

MEXICAN REVOLT IS BLAMED ON SELFISH AIM OF CARRANZA

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Washington, April 19.—Mexico is experiencing a recurrence of the trouble that started the present era of revolution 10 years ago. After a reign of dread under Porfirio Diaz the latter assumed to use his presidential office in the elections of June, 1910, to defeat Francisco Madero, and the country took up arms and drove out the dictator.
Now after five years of painful reconstruction under Carranza, the presidential elections are again scheduled. At this time the supporters of General Alvaro Obregon, one of the principal candidates and a hero of revolution, are outspoken in their charges that Carranza is manipulating the machinery of the government in the interest of Ignacio Bonillas, his candidate.

JINGO TALK IS HEARD

The secession of Sonora, General Obregon's home state, from the Mexican union is a symptom of widespread revolt, but not necessarily conclusive evidence that civil war and bloodshed will follow. The people of Mexico don't want another era of destruction, and the effort to conduct a fair election will be supported by all the business elements as well as the influential citizenry who are not under the thumb of the government officials or candidates.
The realization that the cards have been stacked against Obregon has driven his supporters to extremes, and the high-handed tactics in suppressing electoral freedom have reached here and do much damage to Mexico, for there is always a party in our national capital who accept every cloud that hangs over Mexico as justification for American interference. But friends of Mexico have not lost hope that she will go through the crisis without a revolution.

PROMISES REPUDIATED

But from Mexico itself come advices that a manifesto has gone to the nation, signed by 48 members of the house of deputies and 16 members of the Mexican senate, bluntly charging President Carranza with having exceeded his constitutional power and with having "violated constitutional promises which induced the Mexican people to take up arms and engage in a bloody civil war."
This is all the more resented because the original revolution of 1910, the principles of which the Carranza regime professed to support, was waged with the slogan "effective suffrage—and no reelection."

THESE FOLLOWS A SERIES OF REASONS FOR THE MOVEMENT IN BEHALF OF OBREGON, AMONG THEM VIOLATIONS OF THE BAILOT.

CARRANZA IS BLAMED

Others are the packing of state governments, irregularity in the municipal elections in Mexico city, conclave of governors presumably to forward the desires of President Carranza in handling the election machinery, the resort by the executive to methods of coercion including the arrest of members of congress, imprisoning members of congress on trumped up charges, and the attempt to entangle Obregon himself in court proceedings "so as to incapacitate him in the electoral struggle."
The manifesto, which was drawn up in the green room of the chamber of deputies, closes with a warning that the responsibility for the evils that may grow out of the present situation will rest solely upon President Carranza and his associates.

CAUSE OF VILLA RAID

Meanwhile the Washington government is keeping a watchful eye on events below the Rio Grande, and anticipates trouble along the international line if Chihuahua, which has always been a hotbed of revolt, should decide to accompany the state of Sonora in the secession movement.

Naturally the Carranza government wants to transport troops through Amer-

ican territory so as to reach into the northern states of Mexico from the American border states, but there is very little doubt as to what the United States government will do. The United States has had its fingers burned by allowing Mexican troops to pass through the border states, the Columbus, N. M., raid by Villa being attributed to resentment produced by the substantial aid given the Carranza government through permission to use the American railway for military movements.

NEUTRALITY IS LIKELY

Subsequent to that occurrence the Washington government incurred the resentment of the rebels and very little gratitude from the Carranza government. Indeed, it was shown our government troubles with the Carranza regime have multiplied since then, so that what is purely a matter of discretion with the executive departments here will in all probability be decided adversely, and the Washington government will endeavor to enforce strict neutrality on the border as between all factions.

So far as can be ascertained there is no leaning here toward any candidate and the Washington government knows that to advocate any man it likes would only help to defeat such a candidate. To be over friendly to the United States is not a good asset for a Mexican candidate in these days of intense nationalism in Mexico, so that even if the American government had a preference it would never be indiscreet enough to express it.

Privately, however, former Ambassador Bonillas, who is supposed to be President Carranza's candidate, is better known than any of the other candidates, because of his residence here.

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(By United News)
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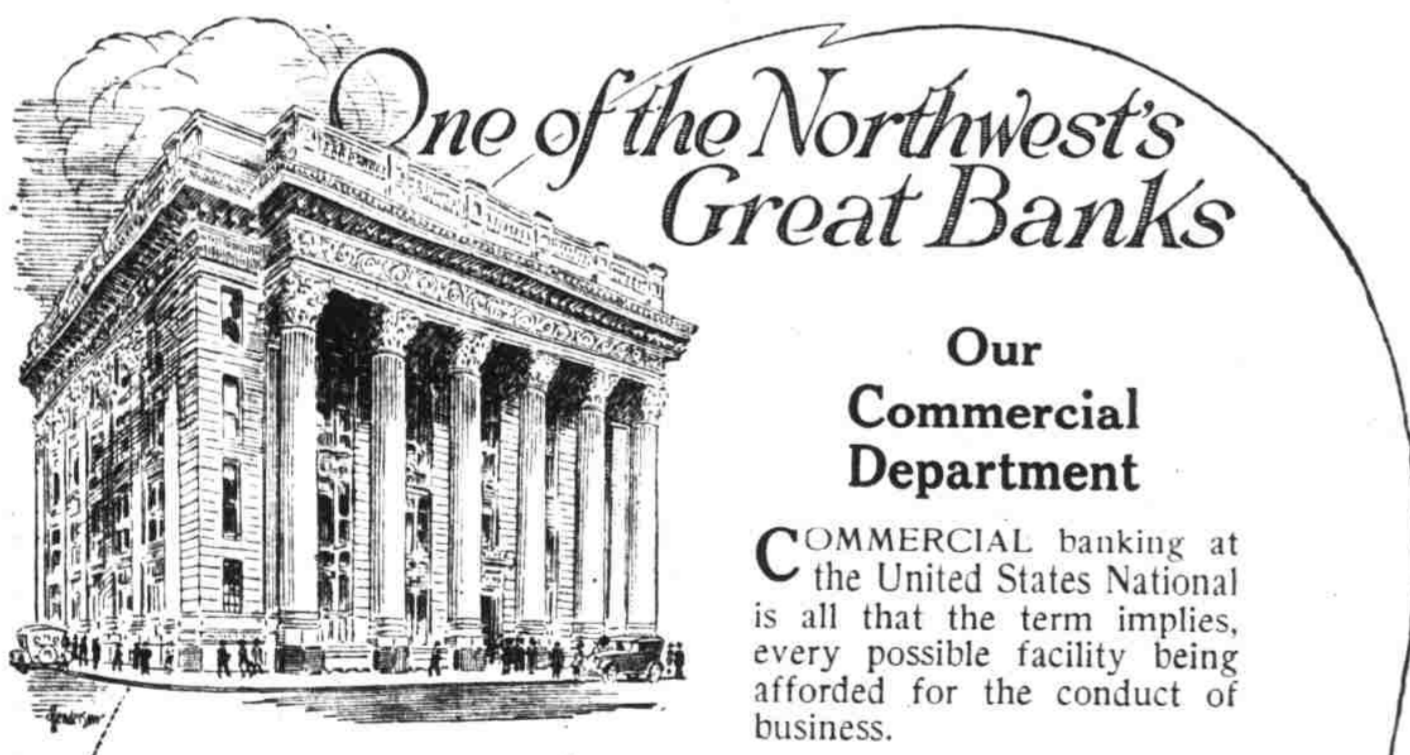
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