

GASHED HIS NECK

N. G. Robertson Tries in Vain to Kill Himself.

Uses Manicure Knife to Cut His Throat.

A FIGHT FOR LIFE.

Wife Struggles Vainly With Frantic Man.

Though Suffering From 25 Cuts May Recover.

N. G. Robertson, a prominent nurse-... of Altus, Ok., made a determined attempt to end his life at his room in the Fifth Avenue hotel a few minutes before 6 o'clock this morning and only the nerve and determination of his wife kept him from accomplishing his purpose, if he survives his fearful injuries which consist of 25 wounds. The guests of the hotel were awakened about 6:45 this morning by the screams of a woman on the second floor.

Three or four guests on the same floor rushed to the room occupied by the Robertsons and found Mrs. Robertson covered with blood and struggling for the possession of a small knife with which Mr. Robertson was slashing at his throat. For some unexplained reason they left the couple without attempting to render aid to the woman who was struggling with her insane husband to keep him from killing himself.

The screams of Mrs. Robertson were heard by the clerk on duty at the hotel, who rushed to her room and grappled with Mr. Robertson who was struggling with his wife for the possession of a small pair of scissors. At almost the same moment R. T. Fasley, a traveling man who had a room on the floor above came to the assistance of the hotel clerk and Mrs. Robertson and the frenzied man was overpowered.

The room in which the struggle occurred resembled the killing room of a slaughter house and the victim as well as his wife and his rescuers, was covered with blood. As soon as he was overpowered Mr. Robertson begged piteously of his rescuers to be permitted to kill himself.

"Just let me loose for a minute and let me finish the job. I want to die and I don't want to be bothered with this manner. It's all for the best and you will do me a great favor if you will do as I ask. It makes no difference to you.

Penwell's ambulance was called and a record run made to Dr. Keith's hospital with the injured man. He was placed on the operating table where it was found that he was suffering from 24 wounds on his neck and a stab wound in his left side near the heart. The wounds were inflicted by a small knife taken from a manicure set and a small pair of scissors from the same outfit.

Mrs. Robertson was awakened early in the morning by her husband jumping on the bed and when she spoke to him he returned and made some plausible excuse for his actions. She then dropped off to sleep again and was awakened when he began slashing at his throat with the manicure knife. She grappled with him and screamed and finally succeeded in getting the knife away from him.

Three or four men came to the door of the room which she had opened but did not offer assistance and Mr. Robertson then secured a small pair of scissors from the manicure set and again began jabbing at his throat and inflicted a number of jagged wounds. In desperation he then attempted to stab himself in the heart though the wound made was not a dangerous one.

The most severe wounds are on the left side of his throat and the jugular vein was injured by a narrow margin and several large veins were severed which would have cost the victim his life if he had not received immediate medical attention. As it is there is a chance that he will recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson and J. H. Steers who is employed by them have been at the hotel for several weeks while the trio were selecting a nursery stock, two carloads of which has already been shipped to Oklahoma. They have been coming to Topeka for a number of years on the same mission and are well known about the Fifth Avenue hotel which is their home while in Topeka.

Mrs. Robertson is as composed as it is possible for a woman to be under the present conditions and tells a connected story of the attempted suicide of her husband. "It was awakened by a noise made by Mr. Robertson and grabbed him at once," said Mrs. Robertson. "He is a large man and I screamed for help but before the clerk and a stranger from the top floor reached the room he had cut himself severely with my manicure knife and scissors.

"He has complained for the past week or so of not being able to sleep at night and has been up and about the room more or less of the time during the night. He was worrying some about business matters and must have lost his mind for a few minutes when he attempted to kill himself this morning.

"I am sure that this act was not premeditated, for he never talked of such a thing, and there was a razor in my suit case and he knew that it was there. He was not drinking and this could not have been the cause for the act. He must have been temporarily insane on account of loss of sleep and nervousness occasioned by worry over business matters."

Mr. Robertson is a man about 45 years of age and considerably above medium weight. That he is a large man probably accounts for the fact that the wounds which he inflicted did not prove immediately fatal as the faty tissue on his neck protected the vital organs. Mrs. Robertson has purchased nursery stock from the Watson nursery for a number of

Endorsed By Republicans and Democrats Alike JOHN J. SCHENCK

The Democratic Nominee and Present Incumbent of the Office of County Attorney is strongly endorsed by County Commissioners and Lawyers. He asks your support on Nov. 3rd on his record in office during past two years.

A Strong Letter from the Hon. Judge John Martin

Topeka, Kansas, Oct., 29th, 1908.

To the Voters of the County of Shawnee:

I would be glad if it were in my power to make a personal appeal to every legal voter in the County of Shawnee in behalf of John J. Schenck, Esq., your present County Attorney of Shawnee, and a candidate for re-election; but as this is impossible, I take pleasure in appealing to you through the public press in behalf of Mr. Schenck and commending him to your friendly consideration.

I feel more than a mere, ordinary interest in the candidacy of Mr. Schenck, because I have known him personally from his early boyhood and well remember him as a boy when he first came to this County. In addition to this, when he grew to manhood he studied law in my office and largely under my direction. He was a young man of splendid character, full of manly ambitions and honorable aspirations to make a success of his professional life. He was a good student, quick and bright. He manifested every qualification required to make a good lawyer--honesty, integrity and a pure and upright private life. It is true that he was poor, but he was economical, careful and prudent, and had made up his mind to master adversity and to make for himself a name and a fame of which his friends should be proud. His ambition was based upon high moral principles. His habits were honorable and upright. In fact he possessed the very best qualities of the best type of American lawyers. All of which he has demonstrated to the satisfaction of his countrymen generally in his first term of office.

When he was a candidate he promised the people of Shawnee county that he would faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of his office impartially, faithfully and rigidly and without fear or favor, and I submit to you, my fellow citizens, that he has redeemed every pledge and promise made you, and has made a record as such County Attorney that we as citizens and voters ought to recognize and be proud of, and I rejoice to know that he has been unanimously nominated for re-election by his own party, and is being generously supported by a very large and respectable body of the opposite party, and I earnestly appeal to every friend of mine in Shawnee county, whether he be Democrat or Republican, to give Mr. Schenck a warm, hearty and active support for re-election to the office of County Attorney, the duties of which office have been so faithfully and efficiently discharged during his term.

I therefore appeal to you, my fellow citizens, to give Mr. Schenck, a hearty and earnest support for re-election and thus say to him: "Well done thou good and faithful servant. You have been true to the people and to their interest, and as a just reward for your fidelity we will cheerfully give you a second term."

I regret that I did not have an opportunity to place my name with the other lawyers of this County to the written statement pledging him their support in the first instance, but when that statement is read by the voters of the County, I beg that they will treat me as a signer thereof.

Jno. Martin

As our names do not appear on the original indorsement, we, the undersigned, members of the Shawnee County Bar Association, desire to add our names to the list, and hereby pledge our support to John J. Schenck for re-election to the office of county attorney of Shawnee county, Kansas:

Thomas J. Doran
D. D. Hite
J. B. Kelly
J. W. Eubank
J. M. Dumenil

Topeka, Kansas, October 29, 1908.

To the Voters of Shawnee County, Kansas:

We, the undersigned, members of the Board of County Commissioners, desire to commend John J. Schenck, County Attorney, for the admirable manner in which he has conducted the business of his office. As legal adviser of this Board he has been of great value to us in the performance of our duties. Through his counsel Shawnee County has upon the tax rolls \$667,000.00 being the reserve fund of the Illinois Life Insurance Company. In this one item alone his efforts have saved to the tax payers of this County about \$10,500.00 per year. In many other instances his advice to this Board has been of great value and benefit, and we have in no case been compelled to employ outside counsel.

The criminal court expenses of the County have been greatly reduced by Mr. Schenck's uniform success in criminal prosecutions.

While differing in political opinion from the majority of the members of this Board, yet, in justice to Mr. Schenck and the tax payers of this County, we deem it but just to make this public acknowledgment of his great worth and ability as County Attorney, believing his re-election would be to the advantage of the tax payers of Shawnee County.

J. W. Harrison
Chairman Board County Commissioners.
F. B. Simons
W. E. Sterne

years and has been unusually successful in handling the business. His purchases have amounted to from fifteen to twenty thousand dollars a year and this has been disposed of through Mr. Robertson's force in Oklahoma. Mr. Watson called at the hospital shortly after Mr. Robertson was removed from the operating table and the two talked for several minutes though Mr. Robertson did not offer an excuse for his act.

BUYS ROBERTS HOME.

D. P. Paxton Pays Twelve Thousand Dollars for Handsome Property.

D. P. Paxton of Paxton & Paxton has purchased from Mrs. Bryon Roberts the handsome residence property at 315 West Tenth avenue, facing state house square. The consideration was \$12,000. Mrs. Paxton and her two daughters, who have been living in Kansas City, pending the purchase of a home here, will move to Topeka about November 10.

VOU BUELOW RESIGNS.

German Imperial Chancellor Tenders Resignation to the Kaiser. Berlin, Oct. 21.—According to the Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung Prince von Buelow, the imperial chancellor, today offered his resignation to Emperor William in consequence of the publication in London of the interview with his majesty, for which the prince took responsibility.

CHAIRMEN CLASH.

Mack and Hitchcock Issue Statements on Rockefeller Incident.

New York, Oct. 21.—National Chairman Mack in an authorized statement today regarding President Roosevelt's denial of the relations between the administration and the Standard Oil company, declared that he had "positive proof that for ten days negotiations were going on between the Taft managers and the Standard Oil company to get the support of the Standard Oil people all over the country and to get a contribution of \$1,000,000, which is the same amount they gave in 1896, 1900 and 1904."

Mr. Mack's statement follows: "President Roosevelt's denial of the relations between the administration and the Standard Oil company leaves

force when it is remembered that he made a similar denial four years ago when Judge Parker declared that the Republican managers in charge of Mr. Roosevelt's campaign were receiving money from corporations. "He denied that story more vehemently than he does the present charge. No one has forgotten that both Mr. Harriman and Mr. Roosevelt had confirmed Judge Parker's charges. So far as denying the relations between President Roosevelt and the Standard Oil company is concerned Mr. Roosevelt forgets that Mr. Taft and his managers want to do a little bargaining of their own, while they also know that Mr. Roosevelt wishes to be 'it' in the event of Taft's election. Mr. Roosevelt must know that the Republican managers for Mr. Taft felt the necessity of getting another million dollars at this particular juncture and that the loss of the Standard Oil's millions in this campaign was one of the things that the Grand Old Party could not get along with and that the Taft managers made a successful bargain with the Standard Oil people.

"As to whether Mr. Taft will cheat Wall street, the Standard Oil company and the Steel Trust if he should be elected or stand with Mr. Roosevelt who nominated him, that is a question that the public can determine for themselves. "Chairman Hitchcock does not deny that the national committee is getting money from individuals in the Standard Oil company, which is only another means of the Standard Oil company as a corporation giving funds to the Republican management. If the Republican national committee wants the public to take any stock in their statement and to believe the actual truth of the contributions to the campaign they should have made their contributions public from day to day, as the

Democratic party has done. If so they would not have received \$100,000 at a time from any individual or any corporation."

In answer to Mr. Mack's statement, Chairman Hitchcock, of the Republican national committee, today dictated the following: "The assertion that there have been negotiations between myself and the Standard Oil company in reference to campaign contributions is absolutely untrue. So far as my knowledge goes there has been no contribution to our campaign fund by any person connected with the Standard Oil company, no matter in what capacity, nor has any such person been solicited to contribute."

Mr. Hitchcock declined to discuss the rumor that the statement of Mr. Rockefeller given out at the instance of the Democratic national committee for the purpose of injuring Mr. Taft. He added that he had yet to hear of any one who regarded seriously Mr. Rockefeller's statement of his intention to vote for Mr. Taft.

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Charles Cooper Arrested. Charles Cooper, of Silver Lake, was arrested last night and landed in the county jail today by a deputy sheriff on a statutory charge. The complaint was made out before the justice of the peace in Silver Lake, and charges the defendant with a statutory crime against Virginia Seely, a 13-year-old girl. It is alleged that the crime was committed some time ago, and that the child is now in a delicate condition. Cooper was arrested four years ago for a similar crime, but escaped punishment. He was then occupied as a "supt." by race horse men at the fair grounds.

Hot Drinks

We have just installed a new automatic fountain for the dispensing of hot drinks. Hot chocolate, malted milk, egg chocolate, tomato toner and other favorites served with wafers—delicious, bracing drinks that one will appreciate these crisp, frosty mornings. We will serve cold drinks and ice cream as usual all winter.

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