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HOT ON HIS TRAIL

SLAYER OF SHERIFFS MORRIS AND GLOVER WAS NEAR FLORESVILLE SUNDAY NIGHT.

WAS HEAVILY ARMED

IF OVERTAKEN A DESPERATE FIGHT IS REGARDED AS ABSOLUTELY UNAVOIDABLE.

SEVERAL POSSES PURSUING

Officers from All Section of Southwest Texas Join in the Chase—Mexicans Are Terrified.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.

San Antonio, Tex., June 17.—Sheriff Tobin received a telephone message from Floresville today stating that a Mexican answering the description of Gregorio Cortez, the murderer of Sheriffs Morris and Glover, crossed the San Antonio River near the Thornton ranch five miles from Floresville Sunday night. He stopped at the ranch house to inquire about roads; was heavily armed and was riding a horse that was badly jaded. A posse started in pursuit at once and are hot on his trail. It is believed he is Cortez. It is generally acknowledged that when Cortez is brought to bay there will be more bloodshed, as he is one of the most desperate men on the border, with the gallows staring him in the face if captured.

MEXICANS ARE TERRIFIED.

All Are Alarmed and Many in Gonzales County Are Fleeing.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.

Gonzales, Tex., June 17.—At 1 p. m. a telephone message was received by J. W. Ramsay from Joe Orchard at Stockdale, stating that he, two deputies and two rangers were on a hot trail of one of the Mexicans wanted for the murder of Sheriffs Glover and Morris.

The Governor has offered a reward of $300 for the apprehension of each. The Mexican captured at Ottine yesterday, when one was killed and one wounded, was brought to town at noon today and lodged in jail. He was in the house when Sheriff Glover was killed.

Excitement runs high. The death of several Mexicans in different parts of the country is reported, but can not be confirmed.

Deputy Swift of Cuero and posse are on the trail of a Mexican in Hays County. Sheriff Sparks of Lee County struck a clew near Oak Forest and is following it in Karnes County. Another trail is followed in Wilson by A. Shiley's posse.

The Commissioners' Court has met and regularly appointed F. M. Fly as Sheriff, who has appointed all the deputies of Sheriff Glover.

A posse left town this afternoon for Salt Creek, as a Mexican there has been acting suspiciously. Mexicans are all alarmed and many are fleeing the county. All fleeing ones are searched.

SEEN NEAR CAMPBELLTON.

Posse Hot on His Trail, but Escape Seems Probable.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.

Floresville, Tex., June 17.—Considerable excitement prevails here in regard to the much-wanted Mexican, Gregorio Cortez, who killed Sheriff Morris of Karnes County and is supposed to have been Sheriff Glover's murderer. Many rumors are afloat, one being that he was seen a mile or two from town Sunday. Another is that he ate supper with a camper a mile west of town Sunday night.

Two posses left here this morning, one headed by Sheriff Heathcock and the other by Lieut. Wright of the rangers.

Another posse that has been on the trail for several days came in today, having in charge a Mexican arrested at Stockdale, who furnished the murderer with a horse. The party obtained fresh horses and pushed on west. The murderous Mexican changed horses when the opportunity offered and a report came in this morning that he attempted to steal a horse at the Thornton ranch, but was unsuccessful. He stole a horse about three miles from Floresville last Sunday night and was riding it the last heard from.

Later news has been received here that the men have seen the notorious Mexican today south of Campbellton on the mare he stole from here. A posse of eleven from Campbellton are not far behind him. It is said by those familiar with that country that if he is not overtaken before night he will escape.

Succeeds the Murdered Sheriff.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.

Karnes City, Tex., June 17.—W. C. Hunter, Deputy Sheriff under W. T. Morris, the murdered Sheriff, was today appointed Sheriff unanimously by the Commissioners' Court to fill the unexpired term.