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The 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 mules and valuable hundreds of cattle and horses.
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Of sheep and valuable brother cattle and horses. On the third last, Mrs. Warner was warned by a friendly Indian, that his people designed war against the Americans, and that the initiative on their part would be an attack upon her house. Armed at this, Mr. Warner immediately despatched his family for this place, and proceeded to place his house in a state of defence. He caused his cattle to be collected, and had four horses saddled and tied to his door, to be used to convey intelligence to his neighbors in case the Indians appeared. The following night, about 9 o'clock, Mr. W.'s house was surrounded by a party of Indians, number 100 strong, who demanded possession of his cattle and attacked his premises. Mr. W., aided by two employes, opened a fire upon the enemy, who returned it, killing one of his party. Ammunition was running out, Mr. W. deemed it necessary...
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ed it, killing one of his party. Ammunition soon becoming scarce, Mr. W. deemed it prudent to return; not, however, until he had satisfied himself that he had killed four of the enemy. The Indians ridded the house of everything of value, 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 war-party being annihilated by the Yuma and Cahuilla, and of the killing of four
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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 conversing with the Indians. The writer, Antonio Sandoval, received a suitable Spanish education under the guidance of Sr. Don Rey, and is regarded by all who know him, as a man of energy, determination, and honesty. As one of the wealthiest men, his power and influence over the Indians is almost unbounded. Since the arrival of the county (most unwisely, in our opinion, determined to assess and collect a 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 effecting a combination...
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ment, and has been busy for weeks past in des-
patching couriers to the different tribes, inciting
them to hostilities, and offering co-operation
on his part. The dark war cloud that has so
long hovered over us, has burst, spreading ter-
rible and bloody, throughout this widespread
and thinly populated county. The ball is in mo-
date, and in the most active steps are taken
by our Government, as usual, of precaution, run-
ner, and voluntary war. It before us, involving
the destruction of many valuable lives, and the
wasting of many millions of money. Un-
known to the North, our foes are a
powerful and augmented with the use
of arms, this increasing power, with
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An increased extent of country on the Gila, and beyond its limits 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.