

VILLA JOINS FORCES WITH MEXICAN REBELS

ARMY OF 2,000 IS REPORTED TO HAVE FOLLOWED LEADER

(By the Associated Press.)
Nogales, Arizona, May 6.—Francisco Villa, notorious Mexican bandit, and his army of 2,000 men, is reported, according to announcement received here to have joined the secessionist movement in Mexico and will shift his strength in the concerted move to overthrow the Carranza government.

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City Sealer's Inspection. Gas tests, he said, were normal during April. The city treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$28,226. An audit from Earl Harshorn to audit the city's books was received and placed on file. The pay roll amounted to \$4,715.89. Street Superintendent Costello spent \$267.29 in his department during the month. Much of the work was for repairing "bad places" in the west side pavement.

FIREMEN CALLED TO FIGHT RAVINE BLAZE

A fire was made by the local fire department to a ravine near the intersection of Poplar and Madison streets this morning about 8:30 o'clock. High winds blown about 100 ft. and a fire started in a pile of brush about an hour's fighting and work the fire was extinguished.

GET STILL AND BOOZE IN RAID AT LA SALLE

BULLETIN.
Three agents working under Prohibition Officer Dalrymple raided the home of Frank Kmez, 403 Fifth street, La Salle, securing three barrels of moonshine whiskey and a still. Kmez is a patient in St. Mary's hospital, La Salle. The raid was made Monday and yesterday but kept quiet until late this afternoon.

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PUBLIC SERVICE CO. PETITIONS STATE TO RAISE GAS RATES

Notice is given that application for increased charges will be filed with public utilities commission at Springfield.

Patrons of the Public Service company may have to pay more than a 50 percent increase for all gas used in Ottawa as the result of a petition filed with the public utilities commission in Springfield today. Under the proposed increase all users of gas for both illuminating and general purposes will be affected by the raise. At present gas is selling for 95 cents per 1,000 cubic feet here. Under the terms of the increase \$1.50 will be charged per 1,000 feet for the first 5,000 feet, \$1.10 per thousand for the second 5,000 feet and \$1.20 per thousand for the third 5,000 feet and \$1.20 per thousand for all over 15,000 feet. The date for hearing the petition for the increase has not been set. It is likely when the petition is brought up for a hearing city officials and possibly representatives of the Business Men's association of the city will be present.

THE LAST STAND



OTTAWA MAY SECURE A CAR OF 160 SUGAR, LATEST REPORT FROM TEXAS

John Crawford tells that his car of sugar is held in Fort Worth—expects government to get it released.

John Crawford, the Kansas real estate man who three weeks ago landed his car of sugar in Fort Worth and retail it for seven cents a pound, has returned from a business trip to Texas and reports that his car of Texas cane sugar is now on the side track at Fort Worth, Texas, where evidently the wealthy sugar dealers have then some look or credit had it stalled. He reports that as soon as he can get it released he will bring it to the Illinois Valley and make good his promise to retail cheap sugar.

This morning the Free Trader Journal attempted to get in communication with Mr. Crawford who is a former well known resident of Grand Ridge but learned that he was in Kankakee on a business trip. They reached Mrs. Sarah Crawford his sister, who would be his visiting.

MEXICAN NABBED WHEN WIFE SAYS HE TRIED TO KILL HER

Runs amuck and then for gets what happened—held for examination and then regains his mental equilibrium.

Washington, May 6.—(Immediate dispatch.) The immigration laws were considered today at a special meeting of the senate emigration committee called as a result of a cable yesterday by Secretary Wilson that membership in the communist labor party is alone sufficient cause for deportation of aliens.

Charged with being not O. K. mentally and raising a rough house yesterday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock Joseph Cusano, a Mexican aged 23 years, an employe of the Chicago Bort & Fire Brick Co. was placed in the arrest last evening about 6:15 o'clock by Chief of Police James Crowe, and lodged in the county jail. This morning he was taken before Judge George Keating for a hearing. Last night the wife of Cusano called the police and told them to come at once to their home on West Washington street, as he was manning her and raising a rough house. This morning when arrested before the judge Cusano stated that he did not know what was going on and that he did not remember beating or mistreating his helpmate. He fur-

DIAMOND TANGLE IS CLEARED UP; FANS BREATHE EASY AGAIN

For a time it looked as though baseball association would be without a place to stage its games—patriotism of lessee clears up situation.

When organization of the team was first started W. H. Duncan and Ben were informed by Reynolds, president of the fair association, that the center of the race track could be used as a ball diamond, which put all ball "fans" to thinking. We refer to the race track and diamond and possibility of Ross being securing it.

The association was in a fine predicament. Members Dunn and Duncan and all were on the trail of the fair officials and Mr. Pearson yesterday morning an agreement was made by Pearson, the fair officials and the association that the track could be used as a diamond. Pearson, rather than pull the arrangement of more than 2,000 enthusiastic ball fans in the city, finally consented to let the association use it for his season.

Players Gobbling Up. Players for the team seem to be coming in thick and fast. According to announcements made this morning by Manager Dunn, he has already signed the first catcher for the team and they are ready to take the rest of the list of any one name. Campbell, a star from Earlville, is one, while a fellow by the name of O'Brien from the southern part of the state is the other. Lefty are said to be real players and will arrive in the city as soon as they are notified.

Four infielders have been looked to play on the local team. Pully White of Morris, recently and Fort from Indiana and Bundies are the men all four are said to have playing ability. As for pitchers, Dunn has not needed any as yet. But he still feels hard to get Red Williams and Sp. Clark of Henry, Ill. Both men are players of the Henry Grey Sox. Around this part of the country will be teaching them as stars.

LA SALLE WOMAN WON'T FACE TRIAL THIS COURT TERM

Inability of attorney to use arms and prepare defense wins continuance for Gustie Retat.

Miss Gustie Retat of La Salle, will not be tried in the Circuit Court during this term on a perjury charge. Miss Retat was indicted for testifying falsely before the grand jury. Her case was set for trial next week when the criminal docket will be taken up before Judge Davis. This morning Attorney Walter Panneck of La Salle, appeared before Judge Davis and asked that the case be continued until the next term of court. He explained that he broke his arm last winter and has not yet recovered sufficiently to handle law books and prepare the defense for his client. Judge Davis granted the motion.

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