

OIL SCANDAL HAS MEXICO ON ITS EAR

Oil Men Tried to Split Southern Republic

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Teapot Dome is gushing into Mexico as the mania for deciphering code telegrams spreads across the border.

Sensational Exposures.

The result is a series of exposures no less sensational than those in Washington and involving prominent Mexicans and in part the same figures that have been oil-soaked in the U. S. A.

The newspaper Universal Grafico is running a series of telegrams and letters between Albert B. Fall and his representatives on the American side of the line and Marxian generals here. The facts, tho long suspected, have all Mexico by the ears, for they involve a new partition of Mexico with five northern states and the entire oil fields involved. A secession fomented and financed by American oil and mining interests, with immediate recognition of the secessionists virtually assured by men close to Harding, such as Daugherty and Fall (and even the name of Hughes figuring).

Why were these professional filibusters so anxious to annex the Mexican oil and mine regions, if they were able to use (as they have) the state department of the United States to exact concessions and nullify article 27 of the Mexican constitution?

The answer is found in Teapot Dome. They knew it would be easier to get concessions for a song from men like Fall if the region became American territory than to bully it out of refractory officials. The exposures show that the alleged bandit Villa shot the first briber that was sent to him, and that the second, when he heard of the fate of his predecessor, sold the letter he bore to President Carranza.

Saw Much of Secretary Hughes.

They show further that Fall and his gang financed a revolution by General Cantu in Lower California, but that it fell thru. The disreputable General Gonzales, member of Carranza's cabinet; General Pelaez, one of the leaders of the recent rebellion, and General Cuellar, were all tools. A certain "Caso" whose real name has not yet been decoded, "has of late (to quote one of the telegrams) seen a good deal of Hays (Charles Evans Hughes) and reported made good impression."

"He (Caso) and Garza (General Cuellar) have also seen Thomas (Fall, then secretary of the interior). Latter apparently well impressed with Garza."

All these and many more things the telegrams and letters reveal. Continuing the same telegram which was sent by W. F. Buckley, who signed himself "Langford," to J. H. Sears in the Hotel Ambassador, Los Angeles, and decoding it as far as possible we find:

"General Cuellar has apparently made deal with California Company (Doheny). Mona (General Gonzales) is working hard and is looked on favorably by Dover (Daugherty) and other friends of Haynes (President Harding)."

Recognition by U. S. Promised.

Another telegram from Buckley to Sears reads in part:

"I have been advised definitely that Company (the government of the United States) will immediately give appraisal (recognition) to Thompson (Palaesz) if he will take land. I have so advised him. I also think company would give appraisal to ANY ONE WHO MAKES A CREDITABLE SHOWING . . . and that we can immediately thereafter secure from the company all manner of facilities at boundary and soon thereafter secure appraisal."

The letter from one of Fall's henchmen to Villa reads in part as follows:

"If you will meet me at a place designated by you on the border I promise to bring to our conference one of the most eminent statesmen in the United States with powerful influence with BOTH OUR NATIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES relative to questions pertaining to Mexico. I refer to U. S. Senator Albert B. Fall . . . no living American knows the conditions in Mexico better than he. Now, General Villa, I have discussed this question thoroughly with Senator Fall and most of the prominent mining men of Chihuahua, and the press of this country is generally with you in forming a stable government, especially IN NORTHERN MEXICO . . . I grimly believe that he (Fall) and some of his friends (and you) can organize a plan to forward your interests, there being only one condition that they will require of you—that is, that you protect American lives AND PROPERTY. . . With a combination like this to assist you, you will soon have large revenues from mines of Chihuahua and from many other sources. . . ."

This letter is signed by Chas. F. Hunt and dated El Paso, Jan. 17, 1917, just before the outbreak of the war and under Woodrow Wilson's administration. The telegrams are of July, 1921, under the Harding administration.