

MEXICAN BANDITS KILL RECLAMATION FOREMAN

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Flee Across River After Shooting

Juan Montes, at San Elizario, Picks Up Hammer, Slain Immediately.

Juan Montes, reclamation service foreman at San Elizario, was shot and instantly killed by one of two masked Mexican bandits he attempted to prevent from holding up the San Elizario Mercantile store early last night.

Montes was sitting in the store talking to Ralph Gonzales, owner of the store, Avato Casarez, store clerk, and several customers, when the bandits entered.

One of the bandits spoke to the group in English and said:

"Stick 'em up!"

Realizing what the bandits were about to do Montes grabbed a hammer and started toward the desperadoes. One of the bandits, armed with a pistol, shot Montes.

Believed In Gang.

The bandits are believed to be members of the gang which slew R. A. Trice, Clint night watchman, Nov. 16.

About 15 minutes before the murder the bandits went to the store and purchased 10 cartridges for their pistol and a quantity of tobacco. They paid for their purchases with Mexican silver pesos.

Later the men returned to the store with handkerchiefs over their faces and ordered those in the store to the back of the building and to hold up their hands.

Cross Rio Grande.

Before leaving one of the bandits snatched a pistol from a store shelf. Both men were seen to escape across the river and drive away in a waiting automobile.

Juarez police last night promised to go with El Paso officers to Zaragoza, lower valley settlement on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande, this morning in an attempt to locate the bandits.