

Louis Fenchler, Southwest Pioneer, Killed In Juarez; Deputy Is Held In Probe

MIGUEL GONZALES ARRIETA, a special deputy of president Alvaro Obregon, who, according to his statement, fired the shot into the floor that caused the death of Louis D. Fenchler in the Delmonico cafe, Juarez, Tuesday night, is being held by police pending an investigation.

A bullet fired from his gun, which crashed through the ceiling in a room of the hotel over the cafe, fatally wounded Mr. Fenchler as he sat dining in the Delmonico.

Loss of Blood, Cause.

The bullet struck Mr. Fenchler in the right thigh just below the groin, severing the main artery. Death, due to the loss of blood, occurred in a few minutes.

Following an investigation by city and federal authorities, the body was removed to El Paso and taken to the Peak-Hagedorn Undertaking company.

Had Finished Meal.

"Mr. Fenchler had just finished his meal," explained Jose Salinas, waiter. "He called me and asked for his bill."

"While I was standing near him a shot was fired," Salinas related. "I asked Mr. Fenchler if he heard the shot, and he replied, 'Yes, but it has done no harm.'"

Mr. Fenchler Fell to Floor.

Following the report of the gun, Mr. Fenchler moved back his chair

and when he attempted to arise, gave a groan and slid to the floor, while blood was running from his right side.

He stretched out on the floor, and without saying a word, gave a few gasps and died, according to Salinas.

The fatal shot was fired from a .38-caliber automatic, in the hands of Miguel Arrieta, according to police who made the investigation.

Arrieta told police that he pointed the gun towards the floor and pulled the trigger thinking the chamber was empty. The bullet passed through the floor, struck Mr. Fenchler, and passed through the chair he was sitting on and embedded in the floor of the cafe.

Had Large Interests.

Mr. Fenchler was considered one of the most wealthy citizens in the southwest. He was one of the original owners of the Erupcion Mining company, one of the richest mining claims in northern Mexico. He was treasurer of the Juarez Jockey club, and one of the principal owners of the Juarez race track. He was a planter in Paso and for many years was in the butcher and packing business.

Mr. Fenchler owned considerable property in Juarez, and was owner of the property where the Delmonico cafe is situated, and property east of

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the Tivoli garden where he lived in a cottage.

Native of Indiana.

Mr. Fenchler was a native of Indiana. He was born at Evansville 59 years ago. He is survived by two brothers, David and Fred Fenchler, both of El Paso, and two sisters, Mrs. M. K. Gutting, 609 Corto street, and Mrs. Henry Seymour, of Evansville.

The brothers of the deceased were out of the city at the time of the tragedy. Fred, who has been in Hot Springs, N. M., was notified immediately by long distance telephone, and arrived in El Paso Wednesday.

Dave is in Mexico at the Erupcion mines.

A Pioneer of El Paso.

Mr. Fenchler came to El Paso about 1883, and was associated with his brothers in the cattle and meat business, known as Fenchler Bros., market, which was located on El Paso street, on the present site of the Ellanay theater.

Several years later he became engaged in the market business with his brother Dave, in Juarez, where they established the first packing house.

Mr. Fenchler was well known in local cattle circles and was considered an authority on the cattle industry.

Funeral Arrangements.

In the absence of the brothers of the dead man and of his sister, Mrs. M. K. Gutting, it was necessary for Mrs. Alice Morris, daughter of Mrs. Gutting and niece of Louis Fenchler, to take charge of the preliminary arrangements. Friends assisted her and she is especially grateful to Mexican authorities in Juarez for their kindness. Mrs. Morris is librarian of the Texas School of Mines.

Fred Fenchler arrived from New Mexico Wednesday and took charge of his brother's affairs and of arrangements for the funeral.

Several messages have been sent to Mrs. Gutting, who is in Santa Barbara, Calif., with her granddaughter, Mrs. Ruth MacCollom. No reply has been received, but Mrs. Morris believes that Mrs. Gutting probably will come here if it be possible to make the trip.

Owing to the uncertainty about Mrs. Gutting's possible arrival, no arrangements have been made as yet for the funeral. Mrs. Henry Seymour, another sister, residing in Evansville, Ind., may also come.

Burial will be in the family tomb at Englewood, Calif. This is the wish of Mr. Fenchler's brother, Fred, David Morris, grand-nephew of Louis Fenchler, will attend the funeral in Los Angeles.

Miss Elizabeth Morris, who is in school in Russell Sage college, Troy, N. Y., has been notified of the tragedy by letter but will not come here for the funeral.

Louis Fenchler was the youngest of the family group.