

John Elmer Week

THE report that John Elmer Week, an Armour graduate, class 1902, had been treacherously murdered in Mexico, came as a great shock. No one was ready to credit it until confirmation came from the family some five days later.

Week and Sanford, classmates, were employed by the Compania Minera de Penoles Matini, Durango, Mexico, on a line of power transmission at Zamora, each having a number of Mexican linemen under his charge. On March 3rd, they were working several miles apart and about twenty miles from any Americans, when one of the men with whom Mr. Week had had some difficulty, stabbed him in the back, and in a very few minutes he bled to death, long before Sanford could reach him.

Immediately upon receiving a personal dispatch from the manager of the Company by which he was employed, stating that it was reported that their son had been fatally injured, the parents started, Mar. 4th, upon the five days trip to Mexico. But before they had reached the journey's end they were met at El Paso by Sanford with the body, which was then taken to Stevens Point, Wisconsin, the home of his parents, where the funeral was held March 16th.

His death brought deep sorrow to his many friends, who were horrified at its sudden and awful manner, and grieved at the cutting short of a brilliant career. With an early start in the work for which he had prepared and the brightest of prospects, great things were pre-