

CARRANZA REPLY NOT YET RECEIVED

Washington Nevertheless Is Inclined to Accept Assurance of Ambassador.

BANDITS ARE SCATTERED

General Trevino Reports Pursuit of Perpetrators of Santa Ysabel Massacre Already Is Being Pressed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—General Carranza's formal reply to the demand of the United States for punishment of the bandits who killed 18 mining men near Santa Ysabel, Mexico, has not reached Washington tonight, but officials were not inclined to doubt the good faith of assurances given by the General's Ambassador-designate here, Hilse Arredondo, that every effort would be made to run down the murderers.

These assurances were renewed by Mr. Arredondo tonight in making public the report of General Trevino, in charge of the forces detailed to capture the bandits and insure protection to persons in the district in which they had been operating. General Trevino, whose dispatch also described the massacre, said those responsible would be "hunted down without rest."

Mexican General Reports. The report of General Trevino was made public by Mr. Arredondo, and is as follows: "On Monday, at 1:15 A. M., special train No. 41 left Chihuahua for Cuernavaca, arrived at Santa Ysabel at 1:15 P. M., and started from there, and upon arriving at Fort Kilometer 88, west of Santa Ysabel, I found another train of the National Railway, hauled by engine, derailed. Upon persons alighting from their train to see what had occurred, they saw armed men on both sides of the road who were firing on them, after which a so-called General, named Reina, ordered that the crew be put under guard. He then robbed all the passengers, looting the contents of the cars and express. The murders followed.

On the same day of the above incident, the general headquarters ordered that a remnant embark at once under the command of Colonel Jose Villanueva to start in the direction of Santa Ysabel with instructions to pursue the bandits and to report to me in touch with General Cavazos, who was watching the movements of the enemy which had assaulted the train.

Bandits Scatter in Groups. The bandits upon observing the movements of the constitutionalist forces in all directions, retreated to a place called Carotas, according to the information in hand, scattering in small groups toward the west and south, presumably in the direction of the mountains of Durango. If any information is secured that new bands have appeared in the mountain range they will be localized by our forces and will be hunted down without rest in order to prevent their concentration at any given point.

Military headquarters at Juarez informed this general headquarters that the bandits were being pursued by Granas and Madera had been increased. With this combined movement of our forces in two divisions along both sides of the Northwestern railway, it will be an easy matter to keep all bands which may appear away from the place, compelling them either to disperse or to be destroyed. The western slopes of the Sierra Madras, where they will be unable to find any means of sustenance.

GAS EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR

(Continued From First Page.) take testimony of men working around the E-2 when the explosion occurred.

Those dead as a result of the explosion are: R. B. Seabart, electrician, battery room; James H. Peck, civilian general helper, Brooklyn; J. P. Schultz, civilian, machinist, Brooklyn; Joseph Logan, civilian, general helper. The injured are: L. C. Miles, chief electrician, Brooklyn; Ramon Otto, electrician, Brooklyn, Middleburg, Md.; Guy H. Clark, Jr., Frankfort, N. Y.; John J. Balmis, Baltimore, Md.; civilian, Zolt; civilian, Otto Hansert, civilian; Richard Heyne, civilian; Michael Feizer, civilian; August Kaplan, civilian.

Hydrogen Gas Theory Advanced. The opinion was expressed that the process of withdrawing the charge from the batteries might have caused the formation of hydrogen gas. Explosions of that nature have been frequent on submarines of all navies. It was explained, and several have occurred on American boats within the last few years. None of the others was serious, however.

The E-2 was the only vessel in the world equipped with the Edison nickel batteries. It was reported that the new batteries gave better speed with less fuel. The Edison battery, experiments have proved, generates nearly double the ordinary amount of hydrogen during the process of charging, but on discharging or while being run, it gives off much less. During the battery trials, there were reports from her officers of an undue amount of hydrogen. The boat made one trip with observers aboard and it was reported that while in operation not enough gas was generated to be dangerous.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels was at luncheon at the National Democratic Club in this city when he was informed of the explosion. Rear-Admiral Usher was there also, and the commandant left for the yard immediately. Commander Wurtsbaugh reported to Secretary Daniels tonight the result of his preliminary inquiry into the explosion. He said: "The E-2 boat, one of the oldest submarines, was in drydock when the explosion took place. It was an internal explosion, there being no apparent damage on the outside."

side Honolulu harbor last March with the loss of 29 men. The E-2 had a narrow escape from accident in September, 1914, while engaged in maneuvers off Brenton Reef lightship. An ensign detected chlorine gas when the craft was submerged 50 feet and the boat was brought to the surface by using the pumps instead of blowing up the tanks. Every one of the 13 on board was more or less affected by the gas.

EXPLOSION PUZZLES EXPERTS

Early Throng Dismissed in Light of Facts Ascertained Later. WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—What caused the explosion today on the submarine E-2, at the New York Navy yard, with a loss of life and serious damage to the vessel, probably will not be known definitely until the special board of naval officers appointed tonight to investigate has completed its report.

YOUNG WILLAMINA WOMAN IS LAID IN LAST RESTING PLACE.

Berea A. Shaw. WILLAMINA, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.) Berea A. Shaw, only child of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Shaw, died here recently at the age of 23. She was ill only about a week. Miss Shaw formerly lived, after leaving Dallas, in Montana, and thence moved to Sheridan, where her father entered the furniture business. They later moved to Willamina, buying a furniture store here. Miss Shaw was a member of the Christian Church, having joined when in Sheridan. Many friends and relatives from Dallas and Sheridan attended the funeral. Interment was in the Willamina Cemetery.

board of naval officers appointed tonight to investigate has completed its report. The Edison storage batteries in the new Edison storage batteries in the E-2 were being recharged at the time of the accident. It was concluded that the batteries were being recharged when the explosion occurred. The explosion was caused by a comparatively small quantity of hydrogen gas generated by a storage battery in process of discharge.

The following statement issued by the Navy Department tonight contained all that was known here officially: "An explosion occurred on the E-2 in drydock this afternoon at 1:15 P. M., apparently under the battery deck, which tore up the battery floor under the forward hatch. The Edison storage batteries were being discharged through a rheostat at the time at a slow rate. So far, only a brief verbal report has been made by Lieutenant G. C. Chase, commander of the E-2. A board of investigation, in accordance with Navy regulations, has been appointed by the commandant, consisting of Lieutenant Commander Poppe Washington, senior member; Lieutenant L. M. Stewart, U. S. N. McCull; Lieutenant (J. G.) Rush S. Fay, recorder.

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The department's experts on submarine construction said they knew only of two possible causes of the explosion, aside from the possible ignition of hydrogen gas. While highly improbable, they said, it was possible that there had been an explosion of the oil used to drive the surface engine. There never has been an accident of that character, even with boats operated by gasoline, a far more explosive liquid than the heavy oil used to run the E-2's engines.

The second possibility, they said, was that an air flask had exploded. Flasks which carry a pressure of 200 pounds to the square inch, while the flasks used to store air for the boat while the batteries were being recharged, are charged with compressed air, made elaborate tests during a six hours' submergence run of this boat. He reported that the hydrogen gas given off by the batteries was being discharged with infinitesimal. In view of this, it is difficult to see how a gas explosion could have been the cause, and we must await further investigation.

There has been half a dozen hydrogen explosions on Navy submarines in the last three years, all of a minor character. Some years ago an Italian submarine was destroyed and her entire crew perished in a similar explosion.

Pendleton Judge Is Wed 31 Years. PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.) Judge and Mrs. Thomas Fitzgerald, of Pendleton, were showered with congratulations yesterday on the 31st anniversary of their marriage. Judge Fitzgerald's wife was formerly Miss Adelle Brant. They were married in Vancouver, Wash. Five children are living.

WILSON LEAVES FATE TO PUBLIC OPINION

Letter of Three Years Ago Giving Second-Term Views Printed for First Time.

DEFINITE PLEDGE MADE

Four Years Too Long for Some Executives, and Yet Too Short for Another With Great Work of Reform to Complete.

BY LOUIS SEIBOLD, Washington Correspondent of the New York World. WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The leaders of both political parties are organizing for the coming campaign with something approximating the psychology instanced by the British recruiting officers in placarding Ireland with the question: "Would you spoil a good fight by staying out of it?" The Republicans are not alone in the belief that there will be a first-class fight over the nomination for the Presidency, joyous and approaching with the fervor of a Kilkenny Hunt. They are, indeed, preparing for a ruction that will make reminiscences of previous nominating conventions stale and uninteresting.

The Democratic leaders, certain, almost to a man, that Woodrow Wilson will be their next standard-bearer, unless, of course, he renounces himself voluntarily from the field, are not at all sanguine six months ahead of their convention that his renomination will be accomplished without a disturbing ripple or two.

Break in Wilson Ranks Indicated. They are the more convinced of this by the recent activities of Mr. Bryan—three times nominated for the Presidency and three times defeated—which points to a break in the Wilson ranks if the Nebraska statesman has not lost his influence.

Efforts by leaders of his party to obtain from the President some expression regarding his own views concerning the matter have met with no success other than to elicit the assurance that the President is of the same mind regarding Presidential successions today as he was on February 5, 1912, 27 days before he was inaugurated.

On that day he addressed a letter to A. Mitchell Palmer, then the vice-chairman of the House, in which he commented on the joint resolution then before Congress amending the Federal Constitution by providing for a stipulated term of years for a President. This letter, which has never before been published, reflects the views of the President now as certainly as they did in 1912, when he was still Governor of New Jersey. It is as follows: "My Dear Palmer—Thank you warmly for your letter of February 3. It was characteristically considerate of you to ask my views with regard to the joint resolution which has just come over from the House to the Senate with regard to the Presidential term.

"I have not hitherto said anything about this question, but I have observed that there was any evidence that the public was much interested in it. I must have been mistaken in this, for the Southwestern Reporter has so promptly upon it. "It is a matter which concerns the character and conduct of the great office upon which I am about to enter. I feel, therefore, that in the present circumstances I should not be acting consistently with my duty if I were to remain silent on this subject. I am, therefore, glad to speak to you frankly and plainly speaking that ought to exist between public servants and the public whom they serve. If I did not speak out, I should not serve of any kind, and without thought of the personal embarrassment.

"The question is simply this: Shall our President be elected for a single term of four years, or shall they be limited by Constitutional amendment to a single term of six years? "I can approach the question from a perfectly impartial point of view, because I shall submit my views to the judgment of my party and the public as to whether I shall be a candidate for the Presidency again in 1916. I absolutely pledge myself to nothing but public opinion to decide that question.

Fixed Limitation Highly Arbitrary. "The President ought to be absolutely elective for a single term of four years, or shall they be limited by Constitutional amendment to a single term of six years? "I can approach the question from a perfectly impartial point of view, because I shall submit my views to the judgment of my party and the public as to whether I shall be a candidate for the Presidency again in 1916. I absolutely pledge myself to nothing but public opinion to decide that question.

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forms into effect. "It is not necessary to attend to the people's business by anything but the most efficient means, only actually put the business into the people's own hands. I think it may safely be assumed that that will be done within the next four years; for it can be done by statute; it need not wait for Constitutional change. That being done, the question of the Presidential term can be discussed on its merits.

"It must be clear to everybody who has studied our political development at all that the character of the Presidency is passing through a transitional stage. We know what the office is now and what must be made of it, but we do not know what it is going to work out into; and until we do know, we shall not know what Constitutional changes, if any is needed, it would be best to make.

Present Position Abnormal. "I must speak with absolute freedom and candor in this matter, or not speak at all; and it seems to me that the present position of the Presidency in our actual system, as we use it, is quite abnormal and must lead eventually to something very different. "He is expected by the Nation to be the chief executive officer of the Government, and the country will take no excuse from him. He must play the part of a statesman, and he must be the country's confidence. He must be Prime Minister, as much concerned with the guidance of legislation as with the just and orderly execution of law; and he is the spokesman of the Nation in everything, even the most momentous and delicate affairs of the Government with foreign nations.

"Why, in such circumstances, should he be responsible to no one but his equals with regard to his work as a spokesman in the House of Representatives and one-third of their representatives in the Senate? Why should he be responsible to the people, and to the people, if he is to be the leader of the party and the spokesman of policy? "Sooner or later, it would seem, he must be made answerable to opinion in a somewhat more informal and intimate fashion—answerable, it may be, to the houses, or through a Cabinet, or as well as to the people for whom they speak. But that is a matter to be worked out—as it inevitably will be—as some natural American way which we cannot yet even predict.

President Entitled to Power. "The present fact is that the President is held responsible for what happens in Washington, and he is commanded to lead he is surely entitled to a certain amount of power—all the power he can get from the support and convictions and opinions of his fellow countrymen, and he ought to be suffered to use that power against his opponents until his work is done. He holds it upon suffrage, at the pleasure of public opinion. Every one else, however, is held to the support of opinion, as he has. He must keep the confidence of the country by earning it, for he can keep it in no other way.

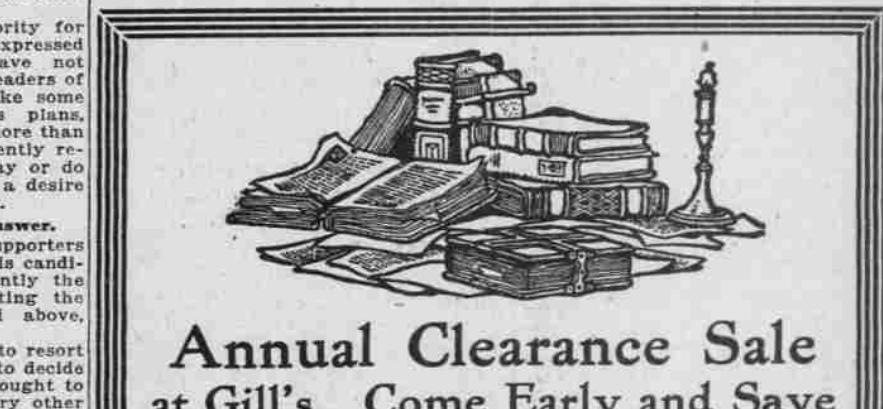
People Might Be Cheated. "As things stand now the people might more likely be cheated than protected by further limitations of the President's eligibility. His fighting power in their behalf would be immensely weakened. We must make a President except those whom he can make fear the elections. "We singularly belie our own principles by seeking to determine by fixed constitutional provision what the people shall determine for themselves and are perfectly competent to determine for themselves. We must doubt upon the whole theory of popular government. "I believe that we should fatally embarrass ourselves if we made the constitutional change proposed. If we want our Presidents to fight our battles for us, we should give them the



Saved Her Life

The unqualified endorsement of Fruitola and Traxo in a recent letter from Mrs. S. Grindale, 2015 Mignone St., Pittsburg, Pa., will be of interest after sufferers from stomach and intestinal troubles. Mrs. Grindale says: "The doctors had given me up, saying the only hope left was an operation. I tried Fruitola and passed hundreds of gall-stones with the first two bottles. Am now feeling better than I have for years past. I will be glad to sell any sufferer how it has helped me, for I owe my life to it."

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