

Letter From Mr. H. B. Tripp

El Paso, Texas
Sept. 27, 1914.

Editor Reflector:—

Just a few lines to let you know I am still alive. I left California two weeks ago direct for Mexico City via Juarez and after getting into the republic could not reach the City on account of trouble arising between Villa and Carranza. So I have returned here to await developments.

When I entered Mexico everything pointed to peace and at least a settlement between the different factions for a while anyway but all of a sudden a dark cloud rolled over which threatens the country with another slaughtering spell and why? "Nothing more than personal ambition."

Mexican money here fluctuates worse than a stock market, we have Carranza money worth about 15 on the dollar, and Villa money worth 18 cents and old government money, the bills lacked by the banks, about the same as Villa money. Silver and gold are all held by the banks for their protection and none is in circulation. The value of bank notes varies according to the condition of the bank. There has been lots of counterfeit money in circulation here but since a recent law passed in Texas against this the same has been done away with. In Mexico any one caught handling counterfeit money is executed. The decrease in value of Mexican money, including Villa and Carranza money of which there is no way to estimate just how much, is in circulation, makes it bad enough. The protection of the Federal Government would have saved the money market, or, at least enabled the banks to pull through, but now it will be a long time before the money matters can be adjusted. Why are money matters as they are? This with many other questions is in the minds of many American people that have not yet been intelligently answered to their satisfaction will sooner or later be taken up by the press and made clear to all. Those placed in similar circumstances as myself do not have the support of the American people to put our views before the people but the time is coming.

My contention all the way through is take American politics out of Mexico and the greatest problem there will be solved. Do away with the oil interests in the country owned by foreigners and big American land owners together with American politics and I believe as much as I believe there is a God in Heaven the Mexican trouble will adjust itself. As to the leaders, who are they, where do they first start the trouble, where do they get their financial backing? When all these things are threshed out to the people then many of us will take another view of the situation. If old General Diaz had killed Madero when he started his first revolution and was captured, if Madero had killed Felix Diaz when he was arrested in Vera Cruz, then again if Madero after the success of the bombardment of Mexico City had not been killed what? Now after the moral support Carranza and Villa have had from the American Government against Huerta, what have we now instead of Huerta's dictatorship, we have two dictators instead of one and they fighting each other. Has our good American government done any good for the Mexican people? Who is old General Diaz, who was Madero, who is Huerta, Carranza, Villa or any other leader in Mexico? Find one looking for more than personal ambition and you can have my life. The Mexican people are good people they are not mean and cruel as many people believe they are. They are simply poor, ignorant, innocent people most of them deceived

by some leader and the others are driven in line to a slaughter pen like cattle, not one out of a hundred is allowed to express his opinion on political questions for fear of being shot. It looks like the Mexican problem can be solved by God only. We should try to give those people Christianity and educate them instead of backing some leader with shot and shells to kill each other. I certainly hope our good American people will take their politics out of Mexico, the American capitalist will be satisfied to allow the Mexican people to own their own country and run the same according to their own views. I have sacrificed and lost nearly all I had in Mexico so has many another good American and I don't know whether one should wholly blame the Mexican people for it or not.

Very sincerely,
H. B. TRIPP

A Beautiful Church Wedding.

Farmville, Oct. 2.—On October 1st at 8 o'clock in the morning a beautiful wedding occurred at the Christian Church. The bride Miss Mary Moya being the lovely and accomplished daughter of Mr. A. J. Moya of Farmville, N. C., and the groom Mr. George A. Patterson, of Liberty, N. C.

The church was tastefully decorated with Golden rods and ferns. Just before the ceremony the members of the "Girls Country Club" (of which the bride was a member) entered in a body. Mrs. John T. Thorne sang in a most charming manner "I Love Thee." As the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March rendered by Mrs. J. Stanley Smith, the wedding party entered as follows. Mr. George A. Smith of Liberty, N. C. with Mr. Clay Andrews of Kinston. Mr. Clifton Moya brother of the bride with Mr. J. Stanley Smith, both of Farmville. Mrs. Clay Andrews, of Kinston, N. C., Dame of Honor, gowned in lavender crepe carrying LaFrance roses, Miss Henrietta Moya maid of honor sister of the bride wearing white crepe de chine, with pink brides roses. Then little Miss Mary Moya Carper of Greenville bearing the wedding ring upon a silver tray. Next the bride, gowned in a lovely going away suit of blue broadcloth, with hat to match carrying white brides roses entered on the arm of her brother Mr. Joel Moya and was met at the chancel by the groom and his best man Mr. J. M. Fogleman, of Burlington, N. C. They were united in Holy wedlock by Rev. C. W. Howard of Kinston who used the impressive ring service.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson left on the 9 o'clock train for Washington City, and other points North. After Oct. 20th they will be at home at Liberty, N. C. The bride and groom were the recipients of many beautiful and useful presents, showing the high esteem and popularity in which they were held by their friends. The out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carper, Mrs. E. A. Moya, Sr. of Greenville, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Howard, Misses Hattie and Sudie Daily, Mr. and Mrs. Octavius Moseley, of Kinston, N. C.; Miss Irene Patterson, sister of the groom and Mr. J. M. Fogleman, of Liberty; Mr. George Smith of Burlington. The many friends of this happy couple wish them a long prosperous and happy life together.

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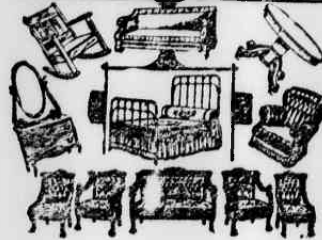
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