

# TEN MEXICANS EXECUTED FOR WRECKING TRAIN

## Civilians, Peace Officers Avenge Death of Three Americans and Injury to Four—Attacked Train to Rob Passengers.

Brownsville, Texas, Oct. 19.—Ten Mexicans today paid with their lives for alleged complicity in last night's wrecking of a St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico passenger train on the outskirts of Brownsville, the killing of four others. Peace officers said tonight they had clues to other Mexicans connected with the robbers. No secret was made that more would be killed if civilian posse catch them.

Several hundred civilians, county peace officers and United States troops tonight continued in pursuit of other members of the band.

After wrecking the train last night, the outlaws, said to number about 75 men, fired on the passengers and robbed them of their money and valuables. The passengers killed were:

- Corporal McBee, Third United States cavalry; shot.
- Engineer H. H. Kendall, pinned beneath engine.
- Dr. E. S. McCain, deputy state health officer, at Brownsville.
- The injured were: Harry J. Wallis, Brownsville, shot in arm; R. Woodhall, fireman, scalded and bruised; Claude J. Brishear, Troop A, Sixth cavalry, shot in the jaw; C. H. Lay, Troop D, Third cavalry, shot in neck and leg.

Only meagre reports of the killing of the Mexicans today were available tonight. One of the men was a passenger aboard the train and is said to have revealed the hiding place of Dr. E. S. McCain. When the physician refused to leave the compartment in which he had taken refuge, the bandits opened fire through the door, mortally wounding him. Sheriff Vann today denied that the Mexican was killed, but it developed later that he was shot to death after the sheriff left the scene of the wreck. Four other Mexicans were hanged to trees at various points during the day and the others were shot.

One man captured by the United States troops was turned over to the civil authorities tonight. Five other suspects were placed in the Brownsville jail today.

Military officers here tonight expressed the opinion that the raid was organized on the American side of the Rio Grande. The scene of the robbery was three miles from the river. The Mexicans, as they fired at the train crew and passengers, shouted: "Viva Pisano, viva Carranza!"

Pizano was a co-leader with de la Rosa. The bandits removed the spikes from a rail, and lying concealed in the nearby brush, jerked this rail from under the nose of the engine with a long heavy wire. The engine, baggage and mail and express cars left the track. The day coach and smoking car remained on the rails. No pullmans were carried and few passengers were aboard.

John W. Sword, of Pinesville, Ky., a former United States States soldier, said he and three soldiers occupied a corner seat in front of the smoking car. The other three, McBee, Brishear and Laymon were in uniform. Sword was not. He said there was a lurch and all four of them pitched forward. The train stopped. Five or six Mexicans crowded in at the rear end of the coach and came forward firing revolvers. 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 Laymon was hit as he fled for the front door. The soldiers were regular passengers without their arms. The Mexicans, as they entered, seemed nervous, but grew bold and noisy when the passengers failed to shoot.

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

McCain and Wallis managed to hide in the lavatory without being observed. Kleibe fell as if shot, while Wright and Sauer hid under seats.

In the meantime Sword sat quiet, but took \$90 in bills from his pocket and hid the money under his seat. The bandits came up and asked him if he had any money. He said, "Sure," reached in his trousers pocket and fished out 40 cents, saying, "Take that and bust yourself." He then stood up and told the Mexican near him that a woman was badly frightened in the other car and he must attend her.

He brushed aside a bandit's arm and entered the first class coach, which he passed through without being stopped. Dropping off the rear end he ran three miles to a telephone.

During the smoking car shooting passengers in the day coach behind either crawled under seats or sheltered themselves as best they could against death from a chance shot from the wild firing by the band outside the train. After finishing in the smoker, the Mexicans robbed the day coach passengers, mostly of small amounts of money and jewelry.

Except for robbery, no one was molested in the day coach. The entire robbery lasted probably 10 or 15 minutes.

### FIVE YOUNG MEN HELD FOR CRIME IN GREENVILLE.

Greenville, Oct. 19.—Bill Simmons is mortally wounded and dying in the City hospital, the result of the passage of a .38 calibre pistol bullet through his brain, seemingly fired by Manley Neely yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock in Jasper Kelley's livery stable and cold drink stand on the corner of Montgomery street and the Buncombe road, in what is known as the "Ape Yard," while five young men are held pending an investigation of the crime, being Cliff Neeley, Manley Neeley, Grady Prince, Bunyan Belew and Patrick Belew.

Details of the shooting are hard to ascertain, but it appears that a drunken brawl, the culmination of a fight several years ago, was the basis for the shooting. Last night, the young men failed to make any statement regarding the shooting, beyond stating that Simmons was advancing upon the one who fired the shot, with an open knife. The knife was found there, all right, but physicians who performed the operation upon the wounded man's skull, stated that the ball was fired at a range higher than the victim's head and passed downward, a feat impossible unless the man holding the gun was upon some elevated

### REFUSES TO FREE TWO DEFENDANTS

#### JUDGE SMITH DECLINES TO ORDER RELEASE.

In Sheriff's Charge—Henry J. Brown and Edward R. McDonald Held Pending Coroner's Investigation.

Charleston, Oct. 18.—"The court can not discharge the defendants, but when a man is charged with murder his place is in the county jail," said Judge Mendel L. Smith in the Charleston county court room today at the conclusion of the habeas corpus proceedings brought to determine why Henry J. Brown and Edward R. McDonald were being held in the city jail. McDonald and Brown were arrested by the Charleston police immediately following the fight in the city Democratic executive committee headquarters at King and George streets early Friday morning.

"I am not going to discharge the defendants. I am going to commit them to the county jail pending the coroner's investigation. Take charge of the men, Mr. Sheriff," Judge Smith added.

Continuing his ruling Judge Smith said: "Any officer, or even citizen, has the right to arrest any one who commits a felony in his view or who receives certain information that a felony has been committed and in making such an arrest must take the person arrested before a judge or magistrate to be dealt with according to law."

"He is allowed a reasonable time within which to do this. Without, of course, passing on the merits of the cause, the court can not say that the information was not sufficient to justify the arrest or that the parties have been held an unreasonable time, and they are now before me to be dealt with according to law."

### MEXICAN BANDITS HOLD UP A TRAIN.

Brownsville, Oct. 19.—Inspired by race hatred as well as a desire for loot 20 Mexicans, claiming to be followers of Louis DeLa Roca, leader of the so-called Texas revolution, held up and robbed a train near Omitto.

The result is three dead and five wounded. It is believed the bandits escaped into Mexico.

As the bandits fired on the train they shouted "Viva Pisano Viva Carranza."

Pisano is a co-leader with Rosa.

Brownsville, Oct. 19.—Mexican bandits near Olimite held up and robbed a passenger train on the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad early today, seven miles north of here. They killed two persons and wounded three. The dead are: H. H. Kendall, engineer on the train and an unidentified United States cavalryman. The injured are Dr. E. S. McCain, a Cameron county physician, probably fatally shot, Harry Vallage and P. E. Moran, conductor. How much loot they obtained is unknown.

A discharged soldier appeared at Olimite shortly after midnight. He reported the train had been fired upon and several killed.

The sheriff and posse started in automobiles. A special train with two companies of infantry started. Cavalry troops left soon afterward followed by a truckload of infantry.

The first definite information at Fort Brown said bandits numbering 70 to 80 pulled a rail from the track and engine and baggage car went into the ditch. Then the Mexicans looted the train.

A long trestle near the wreck was fired, after the train was held up and nearly destroyed. This hindered the troops so the bandits had time to escape into the brush.

Passengers reaching here on a relief train said after the train stopped the Mexicans poured into the coaches shouting "Viva Pisano" and commenced shooting at passengers.

Pisano is the supposed leader of the so-called "Texas revolution" organized under the "Plan of San Diego" which last year contemplated the seizure of border States and returning of them to Mexico. The Mexicans cut the telephone lines between here and Villa Vucva preventing communication with troops at the scene of the hold-up.

point or the victim was at a lower range from some cause, than the one who held the gun. Doubtless a good explanation will be made of the occurrence, as all five are close friends and seem to be the only ones present.

Sheriff Rector arrested the five boys and carried them to his home last night under arrest.

It was near 4 o'clock in the afternoon that Sheriff Rector received a call from West Greenville, stating that the five young men had assaulted and seriously cut up a Greek, or some other alien, in that locality. He sent out Officers George King and E. H. Claybourne, who failed to find them. An hour later the sheriff received a hurry call to the "Ape Yard," which stated that Bill Simmons had been shot and fatally wounded. He called for the Ramseur-McAfee ambulance to carry the wounded man to the hospital and went out for the men suspected of the shooting.

At Jasper Kelley's livery stable, just at the end of Buncombe street, near the street car switch, he found the wounded man and had him rushed to the hospital.

He arrested Cliff Neeley and Patrick Belew at the place and later went to the homes of the other three and arrested them.

### WOMEN PERISH IN FLAMES.

#### Two Dead and Others Injured in Atlanta Fire.

Atlanta, Ga., October 16.—Two women are dead, one other probably fatally injured and four other persons more or less seriously injured as the result of a fire which destroyed the offices of the Mutual Film Corporation on the second floor of the Mion building here today. A number of other persons suffered minor injuries when they jumped from windows to the street.

The dead: Miss Clara Westbrook, body found in the film room; Miss Lottie Ham, died at City Hospital.

The injured: Miss Lucile Davis, probably fatally burned; Miss Beulah Yows, burned about face and hands; injured in jumping; H. Matthews, broken leg; J. E. Carlisle, fireman, burned about face and hands; G. B. Adams, burned about face and hands; bruised in jumping.

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