

### EXPERIENCE OF A RANGER

#### And Jane Horner With Comanche Indians in Texas

#### When They Escaped, Death at the Stake By Riding a Black Bear From His Winter Quarters.

Kerr Lewis, one of the few survivors of the old Lone Star rangers and one of the most interesting characters in western Texas, is the hero of one of the most remarkable adventures that ever befell mortal man.

In the days when San Felipe de Austin was the capital of the colony Mr. Lewis was a noted Indian fighter and had so incensed the Comanches that they declared they would burn him at the stake if they ever caught him. It was not long after this before he did succeed in making him a prisoner, and at the same time they captured Jane Horner, a pretty girl, who was regarded as the belle of the colony.

Four warriors guarded the two captives as the Indians hurriedly retreated to their stronghold in the mountains of the Colorado.

"I found during the day," says Lewis, "I could easily release my hands from the thongs, and I felt confident that I could make a good fight if I could manage to get hold of a weapon of any kind. A fierce norther blew up during the evening. The guards turned a little aside to take advantage of a range of mountains that would shelter them from the cold north wind, and it is probable that they had an idea of sleeping in a well known cave located near Falling Waters."

When the warriors reached the mouth of the cave, they dismounted and tied their horses to the trees. Two of them pulled the captives from their ponies and led them to the gloomy opening in the side of mountain.

Mr. Lewis went into the cave, and drawing the trembling girl to a seat in a warm corner, he whispered to her to be of good cheer.

"Don't despair," he said. "I have got out of worse scrapes than this."

After a few moments their eyes became accustomed to the darkness of the cavern, and they could easily distinguish objects some distance away from them. Mr. Lewis, who was closely watching every maneuver of the Indians, noticed that one of them sat at the mouth of the cave with his back turned toward the captives, while the other three were busy making a fire only a few steps away for the purpose of broiling some strips of jerked venison that they carried in-bush to their saddles.

"My hearing at that period of my

life," says the venerable old man, "was acute, and more than once I thought that I heard something breathing farther back in the cave. Telling Miss Jane to remain quiet, I crawled carefully along the floor of the cavern until I came to some soft object that stopped my progress. Noiselessly and gently moving my hand over the dark form, I was amazed to find that I had come upon a monster, black bear engaged in taking his long winter sleep. I knew that a bear under such conditions is not easily disturbed, for I have frequently crawled into their dens and shot them dead while they were hibernating.

"As quick as thought a plan of escape flashed through my head, and I went back to where the young girl was seated and explained it to her in a low whisper.

"We crawled close up to the bear, and I got on my knees by the side of the sleeping monster's shoulder. Now, Miss Jane," said I, "when I throw my leg over this old brute's back and begin to yell you must spring on behind me and scream with all the power of your lungs, and don't forget to lock your arms around my waist and hold on tight."

"Observing that the three Indians were seated by the fire wholly absorbed in satisfying their hunger and that the other one still sat with his back to us, I seized the bear by the ears, and as I threw my leg over his body I fetched a warwhoop that echoed through the vaults of the gloomy cavern like the howl of a thousand infuriated fiends. The astounded bear sprang to his feet, and shaking all power of hibernation from his strong legs, he bounded toward the mouth of the cave, snuffing and growling with surprise and rage.

"One stroke of his paw knocked the amazed sentinel sprawling and evidently senseless. The next jump landed him among the red devils who were eating, and the fire flew in every direction. One Indian went down under the bear's feet, with his face torn from his head; another's neck was seized between the bear's jaws, and one shake cracked the bones, and as the remaining Comanche tried to crawl away the bear disemboweled him with a single take of his terrible claws.

"Twisting his ears and yelling with all my might, I urged the young girl to hold fast, telling her we would soon be out of danger. The frightened bear did not make many jumps before he shook us from his back, and, doubtless glad to get rid of his stange burden, he passed on at the top of his speed without turning to make any further investigation.

"Noticing that the Indians were all hors de combat, I quickly seized one of their guns and stood ready for action. There was little for me to do. Only two showed any signs of life, and they were so terrified with the belief that the devil himself had been among

them that they made no effort to resist when I put an end to their suffering.

"After resting a few moments I saddled two of their best ponies and, arming ourselves with the best of their weapons, we mounted and set out on our return journey for the settlement. The story of our miraculous escape was received with shouts of uproarious laughter by the old Indian fighters at the fort, but none of them dared to dispute my word. Some weeks afterward Joe Maxim asked me to stand up with him when he married Jane Horner. I did it, for I was not in a good humor."

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### THROWN FROM HORSE

#### Robert Keny Severely Injured Yesterday Afternoon.

Robert Kemp met with a serious accident last evening near the South End Mercantile Co., in South Dawson.

He was training a horse and had him partly broken in and was racing with another party. Several times they raced up and down the street, until the last time the horse shied while going at full speed throwing Kemp onto the edge of a lumber pile cutting a big gash in his head and severely wounding his shoulder. He was picked up for dead. Dr. Merrick who was in the neighborhood was called and found that the wounds were serious were not fatal and called up Dr. Thompson and had the patient taken to the Good Samaritan hospital where he is reported this morning as being out of danger and resting easily.

### An Involuntary Bath.

Last night about a o'clock a man very much under the influence of liquor took an involuntary bath by falling from the scow which the little steamer Marjorie uses as a dock into the icy water of the Yukon. He first started to swim across the Yukon then reconsidered the project and attempted to get out.

He made several attempts to get out by himself and was finally rescued by two men who happened to be standing near.

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#### W. D. Bruce Notified of Big Consolidation in Insurance Circles.

Word has reached Dawson that the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Co. has absorbed the Temperance and General Life Assurance Co., of North America, making one company of the two insurance concerns. The consolidation of these two companies has attracted the attention of the press all over Canada as well in fact as the leading papers of the States for individually they were each institutions of the mightiest character in Canada and by their amalgamation form a company which will wield a power in Canadian financial circles second to no other institution in the federation.

This will be of particular interest to the large number of policy holders in the Manufacturers' Life whose patrons are among the leading men of Dawson. The Insurance Advocate, of New York, the leading insurance paper of America, commenting on the new company speaks in the highest terms of its possibilities for future usefulness and prophesies for it remarkable success. J. F. Jukin, esq., formerly general manager of the Manufacturers' Life, one of the ablest men in Canada, has accepted the managerial chair in the amalgamation. W. D. Bruce, of this city who represents the Manufacturers' Life in this territory will act as agent here for the consolidated interests. He was seen at his office yesterday and he gave the following information: It would form the basis of the best temperance lecture ever delivered from a prohibition platform. He said:

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Attention, Eagles.

As the annual open session will be held in the Savoy theater Saturday evening, a special meeting will be held in our hall Sunday at 4 p. m. for the transaction of regular business. All Eagles are requested to be present.

F. W. CLAYTON, W. P.

S. Archibald has removed from the T. & E. Co.'s store to Second street, opposite Hotel McDonald. Telephone 143.

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