Regeneracion

This Is Your Cause; That Of Each One Of You

If a great civil conflict, involving rights more dear than life itself, broke out in the United States, what would we Americans do, and how would not every one of us be anxious to get back to his native soil, that he might bear his part, in behalf of those who seemed to him in the right and helping to defeat those who seemed to him in the wrong as well? To ask this question is to answer it.

If, in such conditions, Canada and Mexico tried to prevent or suppress this struggle with violence, soldiers, and shooting or throwing into jail those who attempted to go south, would not entire towns of 20,000 to 50,000 people, and their women, be forced to go to the United States? Would not such a proceeding be a violation of the treaty of 1854, which guarantees free passage across the United States for persons traveling to Mexico?

Would not the spirit of revolution be allowed to invade the cotton fields, in which thousands of Mexicans are employed, in that case? Would not these men be permitted to go south? Would not this be a violation of the treaty of 1854, which guarantees free passage across the United States for persons traveling to Mexico?

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