

THE NORTH AMERICAN

Descended from The Pennsylvania Gazette
Founded by Benjamin Franklin

THE OLDEST DAILY NEWSPAPER IN AMERICA
PHILADELPHIA

June 4, 1921.

To
General Alvaro Obregon;
President of the Republic of Mexico.

Your Excellency:- Will you permit me, as a citizen of this Union, and a believer in the destiny of representative democracy to felicitate you upon the wise, liberal, progressive and creative administration you are bestowing upon the Republic of Mexico. As a newspaper man I have come in contact with several persons well qualified to judge and their impression of your plans for the development of your nation is most flattering.

I was particularly struck by your pronouncement against the communist movement in Mexico for it showed your keen perception of what representative government means. To me, many thousands of miles distant it appears that one of the greatest things you will accomplish for your people will be along the lines of a common school system. It is this which will build for the future greatness of Mexico. A state common school system in which neither Church, nor Capital, nor Labor nor any other class shall ~~control~~ teach or control- which shall bring learning and love of country to each boy and girl- a common school system which shall build in each heart a sense of responsibility and an abiding faith in the great principle of common helpfulness and common respect for laws will make Mexico greater and more prosperous. It will be the finest monument that can be erected over the grave of Alvaro Obregon and it is worth the State spending immense sums of money upon. Build it for the ages; build it so that it can never fall under the control of Church or Class, build it so that it will reach every

state in your land and generations hence will bless you.

I have a book in my library that I read at frequent intervals because it helps make me a better American. It tells in a better way than any other volume the basic, fundamental principles of democracy. This book is "The Rights of Man"; by Thomas Paine who did more to make this nation declare for independence than perhaps any other writer and who established certain great principles that apply to all republics. You know that after the war of the Revolution he went to France and aided in laying the structure for the French Republic.

As a token of appreciation for the magnificent work you are doing for Mexico, will you permit me to send you my copy of this book. Perhaps you may find some helpful ideas in it.

With highest regards, I have the honor to remain,

Sincerely yours,

Robert B. Vale

Sunday Editor,

The North American;
Philadelphia Pa.

2

El señor Roberto B. Vale, editor del periódico "The North American", de Philadelphia, felicita al señor Presidente con motivo de su sabia administración, la cual a la vez es liberal y progresista, y por las medidas tomadas contra el partido comunista. Aconseja el establecimiento de escuelas libres en los Estados para la educación del pueblo y para ilustrar mejor el criterio del señor Presidente, se permite enviarle un tomo del libro "Los Derechos del Hombre".

2

7831

3

Palacio Nacional, -
21 de junio de 1921

Sr. Robert B. Vale, Editor de
"The North American" Newspaper
P H I L A D E L P H I A, E. U. A

Muy estimado señor:-

Me he enterado con mucho gusto de la atenta carta de usted de fecha 4 del mes en curso y quiero hacer a usted presente, por medio de estos renglones mi agradecimiento muy sincero por la felicitación que se sirve hacerme con motivo de mi gestión como Presidente de esta República.

Al mismo tiempo me tomo el placer de informarle que he dado una atención muy preferente a la espontánea indicación que usted me hace, acerca de la instrucción en mi País y puede usted creer que tan pronto como mis ocupaciones me permitan me enteraré ampliamente del contenido del volumen que usted bondadosamente me ha enviado.

Renovando a usted mis agradecimientos por sus finas atenciones, me suscribo su atento amigo y seguro servidor.