

the voice of Anglo-American democracy, through the two English-speaking nations of North America, declares again and to all the world, that any people anywhere who desire to be free and are fit to be free shall be given freedom's unfettered chance.

MEXICO'S BELL AND DECLARATION

But Mexico also has her Liberty Bell and her Declaration of Independence.

Five years ago, from the balcony of the National Palace in Mexico City, I looked out over half a million madly patriotic Mexicans crowding the Zocalo from the Treasury to the Cathedral, overflowing into all the avenues, and filling all the sky with their jubilating vivas. It was the night of the 16th of September, the one hundredth anniversary of the Declaration of Mexican Independence. On the balcony, surveying the multitudes who cried their vivas in his honour that night, but would soon cry their anathemas, stood the aged President whose dictator throne was tottering to a fall. As the historic hour of eleven struck, Diaz rang the very same bell that a hundred years before, at that very moment, the priest Hidalgo rang from the church tower at Dolores, and repeated Hidalgo's historic grito: