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## AIRIS FULL OF RUMORS ABOUT BANDIT VILLA

### Deserters Say He Is In Impregnable Position In Mountains—One Report Is That He Has Escaped and Is Fleeing—The 18 Bandits Captured Were Not Executed But Are Held Pending Proof of Their Connection With Ysabel Murders—Villa Reported Married Again

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 22.—Surrounded by men who have vowed to be faithful unto death, General Francisco Villa was surrounded in the Sierra Madres by Carranzista troopers bent on having his life, but probably escaped.

General Cavazos, commanding three columns of pursuers, reporting this to General Herrera, in command at Chihuahua City, caused the premature announcement that Villa had been made a prisoner.

Governor Ignacio Enriquez of Chihuahua, here on official business today, thus explained stories that the bandit chieftain had actually been captured. He said, too, he had even heard that Villa had paused to take a third wife; and that many of his followers have women with them.

The reports that 18 Villista bandits had been executed yesterday at Chihuahua were denied by Enriquez, who explained that they are being held at Chihuahua City, awaiting confirmation of the suspicion that they participated in the recent slaying of 18 Americans at Santa Ysabel.

The Mexican consulate which announced yesterday that the 18 had been shot said today it had no confirmation of the story.

Late advices claimed Villa was active in the Guerrero district where he was reported to have raided several ranches. Several of his followers who, Enriquez said, requested amnesty, declared that a loyal band could stand off a regiment at Villa's hiding place. Meanwhile the Carranzistas are trying to cut off the Villa food supply.

Frederico and Bernardo Duran, Mexicans, are reported to be in jail as the slayers of Bert Akers, an American, who crossed into Mexico yesterday afternoon in the search for cattle thieves. It is claimed they killed Akers in a quarrel over the cattle. Akers' companion, Douglas Lawrence of Yaleta, Texas, is said to have escaped.

Arrivals today told of the dynamiting of a passenger train near Puebla recently, with the loss of 23 lives and the survival of only one.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Trumbo, en route to Los Angeles, told of shots fired at their train which arrived here last night. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Haymore of Douglas, were in the Trumbo party. The refugees agreed that sanitary conditions in many parts of Mexico are serious, and that a pestilential outbreak threatens many sections.

"It Is a Lie," Says Wife. Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 22.—"Es un mentira!"

With this remark Senora Juana Villa, wife of the bandit leader, today calmly dismissed the story that he had taken a third spouse.

"Es un mentira!" or, in English, "It is a lie."

She displayed no further interest in the case. Why should she, as she hinted through an interpreter, get excited about a false report? She smiled, and shook her head.

Some time ago when it was learned another woman in El Paso said she was

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The situation took a possibly serious aspect from Lawrence's report to officials here that several of the raiders were dressed in the uniform of the Carranza de facto government.

In advance of a protest against the outrage, formally lodged by Americans, the Carranzista authorities at Juarez obtained statements from two Mexican prisoners, taken after the execution, in which they claimed self defense. The Carranzistas assured the El Paso officials that if the pair are found guilty they will be punished summarily.

Official announcement was made today that General Francisco Villa with 400 men, is encamped 12 miles south of Madera.

Reports that Villa and his outlaws are heading for Casas Grandes caused fear for the American Mormon colony at that point.

**Rumors of Revolution.** Washington, Jan. 22.—Rumors of a revolution against the Carranzistas near Torreon were said by the Mexican embassy today to be probably unimportant. It was claimed there are enough constitutionalists there to cope with the situation.

Reports that Villa is surrounded in the Sierra Madres leave him loopholes for escape, it is said. No official reports have been received.

## AMERICANS MURDERED IN COLD BLOOD BY MEXICAN BANDITS.



The above photograph, taken at the Cusihiuiriachic mines in Mexico, shows nine of seventeen Americans dragged from a train and slain by bandits near Santa Ysabel early last week. The picture is the property of Charles Truax, Jr., of Chicago, chief auditor of the mining company. At the extreme left is shown Charles H. Watson, general manager of the mine, a former Chicagoan. He was described by Colonel Sanborn of the First Infantry as "ten wildcats in one."

## GREAT NORTHERN PASSENGER TRAIN HIT BY AVALANCHE

### Two Cars Hurlled 300 Feet Down Mountain Side Into Rock-Walled Gulch

## MANY BURIED UNDER TONS OF ROCK AND SNOW

### Fourteen In Smoking Car When It Was Struck—May Be Twenty Dead

Leavenworth, Wash., Jan. 22.—Two Great Northern passenger cars were hurled 300 feet into the bottom of a mountain gulch, and their human cargo buried under tons of rock and snow when a gigantic land and snow slide broke loose at the entrance of the Horseshoe tunnel at Cores at 6:45 o'clock this morning.

The number of dead is estimated variously from five to 20. The railroad company places the casualties at the lower figure. Reports from the scene of the accident, however, indicate that at least 20 were killed.

The train which was known as the Spokane Owl, No. 25, left Spokane at 8:15 p. m. Friday and was due at Seattle this morning at 8:15 o'clock.

The scene of the accident is six miles west of Wellington where many lives were lost in a similar accident in 1910.

Searching parties were more than an hour locating the smoking car which was buried at the bottom of the gulch. It was known to have contained 14 persons when it was struck by the avalanche.

The dining car was also hurled over the embankment, but no word had been received up to noon as to how many were carried over with it. The cars lies wrecked near the bottom of the Cascade mountain ravine.

Rescue parties are working desperately to save the lives of those who may still be alive in the wreckage.

A sleeping car was bowled off the tracks, but did not crash over the brink of the gulch.

**Second Slide Reported.** The train had been standing still for nearly an hour near the entrance to the famous Horseshoe tunnel when the slide of the mountain ripped loose. Just ahead of it, workmen were clearing the snow, mud, and rock that had accumulated in a slide a few hours before.

A special rescue train was dispatched from Leavenworth shortly after noon. It carried 100 workmen who will go to the bottom of the gulch and help in the fight to rescue those buried in the two cars.

Cores, the scene of the accident, is 100 miles east of Seattle and six miles from Wellington.

Further slides are feared. Telegraph connections were severed shortly after the first details of the accident reached here. The operator at Alpine, two miles from the accident fissured

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## WAR NEWS OF ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

Air raiders slightly damaged the American consulate at Danzig. The German armored cruiser Blücher was sunk in the North Sea by Vice Admiral Sir David Beatty's squadron. A check of the Russian drive in the southern Carpathians was claimed by Germany.

## SUBMARINE DISPUTE TO BE SETTLED SOON

### Germany's Answer May Not Be Sufficient But Will Clear the Way

Washington, Jan. 22.—The Lusitania, Ancona and Persia submarine situations are on the verge of settlement.

Following receipt of word that Austria found none of her undersea boats engaged in the sinking of the liner Persia, officials hinted today that possibly they will inquire further regarding the case, and request Austria to present the evidence on which her denial was based.

Unofficial forecasts of the final German note in the Lusitania case said the document may prove to be an unsatisfactory and incomplete disavowal of the torpedoing and not give assurance of safety for non-combatants aboard freighters, as well as liners.

Nevertheless these difficulties can easily be surmounted.

The state department will soon prepare a reply to the last Ancona note, and express gratification at Austria's pledge to observe international law in conducting her submarine warfare.

## Stock Market Weak and Dull and Prices Continue To Sag

(Copyright 1916 by the New York Evening Post.) New York, Jan. 22.—Nothing except the lassitude and inertia, usually found after a week unsettled as this has been, was seen in today's market. Price changes were unimportant; war stocks did not continue their recent recovery, and even railway shares were irregular. At the same time, the Street saw nothing in the day's news to interest it. On a similar occasion, it would perhaps have responded to the announcement by Austria that she had not sunk the liner Persia and the further intimation that the United States will soon have the Lusitania apology.

Week end reports of business activities testified to the unabated progress of the industrial revival. Bank clearances 45 per cent over the same week in 1915 and were six per cent greater than any ever reported for the third week in January.

The compilation of the Financial Chronicle of Railway Earnings for November pointed emphatically in the same direction.

## STRING BEANS CAUSED DEATH

San Jose, Cal., Jan. 22.—String beans, exposed to the air in an open can, were held responsible today for the death of Mrs. Ida M. Reddington.

## TYPHOID EPIDEMIC MAY RESULT FROM FLOODED SEWERS

### Fear Water Supplies Are Polluted and Warnings To Boil Water Made

## HOMELESS ARE FORCED TO ASK AID FROM PUBLIC

### Five Lives Lost In Oklahoma In Last Day—Cyclone Adds To Horror

Chicago, Jan. 22.—With scores of cities and villages in northern Illinois facing typhoid fever danger as a result of the most disastrous floods in that region in a decade, swollen rivers shrank today, and the worst of the high water peril was believed past. The rain had ceased.

The fever danger, however, had not abated, for authorities here and elsewhere declared that overflowing sewers and rivers might tend to pollute water supplies, and thus imperil people. Warnings to boil water were issued.

With the rivers receding at Joliet and in South Chicago, miles of streets were inundated. The Calumet dropped several inches since midnight.

Suffering was reported from Channahon, a town of 500 population, 10 miles from Joliet. Elsewhere, too, homeless people found themselves required to subsist on public charity temporarily.

Dynamite was used all night to blast ice jams at several points, which were holding up great volumes of water. A freeze is expected here.

**Cyclones and Water Spout.** Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 22.—Five lives have been taken in floods in Oklahoma in the past 24 hours.

The dead: Mrs. G. D. Cleveland and three children at Crusher, Okla. James Sheppard, Sulphur, Okla. Hazing waters have done hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of damage besides interrupting wire communication and transportation and breaking the gas supply of Enfield.

Small cyclones swept Brownwood, Texas, and Ennis, Texas, while a water spout visited Gainesville, Texas.

**TAKE TRIP ON POTOMAC** Washington, Jan. 22.—On the peaceful Potomac, President Wilson and his wife are seeking seclusion today aboard the presidential yacht Mayflower, that the president may the better prepare his speeches for the coming tour in defense of his military preparedness program.

**THE RAT RAISED THEM.** Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 22.—There are things more frightening even than war, women members of the National Security league confessed today, after a rat at their headquarters had driven them to seek table tops and chairs for safety.

## MIGHTY 17-IN. GUNS FOR NAVAL RAID ON ENGLAND

### Germany Arming Superdreadnaughts With Guns That Will Throw One-Ton Shells 20 Miles—New German Battleship Destroys 16 British Biplanes In Month—Montenegrins Reported To Have Annihilated Austrian Detachment Trying To Cut Off Their Retreat

London, Jan. 22.—England may be startled before many months by an attack from German superdreadnaughts, armed with mighty 17 inch guns, capable of throwing a 1-ton shell more than 20 miles. The Daily News naval critic reported today that the Germans are arming their new battleships with this formidable weapon. This is believed to be the same kind of gun with which Dunkirk was bombarded some months ago.

The critic pointed out that such a gun outclasses anything in the British navy, and that hence the Teutons may well risk a sortie and challenge England's powerful fleet.

The newspapers, too, are filled with reports that a new German battleship, called the Fokker, destroyed 16 British biplanes in the last few months. One sheet was convinced that several Fokkers will accompany the next Zeppelin raid on the city.

Rome, Jan. 22.—Stung by newspaper attacks upon the Montenegrin King Nicholas, Queen Milena did not accept the hospitality of the Royal palace, but slept on a train, while en route to Lyons, the new seat of the Montenegrin government.

With the Montenegrin princesses, she arrived at Rome Thursday night. Queen Helena of Italy, ignored the rebuff from her royal mother and went to the station Friday morning with her three children. It was the first time that the children had seen their grandmothers. A quick reconciliation followed, and they conversed together until the train left for France.

The Montenegrins are reported to have annihilated an Austrian detachment, attempting to cut off the retreat to Scutari.

**Offers Serbia Peace.** Rome, Jan. 22.—Austria has made a fresh offer of peace to Serbia, following failure of the negotiations with Montenegro, according to an Athens dispatch today.

Reports at that time when Austria and Montenegro were trying to arrange peace, said Austria had offered Serbia peace terms, but that these had been rejected, and not renewed.

**Torpedo Boat Sunk.** Rome, Jan. 22.—An Austrian torpedo boat and a hydroplane were sunk in the upper Adriatic yesterday by a British submarine, according to advices today. The submarine captured two of the crew of the hydroplane as they were trying to repair the engine. Meanwhile the torpedo boat fired, but one torpedo from the submarine sank her. The fate of the crew is unknown.

**Speaks For America.** London, Jan. 22.—An American public opinion poll sanction the proposed actual British blockade of Germany, said the Spectator today, advising the government that now is the time to starve out Germany.

## AMERICAN LINER HIT BY UNUSUAL STORMS

### Gale Flooded Deck, Twisted 12 Inch Steel Davits and Wrecked Life Boats

New York, Jan. 22.—Battered by unusual storms, the American liner New York, two days over due from Liverpool, slipped into port early today. Passengers hailed him joyfully after days of seasickness and danger.

In passing Ireland, the seas were so rough that the ship was unable to drop the pilot they had taken on at Liverpool, so he came through to New York.

The storm roared the worst Sunday night and rolled the liner dangerously to a 51 degree angle. None of the 300 passengers slept while the big vessel careened.

The gales flooded the promenade deck, dashed off seven life boats and twisted the 12 inch steel davits as his personal representative to declare the bandit chieftain's innocence of the bloody raid.

Villa declared that he himself will undertake to punish the murderers "whether they were my followers or not," according to Prieto.

**Sounds Like Canard As He Overlooked It, Yesterday** Douglas, Ariz., Jan. 22.—Eight American mining men were hanged two months ago at Carnajuela, in the state of Oaxaca, according to Andrew B. Trumbo, an American miner who arrived here today with his wife. Trumbo said he rode past the bodies, which were swinging from trees, badly decomposed, with buzzards hovering over them. Identification was impossible. Natives told Trumbo, he said, that the eight "gingoes" had been lynched and their corpses riddled with bullets.

Trumbo was in El Paso yesterday, and was quoted there as telling of destruction of 25 aboard a train, blown up by Mexicans some time ago. At that time he was not quoted as saying anything of the eight alleged hangings.

Using "Belgium" as an adjective continues to be one of the atrocities of the war.

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