

### THREE MONTHS OF REST FOR VILLA

#### Bandit to Disband Army and Give Up Military Campaigns for Present

El Paso, March 3.—From a wounded Villa soldier, who is here to-day for treatment, government agents claim to have learned of Francisco Villa's plan to reduce his force to 300 picked men, abandon his campaign against Chihuahua City, Mex., and disappear for three months on a secret mission in the interest of his provisional government, of which Miguel Diaz Lombardo is to be provisional president.

Villa's reason for this move was said to have been two-fold. One to regain his health, which had been broken by exposure in the field, and by his old wound in the leg, and to make a desperate effort to capture Carranza while the first chief was on his present trip from city to city in Central Mexico.

#### BEING FAIR WITH THE GIRLS

By Beatrice Fairfax

Men pride themselves on being "good sports." But I think that in their dealings with women they forget what being a "good sport" really means!

Nothing is "sporting" in the best sense unless it is based on principles of honesty and fair play. A man who lays any claim to being a gentleman brings the spirit of fair play as a matter of course into his clubs, his athletics, his business life and his amusements of every sort, except those in which women are concerned.

The average man in his relationships with women wants amusement and entertainment. If he can get it for the asking, he takes it. But he values what he gets for nothing at all.

My girls write me that the men they know lost interest in them when they denied kisses and caresses. All around me in social life I see the same thing—men demanding the privilege of "making love" to women whom they do not even pretend to love in any fine sense.

And ever since the days of the old song, "He loved and rode away," that is just what men have been doing. They make love lightly when permitted, and tire easily. Worse still, they "kiss and tell."

All this is reprehensible enough, unkind and even dishonorable. But what makes it even less "sporting" is the fact that whenever men are expressing their honest opinion to each other or to an older woman for whose favors they are not striving, they acknowledge that they are looking for an ideal girl who won't permit herself to be kissed and caressed by all and sundry.

Oh, yes, men confess it. Their "dream girl"—the girl they mean to love and marry is a girl who holds herself too high to permit any light and facile love-making. As for the rest, they say, "Oh, I'm just amusing myself. She ought to know that."

The Sad Part of It  
She ought to—but she doesn't! Too many girls fancy that the way to hold a man is by letting him have what he wants. Girl after girl has confessed to me sadly when it was too late: "Oh, I was afraid to say no. There was Molly Green waiting. And if I didn't give in to him, I was afraid he'd go after her."

Too late the girl learned that after she has given in to him, the men get tired of what was his by the asking and goes off for new worlds to conquer.

The spirit of the chase makes men like hunting. But is it "good hunting" to blind the quarry first and then to hunt it down?

Where is the masculine instinct of fair play? How can any self-respecting man reconcile the statements he makes to the girl he wants to win, without the responsibility of marrying and supporting her, with the statements he makes to outsiders for whom he has enough respect to cause him to tell them the truth?

To Susie, John says, "Oh, I've got to kiss you. You know I'm fond of you. Don't torture me by refusing. You couldn't be so selfish and unkind." And Susie, either because she is a loving, self-sacrificing little thing, or because she is emotional and easily moved, lets John kiss her.

Then John tells his men friends or some older woman for whose mentality he has plenty of respect that he's going to marry a girl who is dignified and who holds herself above idle love-making—the sort of girl, in fact, who is fit to be a good man's wife. And he feels very noble and righteous as he says it.

Is that honorable sport? Is that "fair play?" I leave it to you boys—to you and your own consciences.

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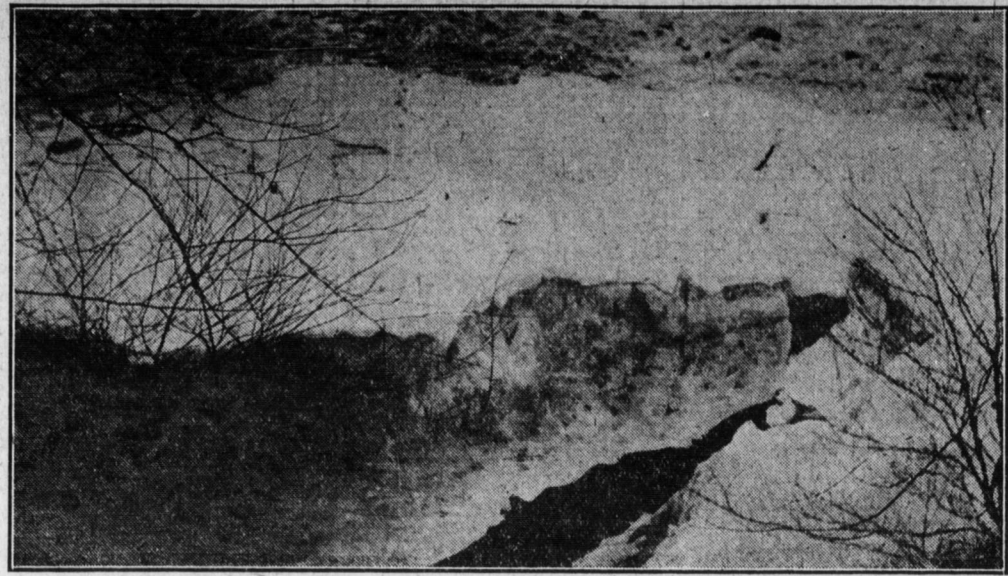
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### THE DADDY OF 'EM ALL



Courtesy Water Supply Commission. The photograph shows an ice cake above Middletown five feet thick by actual measurement. Note the crevice in the center of the cake. This shows the spongy composition of the ice and how it jams underneath the surface, creating dams.

### TOWNS MENACED BY ICE GORGES

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This year is spongy and honeycombed and such ice packs and jams until it forms a perfect dam for flood waters. No open spaces between gorges are created. And the result is the possibility of great bodies of backwater being formed.

**Heavy Rain Sole Hope**  
The one hope of the Commission experts is that heavy and continuous rains may send a great volume of flood waters down the Susquehanna, and that the ice pack may be swept into the bay over night. If only moderate rains should fall over the watershed, it is feared the ice from the upper stream will be swept down to jam the ice pack of the lower stream the tighter and pile the gorges the higher.

**Cold Wave Coming**  
U. S. Weather Forecaster Demain to-day could give no prediction of heavy rains within a week. The present disturbance which has been hanging over the Middle Atlantic and Gulf States will be spent in about 36 hours, and any rainfall during that time will likely be light. Following will be several days of colder weather and it is possible that a cold wave in the Great Northwest may sweep down into Pennsylvania and send the temperatures as low as eighteen to twenty degrees. Such a cold wave would give the ice a chance to freeze and pack the tighter, making the condition even more inimical than at present.

**Carefully Watching Stream**  
The Water Supply men are getting but little sleep as a result of the dangerous status of the river. They are on the job night and day standing ready to warn people downstream in case any general movement of the ice should occur. Each hour they are receiving reports from agents both up and downstream.

One thing that makes the condition particularly dangerous is that the ice from the West and North branches of the Susquehanna have not yet passed Harrisburg. If all the ice were down, there would be little cause for fear, because heavy flood waters would then have a chance to sweep the ice pack below the city in-

to the Chesapeake. But none of the ice above Williamsport has passed into the main stream and the North branch ice has also jammed and gorged at points north of this city.

Practically the only ice which has passed the city has come from the Juniata and it is this ice which has caused the jams and gorges along the lower stream from Middletown to Bainbridge and beyond.

In the lower stream the main sheets of ice are standing firm against the pushing of the ice from the Juniata and the Water Supply engineers believe that only terrific pressure can

break up these acres and acres of original ice.

Another thing that makes the river dangerous is the thickness of the ice at most points. John Reckord, one of the Commission's men photographed a cake of ice above Middletown, which was five feet thick by actual measurement. The average thickness of the ice is from two to four feet. If such heavy cakes are swept over the hamlets and towns of the lowlands by flood waters, nothing under heaven can prevent the sweeping away of the homes of the people along the river.

Here and there are open channels

between this city and Marietta, but they are few and far between. At Steelton, opposite Hess' Island, there is an open space; opposite trewick street the ice pack again cuts off the channel; at Cumber's heights, between Zimmerman's Island and the Steelton shore there is a considerable gorge; at Highspire the channel is packed and gorged; at the head of Calvert's Island is a small open channel; similar open channels which extend for several hundred or even a thousand feet, extend along the river to Bainbridge, but from that point downstream, scarcely any open spaces can be found.

Along the west bank of the river there are still fewer open channels and most of the original ice remains intact. At Bainbridge the main gorge is from thirty to forty feet high.

**Prepare to Send Warnings**  
The Water Supply engineers reported that one of the dangers which threatens Middletown is the possibility of ice cakes sweeping over the meadows when the flood waters come. The ice is now even with the top of the river banks and there is grave possibility that when the break-up comes these ice cakes will not be retained within the banks of the stream.

Warnings will be sent out forty-eight hours in advance of any possible flood danger, however, the Water Supply Commission stated to-day.

**Snow Turns to Rain**  
Weather Forecaster E. R. Demain holds out but little hope for better weather. He says, "Unsettled with rain or snow to-night and probably Sunday."

The snow that now covers the streets and pavements with half a foot of slush and water started yesterday afternoon at 12:45. Until this morning, three and one-half inches had fallen before the snow turned to rain. This makes a total depth of the snow six and one-half inches in the last two days.

### Mutual Men to Welcome Soldiers Wed., March 14

Employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad, who recently returned from the border, will be a part of the Mutual Beneficial Association program on the night of March 14. They will line up in the armory with the Mutual Beneficial band, march around the hall, and line up in front of the platform. Master Mechanic J. L. Cunningham will welcome the soldiers. Isaiah

Reese, Jr., chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements, will make a brief speech, and President J. K. Gruver, of Harrisburg Assembly, No. 4, Mutual Beneficial Association of Pennsylvania Railroad Employees, will speak. Other features on the program will include vocal and instrumental selections, acrobatic exhibitions and a humorous monolog by "Billy" Kitchen. It is expected that 1,200 members will attend. Officers of the association from Philadelphia will also be present.

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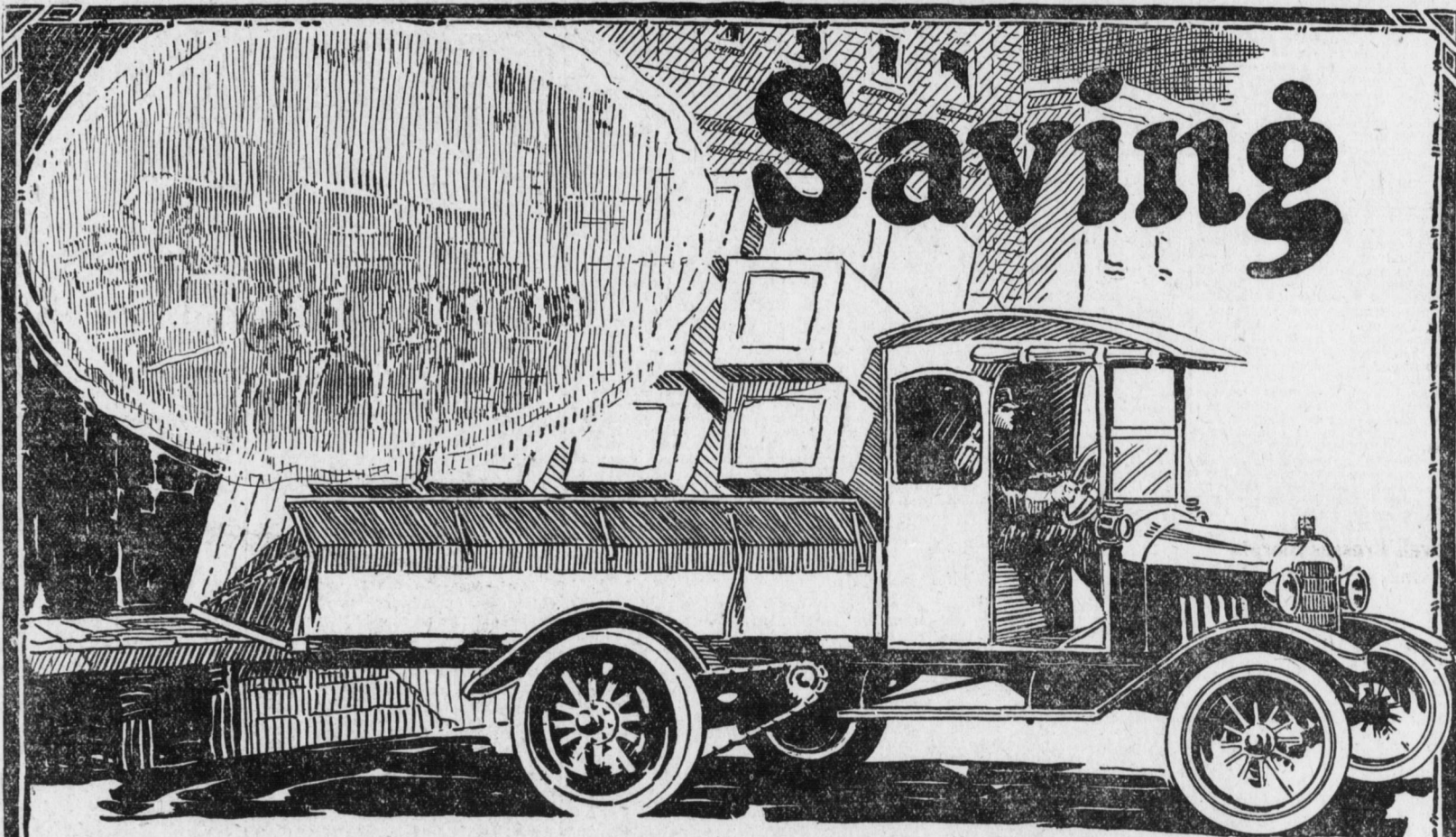
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