuges, by various processes, have up to this time sought to bring about North American intervention in Mexico. It is known without doubt that the coming of the Americans was desired and provoked by you. The manner in which you have incited internal troubles and have called on all Mexico to help fight the external troubles is clear to all the world."

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"You have sought to make this union between yourselves and the centrifuges and the pretext of a foreign war you seek to arm many Mexicans whose sympathies are not with you, but whose patriotism you expect to exploit, without reflecting that you are about to arm a people who in justice would chastise your crimes. These same people, when they discover you are an assassin of democracy, you seek to win over by starting a war against a foreign nation to serve your personal interests and those of your party."

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deemed it indispensable to suspend hostilities. "Should you not deem it so, we would be compelled in that case to withdraw as inopportune our invitation for the appointment of representatives of the constitutionalists in such negotiations."

Outside of the mediators, some of the foreign diplomats took the view that the elimination of Carranza, and the limitation of negotiations to amends for indignities to American sailors and marines at Tampico and Vera Cruz would be a step in advance. They pointed out that President Wilson had insisted that the troops were sent to Vera Cruz solely to redress these indignities. If, therefore, the mediators could furnish a formula for this redress there was no reason, they asserted, why the troops should not be withdrawn and the present crisis as between Huerta and the United States ended. Other diplomats, familiar with European procedure when foreign territory had been occupied, were doubtful whether the troops, once at Vera Cruz, would or could be withdrawn until a complete settlement had been effected. Sweeping Settlement Sought. As yet there has been no formal basis of negotiation, the United States or Huerta not having set forth their demands. It was learned today from a high administration official that in all likelihood the United States would not confine itself now to a mere settlement of the incidents at Tampico which provoked the present crisis, but would aim at bringing about a solution of the whole Mexican problem so that it could recognize the constitutional established government which would be able to insure tranquility in the southern republic. The disposition of General Carranza to eliminate himself from the mediation in Mexico is an accomplished fact. The United States of the North have committed a grave offense against Mexico by disembarking troops in Vera Cruz April 21 and by taking similar action at Salina Cruz two days later. This act alone constitutes the initiation of war and this is the supreme moment to call on the patriotism of all Mexicans to present a united front and forget our differences in the intense love of a country of which we are possessed. We can consider the enemy only as the invading Yankee, most unjust and ignominious manner has stepped upon the holy soil of our fatherland."

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NATION'S TRIBUTE DUE

PRESIDENT TO HONOR VERA CRUZ DEAD ON MONDAY. Secretary Daniels and Staff, Secretary Garrison and Admiral Dewey to Take Part.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—President Wilson will voice the Nation's tribute to the marines and bluejackets who died in the occupation of Vera Cruz at memorial services to take place at the Brooklyn Navy-yard Monday. Secretary Daniels and his staff and Secretary Garrison and Admiral Dewey will be among the chief figures at the ceremonies. The President will leave Washington for New York late Sunday night. Secretary Daniels will meet the Montana and Mayflower and convey them to dock. Mayor Mitchell, of New York, has suggested that the bodies be removed from the Montana at the battery and transported on caissons to the Brooklyn Navy-yard. The bodies will be sent to the homes of the marines and bluejackets late Monday.

AMERICAN HELD FOR RANSOM

Ohio Man, Manager of Plantation, Prisoner of Federals.

STEUUBENVILLE, O., May 5.—Word reached here today that Leroy Ault, 35, of this city, is being held for ransom by a band of Mexican federalists near Vera Cruz. He is a former Steubenville girl, is now in this city and is in a state bordering on collapse, fearing her husband may be killed before he is released. The prisoner's father, A. J. Ault, is striving to secure aid from the State Department in behalf of his son, who is being held in Pennsylvania, is investigating.

REFUGEES BACK FROM TAMPICO

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GALVESTON, Tex., May 5.—Seventy American refugees from the oil district about Tampico sailed for that port today. If the steamer is unable to discharge her passengers at Tampico they will be taken to Vera Cruz. The oil men said their return was necessitated by the situation in the Panuco oil fields, where the oil was flowing unrestrained. They said they did not believe they would be molested by the Mexicans.

Joseph W. Goodell Buried.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., May 5.—(Special.)—Joseph W. Goodell, pioneer of Willapa Valley for 50 years, was buried at Menlo yesterday. He resided at Lebam and the town received its name by spelling Goodell's daughter's name, Mabel, backwards. He was 65 years old.

Buyer to Sell Cattle in Alaska.

LA GRANDE, Or., May 5.—(Special.)—J. D. McKennon, a horse and cattle buyer, is buying cattle and horses which he will market in Alaska. This is the first time that a local buyer has undertaken the marketing of his own purchases directly to their consumers, and the undertaking will be watched with interest.

VILLA OUSTS CHAO

Chihuahua Governor Ordered to Front as Result of Intrigue.

RODRIGUEZ IS SUCCESSOR

S. Terrazas, Secretary of State, Also Asked to Quit—Removal of Carranza's Friends Causes Report of Breach Between Leaders.

EL PASO, Tex., May 5.—General Manuel Chao has been removed as Constitutional governor of Chihuahua by General Francisco Villa. The report of the change in executives reached the border tonight. The removal, it was said, was the result of an intrigue against Villa by Chao in an effort to have the conqueror of Torreon replaced as general-in-chief of the army. Trinidad Rodriguez has been named governor of Chihuahua and General Chao has been ordered to report at the front beyond Torreon for active service in the field. Silvestro Terrazas, who has been secretary of state for Chihuahua and a close friend of Chao, was removed at the same time with his chief and has been succeeded by Augustin Labanastadt, formerly inspector of police for Governor Abram Gonzalez. Chao and Terrazas, who is not connected with the rich federal family of that name, are regarded as being closely aligned with General Carranza, while their successors are friends of Villa. Constitutional representatives here deny that the removal of Chao indicated a strained relation between Carranza and Villa, but say that on the contrary it indicates the relation between them are so close that not even personal friendship of Carranza for Chao could produce. It is asserted by the Constitutionalists here that General Carranza himself warned Chao that unless he curbed his tongue he would find trouble. Opponents of the Constitutionalists point to the removal of Chao as a widening in the breach they insist exists between Carranza and Villa.

HUERTA SHOWING NO SIGN Dictator Seemingly Unprepared to Resist Advance on Capital.

VERA CRUZ, May 5.—Francisco Villa, the rebel commander, may not make his intended descent on Mexico City before the lapse of another three months, according to a prominent banker who arrived today from the capital. The refugee, who has just completed negotiations with President Huerta for the removal of a large quantity of gold from the mining districts in the vicinity of the capital, asserted Huerta still was sending federal troops northward, as he apparently dreads more the possible approach of General Villa than an advance of the Americans.

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