An Attempt Made to Lynch Gregorio Cortez.

An Attack Made By the Mob On the Gonzales Jail Early Sunday Morning.

A Telephone Pole Used In Attempt to Batter Down Jail Door.

Cortez Is Brought to San Antonio By sheriff Fly and Lodged in Jail For Safe Reeping -- The Sheriff

Tells of Mob's Attack.

Gonzales, Tex., Aug. 11.-(Speclal.)-This morning at 1 o'clock 200 armed and masked men rode up to the jall, rang the bell, called for: Sheriff F. M. Fly and asked for O over the keys to them, neither was I gothe Mexican prisoner Gregorio

Cortez. Yesterday evening at 5 o'clock Sheriff Fly heard that the mob was coming and secured his cells . and doors and sent his keys off. remaining in the jail with only one deputy and the jailer.

When asked for Cortez, Sheriff . Fly very positively refused to surrender the man and told the mob that they could not have him and that he did not want any trouble. Upon this answer the mob tried to break down the door, using a telephone pole. Shoriff Fly then . went outside, fired a shot, got the attention of the leaders of the mob and after a reasoning talk together, the mob dispersed, only firing a few shots as they left.

Cortez said that he was sure they had come to hang him andhe was very much frightened, but seemed all right this morning. Sheriff Fly deserves much commendation for the cool, determined manner in which he handled and dispersed the mob. -

GREGORIO CORTEZ IS

BROUGHT TO SAN ANTONIO

Gregorio Cortez, the alleged murderer of Sheriffs Morris and Giover and Depmy Sheriff Schnabel, was again placed behind the bars of the Bexar county jail Sunday night at 9:30 o'clock. He was brought here on the Katy train from Genzales, in the custody of Shariff Fly. of Gouzales county. The reason for tringing Cortez to San Antonio is for. safe keeping and on account of an atstempt at synching that was made Suncay morning at Gonzales, as stated in the above special. The cool headedness and good judg-

ment of Sheriff Fly alone prevented a fragedy. It was through his efforts that the mob was dispersed without doing bodily harm to anyone. Cortez was recently tried at Gonzalus for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Schnabel, the jury in the case, assessing his punishment at 59 years in the penitentiary. There was much distayor with the verdict as it was believed that the grideace in the trial was sufficient to warrant a life sentence or the death penalty. There were many open expressions and some advocated the lynching of the proisoner. SHERIFF FLY WARNED

OF INTENDED ATTACK The prisoner was at that time well guarded and it was thought several days

after the trial that all feeling had died down, and there would be no attempt at violence. There were no indications of a lynching bee until Saturday morning. Sheriff Fly was at that time enroute to Gonzules from Austin, having gone to the latter place Thursday. Along in the afternoon he was warned, and upon investigation discovered that there was a of meh to take the law into their own l tands... Sheriff Fly related the story in his room at the Mahneke hotel Sunday night. He

THE STORY OF THE ATTEMPTED LYNCHING

said:

"I had no idea of a mob coming into Cionzales, and was of the opinion that the

tin, returning to Gonzales Saturday at thuon. A great many people were in town and among them several from Smiley Lake. I did not know-anything of the movement, but between 5 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon I received a telephone message to the effect that I had better look out as there was a crowd at Smiley Lake from Kaines country and that a crowd was being gotten up at the Lake: I heard they were coming in Saturday night for the purpose of taking Cortez out of jall and hanging him. "I did not much believe the report at first, but after I began to investigate i found there was something in it. I tried to call up Smiley Lake by telephone but could not get them on account of the

wires being cut. When I could not get Finitey Lake I was very well convinced that the thing was used. Then t went to the jail and locked Cartez back in his cell after which I locked all the RECTOR'S TEXABLE BLOS WING THE TRANSPORT MANNEY. There, were six of these in all and the meb would have had to have broken through these to get to Cortez. I took the keys of these doors, with the excepttion of the frant door and deposited them ta town. BHERREF AND ONE MAN GUARDED THE JAIL

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jail. He, I and the Jailer, Frank Colley, stayed at the jail to wait for the mob. This was in the early part of the evening. I laid down on a bed and went to sleep. About 12 o'clock they woke me up and said I was wanted at the relephone, Some lady in town had rung me up. She said, 'You'd better look out, you will have some troble at the jail. I asked her why and she only said goodbye.' I went back to bed and was beginning to doze off when I was called again. They told me that 'they had come. This was about 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

Chenault, and took him with me to the

THE MOB APPEARED

IN FRONT OF THE JAIL.

"I got up and looked out in front of the firehouse and saw that the mob was there. I watched them and then they started toward the jail. They came to the front door. Most of them were masked, and those who did not wear masks were men from other places whom I did not know. Some one rang the bell which I did not answer, and went into the office part of the jail fronting out on the veranda. "One of the men, apparently spokesman

for the crowd, then called for me and I spoke with him. He said: 'Well, we came after that Mexican. We are all friends of yours and do not want to hurt you or the Jail. We have come for the Mexican and must have him. We want to know if you will turn over the keys to us or whether we will have to use force." "I told them that I was not going to turn

ing to let them in the jail. THE MOB ATTACKED

THE JAIL IN FORCE "I told them that they were trying to

commit the same offense for which the Mexican had been placed in jail; that they were trying to violate the law while I was trying to enforce the law. and that they could not get the Mexicar. "Just at that time one of the crewd carre up to the door and dropped an arm-

full of picks down beside it. Some others came up with an iron pipe eight inches in diameter and about sixteen feet in lengthand began to pound on the door. I begged them to quit, but they didn't quit. Then I fired one shot, but did not hit any one. They quit for a little while and I began to talk to them. A little time after some others came with a telegraph pole about twenty feet long and a foot in diameter and commenced butting on the door. They could not do anything with this and then took up the picks and attempted to pick the bricks out of the wall so as to get at the lock. They found they could not do that on account of an iron bar in the wall and on the outside of the lock.

AND A COMPROMISE

A PARLEY WAS RELD

"Ager they had abandoned that, one

of the mea wanted to have a private talk with me. I told him 'all right,' but the question was where could we have the talk. They wanted me to come outside, but I suggested that he ask the men to get off the gallery and that we talk through the window. He cleared the men away and we talked for about bull an. hour. I got him to agree to disperse the erowd. He went back and talked to them, then came back to where I was and said that the majority wanted to quit, but a few still wanted to go ahead. "He wanted me to promise that there

would be no prosecution for what they

had done. I told him there would be no prosecution if they would go home. He told the crowd this and then came back to tell me goodby. As they were leaving a number of shets were fired and apparently all were on horses. When the pistol firing began one of the party came back and said it was the kids in the crowd and asked me to go back and that he would help me in arresting those who did the shooting. I told him I would deputize all those who were not shooting to arrest those who had fired the shots. THE MOB NUMBERED THREE BUNDRED MEN

"I could not see all the mob. but from what I have heard there were between

300 and 310 men in the party. The plans of the crowd were to get three or four friends of the jailor to go to the jail and get admission as friends of his then the crowd was to come up and overpower the jallor. Their plans would have well organized move on foot among a lot been carried had I not gotten onto them. "I could not see Cortez until this morning. I asked him if he had heard the racket during the night and he replied,

'yes.' He wanted to know what they were doing, and I told him the mob-wanted to hang him. I asked him if he was scared, to which he answered 'yes,' and said that he knew that if they got him they would hang him. He told me that he did not sleep the whole night; question was over. I had been to Aus-We lest Goazales this afternoon at 4. o'check, ching to Lockhart, on the Aransas Pass and ther tiking the Katy to San Antonia." CUBAN TOBACCO INDUSTRY. Cigar Makers Enter an Appeal for Re-

a duction of Tariff. Havaha, Aug. H. The Cigar Makers' Chicon testary published a statement for

garding the conditions of the eight and tobleco trades between Cuba and the

United States. This statement asserts that the union does not desire to injure American right mafters, lut that the present duties are killing the Cuban eight "我有我的我们一直我的看我,我的"我"的我们一直发现的有意识的。 It points out that the Cubun Government will probably not be ready before the present Congress adjourns, but that nevertheless this fact need not prevent The granting of concessions urgently

needed become the next crop. Last Sear. Accommodates to the establishment, the l'hitent States only imported 41,000,000 Cuban cigars, against 6,500,000,000 Americanmade cigars consumed in the United States. With a duty of \$2.25 per pound and without an ad valorem. Havana cigars, costing \$24 per thousand, could be sold in the United States for 10 cents. CORA TRANS