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A telegram from Denver, Colorado, is not without interest in Sonora. It states that Governor Waite has granted pardon to Jacob M. Fereber, who was sentenced to the penitentiary in 1874 but escaped from custody before being taken to jail. He shot and killed a Mexican, who was one of the party that broke into his cabin at the summit of the Sangre de Cristo pass where he was prospecting. He was convicted, and sentenced for seven years. The sentence was considered unjust by Fereber's friends, and one night the jail was purposely left open. The prisoner walked out and fled to Mexico, where he prospered. He has been mayor of Magdalena, and financial agent of the Mexican government, one of the highest offices that can be conferred by the President of the Republic. Fereber's desire to secure a pardon from the penitentiary arises from the fact that he wishes again to live in the United States as his health has failed.

Since the foregoing was in type, the following has appeared in a press telegram from Denver: Jacob N. Fereber who was sentenced to the penitentiary in 1874 for manslaughter, but escaped to Mexico, and to whom Gov. Waite has granted full pardon, is known in Mexico, where he has become rich and held important public offices, as Miguel Latz. He is the head of the firm M. Latz & Bro. of Magdalena, State of Sonora, which is well known in the commercial circles of New York, San Francisco and Hamburg. He has been mayor of the city of Magdalena, deputy governor of that portion of Sonora, fiscal agent of the Federal and State governments, and enjoys the confidence and friendship of the best people in that part of Mexico. He became a citizen of Mexico in order to marry Donna Anita, the belle of Magdalena.

Twelve years ago General Warner P. Sutton of Washington D. C., for ten years Consul-General to Mexico, met Fereber and became interested in his career. It was through his efforts that Fereber's innocence was established and a pardon obtained for him. Fereber, who is in ill health, and now about 50 years of age, is already on his way to New Orleans for medical treatment.