

## SNOWSLIDES AND FLOODS ARE FATAL

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[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CALIFORNIA, Calif., Jan. 22.—Millions of gallons of water crashing through the reclamation levee near Yuma have inundated 20,000 acres and covered Yuma and Gadsden, Ariz., with from eight to ten feet of water. said advices received here tonight.

Mayor Charles Moore, of Yuma, died a victim of heart failure induced by overwork in leading laborers and volunteers trying desperately to close the levee breach.

The Imperial valley irrigation structures on the California side of the state line, are resisting the floods, but reclamation officials announced that breaks had occurred south of Yuma at Mile Post No. 4.

The floods that swept Yuma and Gadsden came through a 200 foot breach in the reclamation dam. A wall of water, sixteen feet high, advanced power over the top of a hill of unshelved levee.

The crest of the flood was expected late tonight.

**Floods Are Rising.** LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 22.—Floods from the Colorado river and a break in a reclamation levee threat to wipe out Yuma, Ariz., according to reports from several sources late today. One man was drowned and Mayor Charles Moore was reported to have died of heart failure, caused by excitement while trying to calm the terror-stricken residents.

Several feet of water already cover the business section of Yuma and the floods were said to be rising.

Desperate efforts were being made to repair the break in the levee. Unless it is closed, the entire rich Yuma valley will be flooded. It is feared, causing a heavy property loss. Old buildings in Yuma's business district, are said to have been washed away.

Just before all telegraphic communication with Yuma failed at 2:30 p. m., it was reported that water eight feet deep was rushing through the streets. Inhabitants were in flight.

El Centro heard that the reclamation dike below Yuma had given way and that water was rushing into the city, forcing people to run for their lives.

Phoenix was still cut off except by wireless. Messages from there this afternoon, said the Salt river was falling, but the lowlands were still under water while refugees sought shelter in Phoenix.

Long distance telephone calls from

Yuma before the wires failed, said the water was seven feet deep in the business district.

**Six Lives Lost.** OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Jan. 22.—No additional flood victims had been reported tonight and the death toll resulting from the two days rainfall in southern Oklahoma still remained at six. The swollen rivers were receding at several points and conditions will soon be normal. Railroads are repairing washouts and linemen are restoring wire communication. The property and crop damage will amount to several hundred thousand dollars.

**Leaving Followed Flood.** EL CENTRO, Calif., Jan. 22.—Looking that followed the great flood at Yuma, Ariz., caused issuance of orders for martial law tonight.

Lieutenant Sampson of Co. D, 12th Infantry, was placed in charge and men under him shot at but missed an alleged looter who was later captured. Six hundred homeless persons, driven from their adobe shacks in the poorer part of the city, formed a mournful bread line tonight and received through the Commercial club a sparing allowance of rations.

**Three More on List.** LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 22.—As the flood waters which prostrated southern California's transportation and communication lines for several days this week had almost completely receded tonight, three more were added to the list of dead. An aged woman and her two children are now known to have fallen into the Santa Ana river torrent when their cabin collapsed.

Los Angeles was still cut off from San Diego by rail, but auto buses were attempting the journey.

In some places the floods changed the topography of the country. Rich fields were partly ruined by rivers cutting new channels. The slimy flood waters deposited a damaging silt on fertile valleys.

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The crisis in the situation at Athens will be reached when the new Greek parliament assembles on Monday. The Gounaris party, supporting King Constantine's neutrality policy, will have an overwhelming majority, but factions within the ranks of the Gounarists are already reported.

One group of Gounarists is prepared to assail King Constantine for permitting the allies to fortify Salonika. Others will urge immediate demobilization of the Greek armies, holding that despite the fact that a large part of the mobilization cost is being borne by the allies, the nation's industries are suffering from lack of men.

An energetic minority of Venizelists will demand that King Constantine yield to Anglo-French pressure and attack Bulgaria, bringing Roumania into the war on the side of the allies.

Demobilization is the most likely development, according to information received here. Complaints against keeping the Greek forces under arms at heavy expense, are reported to have been coming from all districts.

**KING IS SICK.** PARIS, Jan. 22.—Worn out by long campaigning, the aged King Nicholas of Montenegro, has left his army and has arrived at the Italian port of Brindisi, according to an official statement given out here tonight.

The king is enroute to Lyons to join the Montenegrin queen who arrived here last night.

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### FRANCE

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LONDON, Jan. 22.—Only artillery activity and mine combats on the western front were reported by the German and French war offices this afternoon.

"Southeast of Ypres, the Germans destroyed sixty yards of the enemy's position by mining operations," Berlin reported.

"German positions between the Moselle and the Vosges and several towns behind the front were shelled by the enemy without result."

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### THIS CAUSES TROUBLE

Weather Bureau Perplexed by the Peculiar Change, Blamed for Floods, Heavy Snows and Low Temperatures.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Honolulu and Alaska have traded barometric conditions, bringing about fatal floods in the southwest and central states, avalanches in the mountains of Washington and abnormal weather conditions throughout the United States, it was stated at the weather bureau tonight.

Just where or why the trade occurred, the weather bureau could not explain, but the fact remained, forecasters said, that Honolulu, whose winter barometer reading has consistently averaged 30 inches, has been recording pressure as low as 29.70 for the past few weeks. In government stations in Alaska, where the winter average is normally around 29.70, the Honolulu average of 30 inches now prevails.

This condition, said the weather experts, has brought storms inland from the mid-Pacific, laden with more rain and snow than land storms develop. This has brought record breaking precipitation to Arizona and southern California, abnormal snowfall on the west side of the Cascades and Sierra Nevada mountains and 60 below zero weather to Montana and nearby states.

Just how long this condition will last, the weather bureau could not predict. It has already continued longer than at any other time for many years.

**Moy Outpoints Donahue.** [United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Eddie Moy out-pointed Harry Donahue in their ten round bout here tonight before the New York Athletic club. Moy led all the way, the Fightmaster, Charlie Leonard, stopped Mike McCabe in the second round and Willie Sheehan out-pointed Willie Allen.

**Ford's First Speech.** [United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Henry Ford will make his first public address since his return from the peace trip when he addresses the Michigan society of Chicago Saturday night, February fifth, it was announced tonight.

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The department today had no confirmation regarding press reports which told of the killing of other Americans by Mexican bandits. Officials were inclined to discredit one unconfirmed report that eight American miners were hanged two months ago at Caranquilla, Oaxaca.

They said such a wholesale killing would certainly have been known before this.

The department today categorically denied reports given wide circulation that they had official dispatches confirming rumors of an alleged plot among revolutionists and bandits to kill all Americans in Mexico and drive other aliens from the country.

Despite the fact that Mexican division is devoting almost its entire force to getting together the data on Mexico for the senate it was stated today by the official in charge of this

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### AUSTRIA

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] VIENNA, (via Berlin) Jan. 22.—Foreign reports that peace negotiations between Austria and Montenegro have broken off are untrue, an official statement from the government press bureau asserted tonight.

"The negotiations were not interrupted because they have not yet begun," the statement said. "Peace negotiations will only be possible after the arrival of the Austrian delegate, Otto, former minister to Cetinje, who was still on the road when the incorrect news about a deadlock was disseminated."

The negotiations concerning the place where the Montenegrins will lay down their arms will be closed within a few hours. At the same time an agreement will be reached about the points where the Montenegrins will be provided with food and arrangements made for their housing. All this will take a certain amount of time, owing to the difficulty of communication which also influences to a certain degree the general disposition of the population.

"In his manifesto to his people, King Nicholas urges the citizens of Cetinje to receive the army of Emperor Franz Josef by popular rejoicing, in accordance with the country's interest and the king's wishes."

"The documents providing for surrender of the Montenegrins was

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### ENGLAND

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LONDON, Jan. 22.—The Dutch steamer Apollo was sunk by a submarine today with the loss of three lives. Many of her crew were injured. The survivors have been picked up by the Dutch steamer Princess Juliana.

The British steamer Triton was a second submarine victim reported tonight. Her crew was rescued.

The Apollo is the first vessel of a neutral country submerged with loss of life for many weeks. She is a vessel of only 799 tons, sailing from Amsterdam and probably was torpedoed in the water around the British Isles, though the British censor does not permit the location to be stated.

**LUXURIES FORBIDDEN.** LONDON, Jan. 23.—Because of the scarcity of ships, the British government will announce within a few days that the importation of a long list of luxuries would be forbidden for the balance of the war, the weekly dispatch announces today.

This policy aimed at the importation of a foreign foe, two high army officers testified this afternoon before the senate military affairs committee. General Mills, member of the army general staff who has general supervision over state militia organizations, declared their main weakness was their election of officers. From a collective standpoint they were faulty, too, because they are very different organizations. Because of inability to defend against a surprise attack, Brigadier General Macomb of the war college, minimized the usefulness of the militia and demanded a standing army of 82,000 abroad and 145,000 at home.

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### ROLLED TO THEIR DEATH BY GIGANTIC SNOW BALL

#### Five Passengers Known to be Killed When Avalanche of Snow Swept Train Off Track and Into Ravine.

### TWO CARS HURLED DOWN 300 FEET

#### Accident Occurred Within Six Miles of Scene of Similar Tragedy Which Took Sixty Lives Six Years Ago.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LEAVENWORTH, Wash., Jan. 22.—Five passengers were swept to a swift death in an avalanche of snow when the dining car and day coach of the Spokane Owl train No. 25, of the Great Northern railroad, were hurled from the mountain side into a ravine 300 feet below, at Cores, Washington, forty miles from here, shortly before 7:00 a. m. today.

There was no warning. With a vast, space filling roar, the side of the mountain suddenly ripped loose, tons of snow and earth shot down, cut the two coaches from the rest of the train and the next moment the shrieks of men and women, some of them just awakened, echoed the roar of the avalanche.

It was a horrible tragedy, enacted in the wind-swept and snow covered passes of the Cascades, just six miles from the scene of the Wellington, Washington, disaster of March, 1910, when a snow slide similarly sent sixty men and women to their death.

The train had been standing still for almost an hour near the entrance to the Horseshoe tunnel, while workmen were clearing the snow, rock and dirt that had accumulated a half mile west of this point, as the result of a small slide a few hours earlier.

The known dead are: W. F. CARTER, Vancouver, B. C. BEHT KIRKMAN, Sheridan, Wyo. S. BATTERMAN AND HIS BABY, Wenatchee.

The fifth body has not yet been identified.

Five others rescued from the ill-fated cars are severely injured. In all, it is believed there were fifteen persons in the two cars that dropped into the ravine, but the rescuers are still hard at work in an effort to reach the remaining five.

Telegraph and telephone wires are down, and the reports from the scene are necessarily meagre.

It is reported that soon after the dining car caught fire and that one person was burned to death.

Cries for help could be plainly heard by those who were miraculously saved. The cries were agonizing, but those who had been spared in the cars above were powerless to render aid.

Rescue trains were hurried from Leavenworth, Cashmere and Wenatchee. The searching parties were more than an hour locating the day

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coach. It was buried literally under tons of snow, rock and earth.

The train carried altogether sixty passengers. Late reports have added new terror in the fact that other snow slides seem unavoidable. Four hundred feet of snow shed near Cores has been wiped out. The tracks and roadbed have also been torn away, and it will be ten days or longer before the damage can be repaired.

A sleeping car was bowled off the track by the slide, but the couplings held and it was saved from going over the brink.

Within a short time after the accident, the operator at Alpine, two miles away, flashed word that a second tremendous slide was under way. At this point all wires were lost.

Among those who are known to have escaped injury are: Mrs. Batterman and son, Wenatchee, Mrs. B. Rogers, Seattle, Miss Ruth Rogers, Seattle, Miss Gatha Lloyd, Seattle, Miss Jessie Ferguson, Seattle, G. H. Musser, Spokane, George Walker, Spokane, W. R. Scripture, Everett, Mrs. Geo. House, Spokane, Miss Fern Murdock, Cashmere, Wash.

Mrs. H. A. Hubbard, Spokane. Mrs. Peter Shaw, Vancouver, B. C. Mrs. E. S. Smith and son, Spokane.

Traffic Tied up. ELLENSBURG, Wash., Jan. 22.—Snow slides buried a thousand feet of Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul tracks near Lake Keechelus, several miles east of the Cascade tunnel and tied up all traffic this afternoon.

Trains in both directions were detoured via the Northern Pacific tracks.

A Chinook wind hit the valley and mountains Friday night and with intermittent rains today caused fears of disastrous slides in the mountains.

The snow ranges from eighteen inches at Ellensburg to fourteen feet near the summit of the Cascades.

Rumors are current here that several persons were hurt in the slides. The Milwaukee officials have applied to the Northern Pacific for snow plows and men to help remove the snow.

Oren B. Devitt, a Postal Telegraph lineman, stationed at the east shore of Lake Keechelus was caught in the slide and had a miraculous escape.

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Not only should stronger fortifications be provided for these points, he said, but a mobile standing army should be kept within convenient distance.

Another change from present conditions demanded by Macomb was that retired officers should be required to serve in some capacity in time of war. Had Von Hindenburg been on the American retired list, he said, there would have been no way to put him where his ability would count.

General Mills suggested enlarging the state militia from its present total of 142,000 men and 8,700 officers to 257,000 and strengthening it by an insistence that officers must obtain their position by competitive examinations.

Another militia weakness, said General Mills, was its concentration in a small district. Seventy-two percent of the total is east of the Mississippi and twelve percent more on the Pacific coast and Mexican border.

Local interest was so slight in many states that the national government contributed more to the upkeep of the guards than did the state, he said.

Sooner or later, said General Mills, we must come to the principle that all these bodies must be formed into

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### Bandit Villa is Now Posing as Friend of the Americans

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 22.—With another American murdered in Mexico and Francisco Villa denying responsibility for the Santa Ysabel massacre, the Mexican situation tonight again became acute along the border.

Bern Akers, the ranchman murdered by the Mexican who stole his cattle, was not armed and was shot in the back after a spectacular chase.

Bernardo Duran, who shot Akers, will be executed if his self defense plea is not maintained. Juarez authorities asserted. Bernardo's brother Frederico, is also under arrest in Juarez and Carranzista soldiers are seeking three other Mexicans who participated in the attack on Akers and Douglas Downs, another American. Downs said Bernardo Duran fired point blank at him, but missed.

Carranza Consul Garcia declared that uniformed Carranza soldiers did not take part in the attack on the two Americans as Downs claimed.

Villa's disclaimer of the murder of eighteen Americans at Santa Ysabel, January 10, created a local sensation. Major Prieto, a staff officer, turned up here today direct from Villa's hiding place in the mountains of Chihuahua and said the bandit leader had changed him to present a statement to the American people.

Villa declared he took no part in the massacre and was ignorant of it until afterward.

"In order to show my innocence in this crime," Villa said, "I declare myself personally to undertake the punishment of those responsible. Whether or they have been supporters of my cause or not, I will punish them."

Telegraphs do not penetrate to Villa's retreat. Only his couriers to El Paso can bring direct news of him. Such reports are generally several

days old. Prieto left Villa at El Rocio, Chihuahua.

"General Villa still has about 400 men," said Prieto. "He is far from being defeated. He is as optimistic as ever, but such reports that he is responsible for the Santa Ysabel massacre displeases him. He has no ill feeling against the American people although he is not personally friendly toward the government for its recognition of Carranza."

"Villa intends to operate in Durango state until he can make a junction with the troops of General Borchardin Argumedo who are operating in the north. Villa feels that with Argumedo, he can break the Carranza strength in northern Mexico."

"Villa has no desire to bring on intervention by the United States. In the fatal attack on Akers, a Mexican policeman Barrios who was commissioned by the Juarez authorities to aid the Americans in the search for the stolen cattle, was shot in the breast and seriously injured."

Akers' body was transferred from Juarez to El Paso today on the demand of Zach L. Cobb, state department agent, who also demanded the arrests of the other Mexicans implicated in the shooting.

U. S. Consul Thomas D. Edwards of Juarez said that he had instructed the Americans to search for the stolen cattle, but with a Carranzista soldier not a policeman. Edwards intended to make a demand on Mexican authorities for the cattle after they are located. The Duran brothers claimed Akers tried to take the cattle away without authority.

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