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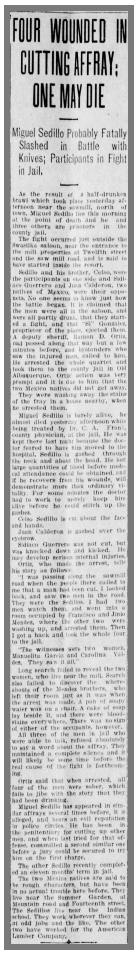

FOUR WOUNDED IN CUTTING AFFRAY; ONE MAY DIE

Miguel Sedillo Probably Fatally Slashed in Battle with Knives; Participants in Fight in Jail.

As the result of a half-drunken brawl which took place yesterday afternoon near the sawmill, north of town, Miguel Sedillo lies this morning at the point of death and he and three others are prisoners in the county jail.

The fight occurred just outside the Swastika saloon, near the entrance to the mill properties at Twelfth street and the new mill road, and is said to have started inside the resort.

Sedillo and his brother, Celso, were the participants on one side, and Silvino Guerrero and Juan Calderon, two natives of Mexico, were the others. Just how many were in the party just now the battle began, it is claimed that the men were all in the saloon, and were all partly drunk, that they started a fight, and that "Si" Gonzier, proprietor of the place, ejected them. A deputy sheriff, Ramon D. Ortiz, had passed along that way but a few minutes before, and bystanders who saw the injured men, called to him. He arrested the whole quartet and started to the jail with them. Miguel Sedillo, however, grew weak, was left behind and it is due to him that the two Mexico natives did not get away.

They were washing away the stains of the fray in a horse nearby, when he arrested them.

Miguel Sedillo is barely alive, he almost died yesterday afternoon while being treated by Dr. C. A. Thomas, county physician, at the jail. He was kept there last night because the doctor feared to have him moved to the hospital. Sedillo is gashed through the neck and about the head. He lost large quantities of blood before the bleeding could be stopped, and is still dangerously weak from his wounds, will probably remain that ordinary stability. For some minutes the doctor had to work to merely keep him alive before he could stitch up the gashes.

Celso Sedillo is cut about the face and hands.

Juan Calderon is gashed over the eyebrow.

Silvino Guerrero was not cut, but was knocked down and kicked. He complains of severe internal injuries.

Ortiz, who made the arrest, tells his story as follows:

"I was passing along the sawmill road when the people there called to me that a man had been cut. I looked back, and saw two men in the road. They were the Sedillos. I had two men watch them, and went into a room occupied by Francisco and Jose Medina, where the other two were washing up, and arrested them. Then I got a hack and took the whole four to the jail.

"The witnesses are two women, Manuelita Garcia and Cipolina Valdez. They saw it all."

Long search failed to reveal the two weapons found near the mill. Search was failed to discover the whereabouts of the Medina brothers, who left their room just as it was when the arrest was made. A pan of muddy water was on a chair. A cake of soap lay beside it, and there were blood-stains everywhere. There was no sign of either of the accipants, however.

All three of the men in jail who were able to talk, refused to converse to any extent. They claim to have maintained complete silence and it will be some time before the real cause of the fight is forthcoming.

Ortiz said that when arrested, all four of the men were sober, which fails to jibe with the story that they had been drinking.

Miguel Sedillo has appeared in similar affrays several times before, it is alleged, and bears an evil reputation in police circles. He has been in the penitentiary for cutting an other man, and when last tried for that offense, the charge of assault to murder before the jury could be secured in its place on the four charge.

The other Sedillo recently completed an eleven months' term in jail.

The two Mexico natives are said to be rough characters, but have been in no actual trouble here before. They live near the Summer Garden, at Mountain road and Fourteenth street. The Sedillos live near the Indian school. They work whenever they can, at odd jobs and the like. The other two have worked for the American Lumber Company.

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