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## SAN BLAS REDSKINS ON WARPATH OVER QUILO'S ARREST

### Fire on Posse Attempting to Capture Indian Who Burned Grandson Alive

### ENTIRE VILLAGE BURNS DOWN

#### Member of Posse Wounded and Abandoned in Party's Flight, Believe Killed by Natives

The redskins at Ticantiqui, San Blas, are on the warpath, according to information received by Ricardo Alfaro, secretary of government and justice, from Humberto Valgio in charge of the reservation.

Valgio reports that November 10 he received information that an Indian known by the name of Quilo had burned his grandson alive in the village of Ticantiqui and accordingly sent out a posse composed of five men to investigate.

#### Arrived at Midnight

The posse arriving at its destination at midnight and immediately proceeded to Quilo's hut.

After placing guards to prevent an escape, the lieutenant in charge of the posse and two men entered the hut and placed the Indian under arrest.

However, Quilo evaded them and sprang for the door to escape to the jungle and on being blocked by the guards outside, he alarmed the village and yelled for the inhabitants to get guns and to come to his aid.

#### Attempt Rescue

The posse, however, paid no attention to his yells. But while engaged in looking for their man, near the river bank, they saw the entire village coming to his rescue armed with sticks, machetes and shot guns.

The leader of the posse ordered two men to get the Indian aboard the cayuco while he and the two remaining men busied themselves with holding back the villagers.

#### Wound One Captor

Soon, however, the Indians opened and one of the two men entrusted with the task of getting Quilo aboard the cayuco was seen to reel and fall to the ground wounded.

At this juncture, the posse made for the boat. But they were not to escape so easily for the Indians also embarked and took up the chase and would have finally overtaken the posse had they not sought refuge on the island of Playon Chico, where they found the government launch which was immediately dispatched back to the island of El Porvenir with a report to the chief of the reservation.

#### Renew Hunt

After refreshing themselves on the island of Playon Chico, the posse again started out for Ticantiqui to learn the fate of the wounded soldier.

On arriving at their destination they found the shore lined with Indians and not a sign of a woman or a child in the village.

#### Indians Open Fire

As soon as the launch came within shooting distance, the Indians opened fire but the launch kept just beyond range until the Indians had practically exhausted their ammunition.

The party then came ashore and after firing a few volleys to intimidate the Indians, the village was raided.

The posse went from house to

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house searching for the wounded man but could find him nowhere. Though they did find the Indian whose attempted capture was the cause of the trouble, apparently dead with an old nag lying over him.

#### Playing Possum

The posse investigated and found that the man was only playing possum and this time made sure that he was safely transferred to the launch so he could not make trouble.

When the last houses of the village were reached the Indians began to throw dynamite but succeeded only in destroying a hut and in setting fire to others, inflicting no damage whatever on the searchers.

#### Village a Furnace

The sparks from the burning hut soon started fires on the thatched roofs of the nearby huts.

The wadding used by the Indians in their muzzle loading guns falling among the stray huts every time a gun was fired also started fires and with the fresh breeze blowing from the ocean the village was soon a roaring furnace.

When the entire village was burning and the posse was forced to abandon the shore for the launch fearing that a spark might be blown out to it and cause an explosion of the gasoline tank.

#### Fate Is Unknown

It has not been possible to ascertain the fate of the wounded man though opinion is rife as to his fate. Some of the Indians in the employ of the government declare that it is more than probable that he is now lying at the bottom of the straits between the islands.

The chief of the reservation concludes his report asking for an increase of ten men in the detachment under his command and that another gasoline launch be added