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## MEX. BANDITS KILL AMERICANS

### MURDEROUS OUTLAWS SLAY AND LOOT AFTER WRECKING TRAIN NEAR BORDER.

#### Twenty Alleged Followers of De la Rosa Pull Rail From Under Engine and Whole Train Goes in Ditch.

Brownsville, Tex., Oct. 19.—Inspired by race hatred as well as desire for loot, twenty Mexicans who claimed to be followers of Luis de la Rosa, leader of the so-called Texas revolution, held up and robbed a train near Olmito, seven miles north of here late last night. As a result two men are dead another is probably fatally injured, and four others are seriously hurt.

The scene of the robbery was three miles from the Rio Grande. The Mexicans as they fired at the train crew and passengers shouted:

"Viva Pizano! Viva Carranza!"

Pizano was a co-leader with de la Rosa.

The robbery was the boldest piece of work by bandits since their raids began three months ago.

The bandits removed the spikes from a rail and laying concealed in the nearby brush, jerked this rail from under the nose of the engine with a long heavy wire. The engine, jumped the track. Few passengers were aboard. The robbery was conducted by five or six Mexicans clad in khaki uniforms while outside the train some fifteen or twenty more Mexicans kept up a constant fire, apparently shooting either over or beneath the train.

Burn Train to Delay Troops. After the robbery the Mexicans burned a trestle north of the wreck, preventing prompt arrival of United States soldiers from San Benito. It took up pursuit. The troops had to leave their train and hike a mile to reach the wreck.

The hold-up occurred on the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico line, the only railroad entering the lower Rio Grande valley.

#### Ex-Soldier Tells Story.

John W. Sword of Pinesville, Ky., a former United States soldier, said that he and three soldiers occupied a corner seat in the front end of the smoking car. The other three, McBee, Brishear and Leymon were in uniform, but Sword was not. He said there was a lurch and four men pitched forward. As the train came to a stop, he noticed five or six Mexicans crowding into the rear end of the coach next to the first class day coach. The Mexicans came forward with guns drawn and firing. The first firing was directed at the United States army uniforms worn by Sword's companions. Two of the soldiers were shot at the first fire and Leymon was hit as he dived for the front door. The soldiers were regular passengers without their arms. The Mexicans grew bold and noisy when the passengers failed to shoot at them.

In the smoking compartment in addition to Sword and the three soldiers were Dr. McCain, Wallis; District Attorney John I. Kiteber of Brownsville; R. W. Wright, traveling man of Houston, and P. W. Sauer, a traveling man of San Antonio.

In their first rush at the uniformed men the bandits paid little attention to other smoking car passengers.

McCain and Wallis managed to hide in the toilet without being observed by the bandits. Keliber fell as if shot, while Wright and Sauer hid under seats. Sword said the bandits then announced to the several Mexicans in the coach that they need not fear, that they would not be harmed. In the meantime Sword brushed aside a bandit's arm and proceeded into the first class coach, which he passed through without being stopped. Dropping off at the rear end, he ran three miles to a telephone.

"Informed on the 'Gringos'."

Sword said that just before he left the coach a well dressed young Mexican told the bandits there were two "gringos" in the toilet. These were Dr. McCain and Wallis. Wright, who had hidden under a seat, said the bandits knocked on the toilet door and commanded the men to come out. McCain and Wallis refused, whereupon the Mexicans fired through the door, hitting McCain in the abdomen and wounding Wallis twice. The young Mexican, the informer, was arrested.

Sword said after the killing started, the bandits began shouting "Viva Pizano! Viva Carranza!"

#### Loot Follows Murder.

Sauer, the San Antonio traveler, was relieved of \$55 in cash. Wright hid his cash and was not robbed. The bandits relieved the dead soldier, McBee, of his shoes, but did not attempt to take the shoes from the wounded men. Several of the bandits were barefooted. Dock Washington, a negro chauffeur, hid beneath a seat, but the Mexicans saw his feet, stole his shoes and \$65 in cash.

Sword left his hat and coat hanging on the window. Returning, he found his hat and coat were gone and says he had \$250 in a coat pocket which went with the coat.

Dock Sterritt, a negro porter on the train, was one of the first to reach a telephone after running three miles to a residence in his stocking feet. His shoes had been taken away by the

bandits. During the smoking car shooting, passengers in the day coach behind either crawled under seats or sheltered themselves as best they could from a chance shot.

After finishing on the smoker the Mexicans robbed the day coach passengers mostly of small amounts of money and jewelry. Mr. and Mrs. Finkelstein of Houston, reported that Mrs. Finkelstein had lost a diamond ring and \$50 in cash. Except for robbery, none was molested in the day coach. The entire robbery lasted probably ten or fifteen minutes.

The wreck occurred about midnight, with the train running thirty-five miles an hour to make up lost time. The mail clerk and the express messenger were not molested. The first men to reach the train were five oil well drillers, camped about 1,000 feet from where the hold up occurred. These men crept up close, but seeing they were outnumbered by the bandits, remained in hiding until the Mexicans left.

United States soldiers and the county officers today made a thorough search through the Mexican village of Villa Nueva, located five miles from Brownsville.

Colonel A. P. Blocksom, in command of the cavalry patrol in this section, said today that he did not believe the bandits came from the Mexican side of the river as he had received no reports to indicate crossings last night.

Five companies of infantry and two troops of cavalry were sent today from Fort Brown here to the district where the robbery occurred.

L. L. Henninger, a passenger from Council Bluffs, Iowa, had a narrow escape. He hid his money before the bandits entered the day coach, where he sat with Morris Edelstein of Brownsville. A robber, on failing to open Henninger's grip, which stuck, shoved a pistol into the latter's stomach while another of the robbers ordered "kill the gringo."

Edelstein, who spoke Spanish, told the Mexicans that Henninger was not American but a German. The bandit then lowered his gun, robbing Henninger of his grip and coat, but failing to get his money.

Recognizes de la Rosa. Wallis said today he recognized as Luis de la Rosa, one of the train robbers. He knew de la Rosa well before the bandit troubles began.

Brownsville, Texas, Oct. 19.—Ten Mexicans were killed by posse today because of their alleged complicity in last night's wrecking of a St. Louis Brownsville and Mexico passenger train and the slaying of three Americans and the wounding of four others. Peace officers said tonight they had clues to other Mexicans connected with the robbery.

### ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM FOR DEFENSE OF NATION IS COMPLETE.

#### Includes Six-Year Plan Which Will Bring American Army With Reserves to 1,200,000 Trained Men.

Washington, Oct. 19.—Details of the administration program for national defense became known officially today. They include a six-year program which in that time will bring the American army up with reserves to 1,200,000 trained men and have a building program to add sixteen capital ships—ten dreadnaughts and six battle cruisers—eighty-five submarines, fifty destroyers and fifteen scout cruisers in five years with proportionate increases in personnel and officers.

Estimates of appropriations needed to begin the national defense program are placed at \$182,000,000 for the army and \$216,000,000 for the navy. President Wilson has approved the program as submitted by Secretaries Garrison and Daniels.

In the first year's program Secretary Daniels has recommended the building of two dreadnaughts, two battle cruisers, twenty-five coast submarines, five ocean-going submarines, twelve destroyers, three scout ships, an increase of 8,000 enlisted men and legislation for the appointment of 250 more midshipmen to the naval academy.

For the army \$72,000,000 more than last year will be asked and for the navy a \$68,000,000 increase, making the total increase for defense over last year \$140,000,000.

The combined estimates of appropriations for national defense will be between \$398,000,000 and \$400,000,000, the latter figure being the estimate that has been kept in mind from the beginning as the limit for expenditures.

Secretary Garrison's plan to increase the regular army from 87,000 to 140,000 men under a six-year enlistment requiring two years of service and four years in reserve, will give about 300,000 reserves in six years, according to war department calculations. The continental army which is to be created by means of a six-year enlistment of two months each year for three years with the colors and three years of reserve subject to call, will at the end of the six years give a total of 800,000 men. This trained citizen army, together with the regulars, will give, with the 125,000 national guardsmen, a mobile army of more than 1,200,000 in six years.

### SHARP BATTLE WITH MEXICANS

#### American Soldiers and Civilians are

#### Forced to Fight for Their Lives in the Night. Eight Killed, Eight Hurt in the 45-Minute Melee.

#### Three of the White Men Killed Were United States Soldiers—

#### Luis de la Rosa is Suspected.

Brownsville, Texas, Oct. 21.—About seventy-five Mexicans at 2 o'clock this morning attacked fifteen Americans at Ojo de Agua, a small Mexican settlement on the American side of the river, about sixty miles up the Rio Grande from here. Three soldiers were killed and eight wounded, and at least five Mexicans killed in the forty-minute battle which followed. Some of the Mexicans fled across the Rio Grande into Mexican territory when American cavalry reinforcements came up.

Mexicans slain in the fight had white hats bearing the words, "Viva Villa!"

San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 21.—Three United States soldiers were killed and six others wounded in an engagement with Mexican bandits near Ojo de Agua, about 2 o'clock this morning. The troops guarding the place, which is located near Mission, Texas, and about sixty miles north of Brownsville, were attacked by a large band.

Details of the fight are lacking, but in a preliminary report from Captain Frank R. McCoy, received at southern department headquarters at 3:45 o'clock this morning, the information was given that five dead Mexicans had been found in the dark after the attacking party had been driven off. The killed and wounded were all

members of Troop G, Third cavalry, and Company D, Signal corps.

The dead are: Sergeant Shafer, Troop G, Third cavalry, and first class Privates Joyce and McConnell, Company D, signal corps.

The list of wounded includes Private Bowner, Behr, Shallenback, Langlands and Kubie, Troop G, Third cavalry, and first class Sergeant Smith and Corporal Cansler and Private Stewart, Company D, Signal corps.

Captain McCoy arrived with relieving troops and the bandits fell back in the brush between Ojo de Agua and the Rio Grande.

Additional troops were rushed to the scene from nearby border patrol stations and search made for the bandits.

Ojo de Agua is near the river. Dense brush afforded the Mexicans perfect cover as they scattered and made toward the Mexican boundary.

A picket reported the presence of the bandits in time to give the troops a chance to take positions for their desperate resistance against odds.

The fifteen United States soldiers, fighting five against one, held their ground, although half of them were put out of commission before relief came from Mission, several miles away. Captain Frank R. McCoy took two troops of cavalry totalling about sixty men to the rescue and the Mexicans fled upon his approach.

The early morning attack again centered attention on activities of Luis de la Rosa, the Mexican bandit, who led Monday night's train robbery. Wednesday night he was reported in a camp on the Mexican side, not more than ten miles from Ojo de Agua. The Carranza consul here, Jose Z. Garza, went to Matamoros today to place before General Eugenio Lopez, the Carranza commander there, such reports as were available. American army authorities here impressed upon Mr. Garza the fact that they viewed the situation in a very serious light. The camp where de la Rosa was reported

yesterday is in the patrol district commanded by General Lopez.

Today was the first time that the bandits have openly adopted Villa's name as a rallying cry. Heretofore, they have been accustomed to appropriate Carranza's name. Reports to military authorities here indicated that today's attack was made with considerable show of good organization.

Today's fatalities brought the number of United States soldiers killed in fights with Mexicans in this section in the past three months, up to ten. Today's casualties were the largest number suffered by the troopers in any one fight.

Civil authorities have sent urgent messages from all points along this section of the border asking for men familiar with the Mexican methods of following trails in the brush. Army officers said they believed more troops would have to be sent here if the border is to be made safe from raids.

Bodies of four Mexicans killed as a result of the Monday night train robbery were found today about five miles from here near the scene of the wreck.

United States immigration authorities confiscated all copies brought to the United States side of El Embarcadero Carranza paper published at Matamoros. The authorities did this because the papers contained articles "regarding troubles in Texas which were detrimental to peace and good will."

Brownsville, Texas, Oct. 21.—Mexican bandits randed ranch property near Sebastian today, and fought with Texas rangers and deputy sheriffs who pursued them. No casualties were reported on either side. Sebastian is forty miles north of here and fully fifty miles from the Ojo de Agua battleground, where Mexicans attacked United States troops this morning.

The Sebastian raid occurred about daylight, the Mexicans burning the Ysenaga ranch house. The number of bandits is not known, but they were in sufficient force to head on pursuit of the small posse of rangers or deputies who attempted to follow them. The posse finally gave up its pursuit.

What do you suppose caused him to go to the bull? Cyrus trying to be a good fellow.

## EDDY WINS 2ND. PRIZE

### ODD FELLOWS BANQUET VICTOR MINTER

Our young and worthy friend, Victor L. Minter, seem to be coming in for his share of honor and notoriety, he having been elected Grand Master for the lodge of Odd Fellows for the New Mexico jurisdiction, and Tuesday evening at the Odd Fellows hall in Carlshad an elegant oyster stew was given in his honor by the local lodge in order to give the membership an opportunity of showing Mr. Minter that they heartily endorsed and appreciated the honor conferred on him at the Albuquerque assembly last week.

Plates were set for twenty-nine guests, and an elegant menu consisting of oyster stew, pickles, coffee etc., was spread and greatly enjoyed by those present.

Judge John W. Armstrong was elected toastmaster, and in a most fitting way performed his duty much to the satisfaction and entertainment of the guests.

L. E. Hays and J. F. Flowers, recent representatives at the Grand Lodge at Albuquerque, where Mr. Minter was elected to this important position, spoke to the toast "How it Happened." They each expressed much satisfaction at the election of Mr. Minter and said he was elected without opposition because of the fact that the state body recognized in him a worthy leader.

Grand Master Minter, R. L. Bates and Dr. Boatman made the principal addresses of the evening, the latter two and all the local Odd Fellows present, except Mr. Minter, speaking to the toast "Why it Happened." They all agreed that the principal element leading to Mr. Minter's selection was plain devotion to duty.

Visiting members of the order spoke to the toast "How We Like It." The visitors said they were all highly pleased and believed that the guidance of the future or the order was in safe hands.

Mr. Minter himself responded to the toast "How I Feel About It." He said his feeling of gratitude was profound; that he fully realized the great responsibility imposed, but would endeavor to do his whole duty.

Many witty things, many earnest things and many pleasant things were said during the course of the evening and the event altogether was quite a pleasant affair.

Noble Grand Master G. V. Price, R. L. Bates, E. S. Kirkpatrick and Will Koehner superintended the work of getting the banquet table in order, so that the arrangement of affairs that would add to the comfort and entertainment of the guests.

The people of Carlshad are proud of the distinction given to Mr. Minter and the Current congratulates him on having acquired the admiration and respect of so great a body of men as the Odd Fellows of the State of New Mexico.

Walter Pendleton wishes to announce to the public that he has moved his garage to the building formerly occupied by the Eddy Garage, near the depot, and invites all his old customers, as well as soliciting new ones, to call and see how nicely everything is arranged down there. He expects a car load of brand new 35 horse power Overlands Monday or Tuesday, and will sell them while they last for \$825. A car of the famous Willys-Knight Overlands will arrive later and the price will be right. He will keep a man on duty all night, so that at any hour of the night the public may obtain automobile service. A full line of repair parts for Overland cars will be kept on hand, as well as tires and accessories of all kinds, and expert mechanics will be on hand at all hours to do any kind of repair work. Gasoline and oil will be kept on hand at all times and sold as cheap as anyone can sell it. Free aid at the curb in front of the garage. Also has to sell or trade 200 acres of irrigated land, some town lots and real estate at a bargain for cash or will trade for live stock. Will lease grass for 1,000 to 10,000 head of cattle and pay 20 or 25c a head per month for good pasture.

### MILLION AND A QUARTER FOR ROADS READY.

#### State Engineer French Shows Huge Sum Available for State During Coming Year; Governor Wants Bookkeepers.

Santa Fe, N. M., Oct. 20.—That New Mexico has available in state and county funds \$1,247,277, for road construction during the coming twelve months was the conclusion of a report given to the session of the state association of highway officials here today, by State Engineer James A. French. Mr. French showed that the state would have available, including the income from tax levies and the bond issue \$685,000 while approximately \$565,000 would be available from county levies.

United States Senator Catron expressed confidence that the next session of congress would act favorably on the proposed appropriation of \$500,000,000 for national highway construction and state aid, and showed that New Mexico's share of that sum would be \$26,000,000. He pledged his help to the road appropriation.

Governor McDonald, who addressed the convention this morning, said he

### ROOSEVELT COUNTY WINS

#### FIRST PRIZE; EDDY GETS

#### SECOND AND COLFAX THIRD

#### Eastern District Lands Top Money in Inter-County Competition at State Fair.

Albuquerque, N. M., Oct. 16.—Roosevelt county was awarded the first prize for the best county exhibit at the state fair. Eddy county was given the second prize, and Colfax county the third.

The awards were made by R. S. Trumbull, Walter H. Olin and H. M. Bainer, agricultural agents, respectively, of the El Paso & Southwestern, Denver & Rio Grande and Santa Fe railroads.

In announcing the awards Mr. Trumbull stated that the judges had taken into consideration quantity, uniformity, arrangement and appearance, variety, and adaptability and marketability. Filing the maximum at 1,000 points they had apportioned the scoring in the following manner: Quantity, 150; uniformity, 150; arrangement and appearance, 200; variety and adaptability, 200; and marketability, 300.

On this basis, Mr. Trumbull said, the first eight counties had been rated in the following order: Roosevelt, 798; Eddy, 768; Colfax, 731; San Juan, 722; Dona Ana, 719; San Miguel, 681; Chaves, 635, and Bernalillo, 609.

### SANTA FE RAILROAD JOINS NEW MEXICO TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

#### Big Transportation Company Sends in Check for \$4,685.78 for First Year's Dues in New Organization.

#### HAS SAME VOICE AS MAN WHO PAYS \$1.50

#### Believes Organization for Benefit of State and Taxpayers and Want to Help, Says General Attorney.

The organization office of the Taxpayers' association of New Mexico in Albuquerque this week received the check of the Atchison, Topock & Santa Fe railroad for \$4,685.78, being the company's dues in the association for the coming year, and accompanying its application for membership in the new organization. It is three-fourths of one per cent of the taxes paid by the Santa Fe system in New Mexico last year, the rate fixed for payment of dues by the executive committee of the association under its articles of association.

The big check was handed in by W. C. Reid, New Mexico general solicitor for the railway company, who pointed out that the Santa Fe is becoming a member of the Taxpayers' association simply was following out its policy of joining actively in every movement which its directing heads believe for the benefit of the territory served by its lines.

"Although our membership check is a large one," said Captain Reid, "doubtless the largest membership check that the association will receive, we will have and will expect no more voice in the affairs of the association than is had by any individual member who pays the minimum dues of \$1.50 a year. Our company regards this Taxpayers' association as one of the most important, if not the most important public movement that has been initiated in New Mexico since it became a state, and it is our desire to co-operate with the association to the extent of giving it our complete support. Under the articles of association of the Taxpayers' association our membership entitles us to one vote, just the same as the smallest taxpayer who joins. That is all the vote we want. We are satisfied that the affairs of the association are in the hands of competent, public-spirited, earnest men and we want to do our share in assisting the movement in achieving its purposes to the fullest extent."

wanted to get into closer touch with the county road boards, and hoped they would "hit the ball" during the coming year. The governor urged a competent bookkeeper in connection with every county road board as the boards themselves would always know their financial status, and so that taxpayers might always find out at a glance how their money is being expended.

### EDDY COUNTY HOSPITAL NOTES

J. T. Beach was operated on this week for blood poison.

Mrs. Georgia Lawson, Willie, Opal and Ruby Lawson, all of Loving, were brought in Sunday, suffering with intestinal trouble.

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THE TIME TO CHEAT THAT FALL COUGH AND COLD IS BEFORE IT BECOMES DEEP ROOTED.

NOW IS THE TIME—THE REMEDY IS

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25 and 50 Cents per Bottle

WE HANDLE ALL THE OTHERS, BUT WE RECOMMEND THE ABOVE.

**EDDY DRUG STORE**

### WILSON ESTOPS ARMS FOR MEX.

#### Embargo Goes as to Everybody Except Carranza, Among the Various Attacks to Shipping Shutoffs.

Washington, Oct. 20.—President Wilson today declared an embargo on the shipment of arms and ammunition to Mexico.

President Wilson signed a supplementary order, however, which excepts General Carranza's government from the embargo and permits munitions to go through to him unhampered. The prohibition applies to the factions opposed to the government which the United States had recognized.

The president's proclamation is based upon the authority conferred by congress in 1912 and follows closely the terms of President Taft's proclamation issued when the revolution was on against Madero.

Violation of the embargo is punishable by a fine of not to exceed \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than two years, or both.

The Villa agency here closed its doors today. It was announced that in view of the recognition of General Carranza, there was no further need for maintaining it.

### Persian Bread.

The Persian native bread today is very little different from that used a thousand years ago. The Persian oven is built of smooth masonry in the ground, and many of them have been used for a century. The dough is formed into thin sheets about a foot long and two feet wide and slipped against the side of the oven. It bakes in a few minutes.

### Highest Mountains.

The five highest mountains in the world are all to be found in the Hinduayas.

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