

Francisco Madero

1. Born – October 30, 1873:

A) Parras de la Fuente, Coahuila.

**B) 2nd son – Portuguese, Jewish,
Mexican – Millionaire Family!**

C) Family owns:

I. Cattle.

II. Large Estates.

III. Banks.

IV. Cotton Mills.

V. Smelting Plants.

VI. Lumber.

VII. Rubber Plantations.

VIII. Winery.

IX. Brewery.

2. Religion & Education:

A) Raised a staunch Catholic.

**B) He and brother, Gustavo, attend a
Jesuit School in Saltillo:**

**I. He nearly drives the Headmaster,
Father Spina, crazy with his:**

(1) Hypersensitivity.

(2) Regular episodes of screaming & temper tantrums!

C) Education is finished in France and the United States:

I. Attends U.C. Berkeley for 1 semester.

D) Renounces the Catholic Faith.

E) Becomes a Spiritualist:

I. Believes faithfully in the Ouija Board:

(1) It “tells him” he will be the next President of Mexico.

3. Physically – Small:

A) 5 feet – 2 ½ inches tall.

B) 140 pounds.

C) Very thin.

D) Receding hair line.

E) High-pitched voice:

I. Almost falsetto!

4. Traits:

A) Delicate Health.

B) Vegetarian.

C) Teetotlar.

D) Very “Hyper.”

E) Mild – Kind – Honest – Sincere.

F) Believes in Non-Violence.

G) Devoted to the basics of Democracy.

H) VERY Naïve.

I) For his Peons:

I. Increases their wages.

II. Builds more Schools.

III. Betters their Living Conditions.

J) Excellent Swimmer & Dancer.

5. Marries Sara Perez...No Children.

**6. Diaz Crowd calls him: “El Chaparrito”....
The Little Runt.**

**7. Diaz calls him: “El Loquito”.....The Little
Crazy Man.**

1910

- 1. Haley's Comet is sighted over Mexico:
A) Peons believe it to be a sign of
coming destruction!**

- 2. Diaz Troops are making wholesale
arrests of suspected Madero
supporters.**

- 3. There are 116,000 Foreigners in
Mexico.**

- 4. There are 1,200 Beggars in Mexico City!**

- 5. The average life span in Mexico is...30!!!**

- 6. The average daily salary of a worker is..
12 ½ cents per day!!!**

- 7. There is no "Freedom of the Press":
A) Editor, Filomena Mata, is jailed!
B) Journalist, Emilio Ordóñez, from**

Hidalgo, is seized, thrown into a Lime Kiln, and burned!

C) Reporter, Jesus Olmos y Contreras, from Puebla, is assassinated!

8. Yucatan...1,500 Mayan Indians...Revolt:

A) Seize rifles and machetes.

B) Storm the town of Valladolid:

I. Will hold it for 6 days.

C) Capture the Political Boss, Luis Felipe de Regil:

I. Hack him to death with machetes.

D) Federal Troops re-take the town:

I. All of the Indian Leaders are shot!

II. Rest are jailed or sent into slavery.

9. Veracruz...Santana Palafox...Becomes an Anti-Government guerrilla leader:

A) Called "Santanon"...Big Santana.

B) Starts raiding Haciendas.

C) Fights and defeats the Rurales.

10. Diaz issues a proclamation:

A) All groupa opposed to him are...Illegal assemblies!

11. Francisco Madero is granted an interview with Diaz:

A) Proposes that Diaz make him Vice President in the coming election:

I. Diaz: "It is impossible! It will be Ramon Corral again."

B) Corral is absolutely HATED by the people of Mexico!

C) Madero tells Diaz he will use every means possible to defeat him at the polls:

I. Diaz later remarks: "Madero will make a better candidate for an insane asylum!"

12. 80 year old, Diaz, declares he will run for a 7th term as President:

A) AND...Ramon Corral will be his V.P.!

**I. Unknown to both men....Corral has
but 2 years to live:**

(1) He is dying of Cancer!

**13. The Party Ticket of Diaz & Corral is
sarcastically called... “Diaz and
Death!”**

April - 1910

1. April 15th – The Anti-Re-Electionist Party announces it's candidates:

A) For President...Francisco Madero.

B) For V.P. ...Dr. Francisco Vasquez Gomez:

I. He is the former physician & personal friend of Diaz!

2. Same month – Diaz has Madero jailed:

A) Shortly after...Orders him released!

May - 1910

1. May 23rd – Mexico City:

A) Anti-Diaz demonstration:

I. Troops open fire on the crowd:

**(1) 200 men, women, and children
are killed.**

June - 1910

1. Santanon takes the town of San Andres

Tuxtla:

A) Federal Troops under Francisco

Cardenas arrive:

I. Battle:

(1) Santanon is killed.

2. June 16th – Madero is arrested:

**A) Charge: “Inciting rebellion and
insulting the President”!!**

I. Sent to the San Luis Potosi Prison.

July - 1910

1. There is 62,483,119 Pesos in the Treasury!!!

A) BUT, it will do no good...The seeds of revolution have been sown!

2. July 8th – Election:

A) Diaz & Corral are re-elected “by a landslide”:

I. Diaz has the “election results” published:

(1) He...Several million votes!

(2) Madero...196 votes!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

3. July 20th – Madero and fellow party member, Roque Estrada...Released from Jail on bail:

A) They remain in San Luis Potosi under heavy Police supervision.

September - 1910

1. Mexico City prepares to celebrate Independence:

A) Cost...\$20 million!!!!!!!!!!!!

I. 20 Railroad Cars full of Champagne!

II. 3 new Buildings are dedicated:

(1) Hospital.

(2) Jail.

(3) Insane Asylum.

2. September 27th – Federal Congress:

A) Declares Diaz & Corral re-elected!

B) 80 year old, Porfirio Diaz:

I. Wearing 27 Medals.

II. Accompanied by his 45 year old, wife.

III. Addresses Congress:

**(1) Declares: “La Paz Porfiriana”....
The Porfirian Peace!**

3. Madero realizes that Diaz can only be removed by force!...He will revolt!!

October - 1910

1. October 7th – Madero jumps bail:

A) Flees to Texas.

B) Sets up headquarters at the Hutchins Hotel in San Antonio.

C) Joined by his brothers:

I. Gustavo – Raul – Alfonso – Julio.

D) Joined by Roque Estrada.

E) Madero is declared Head of the Revolutionary Government.

November - 1910

1. San Antonio, Texas – Madero – Issues

The Plan de San Luis Potosi:

A) Is back-dated to October 6, 1910:

I. Last complete day Madero has spent in Mexico!

(1) Will prevent Diaz from accusing the United States of harboring and encouraging a revolt!

B) 2,500 words.

C) Declares:

I. Election of 1910...Void!

II. Names Madero...Provisional President!

III. Free Presidential Election is to be held!

IV. Reform of all Diaz Laws will take place!

2. Madero sets the date of the revolt for November 20th at 6:00 in the evening!

3. City of Puebla...Aquiles Serdan:

- A) Arms 500 followers in preparation for the Revolution!**
- B) Serdan lives at No. #4 Calle Santa Clara.**

4. November 18th – Puebla:

- A) Police Chief, Miguel Cabrera, and an armed force arrive to search the Serdan household:**

- I. Fight breaks out!**

- II. Serdan kills Cabrera!**

- III. Turns into an all-out gun-battle!**

- IV. Serdan and his brother, Maximo, and a student named, Jesus Nieto, are killed!**

- B) Aquiles Serdan becomes the 1st Martyr of the Mexican Revolution!**

- I. A Revolution that will claim over.... 250,000 lives!!!!!**

5. November 19th – Night:

A) Madero and his followers:

I. Cross the Rio Grande into Mexico.

6. November 20th – Early Morning – Mexico:

A) No sign of a Revolutionary Army.

**B) No sign of Arms & Ammunition –
Already bought and paid for from
American Companies!**

**C) Late Afternoon...The “Army” shows
up...25 men!!**

**I. Disgusted – Madero crosses back
into Texas.**

7. November 20th – Pedernales, Chihuahua:

**A) Revolutionary Force of 800 men
defeat a Federal Force:**

I. The Revolutionaries are led by:

(1) Francisco “Pancho” Villa and...

(2) Pascual Orozco.

8. In the coming Revolution:

A) Madero’s support comes mainly from

the people of the North:

I. Come from poverty.

II. Have little more than their lives to lose.

B) Leaders must be “winners”:

I. Must show no fear.

II. Must be generous with loot taken in battle.

C) Zapatistas in the South:

I. Primarily Guerrilla Fighters.

D) Battles will be fought primarily along or near the Railroads.

E) Revolutionary Soldiers will range in age from 7 to 70!

9. U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, Henry Lane Wilson, wires Washington, D.C.:

A) “The conspiracy lacks coherence and the Government will easily suppress it.”

10. In San Antonio, Texas – Madero’s

Revolutionary Government is short on finances:

- A) Are reduced to eating 1 meal per day.**
- B) Madero is darning his own socks.**
- C) Madero is having his laundry done on credit.**
- D) Madero and his brother, Raul, decide to give it up and go to Europe.**

11. Pascual Orozco & Abraham Gonzalez go North to Chihuahua City:

- A) To get help.**

12. Villa goes South with 15 men to recruit an Army.

13. Villa and 500 men capture San Andres, Chihuahua.

Francisco “Pancho” Villa

**1. Revolutionary Leader...Real name is
Doroteo Arango:**

**A) Born...June 5, 1878...San Juan del Rio
Grande, Durango.**

B) Weighs 12 pounds at birth!

**C) Mestizo...Small amount of Black
Blood.**

D) Very poor family.

E) Kills man who rapes his sister.

F) Forced to become an Outlaw.

**G) “Borrows” the name Francisco
Pancho Villa:**

I. From an Outlaw of that name.

H) Robs...Banks, Trains, and Mines.

I) Captured in 1903.

**J) Choice...Join 14th Federal Cavalry or
be shot!!**

I. Joins Cavalry.

K) Deserts.

L) Supports Madero.

M) Common people of Mexico will love

him!

N) Will be a combination of:

I. Robin Hood.

II. Jesse James.

III. Attila the Hun.

O) At times, WILL rob from the rich and give it to the poor!

P) Very brave.

Q) Recruited for the Revolution by the Governor of Chihuahua, Abraham Gonzalez.

R) Will later command The Division of the North.

S) Will be called: "The Centaur of the North":

I. Is an excellent horseman!

T) Never learns to write.

U) 6 feet tall.

V) 200 pounds.

W) Pigeon-Toed.

X) Short Legs.

Y) Dark, brown, kinky, hair.

Z) Grows the famous Mustache to hide the fact:

I. Bad adenoids...Prevents him from closing his mouth.

II. Has to breathe thru his mouth.

AA) Legal wife is...Luz Corral.

BB) Fathers 6 children by women other than his legal wife!

Pascual Orozco

1. Revolutionary Leader:

A) Over 6 feet tall.

B) 180 pounds.

C) Blue Eyes.

D) Freckle-Faced.

E) Parents...American & Mestizo.

F) Worked as:

I. Freight Porter.

II. Mule Driver.

**III. Store Keeper...San Isidro,
Chihuahua.**

**G) Will lead the hardest fighting against
Diaz.**

December - 1910

1. December 4th – 100 miles West of Chihuahua City:

A) Pascual Orozco takes the town of Guerrero:

I. This is the 1st important victory of the Revolution.

2. Jose Maytorena:

A) Starts fighting in Sonora.

3. Southern Chihuahua – Town of Parral is captured after a bloody battle:

A) Revolutionary forces are led by:

I. Guillermo Maca & Maclovio Herrera.

4. December 15th – Revolution breaks out in the Southern state of Morelos:

A) Under the banner of: “Tierra y Libertad.”

B) Led by.....Emiliano Zapata.

5. Diaz is finding out quickly:

- A) His Army is only 18,000 strong...NOT 30,000, as reported by his Commanders!**
- B) That his Officers are....Corrupt!**
- C) That the Army is ill-fed, badly clothed, and rarely paid!**
- D) That many of his Troops just want to go home!**

6. Diaz issues a statement:

- A) “The Revolution is a thing of no importance. If they ever reach 5,000 I shall take the field myself, despite my years.”**

7. The Revolution, Rebels, and Revolutionaries:

- A) For ANY Revolution to be successful, it must cease to be Revolutionary, OR...It breeds it's own death!**
- B) It will be....Bloody!**

C) It will effect....The majority of the Mexican people!

D) It will bring about....Abrupt change!

I. Socially.

II. Politically.

III. Economically.

IV. Religiously.

V. Militarily.

E) In the initial phase, it will be....Short!

F) Difference between a Rebel and a Revolutionary:

I. Rebel...Most of the time doesn't believe in shedding the blood of others:

(1) In rare circumstances is willing to die for the cause.

II. Revolutionary....Willing to die freely at any time for the cause:

(1) Will not hesitate to use whatever means it takes to insure the success of the cause.

Emiliano Zapata

1. Born – August 8, 1879 – Anencuilco, Morelos:

A) Little Education.

B) Never learns to Read.

C) Works as a Laborer.

D) Physically....Small & Slender:

I. Black Eyes.

II. Black Hair & Mustache.

E) Wealthy Hacendado, Ignacio de la Torre y Mier, takes him with him to Mexico City to care for the horses:

I. Is disgusted to find that the stables are literally better than the homes of the Peons in Morelos!

F) Back in Morelos....Speaks out about what he has witnessed!!!

G) Result...February 11, 1910:

I. Political Boss of Morelos.

II. Sentences him to the 9th Cavalry at Cuernavaca.

H) Instead...He becomes an Outlaw.

I) Excellent Horseman:

I. Loves Horses.

J) Excellent shot with a Rifle.

K) Almost always wears Black.

L) Loves beautiful Women.

M) Fathers 5 sons and 4 daughters.

N) Wants the land returned to the Peons.

O) Gains a tremendous following.

P) Called:

I. “ ‘Miliano’.”

II. “The Attila of the South.”

Q) Brother...Eufemio.

R) Supporters:

I. The Figueroa Brothers.

II. The Magana Brothers.

III. Antonio Diaz Soto y Gama.

IV. Amador Salazar.

V. 26 yr. old, Felipe Neri.

**VI. Protestant Preacher, Jose Trinidad
Ruiz.**

VII. Francisco Mendoza:

(1) 40 yrs. old.

(2) Rancher & Rustler.

**VIII. Saloon Owner, Jesus “One Eye”
Morales.**

IX. Margarita Neri:

(1) Red Hair.

(2) Dancer.

**(3) Former Mistress of one of Diaz’s
Cabinet Ministers!**

X. Otilio Montano:

(1) School Teacher.

(2) HE writes “The Plan de Ayala.”

S) Tells the Peons:

**I. “Men of the South, it is better to die
on your feet than live on your
knees!”**

**T) In 9 months he will field an Army of
3,000 well-armed men!!!**

**I. He truthfully states: “We have
begged from the outside not 1 bullet,
not 1 rifle, not 1 peso. We have
taken it all from the enemy.”**

January - 1911

- 1. The National Treasury has 70 million pesos in cash reserves.**
- 2. 2 million Indians in Mexico still do NOT know how to speak Spanish.**
- 3. Morelos....Medical Student, Juan Andrew Almazan...Starts fighting.**
- 4. Madero...Is clearly breaking a U.S. law forbidding anyone from starting a military expedition from American Territory against a friendly power:**
 - A) Diaz protests this!**
 - B) U.S. gets around it by:**
 - I. Asking for proof of an open act of Rebellion by Madero!**
 - C) BUT...At the end of 4 months...The U.S. is forced to act:**
 - I. Issue an arrest warrant for Madero.**
 - II. He is warned.**

III. Flees from San Antonio to El Paso.



February - 1911

1. February 2nd – Pascual Orozco:

- A) Ambushes a Federal troop train.**
- B) Kills almost every single Federale.**
- C) Mails the bloody uniforms of the dead to Diaz with a note:
 - I. “Here are the wrappers, send me some more tamales!”****

2. February 13th – Isleta – 15 miles

Southeast of El Paso:

- A) Madero crosses into Mexico.**
- B) Decides to capture the smaller towns in Northeast Chihuahua.**

March - 1911

1. March 6th – 2:00 – Morning – Casas

Grandes:

- A) Madero attacks.**
- B) Dawn...Battle seems won.**
- C) Federales raise a white flag.**
- D) Maderista Officers go forward to accept the surrender.**
- E) At that moment...Federal help arrives!**
- F) Maderistas are fired upon**
- G) They retreat.**
- H) Madero is routed!!!**
- I) He is wounded in the wrist.**
- J) Maderistas lose 100 killed, wounded, and captured.**
- K) If the Federales pursue him...They can capture him...AND, end the Revolt!!**
- I. BUT, they don't!!!**

2. March 7th – President of the United States, William Howard Taft:

A) Orders 20,000 American Troops to the border:

I. On “routine maneuvers.”

B) Announces:

I. U.S. Navy will hold “exercises” off the West coast of Mexico.

*****The Mexican Government protests these actions.**

3. March 7th – Same day – New York City:

A) Ship bringing Jose Limantour back from Europe docks:

I. He has been to Europe to negotiate a 200 million pesos loan!

4. March 11th – Limantour gets instructions from Diaz:

A) Try and make a deal with the Rebel Representatives in New York City!

B) What will follow?...A political game of cards with Mexico as the stakes!!!

5. Meetings, talks, and proposals in New York City:

A) The “Players”:

I. Limantour.

II. Francisco Leon de la Barra:

(1) Diaz’s Ambassador to the United States.

III. Francisco Madero Sr.

IV. Dr. Francisco Vasquez Gomez:

(1) Madero’s Representative in Washington, D.C.

V. Gustavo Madero:

(1) Tall – Fair-skinned.

(2) One blue eye....Right eye is glass!

a. Called: “Ojo Parado”....Fixed Eye.

B) Limantour asks what reforms the Revolutionaries are asking...Reply:

I. Effective suffrage and no re-election to the Presidency.

II. Abolition of the Jefe Politicos (Political Bosses or Chiefs).

III. Land for the poor.

IV. Break up the great estates.

V. Open up public lands.

VI. The resignation of.....Diaz!!!

C) Limantour says he will help them all he can!

I. He and Madero Sr. agree...If Diaz resigns:

(1) De la Barra should become Provisional President.

6. March 11th – Cerro Prieto – Battle:

A) Revolutionists are defeated...BUT, they capture their 1st machine gun!

7. March 12th – Agua Prieta – Next to Douglas, Arizona:

A) 2 towns are separated by the width of a street.

B) Big battle.

C) Watched by 100's of Americans.

D) Federales are defeated...Retreat.

E) After...Americans cross...Help the Revolutionary wounded.

8. March 20th – Evening – Limantour arrives in Mexico City:

A) Urges Diaz to give in to some of the demands!

9. March 24th – Entire Diaz Cabinet resigns:

A) Even...Limantour!

B) Diaz accepts all...EXCEPT, Limantour's:

I. Urges him to stay on!

II. Limantour finally says... "OK."

10. At this point the Revolutionary Army is over 5,000:

A) Diaz discovers he has no military maps of Mexico!

B) He sends Troops North by train:

I. Officers have to stand at the doors

with loaded pistols:

(1) To discourage desertions!

C) 100's of Federal Troops manage to desert, get away, and go home!

D) In battle...Many Federal troops...Have been given faulty ammunition:

I. Bought at great discount by General Manuel Mondragon:

(1) HE keeps the profits from the "savings."

April – 1911

1. April 1st – A very heavily-guarded Diaz addresses Congress and promises no more re-elections!

A) Does NO good:

I. Fighting increases.

II. Madero says Diaz must resign, AND, nothing less!

2. Revolutionists led by Luis Montoya:

A) Attack the city of Zacatecas.

3. Mexico City – Every Night:

A) Posters are secretly put up!

I. Demand the resignation of Diaz!

B) “Viva Madero” is shouted in the streets!

4. Mexico City – Day – Newspapers start “ripping” Diaz and his Government!

5. Diaz asks for “Loyal Subjects” to

**volunteer for 6 months of Army service:
A) Not 1 single volunteer!!**

**6. Federale Commanders in the North
continue to fight:**

A) All “Rebel” prisoners are shot!

**B) Revolutionary Commanders shoot all
captured Federale Officers:**

**I. Soldiers are given the choice of
joining the Revolution or being shot!**

7. The Chinese Slaughter at Turreon:

A) Villa hates the Chinese!

**B) His favorite insult to an American
was to call him... “Chino Blanco”:**

I. White Chinese!

C) His men get drunk.

**D) Start killing the Chinese for their
Money:**

I. Cut some to pieces.

II. Some are beheaded with machetes.

III. Some are dragged to death behind

horses.

**IV. Some are killed while being used
for target practice.**

V. Some have their throats slit.

**VI. Some are “Drawn & Quartered” by
horses.**

E) Over 200 Chinese are killed!

**8. The Revolutionists start amassing
money:**

**A) Steal from the Foreign Property
Owners.**

**B) Steal from the Mormon Colonies in
Chihuahua.**

C) Rob Banks.

D) Rob Trains.

E) Steal and sell Livestock.

**9. El Paso, Texas – Town Hall entrance
has an old Civil War brass cannon:**

A) Belongs to the El Paso Pioneers Club!

B) Night – Late – Dark – Revolution

sympathizers tie it to the back of a car:

- I. Tow it across the Rio Grande.**
- II. Give it to the Revolutionaries!**
- III. Shells have to be special made in the U.S. and smuggled across the border to the “Rebels.”**

C) Cannon will be the decisive factor in the Battle of Juarez!

D) After Madero’s Revolt succeeds:

- I. Gov. of Chihuahua, Abraham Gonzalez, returns it to El Paso!**

10. April 12th – Ramon Corral:

- A) Seriously ill with cancer.**
- B) Flees to Paris.**

11. April 13th – Start of the 2nd Battle of Agua Prieta:

- A) 300 Revolutionists under the command of a Cattle Rustler, named “Red” Lopez:**

I. Steal a train.

II. Roar into town.

III. Attack the Federal garrison.

IV. Take up positions along the border.

V. 100's of Americans swarm to watch the battle.

VI. Federales open fire on the "Rebels":

(1) Some of those shots miss and....

Kill 3 Americans and wound 11!!

VII. U.S. Cavalry orders the Federales to surrender.

VIII. Do so...AFTER, being promised they will be taken into the U.S. as prisoners!

B) "Red" Lopez becomes a hero to the Americans!

12. April 16th – Agua Prieta – "Red" Lopez – Crosses the street into the United States:

A) Up and down "Whiskey Row":

- I. Gets drunk.**
- B) Passes out.**
- C) Wakes up on the morning of the 17th:**
 - I. His Army is gone!**
 - II. 1,500 Federales have re-taken the town!**
 - III. He decides to “stay” in the United States.**

13. April 19th – Madero and his Army are camped outside Juarez:

- A) Juarez...Largest and most important of the border towns.**
- B) Federale Commander is 80 yr. old, General Juan Navarro:**
 - I. Cruel.**
 - II. Shoots not only Revolutionaries but sympathizers as well.**
- C) Madero demands the surrender of the town!!**
 - I. Navarro refuses.**
- D) Representatives of both sides meet:**

I. Cottonwood Grove – Banks of the Rio Grande – Between the “Rebel” camp and the town.

II. Talks.

III. Madero agrees to a 10 day truce.

IV. Will start on April 22nd.

V. “Rebels” will be allowed to import food and clothing thru the Federal Customs House in Juarez!

(1) BUT...No arms or ammunition.

14. April 22nd – Truce expires:

A) Madero extends it another 5 days:

I. Army gets mad at him!

II. He makes an impassioned speech to them!

(1) Works...They settle down.

15. Many Foreigners have joined the Revolution:

A) Giuseppe Garibaldi:

I. Italian.

II. 31 yrs. old.

III. Grandson of the Liberator of Italy.

IV. Is made a Brig. General.

V. He and Villa will never get along.

**VI. Leaves Mexico after Madero
becomes President.**

B) Ben Viljoen:

I. Boer.

II. Becomes a General.

C) A.W. Lewis:

I. Canadian.

II. Machine Gunner.

D) Lou Carpentier:

I. French.

II. Becomes an Artillery Commander.

E) Sam Dreben:

I. American Jew.

II. Called: "The Fighting Jew."

F) Oscar Creighton:

I. American.

**II. Leaves...Wealthy Stockbrokers to
join the Revolution.**

III. Specialty is blowing up trains.

IV. Called: "The Dynamite Devil."

G) Tom Mix:

I. American.

II. Cowboy.

**III. Later...Famous Hollywood Movie
Cowboy.**

May – 1911

1. Sunday – May 7th – Madero is worried about American intervention:

A) Announces:

I. He is abandoning the siege of Juarez.

II. He will move his 3,000 man Army South into Chihuahua.

2. Juarez is defended by 800 Federales:

A) Machine Guns.

B) French Mortars.

C) Outer defense of rifle pits.

D) Inner defense of fortified buildings and street barricades.

E) BUT.....They have forgotten about an old dry canal that leads into the city!

3. Monday – May 8th – Copies of “The El Paso Times” are delivered to the “Rebel” camp:

A) Tells of Madero’s announcements!

- B) Quotes 2nd in Command in Juarez, Colonel, Manuel Tamborel:**
- I. "The Rebels are cowards!"**
- C) Orozco and Villa are not going to stand for the announcement or the insult!**
- I. Order small groups of their men to provoke an action!**
- D) 10:00 – Morning – Squad of "Rebels":**
- I. Led by Captain Reyes Robinson.**
 - II. Take the old, unguarded, dry, canal, into the city!**
 - III. Reach the Federale outpost of El Molino.**
 - IV. Open fire!!.....Starts the Battle of Juarez!**
- E) Carpentier is in charge of the Artillery:**
- I. 1st shot misses the entire town!**
 - II. 2nd shot hits the town's water tank:**
 - (1) Destroys the town's water supply!**

III. 3rd shot...Blows the breech block out of the cannon, destroying it!

(1) Half of the Revolutionary Artillery is now destroyed!!!

F) Orozco advances from the West.

G) Villa advances from the South.

H) Jose de la Luz Blanco advances from the East.

I) Full-fledged battle is now going on!

J) Tamborel is killed!

K) At this precise moment...In Mexico City...Diaz is addressing Congress:

I. "When according to the dictates of my conscience, I am assured that my resignation will not be followed by anarchy, when the insurgents promise to lay down their arms, I will guide my people into smoother waters and then I will resign."

L) Back in Juarez...Fighting becomes "casual":

I. Groups.

II. Take turns firing.

III. Rest...Fight...Rest...Fight.

IV. Doesn't allow the Federales a chance to eat, drink, or rest.

M) Night – Town's water and electricity have been destroyed:

I. Navarro refuses to surrender!

4. Tuesday – May 9th – Juarez – 2nd day of fighting:

A) Everywhere!

B) Bloody.

C) In El Paso...Result of stray bullets:

I. 5 Americans killed & 24 wounded.

D) Night – Entire city is in "Rebel" hands:

I. EXCEPT for....Bullring – Church – and Army Barracks.

5. Wednesday – May 10th – Juarez – 3rd day of fighting:

A) Last stand by the Federales:

I. In the Army Barracks.

II. Are without water.

**III. With a captured Mortar...The
“Rebels” start reducing the
barracks to rubble!**

**IV. Start lobbing in home-made hand
grenades!**

B) 12:15 – Afternoon – White Flag:

**I. Garibaldi accepts Navarro’s
surrender.**

**C) Federales have lost 180 killed & 250
Wounded:**

**I. Revolutionary losses are much
higher.**

D) Looting starts.

**6. Saturday – May 13th – Juarez – Madero
makes an announcement:**

**A) He is going to turn General Navarro
loose!**

B) Orozco is outraged!

**I. Convinces Villa that Madero has
betrayed the Revolution.**

C) Orozco, Villa, and their Troops go to Madero's headquarters:

I. Demand Navarro be turned over for execution.

II. Madero refuses...Says he will be given his rights as a prisoner of war.

III. Troops in the streets are screaming for his execution.

D) With a pistol in his left hand...Orozco grabs Madero by the lapels with his right hand:

I. Abraham Gonzalez & Gustavo Madero wrestle with Orozco.

II. Madero breaks free...Runs into the street...Stands up in the back seat of a car.

III. Makes an impassioned speech to the Troops.

IV. They start yelling "Viva Madero" in support!

E) Orozco and Madero will shake hands!

F) Villa realizes Orozco has lied to him:

I. Cries.

II. Embraces Madero.

III. Begs for forgiveness.

G) Madero borrows a car from an American journalist:

I. Drives Navarro to the riverside home of German Consul, Max Weber.

II. Gives him a civilian suit, a horse, and his freedom!

III. Navarro crosses into the United States.

H) Evening – Francisco Madero Sr. says:

I. “I greatly fear that this is the beginning of chaos for Mexico.”

7. From this point on...Villa will be totally loyal to Madero:

A) Orozco will soon show his true colors!

8. Elsewhere:

A) Agua Prieta falls to the “Rebels.”

B) Casas Grandes falls to the “Rebels.”

C) In the South...Cuatla falls to Zapata.

9. Wednesday – May 17th – Diaz:

A) Is tired and sick!

I. Ulcerated molar has caused a jaw infection.

II. Dentist says it is abcessed.

III. Does a poor job of removal.

IV. Has to remove a portion of the jaw bone.

V. Infection sets in.

VI. Entire side of his head becomes infected.

VII. Leaves him totally deaf in one ear for the rest of his life.

B) Realizes he must resign.

C) Agrees to do so if Corral will do the same.

10. Sunday – May 21st:

A) Zapata:

I. Takes Cuernavaca:

(1) Capital of Morelos.

B) 10:30 – Night – Outskirts of Juarez:

I. Table...Lit up by car headlights.

II. Peace agreement is signed.

III. Francisco de la Barra is named

Provisional President:

(1) Until an election can be held.

11. Tuesday – May 23rd – Mexico City:

A) News of the Peace Treaty reaches Mexico City.

B) From Paris...Corral's resignation reaches Mexico City.

C) Still.....Diaz doesn't resign!

D) A huge mob...7 blocks deep...Gathers outside the Presidential home on Calle Cadena.

12. Wednesday – May 24th – Mexico City:

A) Demonstrations grow more violent.

B) Mobs roam the streets.

C) Crowds scream for Diaz to resign.

- D) 75,000 people converge on the Zocalo (Large Plaza).**
- E) On the roof of the National Palace are 12 machine guns.**
- F) In the towers and on the roof of the Great Cathedral:
 - I. Several companies of riflemen!****
- G) Roofs to the South...Behind parapets.. Riflemen!**
- H) 9:15 – Night – From the National Palace:
 - I. Mounted Police charge into the crowd.**
 - II. Beat people with swords.**
 - III. Forces the crowd back.****
- I) This happens 4 times!**
- J) Some of the Police are dragged from their horses by the crowd.**
- K) 10:00 – Night – Machine Guns & Riflemen open fire on the crowd:
 - I. Goes on for 5 minutes.**
 - II. The ONLY thing that clears the****

plaza??....Starts raining!!!!!!!

III. At least 200 have been killed.

13. STILL....Diaz refuses to sign 3 different Resignations, prepared for him by De la Barra!!!

14. Thursday – May 25th – Diaz:

A) Day – In his study – Writes his own resignation!

B) Evening – Read to Congress:

I. Silence, EXCEPT in the public gallery:

(1) Wild cheering!

15. Friday – May 26th – Mexico City:

A) 12:15 – Wee minutes of morning:

I. Presidential party leaves the Diaz home.

II. 3 trains take the group to Veracruz:

(1) The 1st & 3rd Trains are Troops.

(2) To protect Diaz in middle train.

**(3) Troops are commanded by
General Victoriano Huerta.**

**B) Few “Rebel” attacks on train are
driven off.**

16. Trains reach Veracruz:

**A) Diaz is so ill he has to be carried to
the home of Englishman, J.B. Body:**

**I. Will spend the next 5 days under the
protection of the English Flag.**

**II. Waiting for a ship to take him to
Europe.**

17. Wednesday – May 31st – Veracruz:

**A) Weeping – Diaz boards the German
ship “Ypiranga”:**

I. Sails into exile!

B) June 1911 – Arrives in Paris, France.

C) Lives a simple and inexpensive life.

D) July 2, 1915 – Dies.

18. John Kenneth Turner...About Diaz:

A) “He built a machine, enriched his friends and disposed of his enemies, buying some and killing others. He flattered and gifted the Foreigner, favored the Church, kept temperance in his body, and learned a martial carriage, he set one friend against another, fostered prejudice between his people and pther peoples, paid the printer, cried in the sight of the multitudes when there was no sorrow in his soul, and wrecked his country!”

June & July – 1911

1. Saturday – June 3rd – Madero:

A) Heads for Mexico City.

B) 1,000's gather along the way to greet him.

C) He is looked upon as:

I. "The Apostle."

II. "The Redeemer."

III. "The Savior."

D) 250,000 people flock to Mexico City to see him.

2. Wednesday – June 7th – Mexico City:

A) Just before dawn...Hit by the hardest earthquake in its history:

I. Lasts for 14 minutes & 45 seconds.

II. 207 people killed.

III. Superstitious believe:

(1) God is wreaking revenge on them for the overthrow of Diaz!

B) Takes Madero 4 hours to get to the National Palace from the Railroad

Station...Because of the mass of humanity!

C) The 1st Revolutionary Leader to greet him...Zapata!

D) Madero confirms de la Barra as Provisional President.

3. De la Barra:

A) Diaz man.

B) Most of the time...More concerned with his personal appearance than matters of Government!

C) Does not like the Presidency!

D) Has not WANTED the Presidency!

E) Keeps the Federal Army.

F) Orders the Revolutionary Armies to lay down arms and go home.

G) Gives NO land to the peons.

H) Keeps the Diaz aristocracy.

4. Villa:

A) Believes the Revolution is over.

- B) Goes back to Chihuahua City.**
- C) Marries his sweetheart, Luz Corral.**
- D) Opens a meat business.**

5. Orozco:

- A) Madero appoints him Military Commander of the State of Chihuahua.**

6. Zapata:

- A) Refuses to disband his Troops.**
- B) Says he will not...Until...Land reform has been carried out!**

7. Provisional Government:

- A) Starts paying off “Rebel” Troops.**
- B) Disbands them.**
- C) Leaves Mexico in the hands of the Federal Army that has just been defeated!!!**

8. Monday – June 12th – Madero travels 47

miles from Mexico City to Cuernavaca:

A) Heart of Zapata country.

B) To meet with Zapata.

C) Zapata:

I. Never removes his hat...EXCEPT, to eat.

II. Never lays down his rifle.

D) Madero promises land.

E) Zapata is impressed with his sincerity.

F) Zapata agrees to a partial “demobilization” of his Troops...IF, they are given land!

G) Madero agrees!

H) Madero promises to give each soldier 20 pesos when he turns in his weapon.

I) 700 Zapatistas turn in their weapons.

9. Madero returns to Mexico City:

A) Announces the Zapata problem is solved.

10. By the end of July 1911:

A) 3,000 Zapatistas have turned in their weapons.

B) De la Huerta shows true colors by refusing to negotiate with Zapata!

C) He sends Federal Troops to Cuernavaca...Commanded by General Victoriano Huerta:

I. Orders: "Disarm the Southerners if they are opposed to being discharged."

II. Huerta & Zapata are bitter enemies!

D) Zapata orders demobilization to stop!

E) Zapata issues orders:

I. Be prepared to fight!

11. By the end of July 1911:

A) Frequent clashes between Federal Troops and suspected Revolutionary Groups.

B) The old Diaz elements still control:

I. The Army.

II. The State Legislatures.

III. The National Legislature.

C) NOTHING has changed except the head of the Executive Department!

12. Madero plans to meet Zapata in Puebla:

A) Day before the meeting:

I. Zapatista Troops are camped in the Bullring.

II. Attacked by Federal troops led by General Aureliano Blanquet.

III. 80 Zapatistas are killed and 200 wounded.

B) Next day...Madero arrives:

I. Embraces Blanquet.

II. Publicly praises him for his actions.

III. FOR KILLING MEN WHO HAVE BEEN FIGHTING AND DYING FOR HIM!!

C) Blanquet...Will shortly show his "LOYALTY"!!!!

August 1911

1. Madero meets Zapata in Cuatla:

A) Zapata promises to resume the demobilization IF.....Huerta and the Federal Troops are withdrawn:

I. Madero agrees!

2. BUT....De la Barra ignores Madero's promise!!!

A) Sends more Troops to Huerta!

B) Orders Huerta to continue disarming the Zapatistas!

3. General Bernardo Reyes announces his candidacy for the Presidency.

4. August 30th – Battle of Chinameca:

A) Between Zapatistas and Federales!

B) State of Morelos is in open Rebellion!

C) Fighting will continue into September!

5. Instead of blaming de la Barra...Madero blames Huerta for the renewed fighting:

A) Starts making efforts to have him replaced.

6. Victoriano Huerta:

A) Born – December 23, 1854 – Jalisco.

B) Full blood Indian.

C) Surveyor – Cartographer.

D) Engineer – Railroad Specialist.

E) Brig. General.

F) An able soldier.

G) Fights the Yaqui Indians.

H) Called: “The Indian Killer.”

I) Bald...Head shaved daily by a Barber.

J) Described as: “Bullet-Headed.”

K) VERY poor eyesight!

L) Sly & vengeful.

M) Cannot be trusted.

N) Heavy smoker of Marijuana.

O) Alcoholic!...Drinks Brandy constantly!

I. Is said his 2 best friends are:

(1) “Mr. Martell & Mr. Hennessey!”

a. Brand of Brandy!

P) Zapata hates him...BUT, respects his ability.

September - 1911

1. Elections are to be held October 1st:

A) There is a split in the Maderista Party!

I. Why?...Madero's choice for Vice President!!!

2. The most obvious choice is Dr.

Francisco Vasquez Gomez...BUT,

Madero picks Jose Maria Pino Suarez!!!

A) An obscure Journalist from Yucatan:

I. Has taken no active part in the Revolution!

3. Suarez gets the nomination.

4. Madero tries to "bargain" with Bernardo Reyes:

A) If elected.

B) Madero promises him a Cabinet position...IF, Reyes will not run for President:

**I. BUT, Reyes is stubborn, arrogant,
and ambitious!**

(1) He wants to be President.

(2) Refuses Madero's offer.

**5. Meeting - Reyes is badly beaten by a
Pro-Madero mob:**

A) Drops out of the race.

B) Leaves Mexico.

C) Goes to San Antonio, Texas.

October - 1911

1. October 1st – Presidential Election:

A) Madero & Suarez win with over 90% of the vote.

2. October 6th – United States – State Department gets information:

A) Plan is “in the works” for a coup against Madero:

I. AND, Huerta is part of it!!

3. End of the month – Madero replaces Huerta as Commander in Morelos:

A) Huerta is furious!!

I. Swears revenge.

November - 1911

1. November 6th – Mexico City – Madero & Suarez are sworn into office.

2. Madero enjoys the support and goodwill of the masses....BUT, in reality, 6 groups still run Mexico:

A) Old Diaz Supporters!

B) Cientificos.

C) Federal Army.

D) Church.

E) Wealthy.

F) Foreign Big Business Interest.

3. Zapata disavows Madero!

A) Why?...No land to the masses, yet!!!!!

B) Madero sends a Representative to Zapata:

I. Promises him complete freedom if he will surrender his forces unconditionally.

- 4. Dr. Francisco Vasquez Gomes turns against Madero.**
- 5. Pascual Orozco turns against Madero.**
- 6. November 27th – Mountain Hut – At a Table – Zapata reads his plan for the masses – The Plan de Ayala (Name from ancestral hacienda):**
 - A) Immediate seizure of all Foreign owned land!**
 - B) Immediate seizure of all property taken from the villages!**
 - C) Hacendados friendly to the Revolution...Confiscation of 1/3 of their lands!**
 - D) Hacendados against the Revolution... Confiscation of all their lands!**
 - E) Extradition, arrest, and execution of: Diaz, Corral, and Limantour!**
 - F) Expulsion of all Spaniards from**

Mexico!

G) All Revolutionary Forces to be consolidated into one National Army to repel any aggression by any any Foreign Power!

H) Total support of the Plan de San Luis Potosi!

7. Madero's problems.....:

A) His democracy cannot solve the problem of....Land Ownership!

B) His democracy cannot solve the problem of....Foreign domination of Mexico's Business & Industry!

C) His democracy cannot....Remove the old Diaz Supporters, Generals, Police, and Legislators!

D) He has promised to cut up the Great Estates....He doesn't!

I. People who try to "squat" on land are forced off or killed!

II. People have waited for 30 years!

III. People are not going to wait any longer!

IV. People are resentful!

V. Sets up the National Agrarian

Commission to study the problem:

(1) BUT....It is dominated by the rich Hacendados!

a. They are not going to give up any land!

b. They will do nothing!

E) He is surrounded by dishonest men!

F) Feels he can trust his Family....Turns to them for help:

I. Uncle...Ernesto - Minister of Finance.

II. Cousin...Rafael Hernandez - Minister of Public Works.

III. Cousin...Jose Gonzalez Salas - Minister of War.

IV. Brother...Gustavo - Political Manager:

(1) Involved in a 375,000 pesos scandal of Government money!

(2) Forms “Gustavo’s Porra” (Heavy, Knobbed, Sticks):

a. Cutthroats & Thugs.

b. Keep the President’s name “respectable!”

G) Most of his relatives have no previous connection to the Revolutionary movement!

H) Constant rumors of corruption within the Madero family.

I) Wealthy cannot manipulate Madero... So, they start plotting against him!

December 1911

1. December 13th – General Bernardo

Reyes:

A) From Texas...Crosses back into Mexico.

B) Gathers a force of 600 men.

C) Revolts against Madero.

D) BUT,....It is ill-timed and badly organized!

E) His Troops start to desert.

2. December 25th – Battle:

A) Reyes is defeated by General Jacinto Trevino:

I. Reyes surrenders.

II. Taken to Mexico City to await trial.

III. Placed in the Santiago Tlatelolco Prison.

January 1912

- 1. Americans own 75% of all the Mines in Mexico.**

- 2. Americans own over 50% of the Oil Fields in Mexico.**

- 3. American Investments in Mexico are over \$1 Billion!!!**
 - A) Oil...\$478 Million!**
 - B) Agriculture...\$200 Million!**
 - C) Railroads...\$160 Million!**
 - D) Manufacturing...\$60 Million!**
 - E) Mercantile Trade...\$50 Million!**
 - F) Federal Bonds...\$22 Million!**
 - G) Utilities...\$10 Million!**

- 4. Chihuahua...Braulio Hernandez...Revolts against Madero.**

- 5. Pascual Orozco...Resigns his military command.**

6. Chihuahua, Sinaloa, and Zacatecas:

A) Dr. Francisco Vasquez Gomez and his brother Emilio:

I. Revolt against Madero:

(1) Claim...He has not fulfilled the Plan de San Luis Potosi.

March - 1912

1. March 3rd – Chihuahua – Pascual Orozco

– Revolts against Madero:

A) Sends a telegram to Madero:

I. “I will soon be in Mexico City and I will hang you from the biggest tree in the Zocalo!”

2. Orozco’s support primarily comes from:

A) Martinez del Rio:

I. Multi-millionaire Cattle Baron.

II. Owns 4 million acres of land in Durango & Chihuahua.

B) 81 yr. old, Luis Terrazas:

I. Multi, multi-millionaire!

II. Owns over 5 million acres of land:

(1) Has gained a lot of it from Juarez for helping to defeat Maximilian.

(2) Has gained more from Diaz for being a “loyal supporter.”

III. Owns over 1 ½ million head of Cattle:

(1) Simply takes Cattle wherever he finds them!

IV. Controls:

(1) Merchant Houses – Mines – Banks – Public Monopolies – AND, the lives of 30,000 Peons!

V. Revolution hasn't touched his wealth!

VI. Travels in a Gold-Trimmed Carriage:

(1) Pulled by White Horses.

VII. Is the State Governor!

3. Why do these people support Orozco?

A) Gives them the opportunity to oppose Agrarian Reform.

B) Hope for American Intervention.

C) Hope for Madero's overthrow.

4. Orozco gains control of most of Chihuahua:

A) Only Villa is opposing him!

I. Villa is still loyal to Madero.

5. Villa – With 500 men – Moves on the mining town of Parral:

A) Takes the town with no resistance.

B) Next day...Fights off a force of Orozco's men.

C) Orozco sends a larger force against him:

I. Villa retreats.

II. With him, he takes a “loan” of 150,000 Pesos from the town businessmen!

III. Some of his men are cut off in the retreat and captured:

(1) One of them is an American...Tom Fountain.

D) Tom Fountain...Placed in a house as a prisoner:

I. Orozco can't execute him outright and risk U.S. intervention!

II. Next morning...Fountain is given a

- Silver Peso...Told to go down the street to the Chinese Café and eat:**
- (1) Starts down the street.**
 - (2) Shot to pieces by 12 of Orozco's Officers!**
 - (3) Ley Fuga: "Shot While Trying To Escape."**

6. For 3 weeks – Villa alone will fight Orozco:

A) Captures small towns:

I. BUT, is not strong enough to hold them.

7. Orozco's Army of 7,000 heads for the Industrial Town of Torreon:

A) Madero sends 8,000 Federal Troops North to stop him:

I. Commanded by General Aureliano Blanquet.

8. March 12th – Battle of Rellano:

A) 800 miles North of Mexico City.
B) Orozco General, Emilio Campa,
comes up with a brilliant piece of
warfare:

I. Takes an old Railroad Engine.

II. Fills with dynamite.

III. Down the tracks...Full-throttle!

IV. Head-on into the Federal Troop
train...BOOM...100's of Federal
Soldiers are killed!

C) Federal Army is demoralized...Is cut
to pieces...Retreats...Becomes a
route!

9. The road to Mexico City is now open for
Orozco:

A) BUT....He stops in Torreon to
celebrate!

10. Orozco's Army are known to fellow
Mexicans as "Colorados" and to the
Americans as "Red-Flaggers":

A) They will literally carry out a war of terror on Northern Mexico:

I. Burn – Rob – Loot.

II. Pillage – Rape – Murder.

B) Villa refuses to forgive “Colorados”:

I. Shoots any he captures!

II. Shoots any who surrender!

11. March 14th – U.S. President, William Howard Taft:

A) Declares an Arms Embargo on Mexico.

12. Madero calls an emergency Cabinet Meeting:

A) Cabinet insists Victoriano Huerta be given command of the Army.

B) Madero objects to his heavy drinking:

I. Cabinet points out...Lincoln & Grant!

C) Madero gives in:

I. Gives him command of the Army to defeat Orozco.

13. Huerta moves to Torreon:

A) Starts amassing men & supplies.

April – 1912

1. Villa and his men join Huerta at Turreon.

2. Orozco spends the month stupidly fooling around in the North!

A) Allows Huerta time to build up his Army.

May – 1912

1. May 10th – Battle of Bermejillo:

- A) Huerta vs. Orozco.**
- B) Orozco is routed!**

2. May 22nd – 2nd Battle of Rellano:

- A) Huerta vs. Orozco.**
- B) Orozco is routed again.**
- C) Orozco loses 600 killed and most of his equipment.**

3. The alliance between Villa & Huerta has always, and is, UNEASY:

- A) Huerta of Villa: “Villa is foolish, violent, undisciplined, and refuses to take orders.”**
- B) Villa (Doesn’t drink) of Huerta: “If his judgment is sometimes at fault it is only because he begins to drink by 7:00 in the morning and is hardly ever at his best. Not once in all the time I spoke to him was he altogether**

**sober, for he drank morning,
afternoon, and night. His talents
must have been very great.”**

June – 1912

1. June 4th – Huerta orders Villa arrested:

A) Charges:

- I. Persistent insubordination.**
- II. Refusal to return a stolen horse.**

B) Villa is awakened in the middle of the night:

- I. Quick court-martial!**
- II. Sentenced to be shot at dawn!**

C) With the Army are Emilio & Raul Madero:

- I. They are informed!**
- II. Wire their brother...The President!**
 - (1) Plead for Villa's life.**

2. June 5th – Morning – Villa is taken to the Wall:

A) Gives his watch and money to the men who are about to shoot him!

B) Colonel Rubio Navarrete talks to Huerta:

- I. Convinces him to give Villa a few**

more hours!

II. Huerta grants the stay of execution.

C) Madero's wife of reprieve arrives!!!!

D) Villa, in gratitude to Navarrete:

I. Gives him his:

(1) Horse – Saddle – Sword!

II. Offers him his:

(1) House in Chihuahua!

(2) Wife!!!!!!!!!!

3. Villa is placed on a train:

A) Under heavy guard.

B) Taken to the Prison in Mexico City.

July - 1912

1. July 3rd - Battle of Bachimba:

A) Huerta vs. Orozco.

B) Orozco is defeated.

C) Night - Flees to Juarez.

D) Crosses into the United States.

October – 1912

1. The Orozco Revolt is completely crushed.

2. Huerta is a hero:

A) He arrives in Mexico City.

B) Madero asks him to account for the 1 ½ million pesos spent on the campaign!

I. Huerta's reply: "I'm no bookkeeper!"

C) Instead of being charged with embezzlement.....:

I. Madero promotes him to Major General!

3. October 16th – General Felix Diaz (Nephew of Porfirio Diaz) – Seizes the city of Veracruz:

A) Hopes to start a nation-wide revolt against Madero!

4. Diaz is soon surrounded by Federal

Troops led by General Joaquin Beltran!

5. October 23rd – Veracruz is retaken!

6. October 25th – Diaz is convicted of treason:

A) Sentenced to be shot the next day along with 26 of his Officers!

B) Diaz has powerful friends in Congress:

I. They get him a stay of execution!

C) Case goes to the Supreme Court:

I. Court is “heavy” with old Diaz men!

II. Decide...Since he left the Army to start the revolt...Technically, he is a civilian at the time of the arrest!

III. Therefore...He is NOT subject to being shot under Military law!

7. Diaz is imprisoned in the island fortress of San Juan de Ulua in Veracruz Harbor!

A) January of 1913...Transferred to the

Mexico City Prison!

November – 1912

**1. Villa in prison...All the comforts of home
...Spends his own money...Clean &
furnished cell:**

A) Learns to read!

B) Learns to use a Typewriter!

**C) Rosita Palacios is allowed to “visit”
him on a regular basis:**

**I. He later writes: “A girl named Rosita
Palacios was allowed to visit me.
She was a great comfort in those
lonely days and became the object
of my most amiable attentions.”**

**2. Villa appeals to Madero...No answer...
He decides to escape!**

**A) Is visited by a Lawyer, Antonio
Tamayo:**

**I. Tamayo is a friend of Bernardo
Reyes!**

**(1) He invites Villa to take part in a
Reyes-led Revolt to overthrow**

Madero!

B) Villa doesn't give him an answer!

**I. BUT...He becomes determined to
escape and warn Madero!**

**C) He bribes the Carlos Jauregui, the
Prison Clerk Aide.**

December – 1912

1. December 25th – Villa...Black Hat & Shades...WITH Jauregui...Walks out of the Prison!!!

A) Gets into a car!

B) Drives away!

C) Car is stopped by 2 Soldiers and searched...Allowed to go on!

January – 1913

1. January 2nd – Nogales – Villa crosses into the United States:

A) Goes to El Paso, Texas.

B) Lives in a Hotel.

C) Sends word of the coming revolt against Madero, to Abraham

Gonzalez, Governor of Chihuahua:

I. Gonzalez thanks him...Says he will pass it along...Sends Villa 1,500 Pesos!

2. Mexico is in a mess!!!

A) Zapata is still fighting in Morelos!

B) Big Business blocks every attempt by Madero at reform!

C) The masses are unsatisfied with Madero...He has not provided them with:

I. Land – Water – Schools – Food!

3. Madero's biggest headache...54 yr. old,

U.S. Ambassador, Henry Lane Wilson:

A) Wilson:

I. Thin – Dapper.

II. Mustache – Scented hair, parted in the middle.

III. For 7 yrs. – Ambassador to China.

IV. For 6 yrs. – Ambassador to Belgium.

V. 1910 – Ambassador to Mexico.

B) In 1911 – Wilson has tried to get the U.S. to intervene to crush the Madero revolt...Why?

I. To protect American businessmen & property owners!!

(1) Men who own or control \$1 Billion worth of:

a. Railroads – Banks.

b. Oil – Mines.

c. Cattle – Supply Houses.

C) Wilson says of the Madero Government:

I. “It is apathetic, ineffective, and

either cynically indifferent or stupidly optimistic. Its councils are divided and move in contrary directions from day to day.

Madero is one day a conservative, a stern avenger of society against brigandage; and the next day an apostle of peace, friend of the poor, apologist for bandits and criminals.”

D) Constantly sends pessimistic messages to Washington, D.C.:

I. “Mexico is seething with discontent.”

II. “Madero is an imbecile.”

III. “People are crying ‘Death to Madero’ and ‘Viva Diaz’.”

IV. “The National Palace is the only place loyal to Madero.”

4. Villa’s warning of the coming revolt, sent on by Gonzalez...Is totally ignored

by the Madero Government.

**5. Mexico is spiraling downhill...YET,
Madero remains optimistic!**

**6. Mexico City – In 2 separate Prisons –
Are 2 Generals – Both guilty of treason
& rebellion:**

A) Felix Diaz & Bernardo Reyes.

B) Both SHOULD have been executed!

**I. INSTEAD...Both are allowed regular
visitors!**

**(1) BOTH are plotting the overthrow
of Madero!**

February – 1913

**1. Tuesday – February 4th – Mexico City –
An Army Officer passes on KEY news of
the plot to Gustavo Madero:**

**A) He provides a list of 22 names...On
that list are 9 key names:**

I. Felix Diaz.

II. Bernardo Reyes.

III. Rodolfo Reyes:

(1) Son of Bernardo Reyes.

**IV. Federal Army Artillery Commander,
General, Manuel Mondragon.**

**V. Federal Army General, Aureliano
Blanquet:**

**(1) Commands the 4,000 Troops at
Toluca, 40 miles from Mexico
City.**

**VI. Federal Army General, Joaquin
Beltran:**

**(1) Commands the Infantry at
Tacubaya, 4 miles from
Chapultepec.**

VII. Federal Army General, Guillermo Rubio Navarrete:

(1) Commands the artillery at Tacubaya.

VIII. Federal Cavalry Commander, General, Gregorio Ruiz.

IX. AND...Major General Victoriano Huerta!!!!!!!

B) These Generals control 14,000 Troops!

2. Gustavo takes the information to his brother, the President...They talk behind closed doors for an hour:

A) Gustavo comes out...Frustrated.

B) Tells a friend:

I. "Pancho won't believe it, he laughed at me."

3. At this point...The plot is in the advanced stages.

4. The plan:

- A) Remove Madero from office.**
- B) Reyes will take over as Provisional President.**
- C) Then...Felix Diaz will be elected President...FOR what remains of his Uncle's 6 year term...OR, until 1916.**
- D) Huerta will be Commander-In-Chief of the Army.**

5. Revolt is scheduled for March 16, 1913.

6. BUT...The plotters become suspicious when Gustavo Madero postpones a trip to Japan:

- A) Realize they have been discovered!**
- B) Move the Revolt up to that very weekend!**

7. Saturday – February 8th:

- A) Morning:**
 - I. Rumors of a Revolt are everywhere.**

II. Most of the Army units loyal to Madero:

(1) Moved to the barracks outside Mexico City.

B) Late Night:

I. General Mondragon gathers 800 Soldiers, 600 Military Cadets, and 3 pieces of Artillery.

II. Marches into Mexico City.

III. Releases Reyes & Diaz!

8. Sunday – February 9th:

A) 2:00 – Morning – Rumble of Artillery:

I. Officer of the Chapultepec Palace Guards tells Gustavo Madero.

II. He goes by car to warn his brother!

III. Defense of the Palace is in the hands of General Lauro Villar:

(1) He places Machine Guns on top of the National Palace.

B) Meanwhile...Reyes assumes command of the Revolting forces.

C) 7:00 – Morning – Reyes, on a black horse, at the head of 200 men – Rides into the Zocalo:

I. Heads for the National Palace.

II. Expects the gates to be swung open and face a huge welcome!

III. Villar warns him to stop!

IV. Zocalo is full of people going to Mass.

V. Reyes advances.

VI. From the National Palace...Machine Guns, Rifles, and Mortars open fire!

VII. Goes on for 12 ½ minutes.

VIII. Reyes is killed instantly.

IX. Rebels fire back.

X. Villar is wounded.

XI. 250 innocent men, women, and children are killed!

XII. Palace defenders charge...Rebels are routed!

XIII. Colonel Morales is captured.

XIV. Gen. Gregorio Ruiz:

(1) Loses his horse.

(2) Is too fat to run away.

(3) Captured.

XV. Huerta orders both men shot immediately!

XVI. Felix Diaz & Mondragon...With 600 Cadets...Are joined by the remnants of Reyes' force!

(1) They occupy the Ciudadela:

a. Old Arsenal Barracks.

b. Single story.

c. 1 ¼ miles Southwest of the National Palace...6 blocks West & 8 blocks South!

D) Madero – Riding a gray horse – From Chapultepec – Heads for the National Palace:

I. Is warned by loyal Troops to proceed with caution.

II. Ignores the advice.

III. Rides by the unfinished Fine Arts Palace...Sniper fires at him:

(1) Misses, hits, and kills, an innocent bystander!

E) 9:00 – Morning – 38 yr. old, Madero, arrives at the Palace:

I. Convenes a Cabinet Meeting.

F) Dusk – Late Evening – Madero goes to Cuernavaca:

I. To bring back General Felipe Angeles and loyal Troops.

G) General Villar's wounds will not allow him to continue to Command:

I. Loyal Troops outnumber the Rebels 5 to 1.

H) General Victoriano Huerta is picked to take command!!!!!!

I. He pledges his loyalty to Mexico!

II. Madero embraces him!

(1) Thus...Signing his own death warrant!

I) The Rebels in the Ciudadela can be bombarded out in 2 hours...BUT, Huerta does nothing...Why?

I. He is in on the plot!!!!

J) Huerta is fixing to expose Mexico City to a spell of Civil War and senseless killing:

I. Forever known as: “The Tragic Ten Days.”

II. 5,000 people will die!!!

9. Historian, Parkes, describes Huerta:

A) “He was a villain on an Elizabethan scale. An able General, with a masterful and magnetic personality, he was also a drunkard, and a man for whom honor did not exist. From the time he was appointed General of the Government Troops he resolved both to ensure the triumph of the rebellion and to maneuver himself to the head of it.”

10. Monday – February 10th:

A) Morning – Diaz secretly meets with a

messenger from Huerta:

I. U.S. Ambassador, Henry Lane

Wilson, is aware of the meeting:

**(1) He wires Washington, D.C.: “The
Generals are negotiating.”**

**B) Evening – Gustavo Madero accuses
Huerta of being in on the plot:**

**I. Huerta swears his loyalty to
Francisco Madero.**

**C) Night – Wilson wires Washington,
D.C.:**

**I. “Practically all the State authorities,
police, and rurales have revolted to
Diaz. Public opinion, both native
and foreign, as far as I can
estimate, seems to be
overwhelmingly in favor of Diaz.”**

11. Tuesday – February 11th:

A) 10:00 – Morning:

**I. Diaz has positioned his artillery in
the Park:**

(1) In front of the Cuadela.

II. Both sides – Random cannonade of Mexico City!

(1) Aimed at residential & business sections!

III. Neither side intentionally aims at the other!

IV. By ACCIDENT...The National Palace is hit twice and the Cuadela is hit twice!

B) City is exposed to:

I. Explosions – Damage – and Death!

C) Diaz's forces free thousands from the Belem Prison.

D) 10:30 – Morning – Diaz & Huerta secretly meet in “The Colonia Roma”:

I. Huerta tells Diaz where to place his artillery & troops!!.....Why?

(1) He is going to order all Troops loyal to Madero, to make what will be a suicide charge against those positions!

E) Huerta orders the charge:

I. Over open ground.

II. Down Balderas Street.

**III. Slaughtered...Crossfire of Machine
Guns!**

IV. Not a single survivor!

F) End of the day:

**I. 500 innocent people are dead from
the fire!**

12. Wednesday – February 12th:

**A) Rebels take control of the 7 story,
Y.M.C.A. Building:**

**I. Turn it into a sniper & machine gun
position.**

**B) Madero & Angeles return to Mexico
City with 2,000 Troops:**

**I. Huerta orders Angeles back to
Cuernavaca to guard against:**

(1) “A possible Zapatista attack.”

C) U.S. Ambassador, Henry Lane Wilson:

I. Diplomatically supports a demand

that Madero resign.

**II. Threatens Madero with U.S.
intervention.**

13. Thursday – February 13th:

A) More cannonading in the city.

14. Friday – February 14th:

**A) Huerta's friend, General Aureliano
Blanquet, and a battalion of Troops:**

**I. Camp at the outskirts of Mexico
City.**

B) Blanquet's only claim to fame:

**I. Was a member of the firing squad
that shot Maximilian!**

15. Saturday – February 15th:

A) More firing in the city.

16. Sunday – February 16th:

**A) 2:00 – Afternoon – Cannonade starts
again.**

B) Huerta tells Henry Lane Wilson to expect Madero's overthrow!

C) Wilson wires Washington, D.C.:

I. "Huerta notifies me to expect some action that will remove Madero from power at any moment. Plans fully matured, the purpose of delay being to avoid any violence or bloodshed."

17. Monday – February 17th:

A) Gustavo Madero arrests Huerta:

I. BUT...Francisco Madero orders him released!

B) Huerta meets with several Anti-Madero Senators:

I. They request Madero resign!

C) Night – In the Embassy Office of Henry Lane Wilson:

I. Diaz & Huerta sign an agreement!!!

18. Tuesday – February 18th:

A) Francisco Madero...NOW...Suspects Huerta:

I. Sends orders to General Aureliano Blanquet:

(1) Bring 4,000 Troops into the City.

(2) Take over defense of the National Palace.

B) 12:00 – Noon – Henry Lane Wilson:

I. Wires Washington, D.C.:

(1) “I understand the Army has taken control of the situation.”

C) Gustavo Madero and Huerta meet at the Gambrinus Restaurant to talk.

D) 12:45 – Afternoon – Unannounced – Blanquet, Lt. Colonel Jimenez Riveroll, Major Rafael Izquierdo, and a squad of Soldiers – Enters the Presidential Office:

I. Insist that Madero step down at once as President!

II. He refuses.

III. Blanquet draws his pistol...Says:

- (1) “You are my prisoner!”**
- IV. Madero’s bodyguards open fire!**
- V. Firing breaks out all over the room!**
- VI. Izquierdo is killed!**
- VII. Riveroll is killed!**
- VIII. Marcos Hernandez, Madero’s
cousin, is killed!**
- IX. Bodyguards are overpowered by
the Soldiers!**
- X. Madero is taken prisoner.**
- XI. Vice President, Suarez, is arrested!**
- E) Same time – Gambrinus Restaurant:**
- I. Huerta is called away to answer a
non-existent “phone call.”**
- II. 15 minutes later...Gustavo Madero
is arrested and taken prisoner!**
- F) Mid-Afternoon – Coup is complete!!!!**
- I. Madero’s 15 months in office have
come to an end!**
- G) Huerta returns to the National
Palace:**
- I. Sends a message to Diaz:**

(1) Informs him of the overthrow!

H) Huerta telegraphs all the State

Governors:

I. “By direction of the Senate, I have assumed charge of the Government. President Madero and his Cabinet are prisoners in my power.”

I) Huerta telegraphs President William Howard Taft:

I. “I have the honor to inform you that I have overthrown this Government. From now on peace and prosperity will reign.”

J) Huerta & Blanquet appear on the balcony of the National Palace:

I. Cheered by a huge crowd!

II. Huerta tells them:

(1) “Mexicans, brothers, there will be no more cannonading. Peace has come.”

K) Henry Lane Wilson is given the honor

of announcing the new Provisional Government:

I. Provisional President...Victoriano Huerta!!

(1) Felix Diaz is free to pursue his candidacy for the next Presidential Election!

II. Huerta's Cabinet....All Old Diaz men!

(1) Pro-Big Business!

a. Men like, Jorge Vera Estanol – Attorney for over 40 Foreign interests!

L) Henry Lane Wilson issues a statement to the world:

I. "I hope they've gotta' man of the Diaz type who'll do sufficient throat-cutting to restore peace. That seems an unpleasant thing to say but it is apparently impossible to maintain order in Mexico upon any other terms."

M) 11:45 – Night – Gustavo Madero:

I. Turned over to the guards at the National Palace.

19. Wednesday – February 19th:

A) Just after Midnight – Wee minutes of the Morning – State of Coahuila:

I. Governor Venustiano Carranza – Calls for an emergency meeting of the State Legislature:

(1) Pass a resolution:

a. Refusing to recognize the legality of Huerta or his actions!

B) 7:00 – Night – Madero & Suarez sign resignations:

I. ONLY, after being assured safety for themselves and their families.

C) Resignations are given to Huerta:

I. He is informed of their request for safety.

II. From his shirt he pulls a medallion of the Virgin of Guadalupe:

(1) Kisses it!

(2) Says: “Whatever you ask. I swear to you that I shall permit no one to make an attempt against the life of Senor Madero.”

D) Madero, Suarez, and Felipe Angeles are held in the National Palace:

I. As prisoners.

E) 7:01 – Night – Pedro Lascurain, Minister of Foreign Affairs, is sworn in as Provisional President:

I. Appoints Huerta...Minister of Foreign Affairs!

F) 7:50 – Night – Lascurain resigns!!!

I. Shortest Presidential Term in Mexican history!

II. Huerta becomes Provisional President!!!

G) Night – Gustavo Madero is taken from the National Palace:

I. Turned over to a mob at the Ciudadela.

- II. Tortured and beaten!**
- III. Good eye is gouged out with a bayonet!**
- IV. Jaw is shot away!**
- V. Lynched!**
- VI. Army Officers empty their pistols into his body!**
- VII. Body is torn to pieces!**

20. Thursday – February 20th – Huerta takes the oath of office as President:

A) He is undecided as to what to do with Madero!

I. Can't send him into exile...Might come back and lead a revolt!

II. Can't turn him over to Felix Diaz's men...They will murder him!

B) Huerta asks Henry Lane Wilson what to do with him?

I. Wilson: "Do what is best for the peace of the country."

C) Madero's wife visits Wilson at the

U.S. Embassy:

I. Pleads with Wilson to use his influence to save her husband's life.

II. Wilson tells her:

(1) "That is a responsibility that I do not care to undertake, either for myself or my Government. I cannot meddle in internal Mexican affairs. I will be frank with you Madam, your husband's downfall is due to the fact that he never wanted to consult with me."

21. Saturday – February 22nd –

Washington's Birthday – 4,000 U.S.

Troops are mobilized along the border:

A) 11:00 – Night – Madero & Suarez are separated from Angeles:

I. Told they are being moved to the City Penitentiary...Where they will be safer!

(1) In charge of the detail is Rurale Major, Francisco Cardenas!

B) 11:15 – Night – 2 cars emerge from the National Palace:

I. Reach the rear wall of the prison.

II. 12 shots ring out!!

III. Both men...Madero & Suarez...Have been shot in the back of the head:

(1) Blood runs from their mouths.

(2) Eyes wide open in death.

C) Story is issued...Total BULLSHIT LIE:

I. Rescue attempt!

II. 2 men jump out...Try to run away.

III. Shot!

D) Why would rescuers fire on the cars in which the very men they are trying to rescue are riding in????!??

E) Facts:

I. Cardenas shoots Madero in the back of the head!

II. Rurale, Rafael Pimienta, shoots Suarez in the back of the head!

III. Huerta's involvement will never be proven:

- (1) He will deny any connection to it!**
- (2) He has made sure there is no evidence that can be produced to implicate him!**

F) Cardenas...Later...Guatemala:

I. November 30, 1920.

II. Commits suicide rather than return to Mexico to stand trial for the murder!

22. Sunday – February 23rd – Acting on Huerta's orders:

A) General Antonio Rabago:

I. Removes Pro-Madero Governor of Chihuahua, Abraham Gonzalez:

- (1) Rabago replaces him!**

23. Monday – February 24th:

A) Madero is buried in the French Cemetery...Suarez is buried in the

Spanish Cemetery:

- I. Only the nearest relatives are allowed to attend.**
- II. Immediately after...Madero's widow and family members leave Mexico for Cuba.**

B) Henry Lane Wilson wires Washington, D.C. in regards to Madero's death:

- I. "In spite of all the rumors that are afloat I am disposed to accept the Government's version of the affair and consider it a closed incident. Certainly the violent deaths of these persons were without Government approval. The Revolution is over."**

(1) Later...When Wilson is fired by President Woodrow Wilson...He writes of his actions in the overthrow of Madero:

- a. "It was my most valuable moment."**

24. Tuesday – February 26th – Northeastern state of Coahuila:

A) Governor, Venustiano Carranza – Sends a message to President William Howard Taft:

I. “The Mexican nation condemns the villainious coup d’etat which deprived Mexico of her Constitutional Rulers by cowardly assassinations. I am certain that both the Government of your excellency as well as that of your successor will not accept the spurious Government which Huerta is attempting to establish.”

March – 1913

1. Madero is dead at age 59:

A) Summary...Never a strong man:

I. His own family was critical of him for his lack of force!

II. Brother, Gustavo, once said:

(1) “ Of a family of clever men, the only fool was elected President.”

III. While he was President:

(1) He could not solve the chaotic mess Mexico was in.

(2) He could not deal with all the rebellions and uprisings.

(3) He thought he could compromise with the old Diaz element.

(4) He never gets the full support of Congress!

(5) He is constantly attacked by a hostile press that uses the freedom he gives them to attack him!

- (6) He refuses to pander Generals.**
- (7) He refuses to pander U.S. Ambassador, Henry Lane Wilson.**
- (8) He gets no support from Big Business.**
- (9) He gets no support from Foreign Interests.**
- (10) He gets no support from big Mexican landowners.**

2. Huerta is in power:

A) Is Pro:

I. Church – Big Business – and Wealthy.

B) Is supported by:

I. The Federal Army.

II. Big Landowners...Like:

(1) Luis Terrazas.

III. Pascual Orozco and The Colorados.

IV. Bankers...IF, they offer him “loans.”

V. Church...WHICH, “loans” him 1 million pesos!

C) His face is placed on the package of a new brand of cigarettes!

D) His supporters call him: “The Mexican Cromwell.”

E) The Kaiser of Germany says of him:

I. “A brave man who would save his country with the sword of honor.”

3. Saturday – March 2nd – Santa Julia – Suburb of Mexico City:

A) Huerta orders 100 Maderistas machine gunned to death!

4. Monday – March 4th – Woodrow Wilson is sworn in as President of the United States.

5. Thursday – March 7th:

A) Chihuahua City – Upon the orders of Huerta - Abraham Gonzalez:

I. Taken from the jail.

II. Taken to the Train Station.

III. Told he is being transferred to another town.

IV. At Mapula, Chihuahua:

(1) Train reaches Bachimba Canyon.

V. Gonzalez is thrown beneath the wheels of the Train!!!

VI. His remains are buried beside the tracks!

6. At this point...News of the murders of Madero & Suarez reaches Pancho Villa in El Paso, Texas!

7. Monday – March 11th – President Woodrow Wilson:

A) Refuses to recognize Huerta as the legal ruler of Mexico!

I. Says he is a “De Facto”(Illegal) Government, and not a “De Jure”(Legal) Government!

B) Wilson regards him as:

I. A usurper & murderer!

C) Wilson says:

- I. "Huerta must go. There must be free elections with Huerta not being a candidate!"**

8. Huerta continues to fight the Zapatistas in the South:

- A) He wants to remove all the people from the State of Morelos...And:
 - I. Populate it with Japanese!!!****

9. Wednesday – March 13th:

- A) Night – Villa, with 8 men, and a \$900 gift from Adolfo de la Huerta & Jose Maytorena:
 - I. Steal horses from the Livery Stable in El Paso.**
 - II. Cross into Mexico.****
- B) Villa sends a message to Federal General, Antonio Rabago:
 - I. "Knowing that the Government you represent was preparing to****

extradite me I have saved them the trouble. I am now in Mexico, ready to make war upon you.”

C) Rabago wires back with an offer to Villa...IF, he will join Huerta:

I. 100,000 pesos!

II. Position of Divisional General.

D) Villa wires back to Rabago:

I. “Tell Huerta to go to hell! I do not need the rank as I am already Supreme Commander of free men, and, as for the money, let him drink it up in Brandy!”

10. Thursday – March 14th – Alvaro Obregon:

A) Takes Nogales from the Federal Troops.

11. At this point...Opposition to Huerta is coming PRIMARILY from the Northern states...From people like:

A) 54 year old, Venustiano Carranza:

I. Born – 1859 – In Coahuila.

II. Conservative family of European descent.

III. Age 28 – Enters politics.

IV. During the Diaz regime...Federal Senator.

V. 1908 – Governor of Coahuila.

VI. 1910 – Joins Madero's revolutionary Government.

VII. Tall – Weak eyes – Wears blue-tinted shades to protect.

VIII. Large, white, beard...Parted in the middle.

IX. Honest – Domineering.

X. Egotistical...Feels he is the ONLY possible “savior” for Mexico!

XI. Wants Foreign influence in Mexico reduced!

XII. Labor Unions & Agrarians support him.

XIII. YET...He is totally ignorant of the

history and needs of the people he proposes to govern!

XIV. He is NO soldier!

XV. His Army of the Northeast will be led by General Pablo Gonzalez:

**(1) Gonzalez has the reputation of:
“Never winning a battle!”**

B) 33 year old, Alvaro Obregon:

I. Born – 1880 – Sonora.

II. Age 13 – Hacienda Mechanic.

**III. Mayor – Sonora town of
Huatabampo.**

IV. Rancher.

**V. Takes no active part in the Madero
Revolt.**

**VI. When Orozco revolts against
Madero...He leads 300 men against
Orozco.**

VII. Socialist – Agnostic.

VIII. Practical – Patient.

IX. Great Memory – Sharp Politician.

X. Excellent Military Mind!

XI. Good at organizing men.

XII. Surrounds himself with competent, carefully chosen assistants!

XIII. Always consults his assistants before making a move.

XIV. Known as: "The Spokesman of the Radicals."

XV. Commands the Army of the Northwest.

XVI. Primary Officers:

(1) Adolfo de la Huerta.

(2) Francisco Serrano.

(3) Salvador Alvarado.

(4) Benjamin Hill.

(5) Ex-School Teacher, so poor, he never owns shoes until age 16...Plutarco Elias Calles!

C) Luis Cabera:

I. "The Right Arm of Carranza."

II. Hates Americans and their money!

III. His "wants":

- (1) The Revolution to cut into monopolies.**
- (2) Curb the Church.**
- (3) Destroy Feudalism.**
- (4) Help Businessmen.**
- (5) Help Industrialists.**
- (6) Help Professionals.**
- (7) Help Farmers.**

12. Villa...At this point:

A) Needs money to equip his Army:

I. Steals 1,000's of cattle belonging to Luis Terrazas and other Hacendados.

II. Drives them to the American border.

III. Trades them for guns and ammunition.

B) Peons by the dozens flock to join him:

I. They come from everywhere.

II. They bring their women & children.

III. Some women fight...Called "Soldaderas."

- C) Villa now has 700 men!**
- D) By mid-April he will have 3,000 men!**
- E) By August he will have 10,000 men!**

13. Tuesday – March 26th – Carranza:

- A) Publishes the Plan de Guadalupe:**
 - I. Name comes from the Hacienda de Guadalupe in Coahuila.**
- B) 2 main points:**
 - I. Denies recognition of Huerta!**
 - II. Appoints Carranza as 1st Chief of the Constitutionals.**
- C) Carranza promises:**
 - I. To defeat Huerta.**
 - II. To re-establish a Constitutional Government.**

14. Sunday – March 31st – England:

- A) Recognizes Huerta's Provisional Government:**
 - I. WITH...The understanding, he will not run for the Presidency!**

April – 1913

1. Germany, France, Spain, and Japan:

A) Recognize the Huerta Government!

B) He can now, buy badly needed supplies!

I. Japan ships him 10 million rounds of ammunition!

2. Northern Chihuahua – Villa – Decides to attack the town of Casas Grandes:

A) Held by a command of Orozco's Colorados.

B) Storms the town.

C) 2 hour battle.

D) 40 Colorados are killed.

E) 60 Colorados are captured:

I. Villa lines them up 3 deep.

**II. Shoots them...One bullet kills 3 men
...Conserves ammunition!!!**

3. Carranza sends an envoy to Villa:

A) Requests his loyalty to the Plan de

Guadalupe and recognition of Carranza as “1st Chief.”

B) Villa answers “Yes”:

I. He will support anything and anyone who is anti-Huerta!

C) This alliance is one of necessity, NOT friendship:

I. In reality...The 2 men HATE each other!

4. The Armies of Villa, Obregon, and Carranza gather men and supplies.

5. Huerta abandons the Northern country to the Revolutionaries:

A) Concentrates on fortifying the towns that straddle the Railroads from Mexico City to the U.S. border.

6. Huerta is still trying, without success, to gain recognition of his Government from the United States!

May – 1913

1. Carranza issues a decree:

- A) All captured Federales, anyone who has helped them, and anyone recognizing the Huerta Government:
 - I. To be automatically executed!****

2. May 9th thru the 13th – Battle of Santa Rosa:

- A) Sonora.**
- B) Obregon and 2,000 men:
 - I. Badly defeat a Federal force of 1,500 men.****

June – 1913

- 1. June 3rd – Matamoros – Across from Brownsville, Texas:**
 - A) Lucio Blanco & 1,400 men:**
 - I. Badly defeat a Federal force of 400 men.**

- 2. June 18th – Tomas Urbina – Captures Durango.**

- 3. June 25th – Santa Maria, Sonora:**
 - A) Obregon smashes the Federal force of 2,500:**
 - I. Kills 600 of them.**

July – 1913

1. Huerta truly likes the Americans.

**2. July 4th – Mexico City – Tivoli Hotel –
Americans are celebrating the 4th:**

**A) In a wrinkled, gray, suit, with a hat
pulled low over his face:**

I. Unnoticed...Huerta enters!

B) Nobody recognizes him!

C) Goes into the bar.

D) Starts drinking Brandy.

E) Tells people he is conversing with:

**I. “I’m not at war with the United
States.”**

F) Dignitaries are informed...The

President of Mexico is in the bar!!!

**G) Rush in...Huerta is leaving...Stands
up:**

**I. Puts the half finished bottle of
Brandy in his pocket...Says:**

**(1) This is very fine Brandy. I’ll keep
this. I wish to thank you very**

much. I'm greatly contented with my American friends."

a. LEAVES!!!

3. U.S. Ambassador, Henry Lane Wilson, is ordered back to the U.S. by President Woodrow Wilson:

A) For a "consultation!"

I. The 2 men will meet on July 28th.

August – 1913

1. August 4th – Washington, D.C. – Henry Lane Wilson:

A) Told by Secretary of State, William Jennings Bryan:

I. President Wilson has decided to accept his resignation!

II. Reason?...The 2 men have a different view of matters concerning Mexico!

B) Ex-Governor of Minnesota, John Lind, is appointed the new U.S. Ambassador to Mexico!!

I. Tall – Thin – Sandy Hair.

II. Believes Mexico's problems are caused by 2 things:

(1) The Catholic Church.

(2) Prostitution!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

2. August 12th – Lind presents Huerta with President Wilson's demands:

A) Immediate cease-fire!

B) Free elections...WITH, Huerta NOT being a candidate!

3. August 16th – Huerta meets with Lind:

A) Tells Lind:

I. “Tell President Wilson to go to hell!”

B) Lind breaks off negotiations:

I. Leaves.

4. Huerta:

A) Interested in POWER, not money!!

B) Will not live in the Presidential Palace at Chapultepec!

C) Deals with the country’s business at odd times in strange places:

I. Bars, Cafes, and Public Parks.

D) Favorite hangout is the “El Globo”:

I. Fashionable “Tea Room.”

II. Sips Brandy from a teacup!!

III. Matches coins with the waitress to see who pays for the drinks!

E) Favorite place for Cabinet Meetings:

I. Bar – “El Colon.”

F) Most Office Business:

I. Back seat of a car in Chapultepec Park!

G) WILL build 131 new Rural Schools.

5. August 26th – San Andres, Chihuahua:

A) Villa & 700 men...Attack the 1,300 Federales under General Felix Terrazas:

I. Villa wins!

II. Over 100 Federales are killed!

III. 32 Villistas are killed!

IV. 236 Federales are captured:

(1) Shot 4 deep at a time!!!

6. During the month of August:

A) Carranza, in his home state of Coahuila:

I. Continues to build up his Constitutional Forces.

II. Loses the capital of Saltillo.

IV. He moves his Government to the safety of Sonora:

(1) Federales have not been a threat here.

V. Sets up his headquarters at Hermosillo.

VI. Promotes Obregon to Brig. General.

VII. General Pablo Gonzalez continues to lose battle after battle.

B) Villa:

I. Busy building an Army!

II. From Durango, Tomas Urbina and 600 men, join him...Bringing wagon loads of supplies:

(1) Urbina: Stock – “Shifty-Eyed” – Cannot read or write – Makes his signature by drawing a heart!

III. Faust Borunda and his men join him:

(1) Borunda: Cruel – Called “The

Matador” because he always kills his prisoners – Durango he stops a man and asks him if he supports Huerta; “No”; Calls the man a liar and shoots him to death!

IV. Maclovio Herrera and 400 men from Parral join him:

(1) Herrera: Parral Mine Worker.

V. Calixto Contreras and his men join him:

(1) Contreras: Bandit!

VI. Toribio Ortega and his men join him:

(1) Ortega: Cattleman from Chihuahua – Called “The Honorable” because he never kills his prisoners – Puts most of his personal money into the Revolt.

C) Rodolfo Fierro:

I. September of 1913...1st meets Villa.

II. Tall – Muscular.

III. Mustache.

IV. Cruel.

V. Called “The Butcher.”

**VI. On one occasion...Personally
executes 300 Colorado prisoners!**

**VII. On another occasion...On a Train
...Man with a broken leg that he
suspects is a Colorado
sympathizer...Drags him off and
shoots him thru the head!**

September – 1913

1. September 23rd - Villa assumes

command of the Division of the North:

A) In battle, Villa is brave to the point of recklessness:

I. An obsessive fear of the unknown and unseen.

II. Always takes precautions against assassination:

(1) Example: Never sleeps in the first place he appears to go to bed!

III. Fears poisoning:

(1) Thus: Never eats with his Officers!

(2) Thus: Wanders among his men, eating from their plates until full!

2. September 23rd – Mexico City – Floor of Congress:

A) Dr. Belisario Dominguez, from Chiapas:

I. Denounces Huerta as a dictator!

3. End of September – Villa decides to attack the vital communications center at...Torreon...With 8,000 men:

A) Highly important.

B) Sits on the main Railroad line from Mexico City to the American border.

C) Is a wealthy community.

D) Control of the town will:

I. Isolate the Federal garrisons in the North from:

(1) Source of supplies and reinforcements from Mexico City!

E) Defended by a total of 3,000 men:

I. 2,000 Federales.

II. 500 Colorados.

III. 500 Ranchers & Industrial Workers.

October – 1913

1. Battle of Torreon:

A) For 3 days...Confused fighting in the foothills around the city.

B) October 1st – Evening – Villistas penetrate to the outskirts of the city.

C) October 1st – Night – Villa orders an attack:

I. Men are bareheaded to avoid confusion in the darkness.

II. Attack in massive waves on 3 sides of the city.

III. Hand-to-hand fighting.

IV. Federales retreat Eastward.

D) Aftermath:

I. 800 Federales have been killed.

II. All captured Federal Officers are shot!

III. Any captured Federal Soldier who refuses to join Villa...Is shot!

IV. Villa has captured:

(1) 600 Grenades.

- (2) 1,000 Rifles.**
- (3) 500,000 rounds of Ammunition.**
- (4) 6 Machine Guns.**
- (5) 13 Artillery Pieces:**
 - a. One – “El Nino” – 13 inch Railway Gun.**
- (6) 40 Railway Engines.**

2. Villa converts a series of Railway Cars into a mobile, traveling, Hospital:

A) Staffed by 60 American & Mexican Doctors.

B) Led by, Dr. Andres Villareal:

I. Graduate of Johns Hopkins

University in Baltimore, Maryland.

C) 100 Nurses.

D) Equipped with the most up-to-date medical accessories.

E) Cars are enameled on the inside and painted on the outside.

F) Always located only minutes from the fighting.

3. October 8th – Mexico City – Morning:

- A) Dr. Belisario Dominguez is in his hotel room!**
- B) Seized by 4 Policemen...One is Huerta's Nephew!**
- C) Taken to a cemetery in Coyoacan!**
- D) His grave is already dug!**
- E) Shot to death and buried!**
- F) Bullet-riddled body found a short time later!**
- G) Senators denounce the act!!!**

4. October 10th – Morning – Mexico City:

- A) Huerta Surrounds the Chamber of Deputies with his Troops!**
- B) Dissolves Congress!**
- C) 110 Congressmen are carted off to prison in Tramcars!**
- D) Huerta closes the Courts!**
- E) Issues a public statement:
 - I. All will be well after the October 26th Election!****

II. He will not be a candidate!

***** People realize he is going to retain power...No matter who is elected!!!**

5. October 26th – Presidential Election:

A) Farce!.....Only 5% of the people vote!

B) Huerta “wins”!!!!!!

November – 1913

1. November 1st – President Woodrow Wilson of the United States:

A) Demands Huerta resign from the Mexican Government.

2. Mexico City – The new Congress assembles:

A) ALL are Federale Generals!

B) They declare the election void!

C) Set a new election for July of 1914!

D) Name Huerta as Provisional President until that time!

E) Woodrow Wilson's response?

I. Huerta must go!!!

F) Huerta's response to Wilson:

I. "I shall not retire until I'm 6 feet underground. Mexico is like a snake; all it's life is in it's head. I'm the head of Mexico, and until I'm crushed she will survive."

3. Villa decides to attack Chihuahua City:

A) Defended by 7,000 Federale &

Colorado Troops led by:

I. Fat...General, Salvador Mercado.

4. Villa sends Mercado a Telegram:

A) Mercado has 24 hours to surrender,

or move out of the city and fight on

the ground of his choice:

I. Mercado ignores the Telegram!

**5. November 5th thru 7th – Battle of
Chihuahua City:**

**A) November 5th – The Division of the
North attacks:**

**I. By 10:00 – Night – Two hills in the
suburbs have been taken.**

II. Fighting rages all night.

**B) November 6th – Federal artillery stops
the Villistas:**

I. Fighting all day and night.

C) November 7th – By nightfall – Villa is

short of ammunition and reserves:

I. Villa retreats under a heavy artillery barrage.

II. While supervising the retreat...Villa ...Narrowly escapes death:

(1) Gets up from his chair; Walks away to send a dispatch.

(2) Chief of the Medical Corps, Dr. Samuel Navarro, sits in his chair.

(3) Artillery shell hits the tent beside the chair and explodes killing Navarro!!

6. Villa decides to attack Juarez!

7. November 13th – Under cover of darkness – Villa takes 2,000 men:

A) Moves Northward.

8. November 14th – Villa circles Juarez – Ambushes a Coal Train headed South:

A) Train has a Telegrapher.

B) Villa holds a gun to his head...Orders him to send a message to the Federal Commander in Juarez:

I. "Line to Chihuahua burned by Revolutionaries. Send repair engine and orders."

C) Train is ordered back to Juarez:

I. Villa obliges!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

II. Makes it into a steel-version of the "Trojan Horse."

9. November 15th – Just after midnight – Wee minutes – Train rolls thru the defenses of Juarez, into the Railroad Yards:

A) Villa's men quickly take the entire town EXCEPT for the Jail Garrison:

I. Quickly surround it.

B) Dawn – It surrenders!

C) Villa has captured Mexico's most important border town without the loss of a single man!!!

I. Is the turning point against Huerta in the North!

D) He quickly orders the execution of 74 Huerta Officers & Officials!

E) The Revolutionaries now have a source of obtaining “embargoed” American arms & munitions!

10. November 20th – Villa learns that a large Federal Force is advancing North along the Railroad:

A) He picks the site for the coming battle:

I. Tierra Blanca...35 miles South of Juarez.

B) He occupies the high ground with 6,000 men!

11. November 21st thru 25th – The Battle of Tierra Blanca:

A) November 21st – Villistas force the Federal Train to a stop.

- I. 5,500 Federal Troops are forced into a defensive position on a sandy plain with no water!**
- II. Pinned down by fire all day and night.**
- B) November 22nd – Firing back and forth between the 2 sides all day.**
- C) November 23rd – Federales attack the Villistas:**
 - I. The Villistas push them back!**
- D) November 24th – Federales attack again:**
 - I. Again...They are beaten back!!**
 - II. Now, the Federales are almost out of water.**
- E) November 25th – Federales attack Villa again:**
 - I. Villa orders a massive Cavalry charge directly into the heart of the Federale forces.**
 - II. Sweeps right thru the Government forces!**

III. Federale Infantry is caught out in the open; the Federale Artillery is stuck in the sand!

IV. They start retreating...Retreat turns into a route...Route becomes a slaughter!!!

V. Survivors board Trains headed for Chihuahua City.

VI. Fierro gallops up to one...Leaps on board...Brakes it to a stop...Kills every single Federale on board!!

F) In the 5 days of fighting:

I. Federal losses are...990 killed!!!

II. 3 Federal Trains lost.

III. Lose...The state of Chihuahua!!!!!!!!!!

12. Villa goes on to take Chihuahua City!

December – 1913

1. Mexico's finances are in total chaos:

A) MANY different currencies are being circulated:

I. MOST by the Revolutionary factions!

II. ALL have scrawled and illegal signatures.

III. Show:

(1) Smoking volcanos.

(2) Crossed guns and bandoliers of ammunition.

(3) Big-breasted women.

2. Huerta orders an increase in conscription:

A) Press Gangs are used!

B) 700 men are “drafted” while watching a Bullfight!

C) A fire is intentionally set...1,000 gather to watch...Surrounded by Federal Troops...Men are “drafted”...Women are forced to work

in the ammunition factories!

D) Movie is advertised as “For Men Only”

...Sells out:

I. Is a religious movie!

II. Crowd gets angry!

III. Of course...Police are nearby...Are called.

IV. 65 men are “drafted.”

3. Villa has, AND, continues to marry many women as his “Wife”:

A) He will “legally” marry 4:

I. Maria Luz Corral.

II. Soledad Seanez.

III. Austreberta Renteria.

IV. Juanita Torres.

B) After his death in 1923:

I. 5 “widows” show up to claim his estate!

4. Villa forms his elite fighting force – “Los Dorados” – The Golden Ones:

A) 3 squadrons of 100 Horsemen each:

I. Olive-green uniforms with a gold insignia and Stetson Hats, NOT, sombreros!

(1) Mounted on the best of horses.

(2) Each man...2 horses.

(3) Carry a rifle and 2 pistols.

(4) No camp followers to slow them down:

a. Thus, they can move and strike quickly.

5. The man who will prove to be the Revolution's Greatest General, Alvaro Obregon:

A) Takes control of the lightly defended state of Sonora.

6. In the Northeast, General Pablo Gonzalez:

A) Prepares to move against the Federal held towns of Monterrey & Saltillo.

7. In Chihuahua...The only pocket of Federal resistance is in Ojinaga.

**8. Mountains around Mexico City:
A) Zapatistas continue to fight!**

January – 1914

1. There are over 40,000 Americans living in Mexico.

2. January 1st – General Pablo Gonzalez:

A) Attacks Nuevo Laredo:

I. He is decimated & retreats:

(1) Loses 1,000 killed & wounded.

3. January 4th – Ojinaga, Chihuahua:

A) Attacked by Constitutionalists led by:

**I. Panfilo Natera – Rosalio Hernandez –
and Toribio Ortega.**

**B) City is held by Federales under Blas
Mercado.**

C) Revolutionists are forced to retreat!

4. January 10th – Villa and Maclovio

Herrera attack Ojinaga:

A) Battle lasts 57 minutes!

**B) Federales retreat across the border
into the United States!**

I. One of those who escapes into the United States...Pascual Orozco!

5. 71 year old, Ambrose Bierce...One of America's greatest Journalists:

A) Fascinated with the Mexican Revolution.

B) Has joined Villa in Chihuahua.

C) Disappears forever in the Battle of Ojinaga.

D) Leaves his own epitaph in a letter to a relative, written earlier:

I. "If you should hear of my being stood up against a Mexican stone wall and shot to rags, please know that I think it is a pretty good way to depart this life. It beats old age, disease, or falling down the cellar stairs. To be a Gringo in Mexico, ah, that is paradise!"

February – 1914

1. From the 1st of February 1914 to March 15th of 1916 – 1 year, 1 month, and 2 weeks:

A) Weapons & Ammunition shipped from the United States into Mexico:

- I. 43,209 – .30/.30 Rifles.**
- II. 23,000 – Unclassified Rifles.**
- III. 3,756 – .44 Springfield Rifles.**
- IV. 1,166 - .38 Colt Revolvers.**
- V. 1,150 – Assorted Carbines.**
- VI. 950 - .7mm Rifles.**
- VII. 866 - .30-40 Krag-Jorgensen Rifles.**
- VIII. 500 – Remington Rifles.**
- IX. 11 – Shotguns.**
- X. 3 – Assorted Pistols.**
- XI. 1 – Automatic Pistol.**
- XII. 1 - .22 Rifle.**
- XIII. 50 – Swords.**
- XIV. 5 – Hotchkiss Guns.**
- XV. 4 – 3 Inch Field Guns.**
- XVI. 34,808,186 rounds – Rifle Ammo.**

II. Villa orders Fierro to shoot him!

**F) That night – Village of Samalayuca –
Outside of Juarez – Fierro kills Benton
with a BLOW TO THE HEAD:**

I. He is buried...With handcuffs still on!

**G) News of the death leaks over the
border:**

I. Becomes International knowledge!

**H) Enter...George Carothers...Wilson's
personal representative...Always in
touch with Villa:**

I. Explains to Villa:

**(1) He cannot shoot an English
citizen.**

(2) Will bring England into the affair.

**(3) England has the most powerful
Navy in the world.**

I) Villa laughs...Asks Carothers:

**I. "What can a Navy do to me here in
Chihuahua?"**

**J) Villa will not allow Benton's body to
be taken to the United States.**

- K) Villa is asked to supply the details of Benton's trial and execution!**
- L) Villa has his legal advisors prepare fictitious documents of a trial that has never taken place!!!!**
- M) At this point...Fierro confesses to Villa how he has killed Benton!**
- N) Villa says he has a solution:
 - I. Dig up the body...Shoot it thru the head!****
- O) Villa's doctors point out to him:
 - I. An autopsy will show him to be shot AFTER death!****
- P) Villa has a solution for that:
 - I. Publishes a fake autopsy report!
 - (1) Says he was given a mercy blow to the head AFTER being shot!!******

March – 1914

1. March 1st – Villa's fake Benton Autopsy report is published in the United States:

A) Enter Carranza:

I. Insists all further communications be made with him.

II. Any entry of an investigative team into Mexico will violate Mexican Sovereignty.

III. Sends a message to Villa:

(1) Make no further statements to newspapers without first consulting with him.

2. Affair will finally end.

3. President Woodrow Wilson supports the Constitutionalist cause!

4. Wilson sends General Hugh Scott to talk to Villa:

A) Meet – Villa is impressed with Scott –

Become good friends.

B) Scott tells him he is losing support in the U.S. because of the many executions of prisoners:

I. Scott gives him a British Army Manual on the treatment of prisoners and conquered populations:

(1) Villa is fascinated with it!

(2) Has it translated and distributed to his Officers.

C) BUT...Villa will continue to execute Colorados...Why?...His reasoning:

I. "They are Peons, just like us Revolutionaries, and no Peon would volunteer to fight against the cause of liberty unless he were a wicked man."

5. Villa does have a temper:

A) Being interviewed by an American Reporter:

I. Soldier...Drunken yells.

II. Casually pulls his pistol.

III. From the window he fires killing the man.

IV. Never interrupts his conversation.

B) Man tells him his home is being shot up by Villistas as their train goes by his house:

I. Villa goes to the house and waits for the train to pass.

II. Train comes by...Men shoot at the house.

III. He fires back killing 2 men!

IV. No more firing at the house.

6. General John Pershing invites Villa and Obregon to the United States:

A) Two men visit:

I. Both are greatly impressed.

7. Villa readies the Division of the North for a drive toward Mexico City.

8. Alvaro Obregon prepares to drive down the Pacific Coast:

A) Less heavily defended...BUT, more difficult terrain.

9. General Pablo Gonzalez – Northeast – Threatens the oil rich Gulf Coast.

10. Venustiano Carranza:

A) Moves the Constitutionalist Government to Chihuahua City.

B) Villa receives him politely...BUT:

I. Doesn't trust Carranza's followers!

II. Calls them: "Chocolate drinkers and Pantywaists."

C) Carranza enrolls Sonoran Indians in his Army:

I. Many are armed with only bows & arrows.

11. Veracruz – John Lind – Devises a plan for the capture of Mexico City and

bloodless overthrow of Huerta:

A) On Lind's orders...An American Marine Officer, travels to Mexico City:

- I. Poses as a Railroad Official looking for a missing employee.**
- II. Draws detailed maps of the City's defenses.**

B) Lind gathers a small group to be a raiding party...The plan:

- I. Arrive in Mexico City before daylight.**
- II. Possess the city before noon.**
- III. Hold Huerta.**
- IV. Turn him over to the "proper domestic authorities to be dealt with according to the law."**

C) Lind prepares Proclamations!!!!

- I. Only thing he needs is President Wilson's approval!**

D) Secretary of State, William Jennings Bryan, sends Lind a telegram:

- I. "The President does not**

contemplate any immediate action.”

12. Villa needs more money:

A) Prints his own!!!!!!!

I. Sets up presses in the basement of the Governor’s Palace in Chihuahua City.

II. Prints 2 million pesos in paper money.

III. Says: “I had all I needed from then on.”

13. Villa makes a request of Carranza:

A) Release General Felipe Angeles from his Cabinet...Why?

I. So, he can command the artillery for the Division of the North!

B) Carranza agrees!

C) Angeles travels to Chihuahua...Joins Villa!

I. He admires Villa for his devotion to

the Revolution.

**14. Villa is arming the most powerful force
in the history of Mexican Warfare!**

A) He has no desire to be President...

Says:

**I. "I'm a soldier and an uneducated
man, and I have not the
qualifications for President."**

**B) He prepares to move against the
most heavily defended part of
Mexico:**

**I. String of towns that straddle
Mexico's great Central Railroad to
the United States:**

**(1) Torreon is the most important of
these towns:**

a. Most heavily defended.

**b. 10,000 Federale & Colorado
Troops.**

**c. Commander...General Jose
Velasco.**

15. Chihuahua – Villa has imposed total secrecy:

- A) Telephone use...Suspended!**
- B) Telegraph use...Suspended!**
- C) Trains are forbidden to leave!**
- D) Cars are forbidden to leave!**

16. March 16th – Villa's Army heads South for Torreon!

17. At Bermejillo – 27 miles North of Torreon – Colorado garrison – Commanded by General Benjamin Argumedo:

- A) Spot a huge dust cloud and smoke on the horizon:
 - I. Report it to Torreon, BUT, do nothing else!**
 - B) It is Villa's Army!****

18. March 20th – Battle of Bermejillo:

- A) 5 miles from the town...Villa starts a**

Cavalry charge!

- B) Villistas pour into the town.**
- C) Drive the garrison towards Torreon.**
- D) Running fight for 5 miles.**
- E) 106 Colorados are killed.**
- F) General Felipe Angeles calls Velasco in Torreon:**
 - I. Demands he surrender!**
 - II. Velasco hangs up!**

19. At Gomez Palacio – 4 miles North of Torreon:

- A) Villa finds all the Railroad tracks and bridges destroyed!**
 - I. Still, he keeps advancing!**

20. March 23rd thru the 27th – Battle of Gomez Palacio:

- A) Villa attacks!**
- B) Mowed down by machine gun fire.**
- C) Pushed back.**
- D) IF...The Federales pursue they:**

- I. Inflict a crushing defeat on him!**
 - (1) BUT...They stay in their trenches!**
- E) Villa repairs the Railroad.**
- F) Angeles sets up his artillery:**
 - I. Starts bombarding the town.**
 - II. Dead in the town become so many they have to be stacked and burnt!**
- G) Key to the defense of the town is a rocky hill...Cerro de la Pila.**
- H) March 25th – Night – Villa attacks the hill:**
 - I. 6 waves are beaten back.**
 - II. 7th wave takes the hill!**
- I) March 27th – Under cover of darkness the Federales withdraw from the town:**
 - I. Villa has lost 985 killed & 2,850 wounded.**
- J) Villa sends a message to Velasco in Torreón:**
 - I. Asks him to surrender.**
 - II. Answer is...NO!!**

21. March 26th – General Pablo Gonzalez:

A) Lays siege to Tampico:

I. City with a population of 30,000!

B) Constitutionalists need this port city...Why?

I. Have contracted with the U.S. and European countries to sell cotton.

II. Need the port city to ship the cotton.

22. The Battle of Torreon:

A) Furious – Street-by-street – Building-by-building!

B) Angeles' artillery blasts away at point blank range!

C) Villistas use Dynamite Bombs to eliminate Machine Gun positions:

I. Sticks of Dynamite wrapped in strips of Cowhide.

II. Lighted cigars in mouth to light Dynamite.

III. Crawl under muzzles of guns...Light

...Toss in...Boom!

D) April 2nd – Under the cover of a dust storm – Federales retreat Eastward!

E) Villa has lost 500 killed & 1,500 wounded.

F) IF, Villa could have wiped out Velasco's force:

I. He could have taken Mexico City!

II. BUT, instead...A large Federal force now threatens his communications to the East:

(1) He is forced to turn and hunt them down.

23. This, PLUS, Carranza's jealousy & mistrust...Will cost Villa being the 1st into Mexico City!

24. Villa chases Velasco:

A) Velasco joins forces with General Joaquin Maas at San Pedro de las Colonias:

I. 40 miles Northeast of Torreon.