Guide to the Border Newspaper Collection MS 282

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Title: Border Newspaper Collection
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Physical Description: 1.75 Linear feet (2 boxes)
Date (inclusive): 1911 May 9-1927 July 27
Abstract: Collection consists of newspapers from Southern California and Baja California, Mexico reporting on border issues in 1911 and 1926-1927.
creator: San Diego Historical Society.
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Arrangement
Collection is arranged in chronological order.
Scope and Content
This collection consists of newspapers published in Southern California and Baja California, Mexico in 1911 and 1926-1927. Major subjects include murder of an American family in Tijuana and subsequent border closings in February 1926 as well as prohibition and smuggling issues in mid-1927.
Biographical / Historical Notes
In the 1920s, there were many disturbances along the United States-Mexico border stemming from prohibition. These incidences were especially common at the San Diego-Tijuana border. The tension was made worse by murders and smuggling issues which led to the border being temporarily closed in 1926.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Calles, Plutarco Elias, 1877-1945
Coolidge, Calvin, 1872-1933
Peteet family
Rodriguez, Abelardo L. (Abelardo Lujan), 1889-1967
Schwaebe, Louis H.
Baja California (Mexico : Peninsula)
Border security
Los Angeles Examiner Los Angeles Times
Prohibition
Rounder
San Diego (Calif.)
San Diego Evening Tribune San Diego Independent San Diego Sun San Diego Union
Tijuana (Baja California, Mexico)

Box-folder 1:1 Newspapers, 1911 May 9
Headlines of interest:
"Tijuana is Captured by the Rebels After Savage Fight," San Diego Evening Tribune, May 9, 1911

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Box-folder 1:2  Newspapers, 1926 February 11-14
Headlines of interest:
“Tijuana’s Chief and Two Others Held,” LA Examiner, February 11, 1926
“Mexican Court Opens Hearings on Peteet ‘Shame Deaths,’” San Diego Sun, February 13, 1926
“Mexican Fears Influence will Free Police Attackers of U.S. Women,” San Diego Sun, February 13, 1926
“Tijuana’s Mayor Declares War on Vice Dens,” San Diego Union, February 14, 1926
“Mexican Bandit Escapes to US,” San Diego Union, February 14, 1926

Box-folder 1:3  Newspapers, 1926 February 15-17
Headlines of interest:
“Charge Murder in Tijuana: Governor Orders Closing of 52 Border Saloons Following Findings,” San Diego Union, February 15, 1926
“San Diego Pastors Send Wire to Calles, Expresses Faith in Border Closing,” San Diego Union, February 16, 1926
“Saloons Closed to Unescorted Women,” San Diego Evening Tribune, February 16, 1926
“Cannot Put Up Border Barrier Coolidge Holds,” San Diego Union, February 17, 1926
“Border Chamber Blames Peteet in Family Deaths,” San Diego Union, February 17, 1926
“4 Indicted 3 Freed at Tijuana,” San Diego Evening Tribune, February 17, 1926

Box-folder 1:4  Newspapers, 1926 February 18
Headlines of interest:
“Free Trio in Tijuana: Death Penalty is Eliminated,” Los Angeles Times, February 18, 1926

Box-folder 1:5  Newspapers, 1926 February 19-20
Headlines of interest:
“Tijuana Battling Border Closing,” San Diego Sun, February 19, 1926

Box-folder 2:1  Newspapers, 1926 February 23-25
Headlines of interest:
“Four Churches Unite to Back Prohibition,” San Diego Union, February 24, 1926
“Governor Rodriguez would Bar Border to California Trade,” San Diego Union, February 25, 1926

Box-folder 2:2  Newspapers, 1927 April 2-8
Headlines of interest:
“Strong Order Comes as to Children: No Minors Now Permitted in Bars Even if Accompanied by Parents,” Rounder, April 2, 1927
“Customs Officers Permit Tijuana Liquor Smuggling, State Dry Chief Charges,” San Diego Union, April 6, 1927
“Rum Flood Pours by Customs Guard, Officials Charge,” San Diego Independent, April 7, 1927
“Liquor Flood Admitted by Schwaebe: Collector Thinks Leak West of Tijuana,” San Diego Independent, April 8, 1927
Box-folder 2:3  **Newspapers, 1927 April 9-17**

Headlines of interest:
“Keyes Rushes Dry Agents Prosecution for Murder,” Los Angeles Examiner, April 9, 1927
“Captors Risk Lives, Quench Rum Ship Fire,” Los Angeles Examiner, April 9, 1927
“US Probe of Customs Asked in Rum Leak Here,” San Diego Independent, April 9, 1927
“Government begins Probe in Border Row,” San Diego Independent, April 15, 1927

Box-folder 2:4  **Newspapers, 1927 April 19-29**

Headlines of interest:
“Big Border Shipment Seized: Cass of Dry Forces Takes Man and 200 Gallons in Raid,” San Diego Independent, April 19, 1927
“Coast Rum Ship Seizure Held Illegal,” Los Angeles Evening Tribune, April 20, 1927
“Dry Chief makes Flying Trip to San Diego,” San Diego Independent, April 20, 1927

Box-folder 2:5  **Newspapers, 1927 May 1-July 27**

Headlines of interest:
“50,000 Border Rum Grant Sifted: Fund to Keep Open Line at Christmas Stirring US Inquiry,” San Diego Independent, May 1, 1927
“US Plans New Secret Service Border Guard: War on Smuggling May Be Directed from San Diego,” San Diego Independent, July 1, 1927
“US Customs Line Riders to leave July 31,” San Diego Independent, July 13, 1927