

## Re: Technical and Spiritual Development

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In article <565ev059kf59heebrubv6q0rfh5kl6scn9@4ax.com>,

OM <om@our\_blessed\_lady\_mary\_of\_the\_holy\_NASA\_research\_facility.org> writes:

> On Tue, 25 Jan 2005 19:11:41 -0800, p-stickney@Mineshaft.local (Peter

> Stickney) wrote:

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>>Villa was, in his own way, a quite serious factor – At one point, he  
>>pretty much controlled Northern Mexico. Villa always felt that if  
>>he'd had the support of American Interests, be they Government or  
>>Commercial, he would have been able to take all of Mexico. He initial  
>>did have a lot of American support. But His (and his troops) habit of  
>>looting the very people he wanted to have support him wasn't shall we  
>>say, the epitome of diplomacy. Nor for that matter, was raiding towns  
>>in Arizona.

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> ...Which, in turn, demonstrated the one area of military prowess that  
> any native army of Mexico has possessed since the fall of the Aztecs:  
> hit-and-run guerilla tactics using small bands of mounted raiding  
> parties. How Moltke failed to take note of this – especially when the  
> facts were trumped upon by certain elements of the American "yellow  
> journalist" state that were critical of Army failures to shut down  
> Villa's raiding successes – still remains puzzling to this day. He  
> would have been better off trying to con Canada into attacking the US  
> from the north :-)

As previously stated, Moltke (The Younger), was a dip.

How he managed to keep his post after single-handedly walking Germany into war with France...

You'd think the showing of the Mexican Regulars against an unorganized bunch of Squids at Veracruz in 1914 would have been a clue, as well.

(Precis – Mexican mob, led by uniformed Mexican soldiers, attack a U.S. Navy Boat Party pulled up for refuelling. U.S. Navy flotilla present at Veracruz it turned loose upon the Mexican Army. ("Here, sailor, take this rifle and follow those Marines, there. They" tell you what to do.") Untrained U.S. Navy, with Marine assistance, proceed to kick Mexican Army Butt, taking the city, and spawning one of Warren Zevon's better songs.)

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Without data, all you have are opinions