

## ***Mexican Border War***

### **U.S. TROOPS CLEAR STREETS**

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1,000 Maderistas Confront Federals. Demanding Surrender ---Agua Prieta in in Hands of Maderistas

NOGALES, March 12 – Col. Kosterlitzky, commanding 300 rurale (sic) police defending Nogales, Sonora, tonight deployed men in small bands among the hills surrounding the town.

With 1000 constitutionalist soldiers encamped within advancing distance of the town, General Obregon demanded unconditional surrender. The federal commander answered “My men are ready. Will resist with utmost energy, though defensive only.”

Officials of Nogales are promised by the rebel general that they will receive warning immediately before any attack on the town across the street, which is where the international boundary begins. Thought no such warning has been received, troopers of the Fifth cavalry under Captain C. C. Smith are tonight clearing the streets and suggesting to all persons that they stay within doors.

Col. Kosterlitzky tonight received word from Federal Commander Ojeda, who today evacuated Agua Prieta with approximately 500 men, that he is marching to his relief. The news greatly cheered the federal commander and caused him to reiterate refusal to capitulate.

Three federal soldiers tonight deserted the Nogales garrison and joined the rebels in the hills. Kosterlitzky then posted guards about the town and gave strict orders that no federal soldiers be allowed to leave nogales for either the rebel camp or the United States without passports.