

# SAN DIEGO HERALD.

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**Highly Alarming Intelligence  
Men Killed!!!  
War Proclaimed by the Indians!!  
Regular Organization on their  
part, and a determination  
to proceed to extremities!!**

Our city was thrown into a high state of excitement, on Sunday afternoon last, by the arrival of an Express from Agua Caliente, the residence of Hon. John J. Warner, State Senator, conveying the intelligence that the Indians, who are numerous in that vicinity, had risen and attacked his ranch, destroying all of his household property, and driving away his stock, consisting of large and valuable herds of cattle and horses.

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of it, killing one of his party. Ammunition soon becoming scarce, Mr. W. deemed it prudent to retire; not, however, until he had satisfied himself that he had killed four of the enemy. The Indians rifled the house of everything it contained, and are now in arms in the mountains, defying the whites, and boldly proclaiming their intention to massacre every white in the State.

The Indians have since killed four Americans at the Springs, making a total of nine men murdered since the commencement of this unhappy outbreak.

The same day, an Express from Lt. Murray, the officer in command on the Gila, reached here, notifying the commanding officer of a ~~number of men~~ being slaughtered by the Yumas and Cocopas, and of the killing of four

and Cocopa, and of the killing of four whites by the Indians. On the following morning, a message arrived from the residence of Don Juan Bandini, in South California, conveying the unpleasant news that the Indians of Lower California had been invited to join in a conspiracy, having for its object the annihilation of the whites. When it is recollected that Warner's ranch is distant from the point occupied by Lt. Murray, 130 miles, and from Bandini's ranch 160 miles, it will be seen that there is a probability that the entire Indian race, numbering some ten thousand souls, residing between Los Angeles and the Colorado river, are concerned in this outbreak.

We invite attention to the letter written by Antonio Geron, the chief of the principal tribe of Indians, to Don Jose Antonio Estudillo, one of

Indians, to Don Jose Antonio Estudillo, one of our most respected citizens. This letter, together with some other circumstances that have come to light, has induced the belief that some of the abandoned of the native population are consorting with the Indians. The writer, Antonio Estudillo, received a respectable Spanish education at the University of San Louis Rey, and is regarded by all who know him, as a man of energy, determination, and integrity. As one of the principal agents, his power and influence over the Indians is almost unbounded. Since the death of the county (most unwisely, in our judgment,) managed to assess and collect a tax upon his estate, Antonio has exhibited the most malignant feelings towards our Government, that has been busy for weeks past in despatching couriers to the different tribes, inciting them to hostilities, and offering a co-operation

tax upon his cattle, Antonio has exhibited the most malignant feelings towards our Government, and has been busy for weeks past in despatching couriers to the different tribes, inciting them to hostilities, and offering a co-operation on his part. The dark war cloud that has so long hovered over us, has burst, spreading terror and dismay throughout this wide spread and thinly populated country. The ball is in motion, and unless the most active steps are taken by our Government, an early, a protracted, ruinous and wounding war is before us, involving the loss of many valuable lives, and the expenditure of many millions of money. Unhappily the people of the North, our foes are a numerous and well organized with the necessary means, and possessing more property, with

an immense extent of country on the Gila, and beyond its confines to which they can be for security in case of being hard pressed.

Our citizens have for some weeks past, apprehended trouble with the Indians, and on Monday morning last, assembled in town meeting, and proclaimed "Martial Law"—the following, among other reasons, influencing this course of conduct. The County Judge (Hays) has been absent from his post many months, and in consequence of his absence, our newly elected Justices of the Peace, are unable to qualify—leaving us almost entirely deprived of proper legal authority. Again, a portion of the native Californians were backward in volunteering to punish the Indians, and it was deemed prudent, under the circumstances, to bring them under strict military discipline