

STEIN IS STED; RED EMPTS ALIBI

by Red and Wife
Swearingen in Aldeo
Night of Murder.

(Special to The Argus.)
Dec. 11.—With a man
to be Rubenstein safely
the jail at Carthage, Ill.,
partially identified as
story fails to convince
that he is not the
shot that ended
Robert Swearingen on
in the county jail at Keokuk,
the unraveling of the
case seems nearer
time since the time of
the shooting.

Swearingen was arrested yesterday
and was placed in the jail at
Keokuk. Word was immediately
sent to Sheriff Fleming, who was
at the time in Keokuk. Fleming
went to go from Keokuk to
Rock Island today and pick up the
man if he wanted and is un-
able to produce an alibi he will be
sent to Aldeo.

Swearingen, who was arrested in Keokuk
together with his wife on last
Wednesday, for child abandonment,
having been in Aldeo on the
night of the murder, but denies
he is the guilty man. He tells
the following story:

"I left Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and
went to Duvernport or Rock Island,
at the time I left Cedar Rapids my
wife was with me. She left me at
Cedar Rapids and went to Keokuk.
I took the Rock Island
train to Aldeo. I arrived in
Aldeo about 1:30 or 2 o'clock on
Wednesday. I think, and took a
room in the fairgrounds. I was at
the fairgrounds all afternoon up
to about 11:30 or 12 o'clock
Wednesday night. Then I went to
a restaurant and had something to eat. From there
I went over to the hotel and asked
for a room. Finding no room I
left the hotel and started back
down the street. I went a block
west and turned south, when I
heard shooting in a building on the
opposite side of the street. I saw
a man run out of the building with
a gun in his hand. I did not see
any other man run out, at that time.
The man went west around the
corner and got into a car. As he
drove away he fired a shot through
the back curtain of the car. There
was one other man in the car and
the top was up. It was about then
that I think I received a wound on
my nose. I do not know whether
I was caused by a shot or by a
piece of brick or something hitting
me. After the man had driven
away I stayed around with the
crowd that had gathered. I talked
with Chief of Police Reed at the time
and asked him if he knew where
I could get a room. He said no,
I could try the hotel or go out to
the fairgrounds. I saw the sheriff
go down the stairs after the
shooting. I hung around for a
while and then went out to the fair
grounds. I walked out there. I
did not meet anybody going out but
two night watchmen outside
the gate. They asked me what my
business was and I told them I
wanted to sleep in the fair grounds
that night. They searched me and
one of the men, an old man,
gave me a rifle and I helped patrol
the grounds. I had told them what
I knew of the shooting. After a
while, about 4 o'clock I guess I
went over to a tent, where threshing
machines were. I think it be-
longed to Ralph Thede and a kid
labeled me a sweater and gave
me a cot to sleep on. I was dis-
turbed several times in the night by
the police coming in to look
around. The next day I went into
the bank and got my breakfast at the
restaurant and took the Rock
Island Southern out to Monmouth.
From there I went to Galesburg,
Ill., to Quincy and then to Keokuk.
I visited my folks at Quincy.
I told the watchman the same story
that I have told you."

His wife, a frail little woman,
who is the mother of seven chil-
dren, told a story that correspond-
ed to the story that I told you.
Although Red has never care-
fully made a home for her, and her life
since her marriage with him has
been one of trouble she refused to
believe that he had been implicated
in any way with the murder except
that he was here at the time. She
said she had never known him to
carry a gun, and if he had ever
carried a gun she had never known
of it. She said she did not know
of the shooting until the following
day. After leaving her at Rock Is-
land he said that he went to Aldeo
with Fred Swearingen. He said that
he had never known Swearingen, whom he had
known for a number of years, and
he asked him up to his room, for a
while. He said he did not play, but
went up to the room. He did not
know any of the men in the rooms.
After being in the room for a
while he said that someone knock-
ed at the door and that Swearingen
went to the door and someone pok-
ed a gun in. The man then came
and lined them all up with their
hands up and ordered them to
put their hands up above their
heads. He said that Swearingen started
to run and then bullets went in
the direction. One of the fellows
picked up the money and went
out the door. As it was dark in
the room he could not see who the
men were. He said that Swearingen
went across the hall and laid
down. He claimed to have been
asleep when Swearingen died and
he heard him groaning."

Swearingen went after the holdup
and did not tell his wife. She did
not believe that he had done any
thing because of his fear of a
person. He said that he re-
mained the night wound on his
head in the shooting deal. He said
the name of Bill Hall while
Swearingen was in the room.
When confronted with the story
of his wife Red immediately
admitted that he had told her the
story because he had lost some
money at a craps game at Rock
Island and again at Aldeo and he

did not want her to know this, as
she would make a big fuss about
him playing. He said that he saw
the money which he had lost in an
Aldeo paper the second day after
the murder. He thought that he
would tell her that he had been
in the holdup in order to keep her
from learning that he had lost his
money playing craps. He believed
that he had told his wife that he
came to Aldeo with Swearingen and
admitted telling her that he used
the name of Bill Hall while there.
This name he said he also got from
the paper. He said that he did not
know Swearingen or Hall.

A fellow worker of Red's, who
has known him all his life, tells
the following story which he claims
Red told him of the night in Aldeo:
He says he has known Red all his

life and while he is a rough char-
acter and has admitted to picking
pockets he does not think he is a
gunman. He said he asked him
how he received the scab on his
nose and Red said that he had been
shot in a stickup in Aldeo.

Red told him that he had been in
a room in Aldeo while a poker
game was going on, but that he was
not in the game. While he was
there the men came in to hold up
the game and a bullet fired at
Swearingen went through Swearin-
gen's shoulder and hit him in the
nose and then went into the wall.
He said he did not know the men
who did the shooting. He said he
who did the shooting. He told
him that he went by the name
of Bill Hall while in Aldeo.
As soon as he could get out

of the room he said he went over
to the depot and waited until a
train came in a freight he thought
and then left Aldeo. He did not
say where he went from Aldeo.

DEPT. BOSS.
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