

RENEGADES TO SAN CARLOS AND HOLD THEM IN CONFINEMENT FOR MURDER AND ROBBERY. CALL ON MILITARY FOR AID, IF NEEDED.

(SIGNED) SMITH, COMMISSIONER

An Apache trail can get very cold in twenty-four hours; much colder in twenty-four days. Mr. Clum, his wife, and Dr. Chapin, agency physician, were seated on the ramada of the agency residence, enjoying the coolness and quiet of an early Arizona evening, when a courier arrived with the telegram. Clum read it, then handed it to Dr. Chapin.

'But, John,' exclaimed the doctor, 'surely you are not going to undertake this job? Ojo Caliente is two hundred miles beyond the Arizona border, outside of your territory. And besides, eleven troops of United States Cavalry have been unable to trap this Geronimo; why should you try it? It's suicide.'

While Chapin was talking, Clum went to his desk, and wrote the following telegram:

SAFFORD, GOVERNOR OF ARIZONA

TUCSON

AM ORDERED TO TAKE APACHE POLICE AND CAPTURE GERONIMO AT OJO CALIENTE, NEW MEXICO. WILL NEED MY COMPANY OF APACHES NOW IN SERVICE OF ARIZONA TERRITORY. REQUEST THEY BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY TO MY JURISDICTION.

Clum gave the telegram to the waiting courier. At ten o'clock the next morning, Clum received a reply from the Governor, agreeing to the request. Clum then wired Beauford, in command of the Apache militia company, to march at once to Silver City, New Mexico, and await his arrival, about April 8. Three hours later, immediately after luncheon, Agent Clum left San Carlos with forty dependable and well-trained Apache police, en route, on foot, to Silver City, four hundred miles away.

'Navigating the great Arizona-New Mexico desert in the spring of 1877