

# ENDS CAREER OF MEXICAN OUTLAW

### Border Desperado Who Committed Many Crimes With Ax Is Killed by Deputy

Rio Hondo, Tex.—When Alfredo Luna, Mexican outlaw, murdered Guadalupe Moreno and kidnaped the beautiful sixteen-year-old widow of his victim, a few days ago, he committed the last of a series of bloody exploits. Luna was trailed to his camp in the chapparal, 25 miles from here, by a sheriff's posse and there shot and killed by Deputy Sheriff Victor Ortega. With the death of Luna and the confession he made to Mrs. Moreno there was solved the mystery of several murders and assaults which have been committed in the Rio Hondo section of the lower Rio Grande border in the last two years.

For three days Luna kept Mrs. Moreno a captive in his remote camp, submitting her to many tortures. According to her sworn story, Luna entered the Moreno home five miles from Rio Hondo, late at night. He awakened her first and asked if her husband was at home. The latter answered for himself, and Luna then struck Moreno over the head with a pistol and then picked up an ax with which he continued beating him until he was dead. The bandit then grabbed Mrs. Moreno and placed her on a horse in front of him and fled. He threatened to kill her if she made an outcry. They traveled most of the night, finally arriving at Luna's camp.

### Kept Girl Prisoner.

The camp is about two miles from Rancho Nueva and five miles from Los Leones. Here the girl was kept in captivity from Thursday morning until Saturday afternoon. During this time Mrs. Moreno did not eat anything, although Luna brought her food. He went to the Chapa ranch house, some distance from the camp to obtain food, she said. It was at the camp that Luna told her of his crimes.

According to Mrs. Moreno, she was repeatedly threatened with death by Luna while in camp. He spent much of his time telling her of the many crimes he had committed. He said that he killed Miss Marie Schroeder at Rio Hondo two years ago; that he was the man who brutally assaulted E. F. Ehlers of Rio Hondo and attacked Mrs. Ehlers, a few weeks ago. His purpose, he said, was to kidnap Miss Ruth Ehlers, their daughter, but he was foiled in this effort.

The killing of the Schroeder girl was described as the most atrocious in the history of the lower border country. The girl was accustomed to go to and from school, about three miles from her home, on a horse. She failed to return home one evening. Nothing was thought of it at the time, as she frequently spent nights with friends in San Benito. Next day, when she failed to appear, a search was started. Her horse was found, and later her badly mutilated body was discovered hidden in underbrush.

### Got His Man—Dead.

Posses beat the country for several days, and one man, a Mexican, believed to have had some knowledge of the crime, was killed when he resisted officers.

Luna, according to information obtained, was feared by all the people of the Rio Hondo district because of his brutality and treachery. Luna had been suspected for some time of having been implicated in the Ehlers crime. At the time this crime was committed, Sheriff Sam Robertson put Victor Ortega on the case. Ortega expressed the belief that Luna was the guilty man, and he spent most of his time after the Ehler crime searching for Luna.

Robertson offered a reward of \$100 for the murderer of Guadalupe Moreno, dead or alive, and Ortega, with the faithfulness with which he started on the case, got his man—dead.

Luna was twenty-four years old and it is believed by peace officers that his death will remove the ringleader of a group of bandits who have been committing crimes in the Rio Hondo district, and hiding in the stretches of brush land between that place and the bay.

### Boy, 10, Valedictorian in High School Class

Syracuse, N. Y.—As a final achievement in the most remarkable school record ever attained by a Syracuse child, Moses Finkelstein, ten, has won the honor place of valedictorian in the June graduating class of Central high school. The boy will be eleven on May 30. The Central high school prodigy finished his high school course in two years.

### Australia Subsidizes Cotton.

Sydney, N. S. W.—The New South Wales government is offering cotton growers a three-year guaranty on delivery of cotton to ginneries, the first year 54d a pound, the second year 4d and the third year 4d. In Queensland 100,000 acres of cotton are under cultivation.

### Asks \$30,000 for a Bite.

New York.—Alleging that a "cannibalistic" parrot bit a finger from her right hand, Hilma Greenman, a maid, has filed suit for \$30,000 damages in New York city. The maid is suing her employer, Mrs. Julia Lecluse, owner of the parrot.

### THE MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

At the meeting of the Ministerial Alliance Tuesday morning some serious consideration was given to the too prevalent practice in our city of irresponsible persons under the guise of ministers soliciting for funds for nothing other than their own use. It was decided that some definite steps must be taken to stop such actions not only for the protection of every minister in good standing but also for the race generally.

# ALASKA TO GET MORE TRAFFIC

### Operation of River Boats Makes One More Step in Opening Up Territory.

Washington.—One more step in "opening up" Alaska will be taken when the government begins operation of river boats on the Yukon and Tanana this summer.

"This Fairbanks, interior metropolis of Alaska, becomes officially the place where trails and rivers meet," says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society. "Fairbanks marks the apex of a traffic triangle with one leg planted at Seward, southern terminus of the Alaska railway, and the other on Bering sea, where flow the waters of the Tanana and the Yukon.

"The Yukon is one of the world's great rivers. If its mouth were at New York city its source would be near Salt Lake City.

"The Tanana, the less familiar portion of the new government boat route, is the Yukon's chief southern tributary. It drains the vast Tanana valley, rich in gold, other minerals and virgin farm lands.

"This Imperial valley of the Far North, as large as West Virginia, now has a white population of less than 7,000. In a dozen years after the first substantial gold output, in 1903, yellow ore worth \$96,000,000 was mined.

### Town of Flowers and Birdhouses.

"Steaming up the Yukon in summer time the visitor will reach a town of many flowers, where numerous homes have hot-houses, some have bird boxes on their peaks, and practically all have vegetable gardens. Wild roses and Scotch bluebells grow in the fields.

"He rubs his eyes and exclaims, 'This can't be Alaska!' But it is, and Alaskans would have their fellow-Americans recover from the idea, 'due to misleading textbooks of generations gone,' that theirs is a 'forbidding, ice-covered, glacier-crowned land of dog-teams and polar bears.' The quotation is from the most recent report of the territorial government, and it is repeated at every opportunity.

"The Alaskans are not denying marked climatic differences from the states. A novelist recently sent the proof of a serial story he was writing to a native. This writer had the pitch-dark of a Fourth of July night illuminated by fireworks. The fireworks were all right—the Alaskan celebrates with the rest of us—but there is no night in July.

"Fairbanks had to pass a curfew law that all children must be put to bed summer evenings by ten o'clock, lest the youngsters get inadequate rest. After your host has tucked the children to bed and takes you to a dance or to the 'movies' it is a queer sensation to walk home in daylight.

"The town of flowers and birds and gardens is Tanana. Turning into the river of that name the visitor is assailed by less pleasant evidences that Alaska is not all winter. Mosquitoes and mooseflies abound.

"The Tanana is broad and placid. Green willows and poplars push out over the water's edge, for the earth banks are soft and the dirt melts away as in many places the water digs a cave beneath.

"Often turning and twisting, your boat will pass Tolovana, where, on a clear day, Mt. McKinley, a hundred miles away, is visible. Farther on is Nenana, now the terminus of the broad-gauge Alaska railroad from Seward. Today passengers must change here to the narrow gauge line to Fairbanks. With the opening of the 700-foot, single-span bridge across the river at this point, the narrow gauge will be converted to the standard track width and trains will run through.

"The government railway made Nenana a busy little town of neat buildings and up-to-date stores. So anxious are its citizens for a 'spotless town' ideal that they prohibit any dogs within a mile of their community.

"The next town is Chena, which hopes to wrest future laurels from Fairbanks as the St. Louis of inland Alaska.

### Electric Lighted Chicken Coops.

"Then Fairbanks! Here, as in Dawson, sandwiches once cost a dollar apiece, fortunes were dug up and squandered, and the hilarity of a big city's night life extended through the 24 daylight hours.

"Today Fairbanks retains little trace of a mining town. It has electric lights, stores, telephones, an agricultural college, jitneys run out to nearby towns and camps, and its women are reputed to be the most modestly dressed in the territory.

"The electric lighting plant is used for the chicken houses as well as homes in the dark winter, small farms and dairies are springing up around the city, and their celery, growers insist, is on Fairbanks tables before that of Massachusetts reaches Boston consumers.

"Fairbanks has its slogan, too, like its sister cities back in the states. It wants more roads and railroads, and capital for development of its surrounding coal fields. Therefore its appeal, about to be realized in part, 'Give us the railway and motive power, and we will pay the nation's war debt!'"

### Hit by Auto; Is Fined \$5.

Detroit, Mich.—For "getting hit" by an automobile William Berwick of Kenmore, O., was fined \$5 and costs. According to the court, Berwick was the cause of the accident, so the driver was exonerated.

"All the world's a stage and every man is entitled to a fair show," remarks an exchange. Well, life's a pretty fair show, as we view it.

# FROM NEBRASKA TO AR—KANSAS AND BACK

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hospital, that's three, isn't it? It seems to me there's another one. I am pretty sure there are four. Well, no matter. One observation is apropos. Excellent as may be the work all these small hospitals—for none is very large—are doing, I could not help but remark, what a fine thing it would be if they could all be combined in ONE LARGE, FULLY EQUIPPED AND ADEQUATELY SUPPORTED HOSPITAL AND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES. Able physicians, surgeons and nurses, I was advised, are connected with each; but what an admirable thing it would be to centralize this ability in one strong institution. The most attractive and apparently the largest of these hospitals is that of the Royal Circle, I think it is on Gaines street, quite near St. Philip's Episcopal church, a neat brick structure, and the Phyllis Wheatley Centre, "the model Y. W. C. A. building for colored girls and women," as some one proudly told me.

Little Rock and the womanhood of the race have a right to be proud of the beautiful Young Women's Christian Association building. It is an architectural gem, ideally located—not in a hollow, if you please, but on a high and well-paved street—and beautifully appointed and furnished. It radiates an atmosphere of refinement. No girl can enter its portals and be insensible to its influence. I do not know how fully the race in Little Rock appreciate this splendid institution for the uplift of womanhood or how well they support it. The secretary in charge is a very gracious and competent young woman by the name of Miss Willie Long. She took pride in showing us over the building. As I wrote her name in my note book, I said it is "Willie?"

"No, 'W-l-l-i-e', Willie, just like a boy's name," she replied.

"Then, some of your friends call you 'Billie', don't they, Miss Long?"

She admitted that some did.

Mrs. Frederick Divers, wife of the pastor of Bethel Methodist Church, Omaha, was prior to her marriage in charge of Phyllis Wheatley branch, where she is pleasantly remembered as Miss Sadie Davis.

These are some of the institutions which are playing their part in the uplift and betterment of our people. Only a few, but they typify the fan. (Next Article: OFF FOR HOT SPRINGS.)

### SUMMER EXCURSION RATES

Announcement was made today by the Chicago Great Western Railroad of the new summer excursion rates from Omaha to Clear Lake, effective June first. Following the plan established last season the Great Western will inaugurate the special rates for week end vacationists as well as for those who plan on spending thirty days at this public resort.

The round trip on a week end ticket from Omaha to Clear Lake will be \$8.80 and the thirty day ticket will cost \$10.70.

A large congregation was present at the 11 o'clock Eucharist Sunday morning and also at the Church school session. Ascension Day or Holy Thursday was marked by the customary services. The services next Sunday will be Holy communion 7:30 a. m.; Church school, 10; sung Eucharist with sermon, 11; Confirmation class at 5 p. m.; evensong at 8 o'clock. Sermon topic at 11, "The Fruits of Our Lord's Ascension".

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