

MURDER SUSPECT MAY BE DEMENTED

Rambling Statement Made by H. E. Roberts Suggests Real or Feigned Insanity.

AUTO TRAGEDY DISCUSSED

Prisoner Cleverly Avoids Answering Questions Which Might Convict Him of Killing George Hastings and Donald Stewart.

Although confronted with evidence which apparently leaves but little question as to his guilt, H. E. Roberts, alleged murderer of George Hastings and Donald Stewart, still refuses to confess to the crime or to do anything to establish an alibi or account for the peculiar conditions and evidence pointing to his guilt.

Remaining absolutely silent regarding all questions as to his movements between Friday night when the crime was committed, and Tuesday noon, when he was arrested about 25 miles from the scene of the crime, he is not assisting much in the eager and constant efforts of the officers to establish the truth of their suspicions upon many important points.

So far he has not been given the third degree and has not been subjected to any extraordinary cross-examination, although he has been urged constantly to make statements which might assist officers in ascertaining the truth of his assertion that he is not guilty. He passes off such questioning with the declaration that he will tell his story in court when he hears what the state has got against him. He says he will have witnesses but refuses to say who they are or where they can be found.

He talks freely, however, about his life, only avoiding answers when the questions pertain to the automobile holdup and the double murder. Sheriff Stevens declares that there is enough evidence against the man already to convict him. His opinion is shared by Archibald Leonard, Deputy Sheriff, who has been working ardently on the case almost night and day since the tragedy occurred.

Roberts was interviewed by the press yesterday afternoon for the first time, and although he averted discussion of the crime, he told other significant facts regarding his life and experiences. It is apparent that he is either suffering from or is feigning paranoia. He admits having a mental trouble which he calls a mental collapse.

Rambling Statement Made.
When seen yesterday he at first refused positively to give a statement, but later, in the face of a fire of pertinent questions, he gave a rambling and disconnected account of his wanderings and recollections.

"Certain of the state officials—I won't mention their names," he said, "have persecuted me and hounded me for a long time. I tried to get rid of them by jumping from place to place, but they followed. They passed the word along and every place I got work they reported on me and I was fired. It was all over a diary supposed to have been another man's diary taken of my conversation and pertaining to crimes."

This was taken four years ago, and they tried to get me to admit to it. This began a strife which has increased in intensity. They have hounded and persecuted me over 800 miles. I went to Canada to get away from them, but they followed me. On account of that I have done things and made turns that I would not have done otherwise."

This was the general strain of his conversation, which indicated either clever feigning or mental derangement. He seemed apparent from his clever aversion of other points not in his favor, and his general knowledge of the subject of religion and law.

Double Murder Discussed.
When asked as to his opinion regarding punishment due to the man who shot the two boys in the automobile, he made a significant remark.

"Whether the man who did that deserves hanging depends upon the conditions," he said. "If he merely stood behind that automobile and got a bullet and was blown away, not with murderous intention, but because he lost control of his better judgment, he should not hang. If, on the other hand, he shot at the boys with the intention of stopping them, he should be the principal in a necktie party. With me it appears that I am about to be inflicted a free trip to the happy hunting ground. I do not care to discuss the case before going to court, because it does a man no good. Roberts had what evidence they have before I tell my story."

Among his other admissions, while under examination he said he had passed of the Whitehouse road tragedy in three papers. He said it was a mere coincidence that he purchased all three papers to get the information about the murder.

Shells Loaded With Buckshot.
The evidence which the officers have against Roberts is considered unusually good. At the scene of the crime was found the weapon, a .38-caliber shotgun. They are branded Shelby and indicate that the shells were loaded with buckshot. In a belt carried by Roberts when he was arrested were 20 12-gauge shells loaded with buckshot and having Shelby wads.

A shirt found at the house where Roberts was taken answers the description of the shirt the murderer wore, according to the description of the survivors of the automobile party. It was apparent that Roberts had changed clothes after arriving home or before.

Efforts are being made to learn where Roberts got a number of guns and knives which were found in his possession. It is believed that he got them by burglarizing a hardware store. In the list are the following articles which the Sheriff wants identified by the owner:

One blue-barreled Iver Johnson revolver, .32 caliber. This has been ground off. One new hunting knife in a black leather case, knife marked Zenith N. W. H. Co.; one razor with black engraved handle, marked William Elliot & Co.; one repeating shotgun, 12 gauge, model 1887 Winchester. The numbers are ground from this blade and a horn handle, and marked Marshall-Wells Company.

The Sheriff will go this morning to Oswego, Oregon City and other parts of Multnomah and Clackamas County to get additional information on the case. He says there are several things yet to be found to make the case conclusive.

The officers are expecting a confession from Roberts. As yet he has showed but little sign of weakening,

but apparently he is nervous and cannot stand the strain long. It is thought he is trying to decide whether to confess and plead for mercy on the ground that he accidentally shot the boys, plead insanity, or fight the case on the hope that the evidence is not strong enough to convict him.

REBELS IN JOINT ATTACK

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churches, the building and one of the city's plazas could be seen plainly, teeming with men, from the elevated position occupied by the Liberals. Sam Drebin, of Philadelphia, an adventurer in many revolutions and a captain of artillery, opened up with his rapid-firers and crowds melted as if by magic from their exposed positions.

Fifteen minutes later the mortar planted near the railroad yards began dropping shells into the city, but their effect could not be determined. There was no response from the federalists for an hour.

In fancied security the Liberals had pressed closer and closer, when suddenly bullets seemed to come from every Villa had all but accomplished an enveloping movement and Campa

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awoke from illusion of safety to find himself in a serious predicament. Captain Drebin declared that the fire was the most severe he ever had known.

An American correspondent who had attached himself to Drebin's company had an exciting experience. He had tethered his horse with those of the officers on the protected slope of the hill, but when the federal flanking column suddenly blazed out with a fire which raked the hill, every animal in the lot was killed. The federalists retained the flanking position unopposed was due to a mistake as to their identity. They were fired upon at first, but Colonel Ferris, commanding that portion of the field, declared the column must be that of Major Quezada, who was expected, and stopped the shooting. Quezada, however, still was miles away engaged in a skirmish of his own.

In another hour the federal sharpshooters had succeeded in silencing the rebel artillery and presently the retreat, which soon became a rout, began. Drebin, with a rapid-firer protected the retreat of the other gunners. Their guns and shells, by this time, were scattered all over the field. The Philadelphian was nipped twice by bullets, but his hurts were only skin deep.

Jack Zimmerman, of El Paso, a gunner with Drebin, escaped while Drebin held back the enemy. Presently the El Pasoan came under fire of the federal flank. Two horses which he attempted to use in his flight were shot under him, but he escaped on foot.

Drebin, the correspondent and Ignacio Gutierrez, a gunner, by this time were alone. Gutierrez was shot through the bridge of the nose. Drebin turned to the newspaper man and, asserting that he could hold the position for a few more minutes, told him to run. The newspaper man made a dash of 20 yards and found a horse secreted in a gully. He mounted the animal and started on gallop downhill, but a bullet found its mark in the mount's body and the rider was thrown 30 feet into a pile of stones. He was stunned for a moment, but regained his feet, made for another horse wandering riderless some yards away. This horse fell dead before the fugitive reporter reached him.

At this point Drebin came up and Gutierrez joined them. They still were under fire, but eventually this ceased. The gun was packed on a mule and the weary adventurers made camp safely at night, 25 miles from the scene of the fight, having been 22 hours without food and 46 hours without sleep.

ROBBER BANDS ARE ACTIVE

American Consul Warned Not to Recognize Belligerency.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Renewed activities of robber bands near Velazquez, Durango, has necessitated the dispatch of additional Mexican federal troops there to protect the population.

American Consul Hamm at Durango reported to the State Department today that all mining operations in the state had been suspended with the consequent exodus of Americans.

American Consul Edwards at Juarez has been warned by the State Department to be exceedingly cautious to avoid any action which might be taken by the rebels as a recognition of their belligerency in any representations he might make to them for the release of Powell Roberts, the El Paso citizen, who was arrested in Juarez.

MUNITIONS GO TO MADERO

President Also Authorizes Shipment of Dynamite to Sonora.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—President Taft authorized today the exportation from the United States to Mexico of five big shipments of munitions of war consigned to the forces of President Madero. These included two machine guns, other arms and ammunition, horses and blankets.

The President today also gave permission for the exportation of a quantity of dynamite for a mining company in the Mexican state of Sonora.

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BUGABOO TO PERISH Taft's Reply to Lodge Resolution to Still War Talk. ANSWER TO BE MADE SOON

Story of Japan or Syndicate Acting for That Nation Establishing Naval Base on Magdalena Bay, Mexico, Branded Absurd.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—President Taft's answer to the Lodge resolution calling for information as to the reported establishment by Japan of a naval base at Magdalena Bay in Mexico will be designed to set at rest the constant rumors of Japanese colonization in North America and will be a distinct blow at the bugaboo of war with Japan.

The President's answer probably will be sent to the Senate tomorrow. Although it was declared tonight that Senator Lodge was acting in sympathy with the Administration, it was admitted that the President had not permitted that the resolution to set at rest reports of friction with friendly powers.

Rumor Called Unsubstantiated.
Chairman Sulzer, of the House foreign affairs committee after a talk with President Taft today declared the "bugaboo" and that Japan had acquired no rights for a naval station from Mexico. Huntington Wilson, acting Secretary of State, had a short conference with the President about the reply to the resolution. It became known that the answer would be lacking in sensational features and at the State Department it was said the response would tend generally to discredit reports of Japanese designs on Mexican territory.

Atmosphere to Clear.
The story that Japan or any syndicate acting for Japan has acquired rights, directly or indirectly, at Magdalena Bay or elsewhere in Mexico has no foundation in fact," said Mr. Sulzer. "I speak advisedly. In view of our well settled policy the assertion that Japan has acquired a base on the Pacific Coast of Mexico refutes itself, and is too absurd for serious contradiction by Mexico or Japan."

The Lodge resolution is well understood by those on the inside, however. It will do no harm and when the answer is officially filed, the atmosphere will be cleared and we will hear no more of Mexico ceding to Japan a naval base on the Pacific.

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